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SOAR Group Ride Guidelines

General Guidelines

- You are expected to **start with a full tank**. If you need fuel outside of a scheduled stop, the group will not stop with you.
- Let your ride leader or sweep know if you'll be separating from the group for any reason.
- At fuel stops, do your business quickly. Move away from the pumps when finished to avoid blocking them. Leaders will let you know how much farther to the next fuel opportunity.
- At gas stations and other stops, do not block driveways, and business entrances/exits.
- When parking at the destination, pull straight into the parking space, 2 to a stall if possible. We need to efficiently get our group out of the roadway traffic. Backing in takes unnecessary time.
- Report any unsafe riding behavior to your leader or sweep.

Safety Guidelines --- A safe ride is an enjoyable ride. *Safety above all else!*

- Stay hydrated, especially on hot days.
- Ride in a staggered line. It gives you better visibility for what lies ahead beyond the bike directly in front of you. It also makes the group more manageable for the leader.
- Ride with your headlights on dim. It will be easier for the leader to spot the sweep, who will ride with his/her high beams on.
- Keep a safe following distance, but ride close enough to keep other vehicles from cutting in line.
- Leaders will observe posted speed limits, however, due to the laws of physics, bikes at the back of the group will likely need to go faster. **If you are uncomfortable with higher speeds, ride closer to the front.** Communicate with your leader at any time if you feel you can't keep up (the sooner the better).
- Observe posted road signs.
- Use hand signals to point out road hazards such as roadkill, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- Bunch up at stop signs/lights and proceed 2 by 2 to move through the intersection faster.
- At intersections, we are occasionally motioned through by understanding motorists who don't want to split us up. Please watch for this and give them a wave of thanks on your way by! (By law, you still need to come to a complete stop.)
- **Do not** stop traffic for the group. Not only is it a safety hazard, it is also illegal and leaves you liable.
- **Absolutely no passing** of other bikes in the group.
- **Be your brother's keeper!** If the group gets separated, assume you will continue going straight; if you need to make a turn, someone will be waiting at the corner to direct you. **How this works:**



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If the group is making a turn and the bike(s) behind you aren't there, safely pull off at that turn where the missing bikes will be able to see you. Once they catch up, continue straight, following the same road. Keep an eye out for the bike ahead of you. They should be waiting for you at the next turn in the same manner.

- **Ride your own ride!** Do not simply fixate on the taillight ahead of you. Assure intersections are clear for you before proceeding. Be aware of your surroundings, watching for animals, road debris, hazards, etc. (Point them out for others when you can do so safely)