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## Beautiful Ride in Fayetteville this Saturday!

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THANKS to all of you who offered to move your volunteer date up to help us provide the level of support you all deserve. We'll be in great shape - as long as everyone who has volunteered shows up.

This week, we have our longest drive of the season so you need to get up early but it's definitely worth it! (There is an opportunity to stay very close to Fayetteville Friday night and sleep in - if you act fast - see the note below.)

We're heading to another small Texas town, Fayetteville. It's 25-30 minutes past Columbus so please allow plenty of time to arrive by 7:00 and please, please, please carpool! If you've never been to Fayetteville, just look at the picture above - that's our riders about 100 yards after the start of this ride getting ready to follow the arrow to the right and ride out of town. They won't see roads this flat shortly after they leave town...

### **Weather Alert!**

OK, Accuweather and Weather are both showing 40% chance of scattered AM Thunderstorms so we will be monitoring the weather closely. I'll be sending the Friday update Friday morning. If the weather is still on the fence, we'll stay on track to ride.

Maybe we need to take up baseball as our current batting average is 5/7 or .714 which would be considered MVP territory but we're cyclists and we have a very high safety standard - and no retractable roofs overhead...

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**2018 Ready2Roll Cycling Training Series - Ride 6, Fayetteville, Mar 10, 8:00 am**

This week, we're heading to the very pleasant and VERY cycling friendly town of Fayetteville to ride part of the actual BP MS150 route as well as enjoy plenty of rolling roads.

Our ride will offer routes of approx. 43 or 60 miles. The difference will be an extra 17-mile loop in the middle of the route.

The roads will be quiet and rolling. Slightly hillier than Bellville last week ago but a logical progression as the routes gradually get longer and hillier.

**Directions to the start (Fayetteville town square):**

From Houston, drive west on I-10 to exit 695 (just west of Columbus); exit right on Highway 71 west. Drive 14.8 miles to FM 955 (~1.8 miles past Ehlinger/Hruskas); turn right on 955 and go ~4.7 miles to the stop sign which is the junction with Rusk St/Highway 159. Turn right to the town square, or left for parking at the high school. I will be sending a Friday update to share details about the parking – we have arranged for parking in the square, the high school and the church on the north edge of town – all are within a few blocks of the start. There will be an officer directing traffic as you drive into town so, please slow down and pay attention as you arrive.

**NOTE:** We'll be leaving Fayetteville on the same road you use to enter town so, if you arrive late, traffic will be held up as our riders are leaving. If you arrive late, please find a legitimate spot to park south of town and ride over to the square before starting. Please DON'T just start riding w/o signing in. We have no way to know if we missed you on the road if you don't sign in.

The physical address for the start is: 107 W Fayette St, 78940. The GPS coordinates are: 29.904307,-96.6759.

Fayetteville knows we are coming and that we will be a large group. I will send full details on parking options in the Friday update so please be sure to read the Friday update this week. We have two satellite parking locations 2-3 blocks from the square and we will have access restrooms at both so you can get ready, then ride over to the square to sign in and line up to ride. Note - Please DON'T go into the church to use the restroom, there is a Mass Saturday morning but they have restrooms accessible from the pavilion in back - look for the details in the Friday update.

The long drive and small community mean carpooling is required. There is a great carpool forum on our classifieds page so please take a look - it's a long and lonely drive alone...

You can also bet that many riders will be walking to one of the cafes on the town square for lunch before the drive back to town. They'll have home cooked food, and even some home baked pie and/or ice cream before heading home!

**Looking to Sleep Later Saturday...**

Several of you told me you are booking a room in Columbus (20 miles from Fayetteville) or La Grange (10 miles away) on Friday night so you don't have to leave so early. This is a useful tip for those of you who want to get up at your usual time and enjoy a short drive. You can find several motels open in both locations online.

**Looking to Sleep REAL Late Saturday...**

Fayetteville prides itself on being VERY bike friendly. If you haven't been there, you are in for a real treat. The local hotels and B&B's are very accommodating to riders. It may not be too late to make a reservation at one of the small hotels or bed & breakfasts in town. This allows you to wake up at 5:45-6:00 am and walk/ride to the start and have a delightful weekend in town. Some riders are staying over Saturday after the ride may also do a small, unsupported 23-mile Sunday ride.

Here are two helpful links to the available lodging in the area:

- [http://fayettevillexchamber.org/wsx\\_chamber\\_group\\_listing.php?group\\_id=lodging#lodgingbbhotels/](http://fayettevillexchamber.org/wsx_chamber_group_listing.php?group_id=lodging#lodgingbbhotels/)

- This is a listing of all the properties in town  
<http://www.blackbirdfarmtexas.com>  
This is a shorter list of all the "prime" properties which two local residents have gradually acquired and maintain  
(We always stay at the 2nd property from the left which is why it is fully booked already)

As you look at the pictures of the many small hotels and bed & breakfasts, note all the places with porches out front - Porches are wonderful places in Fayetteville!

OK, watch your inbox Friday morning for the Fayetteville parking details, weather update and any other late news. I'm leaving for Fayetteville at lunch and will be out of email coverage much of Friday afternoon.

Don't forget to carpool and, if you want to sleep in longer Saturday, check out the lodging noted above ASAP.

We'll see many of you in Fayetteville this Saturday (and a few Friday night, we have dinner at Joe's Place on Friday night...).

Thanks!

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