

**Subject:** 2010 BP MS150 Training Series - Ride 12, New Ulm, Sat, Apr 10, 7:30 am  
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**To:** Undisclosed recipients;

That's right - we send the first wave of riders out at 7:30 this Saturday!

That's because the BP MS150 starts at 7:00 am on April 17 so part of our training this week is getting up earlier so you make it to the start on time. Here's a useful tip - if you prefer to sleep in on April 17, the Waller route starts at 8:00 am. If you are starting at the Top Team start at the Omni or the Rhodes Stadium start, you want to arrive EARLY!

Let's get right to the weekly ride information...

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This week, we'll finish the training series with some very special treats!

First, the ride itself...

We're heading to New Ulm which is a very pleasant town about 21 miles west of Sealy. Allow at least 50 minutes to get here from I-10 and the Sam Houston Tollway. With a 7:30 start, you need to arrive no later than 7:00 am.

The route options are 43 or 51 miles but there is another special option to get in at least 1/2 more mile. On the first leg of the ride, we head north to Industry and make a left onto FM-159. You will have the option to ride a few hundred yards north of the turn, make a descent of Industry Hill and then, when the road is clear, make a u-turn and climb back up Industry Hill.

If you add the Industry Hill option to the long route, you will be able to brag that, in one ride, you climbed Industry Hill, No Name Hill, Rek Hill AND Lone Oak Hill. These are the four largest hills in the area so this is quite an accomplishment.

Here's the good news - On Day 1 of the BP MS150, the toughest climb you will do is Rek Hill. On April 10, if you do all four hills noted, the easiest climb you will do is Rek Hill! You will really be ready to roll after the ride this week!

The route is spectacular and the Bluebonnets should really be blooming. Weather.com is forecasting 53 to 77 degrees, partly cloudy and only a 10% chance of rain. The UV index will be 10 (sunscreen!) with wind out of the SE at 11 mph so a mild head to side wind on the last stretch of the ride. All in all, it should be a wonderful day.

Finally, if all that is not enough, we have one final treat. The New Ulm Vol Fire Dept will be serving us BBQ lunch! We'll have chicken & sausage plus potato salad and ranch beans, bread and tea/water. There is a very pleasant outdoor covered pavilion that should be the ideal spot to recharge and refresh after the ride and before your trip home. Lunch will be served from 11 am to 2 pm so you don't want to ride too fast or too slow. Select the route that gets you back between 11 and 2 to ensure you get lunch.

**Directions to the start:**

We are starting at the New Ulm Fireman's Park. The only physical address I have found is Taylor St, 78950. Aaron Jacks has pinpointed the location at:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=29.897592%2C-96.506755>

To get there, take I-10 west to Sealy and exit on Hwy 36. Take 36 north through Sealy and turn at the last light, just after you cross over the railroad tracks - FM-1094. Take 1094 21 miles west to New Ulm. Make a left and drive one block and make a right on Taylor St. Drive approx 1 mile and the Fireman's Park will be on your right.

We will start lining up at 7:15 so if you arrive after 7:15, you WON'T be able to enter the Park and will miss the start. Please arrive no later than 7:00 am - please...

And you knew this was coming...

...PLEASE carpool! I'm meeting my carpool at 4:50 am to depart from I-10 and the Grand Parkway by 5:00 am.

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### **Sun & Ski News - Monster Bike Sale & Shiner Bash Kick-Off Party**

This weekend is the last weekend for Sun & Ski Sports Monster Bike Sale! The sale ends April 11 with hundreds of bikes in stock and on sale! If you have put off getting the accessories or even the bike upgrade you were thinking about - this weekend is your best opportunity for a great buy and time to adjust the fit before we ride to Austin.

For more details see: <http://www.sunandski.com/Articles.asp?ID=248&Click=61751> (There's a 20% off bonus coupon at this link)

Shiner is hosting a Kick-Off Party on April 8 at Sun & Ski Sports, 6100 Westheimer. The actual ride will be May 1, leaving from Sun & Ski Sports, Katy Mills Mall.

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### **2010 BP MS150 - One Day Ride Option**

A few of you have asked about anyone who is planning to ride all the way (or almost all the way) in one day. Here is some info for you. Please DON'T contact me but DO contact Mike Parmet - see below.

Departing Katy Mills (area, about ½ mile West) at approximately 6 AM (willing to start earlier i.e., 5:30 AM, I have lights)

Average Pace (flats 18), plan to average 17 to La Grange, (I'm going to try and slow down to this pace so I can make it), survive to go through Bastrop at whatever speed is still achievable, most important to stay together upon exit from park. NOT absolutely set on going through the park, depending on how we feel as we approach the park, could take Hwy 71 the last 25 miles if we are just cooked or bonked. Expect it to take about 8 to 9 hours to Lost Pines.

Have one SAG that will stay with me from La Grange to Bastrop. SAG will provide peanut butter sandwiches and Gatorade, and emergency pick up.

Only going 140 the first day, stopping at the Hyatt Lost Pines, massage after ride set for 4 PM, wine dinner at 7 PM, with a group of super cyclists (Paul Tufano, Dave Lawrence, Bill King, the Latte's). Big cushy bed.....

Sleeping in on Sunday, breakfast with the "group" staying at Lost Pines, departing at 8 for the last 40 miles to Austin, estimated arrival 10:30 AM.

Contact: [mparmet@pcm-cpa.com](mailto:mparmet@pcm-cpa.com)

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### **Fund Raising Idea - "Online" Sale of VIP Pass**

One of our 300 Club riders had an interesting idea - They are going to sell their extra VIP pass to the highest bidder. The bid will be paid as a donation to the MS. Here are the details:

#### **What: VIP Rider pass - includes:**

- VIP Priority start in La Grange (FIRST wave out of the Fairgrounds)
- VIP Ice Cream Social in La Grange on April 17th from 4:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m

- VIP Social at Bob Bullock Museum on April 18th in Austin from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m
- VIP permit parking on April 17th in La Grange till 1:00 p.m
- VIP permit parking on Apr 18 in Austin, TX from 9:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m

**How: E-mail your bid (or questions) to [rmanne1@yahoo.com](mailto:rmanne1@yahoo.com)**

**When: Cut-off date is April 12.**

The winning bidder will be contacted to arrange delivery of the VIP pass.

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**Stolen Bike - Giant Rabobank Model (white w/ blue graphics)**

How are you? I am not sure if you can help me. However, my bike was stolen form my apartment complex storage unit recently at 875 N Eldridge Pkwy, Houston, TX 77079. The serial number is GC9A016. Is it possible for you to circulate this notice with in the bike club?

If you have any info, please send to: [carlosthorne@msn.com](mailto:carlosthorne@msn.com)

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OK, that's plenty for today. I'll send any late breaking news in the update this Friday.

Thanks!

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