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Good morning everyone!

This is our first Monday after our first beginner ride so it's time for our first Monday ride feedback and safety/courtesy tips note.

On Saturday, about 200 novices and veterans enjoyed what is the best morning for Beginner Ride 1 anyone can remember! The weather made a lot out of me – we had a beautiful, sunny start followed by alternating sun and clouds and a return to full sun by the end of the ride.

We do have some great feedback/tips to help us get better but, overall, we had a very safe and courteous group who were patient, sensible, and enjoyed a very safe and fun first ride.

We'll start with a few safety rules, then share some observations and tips suggested by a few of our excellent Ride Marshals.

Crossing Over the Yellow Line

Several GAO drivers and riders reported seeing some riders moving across the yellow line into the incoming line to pass or because several riders were riding too ahead.

Good, news, never should you cross the yellow line into the incoming line. I did my best, didn't I?

Riders should always ride as far to the right as practicable. Pulling out to pass should be the exception and be as brief as possible. Riders may ride too ahead (intentionally, if they are on quiet roads with very little traffic and they should switch to single file, queue, safety and goodbook, if riders, or traffic is approaching. Riders who don't have enough common sense to know when to go single file should not ride too, or more ahead – it makes the road unsafe for them and other riders and angry local drivers.

If you need to pass, let the riders ahead know you are approaching as soon as you are in audible range (hark out "Water approaching"). Then, call again when you are close to start your pass. If the riders are too, or more ahead, ask them, courteously, to please move to single file so you can make a safe pass. When they are single file, and the road ahead is clear and it's safe to pull out, make a safe pass, then pull over to the right.

We'll share a special topic note online about passing and being passed in two weeks – just before Ride 1. We'll focus on this a lot at the beginning of the season as it makes us all much better riders (safer and more courteous) and improves the rider experience for everyone.

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