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Ride 7 Starts this Saturday at New Waverly High School @ 8:00 am

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Good morning everyone...it's time to start the second half of the training season. To mark the occasion, we are going to do something completely different this week - drive north for our ride!

This Saturday, we'll be starting in New Waverly and riding up to the south edge of Huntsville. This is a fairly long drive so you do need to leave early enough to arrive by 7:00 am. There is basically one way in so if you want to be parked at 7:00, you need to be exiting I-45 by 6:30-6:40 at the latest. See the tip below on sleeping in Saturday...

Weather Alert

I hope I should not go to sleep last night because the weather looked pretty good then. Right now, Weather.com and Accuweather show a possibility of scattered showers or a th- storm. We'll monitor closely and update you Friday morning and again, later, if things are on the fence. Do I sound like a broken record with these weather updates? (Do I talk myself when I mention broken records?)

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As we start the second half of our season, this ride offers a 37-mile long route and a short route around 36 miles. We're working closely with TriDOT to avoid some planned construction and I'm making my 4th (and hopefully next to last) drive up to New Waverly this morning to confirm the final layout of the short route. I will note the actual mileage of the short route in the Friday, Late Update note.

Since we are now in the second half of the season, we anticipate that more riders will be riding the long route so we'll keep the route open until 3:00 pm. This means you need to be averaging about 11.5 mph to finish the long route in time.

IMPORTANT - We will send all the long route riders out first, then, we'll send the short route riders. This is critical because each distance follows a different route about a mile into the ride. If you are going short this week, please wait to start with your group or you may take the wrong route and may be ahead of us, more critically, behind the 500 support for your route. Please be patient and pay attention as we send the riders out so you have a safe start and ride the distance you intended to ride.