

EFAM Ride Out - Administrative Instruction.



Introduction

Welcome and thank you for your support. The ride out today is.....

Aim

The aim of this briefing is to provide information to all riders and pillioners who will be taking part in ride to the ?. The distance of the ride is ? miles which should take ?.

- When riding with fellow riders, we ask you to ride responsibly, for your own safety and the safety of those riding with you.
- The "Lead Rider" and the "Tail-end rider/Charlie" control the group, with marshalls placed within the group as and where required. Cars as always will follow behind Tail-End Charlie.
- The 2i/c which is ?. Will take over the ride if the group leader breaks down.
- Don't be frightened of group riding, it's enjoyable, otherwise we wouldn't do it! Group riding is done for companionship; it should never be allowed to develop into a competition and especially not into a race.

Riders Responsibilities

You remain responsible for your own safety while riding your bike, so don't allow group riding to encourage you to do anything which is unsafe.

Maintain all round vigilance, as you would normally do to ride safely. Other riders in the group could be a source of risk to you as well as other traffic, so keep your eyes peeled. Frequent over your shoulder check and using your mirrors are particularly important (emphasis bikes with no mirrors). Other road users can look upon groups of riders as an irritating obstruction and they may try to overtake the group aggressively.

Breakdown/Recovery - It is the sole responsibility of all riders to be taxed and insured. Make sure you have a full tank of fuel for the ride. It is advisable to have breakdown/recovery insurance as there is no means to recover your bike. If you breakdown a marshal will stop to assist.

Separation – If you are separated from the group either make your own way to the destination or return home.

Route

The route to the ? is on a mixture of A and B roads. There are garages on route so if you need to fill up then do so, the ride will/will not stop. Depending on the route we may have a comfort break at ? (layby or café).

Riding Order (Command Team)

Lead Rider (LR) – No rider will overtake this rider.

Tail Rider/Charlie (TR) – No rider will go behind this unless of breakdown.

2i/C – Will command the ride if the original LR breaks down.

Nominated marshalls – These riders are used to maintain the flow of the ride and assist at critical/breakdown points if needed. The marshalls for this ride will be strategically placed throughout the group.

Motorcycle First Aiders are – First aiders can be identified by a green armband/pin badge

First Aid kits are carried by nominated first aiders.

Riding Formation

A staggered riding formation in dry weather is often used on main roads because it allows the group to ride together safely. Each rider still has a two second gap behind the bike in front of them; each rider occupies half of the lane in a staggered position. In wet weather this rule will extend to a 4 second gap.

2nd Man Drop Off System - If you find yourself immediately behind the Lead Rider at a turning point on the route you might be “dropped off” to act as a marker for the turn. The Lead Rider will indicate with an outstretched arm, pointing to where he would like you to stop. The Lead Rider is inviting you to do so by his arm signal, not ordering you. You must make your own assessment of whether it is safe and legal to stop where he as indicated.

Sometimes, at complex or obscured junctions or roundabouts, the Lead Rider might drop off more than one marker.....

When you stop after being dropped off, point with an outstretched arm in the direction that you would like the other riders to take (keep an eye on the LR direction, if possible), you then wait until the Tail–end Charlie approaches, When you see the Tail–end Charlie approaching, prepare to move off just in front of him; he will slow down, beep the horn and/or wave to alert you at that point you re-join the group at the rear, in front of the Tail–end Charlie and stay there. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OVERTAKE THE GROUP IN FRONT TO RE-JOIN YOUR FRIENDS.**

Used correctly with discipline no rider will miss a turning and become lost. Most members are familiar with this system. If you are not confident in doing this, then slow down and wave another rider to pass who will drop off.

At roundabouts or junctions, it is advantageous to close up into pairs, slightly staggered so when it's your turn to pull out you can see both ways, pulling out quickly and safely, this also allows the group to keep its cohesion.

Timings

10.00 – RV at
10.15 – Command team briefing
10:30 - Main ride briefing
11.00 – Main ride departs
13:30 – Main ride arrives and park up

Actions On

Bike will not start at RV
Bike break down on route
Rider become separated
Rider breaks down
LR break down
TEC breaks down
Accident

Finally

MOST IMPORTANTLY ENJOY YOUR RIDE!
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS.