

Motorcycle Group Ride

Group motorcycle riding is a great experience when common sense, respect for other riders, and safety prevail. Please review these riding rules and tips for your personal and group riding safety.

Do not mix alcohol and motorcycle riding at anytime, especially when riding in a group.

No attitudes while with the group.

Top-off your gas tank before you begin a ride. Decide before you begin when and where you will stop. Inform everyone of designated stops.

It is also a good idea to do a bio pit stop before the ride.

Do a personal and bike safety check before beginning a ride. Bikes should be in good running condition before riding.

Riders should wear eye protection, and a helmet.

Riders who choose to ride in a group must do just that, ride with the group. If a navigational mistake is made (e.g., missed turn or exit), continue with the group until the error can be safely corrected.

It is recommended to have Ride Captain(s) travel the route prior to a run, thus, avoiding navigation mistakes.

Formation is mandatory. Two up is the typical ride arrangement (riding staggered). The more experienced rider should ride on the left.

Motorcycles with a passenger should ride on the right when possible. New riders should never have a passenger.

Maintain approximately two bike lengths between bikes; weather and road conditions permitting.

If a vehicle wants to break through the group on a multi-lane road, give them space to safely do so. Close formation once the vehicle exits the lane. If the vehicle does not move, cautiously and carefully pass to reform. Bikers do not own the road.

Be considerate of other vehicles. Give them space.

Novice and inexperienced riders should ride in the middle of the group until they are comfortable riding in a group.

The Ride Captain(s) or those who have ridden the route should ride up front. Experienced riders should also be the rear of the group...this is done to maintain order.

Know hand signals, and pay attention to them. Signals are passed back by every rider so that everyone is informed.

Maintain a steady pace with as few (dramatic) speed changes or sudden moves as possible.

Changing lanes on a freeway should be done from the rear then moving forward to the clear lane. Ride as if your motorcycle were as long as the entire group.

When a single file signal is given, the bike on the left proceeds (in front of) the bike on the right.

Blocking intersections is risky, illegal and very often, an unsafe practice.

In the event of an accident, pull over with the group. Do not panic stop or rush to the scene. Do not move an injured person or remove their helmet.

When parking, the leaders should direct the bikes to an area out of the traffic pattern. Leaving a parking area should be done with caution, and consideration of others exiting.

A group, organization, or club is not responsible for accidents, injuries, thefts, etc. Each individual is responsible for any violation of the law. Riders ride at their own risk.

Experienced riders should get to know riders with whom they are riding. Encourage new riders to be cautious and to ride at the group pace...not unsafely or beyond their personal comfort level.

If you leave your place in the group, re-enter at the rear.

The safety of the group is everyone's responsibility.