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Training Ride 8 - Fulshear H.S. 9302 Bois D'Arc Ln, 77441

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Good Morning!

A few of our sharp-eyed veterans are probably thinking how ironic it is to be looking over my shoulder (above) at the wonderful Beeson's Park in Columbus which is where we were originally scheduled to ride this week. Unfortunately, Hurricane Harvey had other plans and we are already working very closely with the the Columbus community and COC on getting back to the park in 2019.

This week, we will step away from the hills for a week and stay closer to town in Fulshear - just under seven miles past the (current) end of the Westpark Tollway. (We should be three miles past the end of the tollway by next year). Many of us were worn out after riding 57, or close to 57 miles last week. This ride will be a good break and then, we'll hit our hilliest ride of the year followed by two more rides tapering down but still hilly and finishing the season off with a flat to very gentle 50-75 mile tune-up ride from Katy to Hempstead.

As usual, before we get to the ride details, let's look at the **weather forecast**... Weather.com says cloudy with 67-82 degrees and only 20% chance of any precipitation. That's the best we've seen at this point since back in the beginner ride weeks!

Between the close-in location of the ride this week, the favorable weather outlook, and the fact that we only have 5 rides left, we expect a good-size crowd this week. Arriving early will be vital to beat traffic backing up.

Rider Update

We spoke with the rider who was injured by the pickup truck. He came home from the hospital Monday and is recovering with broken ribs and the after effects of a punctured lung and the impact. He wanted me to share his thanks and appreciation for the support team plus his teammates who made sure to get his things back to him and provided great support during and after the incident. He also noted that he has a not-so-good bike for sale if we have a very skilled do-it-yourself rider looking for a real fixer-upper project...

Training Ride 8 – Fulshear-Brookshire – Mar 24, 8:00 am – 23, 37 or 51 miles

This week, we're staying fairly close to home. We'll offer another classic route that includes short (23) medium (37), and long (51) options.

The route resembles a lop-sided figure eight with a 23-mile loop out to Brookshire followed by a 14-mile pleasant, mostly quiet loop southeast of Fulshear. You will have the option to repeat the 14-mile loop to get in 51 miles (or even a 3rd loop for 65-miles) **as long as you start your final 14-mile loop by 1:00 pm.**

Directions to Fulshear High School, 9302 Bois D Arc Ln, Fulshear, TX 77441

To get to the start, take I-10 or the Westpark Tollway west to the Grand Parkway. From I-10, take the Grand Parkway south to the FM-1093 exit or take the Westpark Tollway west to where it ends at the Grand Parkway. Head west on FM-1093 from the Grand Parkway and drive approx. 7 miles to the light at Bois D'arc. Turn right at the light and the new high school is on the right about 1/4 mile from the turn. We'll be parking in the lot behind (east of) the high school but some late arrivals may need to park around the front side of the school. Whatever you do, **please DON'T park at the north (far) end of the parking in the front.** There is an activity that needs this parking so stick to parking in the back or the south end (on the right as you drive back to the school).

NOTE – If you live west of the Grand Parkway, it may be quicker to drive out to the Woods Rd exit on I-10 and take this south to FM-359 and come into Fulshear from the north. **Traffic WILL back up coming into Fulshear at the peak time since this is only a two lane local road and there is construction from the Grand Parkway to FM-359.** Please allow extra time to get to the ride start this weekend - aim to arrive by 6:45 and expect a delay as you get closer.

Bring Breakfast/Lunch Money to Fulshear!

Please note that the National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America and Science Olympiad are going to be out from 6 am to 2 pm serving coffee, drinks, kolaches, pizza and snacks along with 2-3 food trucks. **Please bring cash/credit card for breakfast and lunch** so we help the students raise funds for their community service projects and they will want us to come back next year.

A big THANKS to Sun & Ski Sports for providing tech support!!!

Week after week, they are here looking after us this. Be sure to thank them for their support all season! They will be at the Fulshear High School about 7:00 and will remain there during the ride. If you need to SAG back with bike tech problems, they may be able to fix it in time for you to do 1-2 loops on the 14-mile segment.

We'll see many of you in Fulshear this Saturday...

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