



SOAR Ride Guidelines

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- 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.
- Ride in a staggered line. It makes the group more manageable for the leader.
- 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 less comfortable 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 to turn a corner. Not only is it a safety hazard, it is also illegal.
- **Absolutely no passing** of other bikes in the group.
- Keep a safe following distance, but ride close enough to keep other vehicles from cutting in line.
- Ride with your headlights on dim. It will be easier for the leader to spot the sweep, who will ride with his/her brights on.
- 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.
- 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. Move away from the pumps when finished to avoid blocking them.
- At gas stations and other stops, do not block driveways, and business entrances/exits.
- Stay hydrated, especially on hot days.
- When parking at the destination, pull straight into the parking space, 2 to a stall if possible. We need to be efficient, and backing in takes unnecessary time.
- Let your ride leader or sweep know if you are separating from the group for any reason.
- Report any unsafe riding behavior to your leader or sweep.