



General Ride Leader Info

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Before the ride:

- **Test drive your route ahead of time.** Don't depend solely on the internet to develop your route.
- The fewer main roads and busy intersections the better.
- **Try not to pack too much into the day.** Everything takes longer than you think it will when dealing with a group.
- Be sure you are aware of the parking situation at your destination.
- Try to plan gas/rest stops on the right side of the street/road so the group doesn't have to cross traffic.
- Plan breaks every 1-½ to 2 hours max.
- Decide what you want to do in case it rains during the ride.
- Send Penny (penmarkwi@gmail.com) details about the ride for promo emails at least 4 weeks before your ride. (Emails go out 3 wks prior to ride) i.e. Departure time, name/address of stops with eta, estimated seat time and miles from departure to split for home destination.
- Keep our Ride Coordinator, Steve Habeck informed as you develop your ride. (shrooster1962@gmail.com or text/call [\(920\) 728-1962](tel:9207281962)). He is here to help you
- Be sure you exchange phone numbers with your sweep in case of an emergency.

The day of the ride:

- Always have a pre-ride meeting with your group. Make sure you have their attention. Side conversations are distracting. You have important info to talk about!
- Introduce yourself and your sweep, if necessary.
- If possible, for a large group, find someone who knows the route and put them in the middle in case the group is split up.
- Reinforce our procedures that promote safe riding! (**See "Ride Leader Talking Points"**)
- Be able to inform riders of the route, gas stops, time frames, etc.
- Be sure to keep riders informed as the ride goes on. Have quick meetings at your stops.
- Give them the time that you'll leave the stop, i.e. "at 10:15" **not** "in 20 minutes".
- Suggest riding in the same order, if possible.

- Drive the speed limit. Remember that riders farther back in the line have to go faster to keep up with you.
- When pulling out from an intersection, try to be sure the gap in traffic is large enough for everyone (or most everyone) to get through.
- When turning a corner or crossing an intersection, slow down and/or pull over **at a safe area** to make sure everyone has made it through. Get off your bike and check if you have to.
- Watch what's going on behind you at all times.
- Use arm signals as well as turn signals until you are sure the rider behind you has seen you.
- Be sure you slow down well ahead of your turn to avoid hitting your brakes.
- Make sure people park efficiently to minimize bikes waiting on the street.
- For monthly rides: Get a general idea of who is going where when it's time to split up to go home, in case people want to travel together.

Remember The riders are looking to you for leadership, so be loud and intentional. You will have lots of questions throughout the day, many of which you have already answered numerous times. Be patient and courteous!

Thank you for the time and effort you put into be a ride leader!!