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Ride 6 this Sunday, 8 am at Waller ISD Stadium

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You read the subject line correctly – **we are riding on Sunday this weekend.** This is the only Sunday ride of the season and we'll back off slightly on the hills but this is still a pleasant, gently rolling route.

I want to apologize for not being at the start line at 7:50 last Saturday. We had a critical sign placement volunteer who did not show up and I needed to make sure we had a fill-in who fully understood the sign placement so you would not get lost. They did an outstanding job of placing the signs. This week, all but one of our scheduled teams has turned in their volunteer lists so we should be in good shape and avoid the delay getting started.

OK, it's Rodeo Run week (this Saturday) so let's focus on the ride details today. Tomorrow, I'll send out a short volunteer update (new teams take the water coolers and tables home after the ride this week) and Friday, I'll send any other late breaking news. I do have important traffic news today so the note is short so you can read all the important details.

----- Training Ride #6 – Waller ISD Stadium – 8:00 am, Sunday, Feb 28

The route this week offers options of 38 or 53 miles. We'll be riding on pleasant flat to very gently rolling roads between Waller and Houston Oaks Country Club and back towards Hockley and Magnolia. We sandwiched the route between Waller Tomball Rd on the south and FM-1486 on the north so all the roads are pretty quiet to very quiet but they are also all two lane w/o shoulders so please be mindful of the need to ride single file most of the time. We will have Ride Marshals and conscientious riders reminding you to ride "Single File". Please honor these requests so that we are welcome to come back.

We did parts of this route on week one and parts of this route are completely new Ready2Roll Cycling. I drove the route last Sunday and the roads were mostly pretty quiet. The busiest road we'll be on is a 3.5 mile stretch on FM-362 and FM-1488. This occurs early in the ride so we'll get you all on the road earlier well before the traffic starts to pick up.

Directions to Waller ISD Stadium

Waller ISD Stadium is located at 20735 Stokes Rd, 77484.

To get there, almost all of us will take Hwy 290 northwest from town. Exit at the Waller Tomball/2920 exit. You will see a large Loves Travel Stop sign on the right as you approach the exit. To get to Stokes Rd, you can either go straight on the frontage road just past the light (about 30 yards) and turn right on Stokes or you can turn right at the light and make a left about 200 yards north of the turn. The stadium is on Stokes Rd (on the left) less than a half mile off of Hwy 290. Please see the IMPORTANT traffic note below about the West Sam Houston Tollway.

It's a fairly short drive this week and Sunday morning will be a little quieter but traffic may be backed up getting across the 290/Waller Tomball intersection so please allow 15-20 extra minutes. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to arrive early to spread out our arrival traffic or how much more pleasant your ride will be if you do allow this extra time and know the alternate options if there is a backup

----- IMPORTANT Traffic Update on Sam Houston Tollway!

This Sunday, from 5 am to 11 am, the Sam Houston Tollway will be closed in both directions from Clay Rd to Hwy 290. You want to avoid the Sam Houston Tollway on the way to the ride and on the way home as well unless you are heading back after noon. Taking the 610 loop or the Grand Parkway to 290 are both good alternatives but stay away from the West Sam Houston Tollway until after noon.

Houston Transtar also reports that the Westpark Tollway westbound from Chimney Rock to US-59 will be closed Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm. If so, this won't impact anyone on the way to the ride but I am going to look into this more – the 10-3 on weekends work schedule looks unusual.

That's enough details for today. It looks like a great day for a ride.

I hope to see many of you Saturday at the ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run and all of you

Sunday at Waller ISD Stadium.

Thanks!

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