



Ride Leader Talking Points

Introduce yourself and your sweep and thank the group for riding with you!

- A safe ride is an enjoyable ride. **Safety above all else!**
 - 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.
 - If you need to leave the group for any reason, let me or the sweep know.
 - Ride in a staggered line. It makes the group more manageable for the leader.
 - I will observe posted speed limits, however, due to the laws of physics, bikes at the back of the group may need to go faster. **If you are less comfortable with higher speeds, let me know. Ride closer to the front.**
 - Bunch up at stop signs/lights and proceed 2 by 2 to move through the intersection faster.
 - **Do not** stop traffic for the group. Not only is it a safety hazard, it is also illegal.
 - **Absolutely no passing** of other bikes in the group.
 - Ride with your headlights on low beam. It will be easier for me to spot the sweep, who will ride with his/her brights on.
 - If the group gets separated, assume you will continue straight, following the same road; if you need to make a turn, someone will be waiting at the corner to direct you.
 - At fuel stops, do your business quickly. There will be time later to visit. Leaders will let you know how much farther to the next opportunity.
 - If you can wait to get gas, please do.
 - When parking, pull straight into the stalls, 2 to a stall if possible. Don't take the time to back in. We need to be efficient.
 - Please report any unsafe riding behavior to me or the sweep.
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- Explain the route, including gas stops, time frames, and potentially sticky traffic situations.
 - If necessary, explain what you will do in case it rains.
 - If it's a hot day, encourage people to stay hydrated.
 - Questions?