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## Training Ride 6 in Bellville at 8:00 am on Sat, Mar 9!

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Good morning Ready2Roll Cycling riders!

It's time for the weekly ride note as we end the first half of the training series. Before we get to the ride details, we do have to discuss the weather (again!) so let's get going...

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**Weather Watch**

Right now, the weather is definitely "on the fence" for this Saturday. 2/3 of the forecasts we monitor indicate a cloudy morning with 20-30% chance of rain, increasing to 50-60% in the afternoon and one indicates 80% chance of t-storms in the morning. This is not great but better than the 55-90% chance of morning storms in all the forecasts on Monday. We will continue to monitor the weather and this will be covered again in the Friday update, or sooner, if things get significantly better, or worse, before Friday.

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**Ready2Roll Cycling 2019 Training Series – Ride 6, Bellville, Mar 9, 8:00 am**

This week, we'll continue to add a little more elevation and miles into our routes. The weekly ride map has been posted on the Communications page at [www.ready2rollcycling.com](http://www.ready2rollcycling.com).

This is another ride on mostly quiet and fairly hilly roads from Bellville to Cat Spring and southwest of Cat Spring. The route options are 40 or 57 moderately hilly miles. When you look at the map, you will see that the long route is basically an 11-mile out and back (hilly ride) from Bellville to Cat Spring, connected to a figure eight with one loop on the northwest side and one loop on the southeast side of FM-949. The short route omits the westernmost loop. Several roads will look familiar as we rode them last week, some in the same and some in a different direction. These are wonderful, quiet roads, which is why we're back this week. We'll even cross the Bernardo River on Kulow Rd one last time this week - keep your speed under control and the crossing will go just fine.

There are three rest stops this week and the first one is used twice by everyone on the way out and the way back. The distances between stops are:

- **57-Mile Route:** 11 miles, RS1, 11 miles, RS2, 12.5 miles, RS3, 11.5 miles, RS4, 11

- miles, Finish
- **40-Mile Route:** 11 miles, RS1, 6 miles, RS2, 11.5 miles, RS3, 11 miles, Finish
- **22-Mile Route:** 11 miles, RS1, 11 miles, Finish  
(Note - 22-mile route is subject to rider demand and the 22-mile riders will have their own start, after the longer routes all depart.)

Some of you may be tempted to improvise intermediate route distances by riding the loops in a different order or riding parts of the loops. Please don't do this as this could result in riders riding both ways on FM-949 at a couple of places. The routes as designed are the appropriate distance for this week and are scenic and hilly. The routes are designed to spread you out so you are never riding different directions on the same road at the same time so please don't improvise alternate routes this week and, if you are planning to ride 22 miles, please wait to line up until we call for the 22-mile riders to line up.

### **Directions to the Ride Start – Austin County Fairgrounds (1048 E Main, Bellville, 77418)**

Veteran riders of the BP MS-150 will instantly recognize our start as the mid-way/lunch stop on Day 1 of the BP MS-150.

**The official address for the fairgrounds takes you about a mile west of our actual start so please use the address I noted above or the GPS coordinates: 29.945647, -96.247474 if your device will accept Lat/Long input.**

To get there, most of us will take I-10 west to the Sealy/Hwy 36 exit. Take 36 north through Sealy (obey the speed limit – it goes down to 30 in town) and then north about 13 miles to Bellville. Make a right turn at the light on E Main St (Newman's Bakery will be straight ahead tempting you to stop but wait until after the ride) and cross the railroad tracks. The fairground is three short blocks ahead on the left. E Main splits into E Main (right) and E Hill (left) just after you cross the tracks. Stay to the right on E Main and we'll fill the front parking first. If you arrive later (after 7:00), it may be quicker to veer to the left after crossing the tracks onto E Hill and turn right into the fairgrounds.

If you live further north of I-10, it will be quicker to take one of the main north/south roads to FM-529 and take 529 west to Bellville. 529 becomes Main St in Bellville so you will be right where you need to be and the fairgrounds will be on your right as you enter Bellville.

**Please note that we need to get on the road on time (8:00 am)** so you have time to get the longer miles in. If you arrive late, you will be behind our SAG support and the signs for the early turns will already be relocated and reversed for the return ride back to Bellville. In other words, if you plan to arrive and depart late, please be sure your bike (and tires) are bullet-proof (so you don't need SAG support) and be sure to memorize the route in advance since the signage will be missing.

### **Cut-Off Time - 57 Mile Route**

The cut-off time this week occurs on FM-949 at mile 14.7 where the 40 mile route makes a left and the 57 mile route goes straight. (This is in the very middle of the figure eight). Riders wanting to ride 57 miles need to be past this point by 9:45 am. You can make this if you arrive on time, start in the appropriate wave, average 12 mph and take a 10 minute or less break at RS1. **All riders arriving at this point after 9:45 will make the left turn to do the 40 mile route.**

### **----- FAQ - Guest Riders**

We have had a number of riders ask about bringing family & friends along to ride. We welcome riders who enroll for the series but drop-in single ride participants are not allowed. The main reasons for this are that variable, unplanned rider attendance will throw our logistics/support planning off and, more important, we have found that many drop-in riders don't share our level of focus on safety and courtesy because they are not

as committed and educated as you are about patience, common sense, and communication.

Our bottom line is that riders must be enrolled to participate. (Enrollment is still open)  
Failure to abide may result in dismissal from the training series.

OK, that covers the ride details. Watch for the Friday late update with more details about the weather, and any other ride news that may come up.

Thanks!

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