

GWTA Columbia Wings Chapter "P"

CB Etiquette for Group Riding

As in all social group activities there are some basic concepts that are required in order to provide a safe and effective way to communicate with each other. Motorcycle riding in groups adds a new dynamic to the communication challenge by requiring a coordinated communication process when traveling through busy congested city streets and or congested highways.

Your chapter staff thought it would be good to adopted a safe CB communication guideline we could implement that would help provide the safest and most effective way to providing the whole group with road hazard and traffic conflict information, as we ride along together.

To that end we would like to use the following guidelines:

- When the group is in congested traffic areas the **Lead** rider and the **Sweep** rider are the key communicators to the group.
- The **Lead** rider provides directional guidance and road hazard information to the group.
- The **Sweep** rider provides traffic lane clearance information and traffic light clearance to the group.
- Group ride members are in a **listen only** mode in these high congested areas, except for an emergency situation.

When operating on the interstate highway or open scenic roads communication between riders is encouraged as we share common sights and experiences with each other.

As our Chapter expands in the coming months we increase the number of totals hours we will be spending on the road and with that increase comes the increased risk of an unintended occurrence. Your staff is hopeful that by adopting good CB communication skills, we will be able to avoid distractions that might lead to misfortune to ourselves or our equipment.