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**Ride 12 starting in Katy at 7:30 am
this Saturday!**

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I am sending this late update to make sure everyone is on the same page with the weather and the ride tomorrow. If any of you haven't read the weekly ride also included the Wednesday ride note below the updates. If you read the Wednesday note (64.2% of you have...), you can skip the repeated section below the update.

Weather Update

At this time, Weather.com is forecasting that a front will be moving through the area between 7 and 10 am and as it passes through, the chance of scattered thunderstorms varies from 30-45%. The forecast has varied from scattered t-storms (60%) to a chance of rain so we are hopeful we can get our final training ride in tomorrow.

We will be checking the weather tomorrow at 4:40 am and will email an update to all riders who are enrolled and have selected the option to participate in the ride. Only subscribers who won't get an early email tomorrow morning since you aren't riding.

If we see thunderstorms on the radar and/or forecasts that thunderstorms are on our route, we will have to cancel the ride. If there is a possibility to get a safe ride, we will head to Rhodes Stadium. We'll monitor the weather radar in Katy and may make a last-minute call. We will do everything possible to get the ride in but we won't send our riders out into any thunderstorms.

We will also post the ride status on the Ready2Roll Cycling Hotline - **281-907-**

NOTE – Rhodes Stadium will lock up at 4:00 pm so you do need to be out of the parking lot by 3:30 pm so you can be out of the parking lot by 4:00 pm.

Due to the closure time, there will be a time cut-off for riders wanting to ride 7. **You need to be past rest stop 2 (24.3 miles) by 10:00 am** in order to make it to the finish line on time. After 10:00 am, all riders will be directed on only the route. This will only impact riders averaging under 12 miles/hour.

The gates will be open by 6:00 am and you do need to arrive by 6:45 if you have time to get ready and lined up for the 7:30 start. We depart via the same entrance so if you arrive at 7:20 or later, you will have a very slow entry if you can't since riders will be lined up at the gate to depart.

The GPX and Ride w/ GPS route files are online.

GPX are on Ready2RollCycling.com and the RvGPS files are in the Club Routes the smartphone app.

OK, that is it for the updates - everything below here is a repeat of the Wednesday note.

First of all, you read the subject line correctly. We are starting at 7:30 this Saturday couple of reasons:

- This is our longest ride of the season and the extra time should give you ride the full 74 miles.
- We are training for the BP MS-150 and the ride starts at 7:00 am next Saturday we're getting you used to getting up a little earlier!

Useful Tip – Please Arrive on Time

Over the last few weeks, I have noticed several riders arriving quite late, in some cases, or after our ride start time. These riders are heading out after all our SAGs are already on the road. This means they are missing out on two key pieces of our support:

- If they need mechanical assistance, none of the SAGs will know they need assistance
- The turn signs will be gone as the very last SAG picks up the signs as they leave

I have mentioned this before but I need to repeat that our SAGs need to get on the road with the 99% of our riders who depart on time. **If you are late, please understand that you will need to carefully study the early part of the route and ride without SAG support until you are able to catch the back of the pack.**

Reminder - We have unclaimed t-shirts from Head for the Hills Ride

If you forgot to pick up your t-shirt you ordered at the Head for the Hills Ride, we have the unclaimed shirts and brought them to the last two rides. We'll have them at the Information table. Make yourself a reminder note to drop by before or after the ride.

OK, this is our final training ride of the season so let's get to the details...

**2017 Ready2Roll Cycling Training Series - Week 12 - Katy to Hempstead
March 19, 7:30 am**

This week is our longest ride of the series. This ride is designed to give us a good endurance tune-up ride. The long route will be 74 miles and the short route is 49 miles. The roads are flat to gently rolling. Our goal is to get some quality spinning miles in and get used to maintaining your steady, comfortable pace over a longer distance.

If you are planning to do one of the shorter options on Day 1 of the BP MS150 (Waller Stadium starts), then the 49 mile route is plenty to get you ready. If you are planning to do the 100-mile route from Tully Stadium on Day 1, then I suggest you do the 100-mile route this week if your schedule permits.

NOTE – Rhodes Stadium will lock up at 4:00 pm so you do need to be at the stadium by 3:30 pm so you can be out of the parking lot by 4:00 pm.

Directions to Rhodes Stadium (from in town)

Take I-10 to the Katy Fort Bend exit (742) which is just past the Grand Parkway make a LEFT turn on Katy Ft Bend Rd. Continue about a mile on the Frontage I Bend Rd. Turn RIGHT and drive about ½ mile. Just after passing Colonial Park the right, you will see the entry to Rhodes Stadium on the left. The entry will be for us at 6:00 am.

The address for the stadium is: 1733 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

There will be plenty of room for us on the east side of the stadium. We'll be leaving the east gate about 7:15 so you need to arrive by 6:30 to have time to sign in, etc. PLEASE arrive no later than 6:45 am this week.

There are three rest stops and two are recycled on the way back giving us a total of stops on the 74 mile route and three on the 49 mile route. There is a stop every 15 miles. There will be law enforcement officers at all rest stops as well as at all traffic signals and stop signs. Please slow as you approach, be prepared to stop, be polite to the officers.

Note – The map for this week is already online – in PDF format for those who want to preview the route. Go to www.ready2rollcycling.com and click on Communications/Houston Series.

This is our longest ride of the season and it's also the shortest drive for most of us. We can actually sleep slightly later than last week and still get a 7:30 start on a 49 mile ride!

Don't forget that you do need to be back by 3:30 pm!

Watch for any ride detail updates this Friday as well as any weather updates. We are aware that there is the potential for thunderstorms so we are watching very closely. Volunteers, law enforcement and community locations are not all available on Saturday so we can't change the ride to Sunday which looks better but we are hopeful that it will get better.

And don't worry about developing a case of SEWS (Sudden Email Withdrawal Syndrome) as I already have more local cycling news to share with you next week...

Thanks!

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