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Ride Leader Talking Points

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

General Talking Points (cover what you feel is important/pertinent to your ride):

- Riders are expected to **start with a full tank**. If you need fuel outside of the 1st scheduled stop, the group will not stop with you.
- If you know in advance that you'll need to leave the group, please inform the leader and/or sweep and stage at the end of the group.
- At fuel stops, do your business quickly. There will be time to visit later. Leaders will let you know how much farther to the next opportunity.
- 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 and get our group out of roadway traffic.

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

- Ride in staggered formation. 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 low beam. It will be easier for the lead to spot the sweep, who will ride with their high beams on.
- **Be your brother's keeper!** 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. Continue following the same road once they catch up. Keep an eye out for the bike ahead of you. They may be waiting for you at the next turn in the same manner. *(Make sure they understand this!)*
- **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)
- The leader observes 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 the lead know before departure. We'll stage you 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 illegal and puts you liable.
- **Absolutely no passing** of other bikes in the group.
- Please report any unsafe riding behavior to myself or the sweep.

Specific to your ride:

- Explain the route, including gas stops, time frames, potentially sticky traffic situations and any special parking instructions at destination.
- If necessary, explain what you will do in case it rains.
- Encourage people to stay hydrated, especially on a hot day.
- Assure everyone has a full tank/enough get to your gas stop. If not, send them off to fill up.
- Take questions.