



BMMC Ride Captain Memo

To: All Ride Captains & Ride Captain Candidates
From: Tom Clements - Ride Captain Director
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On March 14 - the Saturday a week after our club's breakfast meeting next month - we will have our Spring '09 Ride Captain training event. I'd like to reach nearly 100% turn-out for this important program so please make every effort to participate.

The plan is this: We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Chevron station on the north side of Carefree Highway, just east of I-17. Have your bike fueled and a cup of coffee in hand, if desired, as we gather for our overall ride briefing. As this briefing adjourns we will split into small assigned groups of four riders. Each group will conduct their own briefing, deciding (1) how the Lead/Sweep positions will be changed *so that all four members will have a segment in each of the two leadership positions*, and (2) where the ride will go. It's up to you! The caveat is that you must be at the Deer Valley Airport restaurant for lunch by 1:00 p.m. (In the terminal building, at the end of Seventh Avenue north of Deer Valley Road.)

Take the time between now and the meeting to put your Mapsource program or your trusty Arizona map to use and plot about a 150-mile ride that starts at the Chevron station and ends at Deer Valley Airport. There is no rule that says you cannot repeat a smaller ride more than once or repeat certain segments of a ride. Consider the types of roads involved and strive for some variety. When your particular group of four convenes, it will now be your job to "pitch" your ride idea to the other members and then come to an agreement on which ride your group will do.

As you conduct the ride, make mental notes of any and all things that strike you: How was the pace? Any scary moments? Did all members comply with the BMMC ride guidelines? What were the challenges? Was the selected route a good one? Do you have any constructive critiques to offer to fellow group rider(s)? Whether you schedule a stop or two during your ride and whether you choose to have a de-briefing among your particular group prior to the Deer Valley gathering is totally up to you

At Deer Valley, as we enjoy a club-sponsored lunch, we will have the opportunity to share our observations with the total group. Heck, maybe there'll be nothing to say...it was all perfect and a fun way to spend some weekend time riding with colleagues and friends! On the other hand, maybe this will open our eyes to some situations we had not considered before or now see in a different light. We should be done no later than 3:00 p.m., probably well before that.

Come enjoy the ride and the educational time spent with your fellow BMMC Ride Captains. I'll see you there!