



Helping Your Fellow Riders

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Recently Wade Massey sent me an email asking about an instance that had occurred to him on a ride up his ride to the main highway, and if there was a way that he could have handled it more effectively.

I could not think of any that I could add so I forwarded the question to the Texas District Educator.

The scenario was this:

While riding he came upon a major obstacle in the road, due to his fantastic riding abilities he was able to avoid the obstacle and come out the other side OK. Shortly afterwards he met several of the “Other” bikes heading for the same obstacle and did what he could to warn them. He was not sure if they understood the hand signs that he was giving or if they took it as the “Low Rider” wave that they are accustomed to getting.

So his question was, is there a more effective way to warn our fellow riders of something that they are

about to encounter?

J. Bourg’s reply, though there is no set hand signal for this, was that we could use the slow down sign. I know you are all familiar with this. But it is the left arm extended out to the side, palm flat, motioning the arm up and down slowly. It makes sense to me; sometimes the most obvious is the one that is staring you in the face.

NOW, although I did want to bring this to your attention that is not the topic that I was wanting to convey to you this month.

We all should be doing exactly what Wade did. Bring things to others attention for clarification or advice. As I have said many times before, I do not profess to know all the answers or even most of them. But you can bet your sweet bippy that I will do ever thing that I can to get you an answer. It may be a group discussion that will reveal the needed answer and if that is what it takes so be it.

This is one of the best benefits to group riding, each one of us doing SOMETHING to help keep the rest of the group a little safer.

Please do not be ashamed to ask, if you don’t ask you may never know. You will probably ask something that others have wondered about.

Thanks to Wade for posing the question, and thanks to J. Bourg for nudging us in the right direction.

And as always thanks to you all for your support and help.

Till next time, ride safe, take care of yourselves, and each other.

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