

PRE-RIDE MEETING

1. Greet the Riders and guests and thank them for their participation in the ride.

- Ensure that all guests have signed a release form.
- Ensure that all members have picked a poker card if desired.
- Ensure that all riders have a full tank of gas.

2. Advise of the:

- Destination, route and comfort stops
- Name of the Road Captain that is riding sweep
- Name of any Riders that have CB radios or Headsets that can be used during ride.
- Riders who have medical kits.

3. Announce that:

- We will ride in a staggered formation (explain if needed). Trikes ride in the center of the lane and at the rear of the group.
- Riders should choose a lane side ***before departure of ride*** and stay on that side.
- ***Don't leave gaps, keep up with the ride.*** Use the 2 second following distance rule. If someone leaves the ride, motion the next rider behind to move up to fill the vacant slot at the next safe opportunity or stop. Riders behind should not move up until signaled by the rider in front of them. Riders leaving the ride at any time need to notify Road Captain at next safe opportunity.
- Do not use cruise control (because it creates gaps).
- Riders are to obey all traffic signals and road signs.
- Hand signals will be used (demonstrate if needed). ***Pass signals back to riders behind you!***
- If the group should get separated during the ride, the following procedure is to be used:
The last rider of the front group should turn on their 4 ways signaling to everyone that there is a problem. Each successive rider should turn on their 4 ways as soon as they notice the 4 ways of the bike behind. Road Captain will slow way down or pull over if possible when he gets the signal.

4. IN CASE OF AN EMGERENCY, or if there is an urgent need to stop during the ride:

- Make any attempt to alert another rider. Contact the Road Captain when safe to do so.

5. HOG policy mandates ***no alcohol consumption*** at any time during Chapter ride. This applies to ***both rider and passenger***. Anyone violating this policy will not be permitted to continue with the group.

6. Ask riders if there are any questions before the start of the ride, kick stands up in 5 minutes.