



Lake County H.O.G. Group Riding Formation

The Staggered Formation

- ◆ The Staggered Formation is the DEFAULT riding formation whenever ALL the following conditions apply:
 - Road markings are available; i.e., lane-dividing lines, shoulder line, etc.;
 - Some shoulder is available;
 - Road is wide enough to ride in a staggered formation safely.
- ◆ The minimum recommended spacing to the bike directly in front of you should be no less than two (2) seconds (the two-second rule). The bike in the lane to your left or right should be no less than one (1) second ahead of you. The two seconds of distance will vary, depending on your riding speed. Trikes should ride at the rear of the group in the center of the lane and maintain a two-second interval with the bike/trike ahead of you.
- ◆ The two-second rule is a rule of thumb you should try to adhere to whenever possible, especially at highway speeds. There are times, however, when it is best to squeeze together while on city streets or while slowing for a stop in order to prevent four-wheeled vehicles from splitting the group.
- ◆ The last bike (Sweeper) should ride in the middle of the two bike lanes with as many headlights on as possible, and should be “dancing” in and out of Road Sections “A” and “C”. This will help the Road Captain (lead bike) see him/her. Refer to the picture on the right.

