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Plenty of local cycling news to share!

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Today, I'm sending a short note to share info about a few upcoming events/opps that are probably of interest to many of our riders. I'll keep this real short so you don't miss anything...

ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run (Participants or Bike Volunteers), Saturday

On Saturday, Feb 27, ConocoPhillips will be hosting the annual ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run. This is a 10K, 5K run and 5K walk which hits the streets of downtown Houston from Allen Parkway to open up the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade. (It's good to let the runners and walkers go before the horses...). There are opportunities to participate as a runner, walker, or bike volunteer. Don't worry, our ride is on Sunday weekend so you can be in two places at once on that weekend.

If you want to run or walk, you can go to <http://www.conocophillipsrodeorun.com> to register and get more info on the event.

If you want to volunteer to help, we have a great opportunity to safely ride the downtown Houston and Allen Parkway in front of several hundred thousand spectators again, before the horses. We need a total of nine riders. Four will work in two teams to pace along with the first male and female 5K runners along the route to help our team identify the winners. The other five will ride the entire route ahead of all the riders and enjoy the screams and cheers of all the hoopla teams and then meet with the coordinator to determine the best hoopla teams on the course.

These are really unique opportunities to soak up the excitement of the rodeo parade and enjoy a very cool morning cycling on normally very busy roads in front of thousands of people. The run starts after 9:00 am and you don't need to arrive until 7:00 am. You don't need to get up super early to volunteer. If you want to help, please reply to me and let me know what size you need for your WAY COOL volunteer team.

Chicken Soup Cook-Off, Sunday, Feb 21

On Sunday, Feb 21, the men's service club at my temple is hosting our bi-annual Chicken Soup Cook-Off. We have 45 Houston area restaurants lined up to compete offering creative recipe variations of soup that all started with basic chicken stock. Some are fair

traditional with matzo balls or dumplings and some get quite creative and exotic restaurants also offer delicious appetizers designed to enhance the appreciation soup they are serving. You may wonder how many kinds of chicken soup could I can personally attest that the number is way higher than 45 but I can also say it will be impossible to sample all 45 varieties unless you have some kind of magic stretching stomach.

All this plus gift cards, cookbooks, souvenirs and silent auction items are available \$12/person (\$5/kids) from 11 am to 2:30 pm on Sunday, Feb 21 at Congregation El, 1500 Sunset Blvd (just north of the Rice U campus). If my chest congestion gone by then, it will be after this event!

Texas Hill Country Bike Tour, April 30 – May 7

The Schlumberger Cycling Club is organizing a small bike tour of the Texas Hill two weeks after the BP MS-150 weekend. This is an ideal way to take advantage of training you have done and enjoy a week of riding (six ride days, one rest day, miles/day average) with a dedicated support team, transport, etc. They did this and have had a lot of interest in doing it again. This is not a racing group but is experienced riders looking to enjoy the special pleasures of riding for a week in 25-60 riders.

The cost is a very reasonable \$900/person (double occupancy) for the week.

They need to know if you are interested by this Thursday, Feb 18 by letting Ral know at bigrhansen6@gmail.com. I have also placed a copy of the one page info on our Communications/Houston Series archive.

Ready2Roll Cycling WAY COOL Clothing Almost Sold Out

Several of you have asked if we have any more of the WAY COOL custom 2016 Ready2Roll Cycling jerseys and shorts. The answer is: "Yes – but not many!"

If you are interested, you can email Jan Cohen to see what we still have left and up at the ride next Saturday. Contact Jan ASAP at: jancohen@ready2rollcycling.com

OK, that's plenty of news for tonight. Watch your inbox for the weekly ride notes tomorrow.

Thanks!

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