

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 11, 2025

Hello All:

Last Sunday was, of course, Super Bowl Sunday. I think it safe to say the game turned out to be nothing anyone expected. In honor of the victors, I have chosen this song by Steve Miller for our theme music tonight. I think this must have been recorded long before he joined the Trump administration.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwNhz5FrCOc>

**Sunday:** We were riding "Cal Poly By Golly" and only two of us showed up. **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie:



I was a little surprised to see Phil since he is a big Kansas City fan and I thought he wouldn't want to risk missing the Super Bowl. But the game didn't start until late afternoon and he said he only planned to do the medium. The way things went, he probably wishes he did the long. He did make it to the Cal Poly campus.



Since they have a school of horticulture there, it makes sense that they would grow their campus sign. Phil also took this photo on campus:





I knew that Cal Poly often enters a float in the Rose Parade, but it would appear that they build it themselves rather than have one of the big float building companies do it, which is the case with most floats. But it makes sense they would do it themselves. It could be a joint project between the engineering school, the horticulture school and the art department. As it turns out, I didn't ride at all. I was planning on riding only the short but once I was there, I wimped out again. The good news is that I finally got out for a ride on my own today.

**This Week:** This Sunday we will be riding our century and metric century of the month: "The Triple Dam Century." From Long Beach, the century manages to ride over the Whittier Narrows Dam, the Santa Fe Dam and the Puddingstone Reservoir Dam. Phil rode this last dam on Sunday:



Since none of the rest of us rode last Sunday, except for Phil, none of us will be repeating it this Sunday. The metric only hits the first two dams and then heads back. The rain is supposed end before Sunday, so we should be able to get a ride in. I hope to see you there.

**Bike Path Closure:** On their rides today, both **Phil Whitworth** and **Jacques Stern** reported that the beach bike path continues to be closed north of Santa Monica. The fire clean-up seems to be moving right along, so hopefully street access will soon return to normal.

**Parting Shot:** On his ride today, Phil took this shot of the "Ballerina Clown" in Venice. I'm sure many of you have seen this before, but here is a little information about it from Wikipedia: It was commissioned in 1989 for \$300,000 from artist Jonathan Borofsky and was originally displayed at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. Something I didn't know -- it's animated. It was designed to have it's legs kick at designated times. For much of it's history, this feature was turned off, but the kicking was turned back on in 2014 (with some downtime for repairs). Apparently it kicks sometime in the afternoon. It would almost be worth it to hang around Venice some afternoon just to see that.





See You On The Road

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