

New Club Rider/Bringing a Friend to a Ride?

We encourage you to bring a friend or relative to a ride and share what Nevada has to offer. However, when you bring a friend, you are responsible for making sure they know our rules. Make sure you tell them ahead of time about the “no alcohol” rule and that children under 18 must wear a helmet. It’s only fair that they know these things up front and if they don’t agree with them, they can stay home.

Here are some important items that new members or guests need to know:

No alcohol is permitted before or during the ride. After the ride it’s up to you. Just remember that if you do drink, drink responsibly and have a designated driver home.

Children under 18 years of age are REQUIRED to wear a DOT approved helmet. We encourage all to wear helmets. Helmets can save your life!

You can accompany the Club on a ride without paying any dues. We want you to ride with us and make sure you are comfortable with the group and our riding style. However, dues are required if you attend two or more rides. The dues are between \$15 and \$30 for the year, so they are very reasonable. The entire Club benefits from the dues. The officers do not earn a wage and all funds are used for the Club as a whole. Last year we made a DVD with pictures from all the rides and gave a copy to each paid membership. In addition, funds were used to buy the Club pizza and raffle items.

Riding as a group isn’t for everyone. We don’t want and can’t have people coming out for the rides and then wondering off. If you want to venture off on your own, then don’t plan to start with the group. We take your safety seriously and want to make sure everyone that starts with us finishes with us.

We carry FRS radios on our rides. They are not required, but are nice to have for communicating and listening to what is going on. Please keep the chatter down if you are on the radio. If you see something interesting, then mention it so others can see it. If you want to carry on a conversation with someone the entire ride, then switch to a channel other than channel 5, which is the channel the Club uses during the rides.

If you want or need to stop, then either radio to the trail boss and make your request or wait until the sweeper at the back catches up to you. We can’t stop everywhere for everyone, but we will stop for breaks and if there is something interesting along the trail.

When we come to a stop along the trail, we should stop in a single file (usually to the right side of the trail). If the trail or road is very wide then we can have people stop side by side (two wide). There are two reasons for this: 1) we aren’t the only ones riding and need to leave room if others need to get by coming from the opposite direction and 2) it will leave room if the sweeper needs to ride up front to pass some information along to the trail boss.

Stay on the trail and ride responsibly. We have already lost some riding areas that have been closed to motorized vehicles and some groups are just hoping we won’t ride responsibly so they can close more riding areas. Don’t give them the satisfaction and don’t contribute to having more areas closed. Riding responsibly means staying on the trail, hauling out the trash you brought in and leaving no sign that we were ever there.

When we visit an old site nothing is to be taken or disturbed. We need to leave the site as it was when we arrived. We want it to be there the next time we return or when our children return with their children. Leave it as a part of history that all can enjoy.

The officers of the Club have the right to ask you not to return to future rides. This will only happen in rare cases where someone repeatedly fails to follow the Club’s guidelines. No dues will be refunded, if they had been paid.