

From Your "Ride Educator":

Hello from your Rider Ed,

June is here with several months of Rallies coming up such as Americade, Honda Homecoming, Wing Ding, Region A and many other chapter events. For many of us this means much time in the saddle, provided we can afford the gas that is, so it's time to review the group riding suggestions. First and most importantly for your safety and those of the group you will be riding with is to inspect your bike before leaving the garage,

at minimum check your tires, oil and clean your windshield, at best a full T-Clock. After that remember your group riding suggestions:

- 1.) Arrive at the meeting place with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder.
- 2.) All rides should have a leader and a drag that have CB communications.
- 3.) Riders should ride in a staggered formation: re member distances two minutes to the rider in front, and one second to those at your sides.
- 4.) If you have a modulating headlight, you should turn it off when riding in a group as it effects other

people riding in front of you. Also you should not have your bright lights on when riding behind people.

- 5.) Stops should be in close staggered formation.
- 6.) No passing in formation, changes in formation should be done during stops.
- 7.) Leaders will determine destination, routes and stops.
- 8.) The drag bike will be responsible for keeping the group together.
- 9.) The drag is responsible for anyone who has trouble. Others should continue onto the next stop (the reason for this is one of safety).
- 10.) Keep bikes with no communication in the middle of the group.
- 11.) Anyone leaving should let the lead and drag persons know their intentions.

Last and most importantly:

- 12.) Ultimately each rider is responsible for their own actions, think safety all the time.

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*God Bless from,
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