

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 4, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday was Groundhog Day and there are a surprising number of songs about Groundhog Day, but most are for children. Here's one that is more adult.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIC717v7M3k>

Sunday: We were riding "Long Beach Boogie" which starts in Long Beach and heads to points east and back. Once again, I didn't make it, but 4 riders did. **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie of the group at the start:



That's **Phil, Mario Solano, Chris Hedberg** and **Jacques Stern**. As you can see, it was a bit foggy at the start and, judging by the way they are bundled up, it must have been a bit cold too. Mario sent this photo of the group riding Coyote Creek early in the ride and you can see the fog lasted a while.



But this later photo from Phil shows that sun did come out.



This even later photo from Phil shows that by lunch, it was a really nice day -- nice enough that they ate on the patio outdoors.



So what does that mean? They didn't see their shadows at the start, but they did later on. I think you can interpret that any way you want.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Cal Poly By Golly." Starting from the Puente Hills Mall, all routes head over to Cal Poly Pomona and make a brief loop through the campus. I always enjoy that because you can usually see some cattle and maybe some sheep and pigs at the agricultural school and it reminds me of my childhood. The short route pretty much just goes to the campus and back. The long and medium make bigger loops and add a few hills. Nothing too steep, but on the long route, they do seem to add up.

Rider 2024 Stats: One more member submitted their 2024 stats:

Jacques Stern: Jacques rode 3992.4 miles and climbed 106,656 feet all in 89 rides. That's almost 2 rides per week which really shows consistency.

Parting Shot: I haven't been sent any shots of interesting personalized license plates, but Mario sent me this photo from his granddaughter's place mats: Can you get all 6 states?

Use the picture clues on each license plate to sound out the name of a state.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video Jimmy and Kevin James Perform a Song About Groundhog Day | The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon](#)

