



Mystery Riders Motorcycle Club Tenets

As we begin this new season, the officers of our club have agreed that we need to refresh our beliefs, goals, and ideals. Our focus is to have a consensus of how our club is to operate when we are on our GROUP rides. Our intent is to enjoy each other's company, and to welcome new members with a united club. We are a FAMILY!

#1. **"Group ride"** means that we will ride as a group, staying together in staggered formation, as road conditions and traffic allows. We have preset RIDE LEADERS. We want everyone to depart from our beginning staging area together. Please arrive at the staging area before depart time. The ride leaders have invested a lot of time planning the route with rest stops, and alerted our destination point of our arrival time. As you can imagine, most food stops that we travel to need to plan ahead for our group's arrival, at our expected time. The Ride Leader for each trip will also get you home again. Gone are the days of a one-way trip. Of course, you are free to take off on your own at any time, we just ask that you inform the ride leader.

#2. **Safety:** This is our highest concern when we are out. Therefore, we would like everyone to do their best to stay in close staggered formation on open roads. Granted, we all have different skill sets, and are comfortable at our own level of motorcycle riding. Some bikes are better on highways, while others are better on twisty mountain roads. If the rider ahead of you has an open gap, or is slowing too much in a certain area, it is acceptable to pass, if you can do so safely for both bikes, and then once again continue in staggered formation. We will try to rest at least once per hour for 10 to 15 minutes.

#3. **Speed limits:** We believe that it is safest for us to travel at posted speed limits, or to keep pace with the traffic on that road. We must find a happy medium, where everyone can enjoy our group rides. If you are having trouble keeping up with the group, please consider driving at the rear of the group. We promise not to leave you behind.

#4. **Tangents: Weather** - No one wants to ride in the rain or on frosted road conditions. Ride Leaders are responsible for monitoring weather conditions for the whole of the ride. Should there appear to be foul weather on our planned route, we may either cancel, or perhaps take a shortened route to a different destination.

• **Road Repair** - No one likes being stuck in a construction zone. This may also cause us to change our destination point on short notice. Anything else beyond our control - Same as above.

#5. **Preparedness:** Please have your bike ready to go for at least 60 miles without a gas stop. Please have yourself adequately attired for hot, cold, or damp conditions. The desert can be hot, but it will also be much cooler going up the mountains. Always a good idea to bring water and snacks for yourself. Helmets are preferred, but that is your option. California requires a helmet.