

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 1, 2025

Hello All:

Today is April Fools' Day. But rather than some prank song for our theme tonight, I just decided to go with a song about a fool by the Beatles. I'm partial to the Beatles and this is from the Magical Mystery Tour Album which I don't think ever got as much play as their other albums.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtnAl1hgNyl>

**Sunday:** I woke up Sunday to a group chat (which is all the rage now) discussing the possibility of rain. Apparently it was already raining at the home of some riders and the predictions for Thousand Oaks where our ride would take place were not good. Even though it was probably going to clear off later, it was agreed that going down the twisty curves of Potrero while the road is wet would be very risky. Ultimately it was decided no one in the group was going to do the cub ride that day. I don't know if anyone else showed up. Consequently, I don't have any photos and this is going to be a short e-mail.

**This Week:** This Sunday we are scheduled to ride "Cruise and Climb in Claremont" which starts in Claremont. The weather promises to be better so I hope to be there and to see some others. Despite the word "climb" in the title, there are no huge climbs on this route. Instead there are a number of medium sized hills, each generally followed by a nice "cruise" down. There are 4 routes and the shorter the route, the fewer of these hills it does. The shortest route does hardly any at all while the long does 6 or 7 of them, depending on what you count as a hill. So come on out and pick your poison -- there are routes for everyone.

**2024 Century Challenge:** Last week I didn't have the actual winners of the century challenge awards given out at the awards lunch. I have them now. The top 3 places for century riders were **Mike Wapner (37)** **David Nakai (28)** and a tie between **Phil Whitworth** and **Renee Sands (12 each)** The top 3 metric century riders were **Phil Whitworth (95)**, **Mike Wapner (80)** and **Edwin Dair (10)**. Congratulations to these riders.

**Cumulative Century Challenge Stats:** At the awards lunch **Hoy Quan** gave me a print out of cumulative centuries and metric centuries over the past 9 years. The totals are interesting. For centuries, the top riders are **Mike Wapner (453)**, **Mel Cutler (306)**, **David Nakai (303)**, **Dennis Miller (144)**, **Phil Whitworth (109)**, and **Renee Sands (107)**. The totals for metric centuries is somewhat surprising to me. The top riders are **Phil Whitworth (881)**, **Gary Murphy (311)**, **Rod Doty (248)**, **Nancy Domjanovich (240)**, **Jacques Stern (191)** and **Mike**

**Wapner (158).** I'm surprised because Gary, Nancy and I haven't been doing long rides for a while. We must have done a lot in the earlier years.

**Parting Shot:** Well, that's it. I looked through Strava posts for some recent photos and found this one taken by **Phil Whitworth** last week on a ride out to Malibu. This is not the first time he has found a similar plate:



Just so you know -- despite dropping the first two games to the Dodgers in Japan, the Cubs are now at .500 and in second place in their division behind the Cardinals. Hope springs eternal.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video The Fool On The Hill (Remastered 2009)

