

## **PRE-RIDE BRIEFING**

Do we have anyone who hasn't ridden with us or hasn't ridden in a group before?  
(if yes put them behind an experienced group rider)

Do we have anyone without a CB? (if yes put them in number 2 position behind leader. If more than one, place them between bikes with CB's)

We ride in a staggered formation with 1 to 2 seconds between elements and 2 to 4 seconds between rows. During adverse weather conditions the distance will be 4 seconds in a staggered formation. Is anyone uncomfortable with this? (Trikes will be at the rear in front of the Drag.) (Demonstrate with hands)

Row One     1  
              (one second)  
                                  2  
              (one second)  
Row Two     3  
              (one second)  
                                  4  
              (one second)  
Drag           5

Motorcycles should double up at stop signs or traffic lights, side-by-side.

Lane changes will be called for by the lead bike. In response the Drag bike will respond with "Stand BY" when traffic is clear the Drag will move to the designated lane and respond "The Lane is secure". Lead will announce to the group "look left/right (pause) move left/right". All members of the group will use turn signals and move at one time, moving with the bike directly in front of them. In heavy traffic, lane changes will be made from rear to front (as determined by the Lead).

If for some reason the formation gets split, the first bike in the split is the new temporary lead.

Anyone can point out a hazard or initiate the hand signal for a hazard.

When on narrow roads or traffic is heavy lead will call for a formation change to single file on the CB and also indicate by hand signal. Elements will respond with the single file hand signal till all bikes have responded. This means you will increase your following distance so as to have the full use of the lane instead of just one track. Minimum distance will be 2 seconds between bikes

We will be monitoring Ch 1 on the CB. If the Primary is clobbered than the Alternate will be Ch 40 if switching do not use the channel numbers just primary and Alt.

If for any reason a bike has to drop out of the formation do so as not to endanger the rest of the formation. Only the drag bike will stay with the disabled bike and the rest of the bikes will continue with the lead and proceed to a safe area off the road to wait for the stranded bike and drag and to await further instructions.

Ride Coordinator/Lead 1 will now cover the route in detail. (Go over the route and hand out maps.) And discuss the following:

Rest Stops

Speed (if speed is a problem, a slower group may need to be designated)

Any known road construction

Weather  
Personal needs

We will be 2 ride captains for each group; the lead and the drag.

Group 1 Lead:                      Drag:

Group 2 Lead:                      Drag:

Group One will stage right here and Group Two will stage over here. Designate who is in group one along with the Drag, Designate elements of remaining groups and where they will stage.

Take 3 minutes to check your bike using the T-Clock list.