

Empire City MC

Road Captain's Ride Guide

Ride Planning:

- Where are we going? Why? What is there to see or do?
- Is there a cost or admission to the venue?
- Are there any restrictions or requirements?
- Is this a day trip, an overnight or longer stay? Do we need accommodations?
- Have you arranged corresponding events with your V.P. or other club's officers?
- Plan fuel/bio-break stops every 100 miles.
- How will we communicate with each other? Hint: WhatsApp is free and has location sharing.
- When you plan your time-line, plan that each stop will take 30 minutes or more.
- Publish this information in the calendar so there is no confusion.

Starting point:

- Toilet/Coffee/Snacks/Food/Fuel nearby?
- Where will we stage/park?
- As bikers, are we welcome?
- Timing: Allow at least 30 minutes for people to arrive before KSU (kick-stands up).
- Ensure all riders understand our hand-signals and our formation riding style:
 - <http://empirecitymc.com/tips.php>
 - <https://www.amcc76.org/amccdocsr.html>

Ride Execution:

- No one gets left behind, unless especially arranged.
- Pick a safety (sweep) who is skilled and knowledgeable.
- Ensure the safety knows where each planned stop will be as if for any reason we are separated, they can lead the lost section to our next meet up point.
- The safety may act as a 'shepherd' ensuring the group is safe. This includes:
 - Accelerating up to other members of the ride and ensuring their load/bike/person is okay.
 - Blocking other vehicles from incursion into the group.
 - Blocking lane(s)/vehicles ensure other aggressive vehicles won't threaten the group.
- Police pull-over:
- If a police car approaches with intention to pull us over, the safety (sweep) will pull over and interact with the officer while the remainder of the group will continue onwards, pulling off at the next exit or petrol station to re-group. If the officer continues to pursue the group, the last bike will pull over and interact with the police and this will continue as needed with the hope that he can not pull us all over.

Stopping/Gas-Up/Meet-Up Points:

- Is this a fuel stop, a meal stop or a meet-up location or multiple?
- As bikers, are we welcome?
- Safe place to park/meet others?
- Easy to find/be seen?
- Plan on 30 minutes to stop and re-start
- Toilet/Food/Beverage/Fuel

End of the ride:

- Before departing, determine separation points so no one is surprised when someone rides off.