

## 2007 BP MS150 Training Series Update - Bonus Edition

Today, I am going to try something a little different...

I am going to split off some of the items from the weekly note so that the weekly ride note can focus on the upcoming ride. These "bonus" notes will focus on one or two issues so they will be shorter and to the point (or two).

Today, I wanted to clear up some confusion about registering for the training series, payment (how/when) and signing in/out for a ride.

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### **First - Registration.**

You register, one time, for the entire training series. This was done when you completed the online rider profile and accepted the online waiver. You do not need to register or RSVP for each ride - you covered that when you completed the form online.

NOTE - EVERY rider MUST register before they can participate in ANY ride. If I allow unregistered riders to participate, we will lose the ability to hold the training series.

New riders must be registered by the Wednesday night prior to their first ride! Why - because I have to download the data, check for core teams and other key details, and print out the sign-in sheets, emergency lists, etc. This takes time so Wednesday is the cut-off to ensure any new riders make the list on Saturday.

Note that the Wednesday requirement only applies to new riders who have not registered yet. In other words, everyone getting this note from me is already good to go but, if you have a friend or relative who is on a qualified team and wants to join us, they MUST register by Wednesday night.

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### **Next - Payment (How & When)**

Before you read any further, there are two versions of this e-mail the "paid" and "unpaid" versions. You are getting the "paid" version since you already paid. You can skip this section unless you may be inviting a teammate to join us soon...

**The fee for the entire training series is \$75, if paid BEFORE your first ride.** This is a \$65 fee plus a \$10 donation to my MS fundraising effort. The \$10 donation was added after Jan 27 to encourage any procrastinators to pay ASAP and to enable me to focus on the rides and not the accounting.

The \$75 is payable to the ConocoPhillips Bike Club and should be mailed to me ASAP at:  
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You need to put your check in the mail by the Monday night prior to your first ride to ensure it has time to arrive and get properly credited. Please be sure to note the name(s) of the riders covered and that this is for the 2007 BP MS150 Training Series in the memo area.

There are two other ways to pay:

1. PayPal

Only use this method if you are familiar with PayPal. The PayPal fee is \$78 to cover their fees and needs to be paid by the Wednesday night prior to your first ride. The PayPal account is under my e-mail address - [steve.e.moskowitz@conocophillips.com](mailto:steve.e.moskowitz@conocophillips.com). Please be sure to note the rider(s) covered by the payment and that it is for the 2007 BP MS150 Training Series as I receive other payments at this account as well.

2. At your first training ride

**We will accept payment but the fee is \$85 if you pay at the ride.** The extra \$10 is another donation to the MS but we discourage payments at the ride as this ties up volunteers with accounting when they need to be getting ready to support the riders.

If paying by cash, please put your cash in an envelope before coming to the ride but don't seal it until you arrive and show the volunteers the payment. Please be sure to note the name(s) of the riders covered and that this is for the 2007 BP MS150 Training Series on the outside of the envelope. We have very limited change at the ride and limited volunteers so, if paying at the ride, please do your homework ahead and remember that the fee is \$85 at the ride.

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**Finally - Signing in/out for each ride**

As I noted, you do NOT need to register or RSVP for each ride.

What you need to do is to come to the sign-in tables and sign in when you arrive at the ride. This lets us know you are participating in the ride. Then, when you complete your ride, come back to the sign-in tables and sign out. This lets us know you have finished the ride.

It is critical that each rider sign In and out. This is the only way we know who is out and, if anyone is lost, it helps us know you are not finished yet.

If you forget to sign out when you finish the ride, I will check with you at 2 am on Sunday morning to make sure you made it home OK...

When you come to your first training ride, you need to be sure to get your Tyvek band indicating you have paid. If you are paid in advance, go to the sign-in tables and the volunteers will confirm you are paid and give you your band. If you are paying at the ride, first go to the payment table and pay and get your band, then get in the sign-in line to actually sign in. Put your band on the front of your helmet where it is very visible to the riders, Ride Marshals, and rest stop volunteers.

OK, I hope this cleared up any lingering confusion. Last Saturday, several of you showed up with friends or family who wanted to ride and I had to turn these unregistered riders away. PLEASE read and follow the simple notes above and everything will go very smoothly.

Thanks!

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