



Rob's Performance: (920)699-3288

General Ride Leader Info

Before the ride:

- **PLAN YOUR RIDE**
 - 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.
 - Make plans with your venue(s).
 - Determine how far in advance they required a head count. Include this due date in the information you send to Penny so she can set the email's RSVP cutoff date accordingly.
 - Penny or Kory will be able to provide you a headcount from the RSVPs (but you'll most likely need to ask).
 - Take note of any parking situations to share at the pre-ride meeting.
 - When possible, 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. (Keep in mind the lower fuel tank range of Rykers and older 990s of 150-180 miles)
 - Arrange for sweep/center lead(s) in advance
- **Test drive your route ahead of time.** Don't depend solely on the internet to develop your route. If possible, take your sweep and someone willing to take center lead if needed on a test run so they know the route too. At a minimum, share your route with them – (MyRoute App, My Google Maps, turn by turn notes, etc)
- Exchange phone numbers with your sweep/center in case of an emergency.
- If you have questions/concerns as you develop your ride, contact Steve Habeck - Ride Coordinator. Text/call [\(920\) 728-1962](tel:9207281962) or shrooster1962@gmail.com
- Send Penny (penmarkwi@gmail.com) details about the ride for promo email at least 3 weeks before your ride (emails go out 2 weeks prior to ride) i.e. Departure time, name/address of stops, any venue fees, RSVP due date (if earlier than the Wednesday before the ride) estimated total time and miles from departure to the split for home destination.

The day of the ride:

- **Always have a pre-ride meeting with the group** (refer to "Ride Leader Talking Points")
 - Introduce yourself and your lead team

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- Reiterate our procedures that promote safe riding
- Invite any newer riders to stage toward the front of the group (avoid the slinky effect)
- Be able to inform riders of the route, gas stops, time frames, etc.
- Keep riders informed as the ride goes on. At stops, announce the time that you'll leave the stop, i.e. "at 11:15" **not** "in 20 minutes".
- 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 ensure the gap in traffic is large enough for everyone (or most everyone) to get through.
- Be aware of what's going on behind you.
- Use hand signals as well as turn signals.
- Slow down well ahead of turns to avoid heavy braking. (avoid a reverse slinky)
- At the final stop, when it's time to split up to go home, get a general idea of who is heading where. Try to assure newer riders can find their way home.

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 being a ride leader!!