

## Xenia H.O.G. Chapter Group Riding Rules

The Road Captain will conduct a pre-ride meeting to discuss route, stops, hand signals, etc.

All riders and passengers not members of the Xenia H.O.G. Chapter will sign a release.

Members only ride- open only to H.O.G. members. Releases are signed annually.

Closed ride- Chapter members and one guest per member. Guests will sign a release.

Open ride- Chapter members, national H.O.G. members, and other guests as desired. Every rider and passenger will sign a release.

Fuel stops will be approximately every 70-80 miles. ALL FUEL TANKS SHOULD BE FULL AT THE START OF RIDE.

The number of bikes in a group shall be determined by the route and traffic conditions. Ideally, groups should consist of no more than 8 to 10 bikes.

THE PRIMARY ROAD CAPTAIN WILL LEAD THE GROUP with another Road Captain riding at back of the group as sweep rider.

The group will normally ride in a staggered formation, safely separated to provide assured clear distance, yet limit the opportunity for other vehicles to break into the formation. If another motor vehicle attempts to break into the formation, riders will back off and let the vehicle into the lane. SAFETY is paramount.

The group will adhere to all posted speed limits. Weather, road conditions, and traffic will also be a factor in determining the pace of the group.

The group will obey all traffic rules. Blocking Is Illegal. If the group is separated due to stop signs, traffic lights, or motor vehicle traffic, the Road Captain will find a safe and secure area to pull over and wait for the rest of the group to catch up.

Passing lamps will be shut off while riding in the group. Only the sweep rider will have lamps on to indicate his position to the lead bike.

Only the sweep rider will pull out of formation to assist the rider who may be having trouble. All other riders will continue until the Road Captain finds a safe and secure area to pull the rest of the group to a stop.

No one will be left behind.

Every rider will insure the safety of all other riders in the group. If someone has a problem with another rider, or is dissatisfied with something during the ride, they will bring it to the attention of the Road Captain as soon as possible.

The Road Captain will have the authority to dismiss any rider from the group if that rider threatens the safety of the group.

Any rider wishing to leave the group for any reason will notify the Road Captain at the earliest opportunity.

In general, once the group reaches the day's destination, the ride is over. Riders are responsible for getting themselves back at the end of the ride. However, a road captain will provide directions back. If it is a day ride, the group may reassemble for the ride back.

If it is an overnight ride, the group will reassemble the next day for that day's ride. The Road Captain will advise all riders of departure times.