

The Short List for Group Riding

1. Make sure you have a full gas tank and a full stomach.
2. Make sure you and your co-rider (passenger) have completed the necessary rest room visits before leaving.
3. Arrive at least 10 minutes prior to designated start time.
4. The Lead Rider, (sometimes called the Road Captain), should establish the communication signals and briefing before the run.
5. Review the Hand Signals Chart on the reverse side and learn them before the ride. During the ride, pass on any hand signals from the Lead Rider.
6. Those with little experience in group riding should advise the Lead Rider so as to be placed at the front of the group, just behind the Lead Rider.
7. Group riding should be done in staggered formation. This means that your bike should be a minimum of 2-3 seconds behind the bike directly in front of you, and 1-1.5 seconds behind the bike in the track next to you. This allows for sudden changes and gives you time to compensate. All is dependent on road conditions and curves.
PRIME DIRECTIVE: Do not hit the motorcycle in front of you.
Large gaps can cause problems for the Lead Rider and the rest of the group and can invite unwanted motorists into the group.
8. Maintain your starting line up position in the group until arrival at destination. This allows you to become familiar with the style and habits of those nearest to you in the group and promotes a safer ride.
9. The Lead Rider will hand signal for a lane change and all riders will hold their position and pass the signal to the rear. The Tail Gunner (Drag Bike) will change lanes first, at the first safe opportunity. The Lead Rider will see that the lane is clear and protected, will hand signal and then change lanes. Others behind him will follow in that order. Do not change lanes before the bike in front of you. No one, except the Tail Gunner, is to change lanes before the Road Captain / Lead Rider.
10. Do not try to prevent vehicles from entering the group.
11. Ride with "**Safety First**" attitude. Regardless of the hand signals or guidelines, if your situation is unsafe, Ride Your Own Ride until the danger has passed. This is your individual responsibility.
12. **No Alcohol consumption during Group Rides - PERIOD!**

GROUP RIDING SIGNALS



START ENGINES

With your right or left arm Extended, move your index Finger in a circular motion.



LEFT TURN

Raise your left arm horizontally with your elbow fully extended.



RIGHT TURN

Raise your left arm horizontally with your elbow bent 90 degrees vertically.



HAZARD LEFT

Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle and point towards the hazard.



HAZARD RIGHT A

Extend your right arm at a 45 degree angle and point towards the hazard.



HAZARD RIGHT B

Extend your right leg at a 45 degree downward angle to signal the hazard.



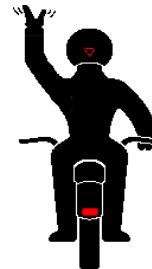
SINGLE FILE

Position your left hand over your helmet with your fingers extended upward. This indicates the leader wants the group in a single file formation. Usually this is done for safety reasons.



STAGGERED or SIDE-BY-SIDE FORMATION

Extend your left arm upward at a 45 degree angle with your index and pinkie finger extended. This indicates it is safe to return to staggered or side-by-side formation.



TIGHTEN UP

Raise your left arm and repeatedly opening and closing your hand. This indicates the leader wants the group to close ranks.



SPEED UP

Raise your left arm up and down with your index finger extended upward. This Indicates the leader wants to speed up.



SLOW DOWN

Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle and move your hand up and down.



STOP

Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle with the palm of your hand facing rearward.