Road Hazards

Remember safety is each rider’s responsibility!

Hazard examples:

- The road surface itself with holes or cracks;
- Railroad crossings/tracks – obey the signal, when clear cross tracks perpendicular;
- Hazards on the road such as glass, gravel or road kill;
- Unexpected issues such a dog, pedestrian or cyclist stopped on the roadway.

Avoidance is key:

- Look ahead when riding to identify possible obstacles or problems in your path
- Plan your "escape" well in advance
- Stay Right: Ride in the right portion of the rightmost lane in the direction you are traveling and leave at least four feet between your handlebars and parked cars or other riders

Communication:

- The leader or first person in a group of cyclists (with best forward visibility) should call out and identify any hazards to warn following cyclists
- All other cyclists should also call out the hazard to ensure riders behind them are prepared, as well.

Adjust your personal safety zone to fit the weather conditions