

SAFETY CORNER

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GROUP RIDING

Motorcycle riding is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

- Arrive in time with a full tank of gas.
- Hold a rider's meeting to discuss the route, rest, fuel stops, destination parking, and hand signals.
- Keep the group to a manageable size. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups.
- Ride in a formation that is staggered allowing for proper space between motorcycles so that each motorcycle has enough time to respond to hazards.
- Avoid side by side formations.
- Always check the riders following you, using your rear view mirrors.
- If you're separated from the group, don't panic. The group will slow down and wait for you.
- If a mechanical or medical problem comes up, the gunner will assist you.
- If a rider leaves the group, the rest of the group should re-form in the staggered formation.

