



Great Salt Lake Chapter [SRA] "Group Ride - Know Before You Go"



1. **SRA-GSL Chapter Road Ride Description** - Prior to leaving home for the ride, print a copy, it will provide all the information for the ride (i.e., start and end points, estimated time/mileage, route, gas stops, rest stops, food stop, if planned, photo ops, etc.)
2. **Pre-Ride Inspection Checklist**- Perform motorcycle MSF T-CLOC. Located @ GSL Website; Ensure your Spyder is ride ready by using the T-CLOC safety checklist; take a tool kit; cell phone & bottled drink.
3. **Arrival Time** - Arrive on time with a full gas tank and if a bathroom break is needed, do it before the Ride Captain's Pre-Ride Safety Briefing.
4. **Physical Condition & Mental Attitude** - Be in good physical condition and have a good mental attitude. Ensure you are not stressed, tired, sick, or distracted as this may take away your focus in making safe decisions. Carry a laminated emergency card - emergency POCs, vitals, allergies, medical alert, etc.
In Addition - Police officers recommend to motorcycle riders, to put the following on your person & another copy on your bike so they can match rider to bike in the event of an incident: Drivers license, motorcycle & health insurance cards.
5. **Group Riding Formation** - 3 Wheel motorcycles will always be in a **single file staggered formation**
6. **Dress For the Ride** - Dress in layers so you can either remove or add clothing when needed. Always carry a hi-visibility vest in the event you are riding in the dark; rain gear in the event of rain, snow or you get cold, it will keep you dry & warm. Take medicine (non-drowsy) and medical gear, if required.
7. **Common Group Ride Hand Signals** - Review & learn them prior to the ride. They are on our GSL Website under *Preferences > Safety Corner*. When in group ride, keep an eye on the Ride Captain (RC) so you can **"pass 'em on"** quickly to riders behind to let them know where to go. *BTW - All bets are off when doing Charity Rides!*
8. **Bike Breaks/Medical Condition - Need to Pull Off Road** - **Only the Sweep/Tail Gunner (S/TG) will stop**. Everyone else continues on with the Ride Captain. Communicate with a 'thumbs-down' to the S/TG & they will help you.
9. **Separated From Group** - If you're separated from the group, don't panic. A pre-planned procedure is in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.
10. **Leave the Group During the Ride** -
 - a. If you know you plan to leave the group during the ride, let the RCs know during the RC's Pre-Ride Safety Briefing.
 - b. Decide not to stay with group during the ride. Use the appropriate hand signal to pull off the road, communicate w/a 'thumbs-up' to the S/TG. S/TG will reply w/ 'thumbs-up' and continue on with group
 - c. If you leave group and decide to rejoin later, re-enter at the rear in front of the S/TG.
11. **Curves** - A rider without a passenger may setup for a curve to do it tighter. Whereas a rider with passenger may take a more conservative (slower) curve setup. Regardless, you should stay within the 'comfort zone' of yourself and your passenger. Remember, always slow down prior to the curve to search, evaluate, and execute with safety in mind for yourself and others in the group. And be mindful of new riders to group ride protocol.
12. **Maintain Group Ride Integrity** - try to prevent **crowders** (continuously encroaches on the space reserved for the rider in front); don't be a **lagger** (i.e., *rubber band/accordion effect*) exceeds formation separation distances by several seconds - thus resulting in 4-wheeler cut-ins in group riding. Taking a Basic *RiderCourse* will help you learn the proper techniques of street strategy riding to prevent this and may save your life.
13. **Group Riding Rules** - Report non-compliance of any group-riding rule to a Ride Captain ...a life may depend on it.

Have fun, Ride safely & Share the road

Credits to the following organizations: Hazel Morgan; Back Roads Riding Club; Hill Riders Association(HRA); Salt Lake Motorcycle Club (SLMC)