

GROUP RIDING GROUPIES

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Practice, Practice, Practice! I try to practice good riding skills with whatever riding I am doing. I get a kick out of us

as a group, riding like a well-oiled machine. Then, on the other hand, we are here to have fun and be safe.

So, there are a couple things I would like to point out to make us safer and better at group riding.

The first thing is when we are in our staggered formation. Left side, right side or inside lane, outside lane. We all know we need to give each other room to maneuver around an unseen event, aka. DEER...Karen!

Respect that space. Remember, this includes the front and rear as well as side to side. This leads me to the meat of my rant. When we go into curves, we have a bad habit of straightening out the turn, like we learned in school, and taking the cushion space away from the front and or rear. To help, we need to stay in our respective lanes EVEN through the turns. Example would be, turning left, left lane bike makes a tight turn and right lane bikes makes a wide turn. Stay uniform like a train car on a track.

DON'T forget hand signals!

Ride Safe,

Lee

