Lake County H.O.G. Group Riding Policy

Welcome to a Lake County H.O.G. Group Ride. Riding with friends is a great experience. If you are not a member of Lake County H.O.G., please make sure you complete a release form before starting the ride. To help ensure your ride with us is fun and safe for you and the other riders in our group, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our Group Riding Policy, particularly the correct use of the STAGGERED FORMATION. If you have any questions, please address them to the Road Captain for resolution before the start of the ride. Thanks for joining us. Have a great and safe ride. The Rules of the Road:

♦ Arrive ready to ride with Full Tank and Empty Bladder
♦ Be prepared - clothing, safety equipment, etc...
♦ Discipline is REQUIRED during Group Rides to insure EVERYONE’S SAFETY
♦ Obey ALL traffic controls
♦ Maintain safe speed
♦ **STaggered Formation IS the Primary and Default Formation** (unless otherwise indicated) **(see separate handout)**
♦ Single File Formation is used only as needed
♦ **NO Lane Splitting** - except when:
  • Starting / Stopping (When Stopped)
  • Formation during official parade ONLY
♦ **Don’t Pass Motorcycles In Your Lane**
♦ Don’t block traffic
♦ Never argue with larger vehicles – automobiles, 18-wheelers, etc.
♦ Ride with headlight ON
♦ Keep tight but courteous formation (use 2-second rule)
♦ Increase (or decrease) separation between bikes when appropriate
♦ STAY ALERT - know YOUR escape route
♦ Don’t get in over your head—ride your own ride
♦ Unless you’re the last bike in the Group, don’t:
  • Toss Anything From Your Bike
  • Spit
♦ Alcohol drinking and riding DO NOT MIX – choose one or the other
♦ Road Captains will excuse rider(s) from the Group for ANY of the following reasons:
  • Alcohol or drug use while on a Group Ride
  • Riding in an unsafe manner or an unsafe motorcycle