

**CROSSROADS HOG
SAFETY THOUGHT
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RIDE AND RIDER RATING SYSTEM

CROSSROADS is adopting a rating system that will help all of us as riders decide if a riding opportunity is appropriate for our skill level. I want to extend credit to Waterford HOG (riding out of ABC Harley Davidson, Waterford, Michigan) as we are using their system as a model for ours.

The ride planner or event coordinator will rate the ride according to this scale. You are responsible for rating your skill level and planning your participation accordingly.

These “scales” or “guidelines” are being offered as part of our continuing effort to enhance our group rides and their safety. The goal is to reduce the overall risk inherent in group riding.

Please review these carefully and thoroughly. Honestly use the Riders’ Skill Scale to rate your ability. Then choose your group rides accordingly. It will enhance your experience.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience for further discussion.

Respectfully,

Mike Hoffman – the safety guy.

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CROSSROADS HOG RIDE SCALE

- Level A = Minimum Skills Required**
- **Day ride or less**
 - **Maximum 200 miles**
 - **Minimal chance of rain (ie cancelled if rain is forecasted)**
 - **Slow to moderate speeds**
 - **Moderate traffic density**
 - **Good roads**
 - **Minimal expressway use**
- Level B = Average Skills Required**
- **Longer ride / multi-day**
 - **250 miles or more per day**
 - **100 miles between stops**
 - **Inclement weather riding possible**
 - **Variable traffic density**
 - **Paved roads – all types**
- Level C = Advanced Skills Required**
- **Longer ride / multi-day**
 - **300 miles or more per day**
 - **100+ miles between stops**
 - **Inclement weather riding possible**
 - **Variable traffic density – high density likely**
 - **All types of road surfaces**
 - **Challenging roads**
 - **Extended Expressway use**

CROSSROADS HOG RIDERS' SKILL SCALE

Level A = Minimum

- **Licensed rider (motorcycle endorsement)**
- **Capable of all basic riding skills**
- **Completed Crossroads Group Riding Training**
- **1000+ miles experience in varied riding environments (ie – Highway and city)**

Level B = Average

- **Licensed rider (motorcycle endorsement)**
- **Successfully completed MSF or comparable training**
- **Completed Crossroads Group Riding Training**
- **5000+ miles experience in varied riding environments**
- **Inclement weather experienced**
- **At least 2 group riding experiences at level A**

Level C = Advanced

- **Licensed rider (motorcycle endorsement)**
- **Successfully completed MSF, ERC, or comparable training**
- **Completed Crossroads Group Riding Course**
- **10,000+ miles experience in varied riding environments**
- **Inclement weather experienced in Group Riding**
- **Multiple (3 or more) group riding experiences at level B**
- **Experienced at riding mountainous terrain, extended expressway miles, and on all road surfaces**