

Just sitting here thinking about the last 20 years or so of riding and a few random thoughts came to mind...

Never:

...get on the wheel of a bike that has water bottles hanging from the rear of the seat... dead give away that this person may not be an experienced group rider... you will go down if you violate this rule with regularity...

...get on the wheel of a bike ridden by someone with a visor on their helmet or who is sporting a camelback... as Greg Jones once put it... the person might as well print "Fred" on their forehead... same principle applies as in the prior "never"...

..."pass if you can't last" no one likes a show off... especially one who is "posing"... eventually you will be humbled if you violate this standard... probably sooner than later....

...stand up when someone is on your wheel without announcing your impending move first... no one likes a surprise... especially one that often results in a wheel touch and crash...

...run a red light when you are leading a group into an intersection... think of your responsibility and how you would feel visiting at the hospital or worse yet attending the funeral...

...spit into the wind ...or to the right or left when riding in a group without announcing and checking first... body fluids are not welcome in this day and age...

...ride for any distance... period... without a helmet on your head... deaths occur at 10 mph... all those "pros" who think they control when they fall are kidding themselves...

...ride willingly with anyone else who is not wearing a helmet... Lance Armstrong might be an exception...

...take a pull in front of Kevin Strand... or any number of other club members who are notorious for "thank you very much" moves or asking if they can "help" just prior to attacking ... believe it or not there are those in the world who enjoy dropping you instead of watching you suffer...

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