

Dear Loopers,

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Because of this year's big turn out and since it's been a while since I've written a post-Loop letter I figured I better write one.

We sorted out my screw-ups with the 14' and Geezer divisions. Sorry again to Greg Ford (3rd in 14') and Dave Stringer (2nd Geezer). Neither received the recognition they deserve.

I really like spending time with like minded people. You can see a lot of what is wrong with our culture by watching people as they drive along the freeway. I admire the few who let people over and like to see the flow this courtesy creates. If this happened more often the freeway would function like a zipper.

Yesterday after The Loop I was talking with my dad about my zipper theory and The Loop. We realized the reason The Loop makes us so happy is that the people who make up The Loop year after year are more likely to be the people rolling along the freeway looking for that flow and who make the courteous moves when they can. The simple paddle with good clean competition followed by a cool party afterwards puts us together once a year. It makes me very stoked to be a part of that. Thanks a lot for coming out to the race (tons of people drove a long way on the freeways from Los Angeles).

Dan

PS. Jeff D. Thanks for the note. I realized I didn't thank you when we spoke before the race.

PPSS. Someone left 2 insane water bottles. Email or call me and I'll mail them to you. Or, I'll keep and use them... I've never had such cool bottles. There was also a purple towel left behind.