

Turning Circles

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Manny Felix profile (contributed by Alysha Webb)

Manny Felix, the “new” owner of Ted’s Manhattan Cycles, has set himself a tough goal. “I would like to keep trying to be as involved in cycling as Ted is,” Felix told me one afternoon as he wiped his hands on his work apron in the workshop area of the shop at 110 Sepulveda Blvd. Anyone who knows Ted Ernst, the shop’s original owner and the founder of the South Bay Wheelmen, understands that will take passion, energy and a true love of cycling.

For sure, Felix loves cycling. That’s what brought him to the U.S. in the first place, from his home country of Mexico. In 1987, the then-24-year-old Felix rode into California with only the clothes on his back. A racer from Mexico, he wanted to check out the competition in the U.S. He planned to return to Mexico and start a bike shop there.

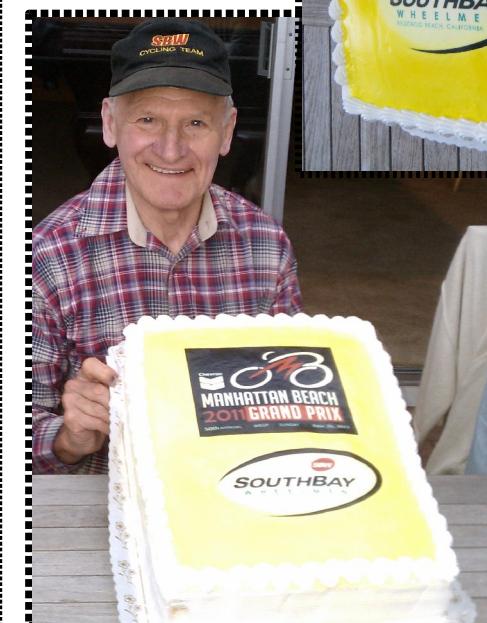
Fortunately for Ted’s, that plan didn’t work out. Felix became the owner of Ted’s in 2006, after the shop started to go downhill under another owner. He previously worked for 14 years as a mechanic at Circle Cycle in Torrance. He still rides, but his devotion to the shop has means Felix doesn’t get to ride any of his five bicycles as much as he would like. Those bikes are Colnago and Bianchi racing frames, mountain and cyclocross bikes, and the bike that he rode across the border into California, a Benotto. “I used to have more,” Felix said.

Business has been tough this year, said Felix. But he plans to keep the shop, which this year celebrated its 50th anniversary, going. “This place has a great tradition,” he said.

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**MBGP
50th anniversary
cake**



Dave Richardson Race Series 2011 Results

The Dave Richardson Race Series consists of 11 races, a mix of time trials, criteriums and road races.

Category	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Men A	John McNulty	Andrew King	Tony Wang
Men B	Caleb Yang		
Women A	Tara Unverzagt	Monica King	Sarah Mattes
Women B	Patrizia Richardson	Teresa Steele	
Men 55+ A	Cary Alpert	Tom Buescher	Mick Iwadare

Historical SBW jerseys

Rickert = bike brand

La Lanne = Jack



(jerseys courtesy of Ted Ernst, model Lane Reid)

Message from the Prez (Cary Alpert)

First I'd like to wish all the South Bay Wheelmen membership Happy Holidays and safe riding.

The end of my terms as president are rapidly approaching. The South Bay Wheelmen are an institution in the South Bay and leading the club has been a very rewarding experience. It is exciting to be a small part of a club that has such a rich history and an amazing membership. Very few clubs anywhere in the country have as long a history, sponsor the second oldest one day race in the country, and have two of the very best club race series as we do. This year saw the club have great racing success, hold the 50th Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix, and move forward in having the club become a charitable non-profit corporation. In 2012 we are attempting to further revitalize our racing effort and complete the conversion to a charitable non-profit status, as well as continue providing the best cycling club experience in the South Bay.

I want and need to thank several people, first let me thank, you the membership, for putting your trust and confidence in me these last four years. The individuals I have served with on the Board of Directors have made all the difference and done most of the work. In particular Greg Aden (Executive VP) has done an incredible job behind the scenes and also with handling so much of the club clothing work. Gordon Carr (outgoing Race VP) has also done an amazing job with improving the club race series to their current outstanding level. Eric Smith (MBGP Race Director) has really put the Chevron MBGP on the national map and has run a well organized race that is the premier one day race on the Southern California racing calendar. Club founder, Ted Ernst has also been a tremendous help and asset to both myself and the club. Ted lives and breathes SBW and can always be counted on to help in whatever way he can. While I have singled out some BOD members here, let me state that all the BOD members I have worked with, do an outstanding job and are always extremely unselfish with their time and efforts. Without them SBW would not be able to continue.

So again, thank you, it has been a great ride.

Cary

That Sinking Feeling

A portion of West Paseo del Mar in San Pedro, a popular route for cyclists, suddenly collapsed and slid towards the ocean in late November. Bring your cross bike! The area has been fenced off and biking routes adapted.



Looking Forward

SBW – ADT private velodrome training sessions!
Instruction by ADT coaches, includes track certification.

Dates

Saturday December 3, 10 & 17 8am – 10:30am
Saturday January 7 & 21 3:30pm – 6pm
Sunday January 15 10:30am - 1pm

Weekly club rides

- Saturday 9:00am at Catalina Coffee
126 N. Catalina, Redondo Beach CA 90277
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