

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 18, 2025

Hello All:

Yesterday was President's Day and I found this song. You might find it helpful if you want to memorize all the presidents of the United States:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSneelTw3lg>

Sunday: Sunday we were riding the "Triple Dam Centuries" which started from Long Beach. These were our century and metric century of the month. I didn't feel I was up to riding even a metric century yet, so I didn't go, but there were 5 riders who were up for it. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot of the group:



That's **Phil, Jacques Stern, Edwin Dair, Mario Solano** and **Dale Aaronson**. Jacques did a modified version of the metric while the rest rode the full century. It

was a beautiful day and after the rain, of course there was snow on the mountains. Dale sent this photo



The full century rides to tops of three dams and the last dam of the day is the one at Puddingstone Reservoir from which you get a nice view of the Raging Waters water park. Dale took this shot



Of course it's not open this time of year, but it looks like it is already in good shape for the coming summer. Looks like the group had a nice day.

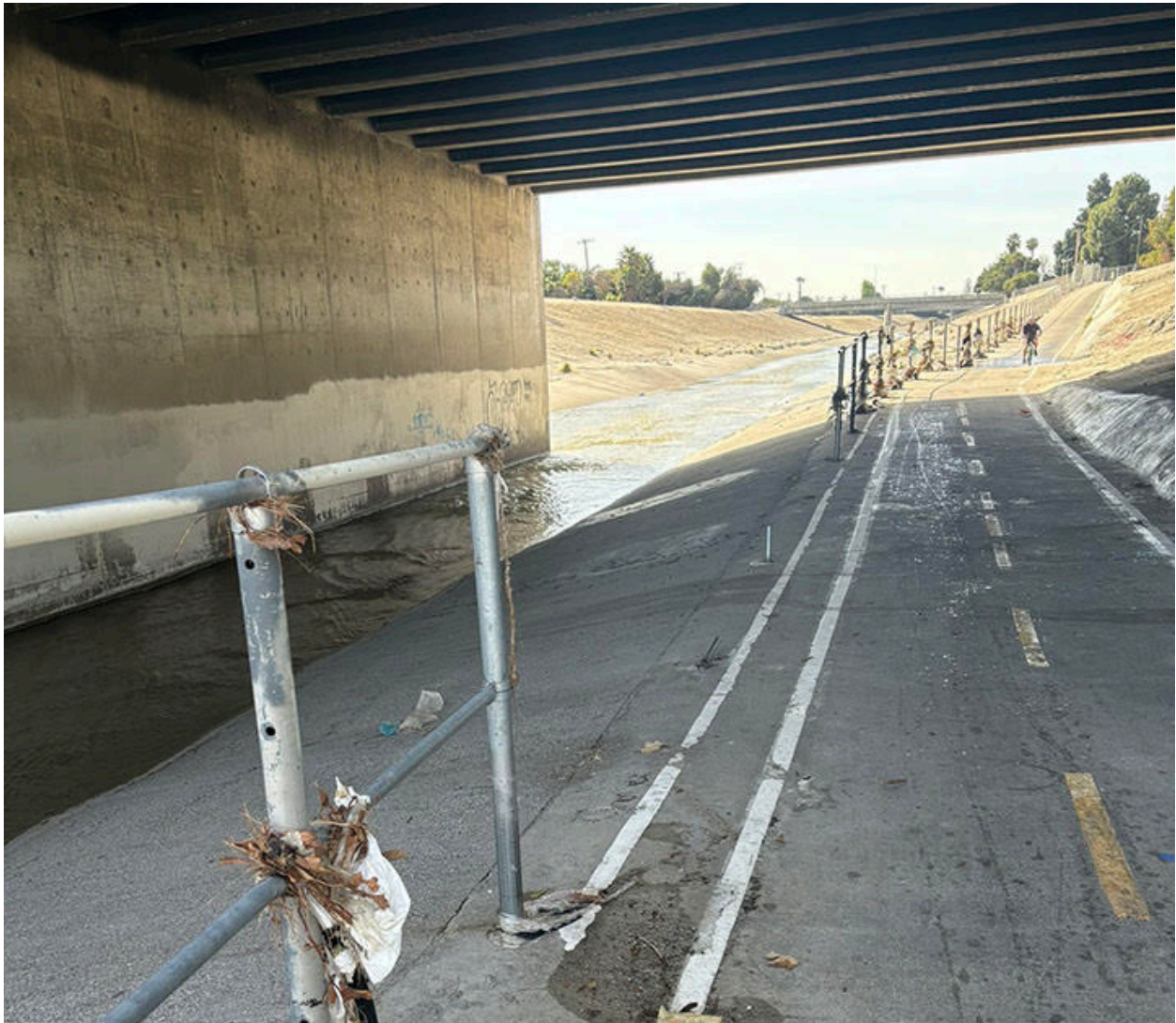
This Sunday: We will be riding "Winding Roads of Orange County II" this Sunday which starts from our usual spot in Tustin. The routes wander around Orange County going no place in particular. The maps of the long and medium routes look like a child just scribbled on a map. But they do ride some nice places such as Turtle Rock. The weather is suppose to be great and I certainly hope to be there.

David Nakai: Many of you may have seen the article in the Los Angeles Times about the closing of the Nakai family's nursery in Hawthorne which was opened by David's Grandfather almost 100 years ago. If you haven't seen it, here's the link:

<https://www.aol.com/news/grandfather-came-america-opened-nursery-110028012.html>

In an e-mail, David said that although they were supposed to have closed at the end of January, the buyer pushed the date back to the end of February, so they are still open this month and getting rid of their inventory at rock bottom prices. They are located at 4519 W. El Segundo Blvd in Hawthorne and are open 8 - 4 but closed on Wednesdays. So, if you have been wanting to spruce up your garden or lawn, why not stop in.

The Power of Water: After last week's storm I saw that the fast waters in Ballona Creek during the storm had actually sheared off some of the fence posts along the Ballona Creek Bike Path.



I was impressed by the power of the water until I saw this photo taken by Phil on Sunday's ride:



Now THAT is water power.

Parting Shot: Nothing to do with cycling, but Mario sent me this photo from Sunday's ride. He spotted this cat on Coyote Creek under the 91 Frwy overpass. Looks like the cat has seen better days -- notice the left ear missing the tip.



I showed the photo to my cat and said "See -- aren't you glad I adopted you?"
She had no comment.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video The Presidents Song #46 - Sing the names of every United States President! Celebrate Presidents Day!](#)

