

Please remember to be respectful of everyone. That means:

At the Start

- Kickstands up at the START Time - show up before to respect everyone's time
- Full tank of gas
- Bike ready to ride (tire pressure, oil, etc., already checked)

During the ride

- Be careful - we'll all be a bit rusty after the winter layoff
- Ride in a safe formation
- Staggered formation when the road is good, single when it is not - See Group Riding Etiquette for details - <http://bmwons.forumpro.fr/t1744-safe-riding-etiquette-group-riding>
- Do not be constantly weaving in your lane. It is not only distracting but also dangerous for other riders around you having an unpredictable/distracting rider amongst them.
- Ride aware
- Don't leave riders behind

Group Riding requires some common courtesies for everyone to have an enjoyable ride. That means you should follow standard protocols for considerate group riding such as:

- Each rider must be aware of their own surrounding and ride accordingly - **You are responsible for your own safety**
- Maintain a safe distance between bikes - that changes with speed - too close is unsafe (less than 1-2 seconds in staggered formation) - too far destroys the safety of the group formation (more than 4 seconds) and each riders ability to properly monitor the rider directly in front and behind them.
- You have a responsibility to your fellow riders
- Watching the rider in front will warn you of possible issues or changes
- Watching the rider behind will alert you quickly if they have a problem and are no longer there

If the rider behind you stops, then you stop.

Following this protocol ensures two things. First, that the rider with a problem isn't abandoned and left to their own devices (part of why it is a Group Ride) and second if each person is properly monitoring the rider directly behind them and stops if that rider does, then very quickly the entire group comes to a stop and is able to assist the rider in need.

Most importantly, ride at your own speed and comfort level, and have fun.