

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 14, 2025

Hello All:

In light of the fires, I think this will be a short e-mail tonight with no photos. I was even going to skip the usual theme music, but then I found this song. I think it is actually about lost love, but it still seemed apt.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AM5rau01-c>

I think many of us probably know someone affected by the fires. I am concerned that at least two of our members live in the path of the fires. I hope that they are OK. Some of you may have visited Steve Lubanski's Open Road Bike shop in Pasadena and may know that he and his wife had amassed over the years a huge collection of rabbit figurines and other rabbit related items. In the last few years they had moved the collection to a Bunny Museum and according to a story in the LA Times, the museum was extensively damaged in the fire. Also, almost every week for over a year, **Phil Whitworth** has photographed the humorous fish related puns posted on the sign outside the Reel Inn in Malibu. I have included many of those photos in these e-mails. Unfortunately, the Reel Inn has burned down. These are just a couple of the things I know we have lost. In the coming weeks, I'm sure we will discover many more. I have no words.

Last Weekend: Due to the smoke in the air and the proximity of the route to the Eaton Fire, I don't believe anyone rode our scheduled ride on Sunday. I'll probably reschedule the route in month or two.

This Week: I was looking at the air quality maps and things appear better now. This Sunday's routes are the Janus Centuries which are in Ventura County -- a fair distance from the current fires. So, perhaps we can get these rides in. These are the Janus Centuries which we formerly rode over two days, but this year I am simply offering all four routes on Sunday -- two full centuries and two metric centuries. The two pairs of routes are actually the same routes, but ridden in opposite directions. My feeling is the counterclockwise routes are a bit more difficult than the clockwise versions, but you can take your pick from all four. The clockwise metric century is fairly easy, and if I show up, that's what I'll be riding. I would just suggest checking the fire news and the air quality maps before making your decision.

PARTY!

Don't forget about the Post-Holiday Party scheduled for January 25th. You all should have received an invitation last week by e-mail. If you didn't, contact me and I'll resend it to you. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to me before the 20th.** We need a good count to know how many pizzas to get.

Well, that's it for tonight. Hopefully by next week I'll be in a better mood. Until then . . .

See You On the Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Bastille - Things we Lost in the Fire (Lyrics)

