

“Riding with CA2Q”

The basic principal in riding as a “Group” besides the enjoyment of riding together to a destination is to provide a level of safety. A group of bikes riding in close proximity is more visible to cars, trucks and other vehicles than a lone rider.

A “Group” can be three but should not be more than five bikes. Small groups riding together are more nimble and are able to maneuver in traffic more easily. They’re also less likely to be a problem for other vehicles to get around when changing lanes.

Staggered formation applies when riding on roads or highways with multiple lanes. Keep an appropriate safe distance between you and the bike(s) ahead. But maintain a close formation to inhibit other vehicles from entering and splitting the group. Whenever appropriate, the Lead rider can call for single formation. The Lead rider also determines the direction and route the group is to follow.

When entering a highway/freeway, the Lead will enter and settle on a lane maintaining a conservative speed. Each rider will then be responsible for their safe entrance; then meet up with the lead and settle into formation.

The “Gunner” or “Drag” rider has the overview of the group’s safety. The Lead can ask for a lane change and the Gunner will determine and communicate the safe and appropriate moment to change lane. But keep in mind; your personal safety is your individual responsibility at all times.

Once the group is out on a quiet highway, the group can loosen formation and enjoy the ride and scenery. If traffic returns, the Lead will call for a re-group to a tighter formation.

After reaching our destination and the destination activity has concluded, a group ride back is optional. Those who prefer to lone ride can take off at will. Those preferring a group will gather and determine a “Lead’ and “Gunner”.

