



MAD RIVER HOG CHAPTER

Often during the meeting, **hand signals** are reviewed so that you can communicate with the other riders during the ride. Hand signals are a useful tool to keep the group aware and cohesive on the roadway. Your group is free to determine its own set of signals, but here's a review of some commonly used ones:

Hand Signals

Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



“START YOUR ENGINES”

To indicate that you're ready to go, place your hand (right or left) on top of the windshield. If you don't have a windshield, raise your hand. This tells the leader that your engine is running and you're ready to ride.

SLOW DOWN

Use either arm, straight down or palm toward the back. Move your arm back and forth at the elbow.

TURN SIGNALS

Most bikes have turn signals – use them.

Hand signals used in conjunction with turn signals give everyone in the group and other traffic a clear idea of your intentions.



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Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up



Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder



Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



Start-up - Leader indicates ready to Head out

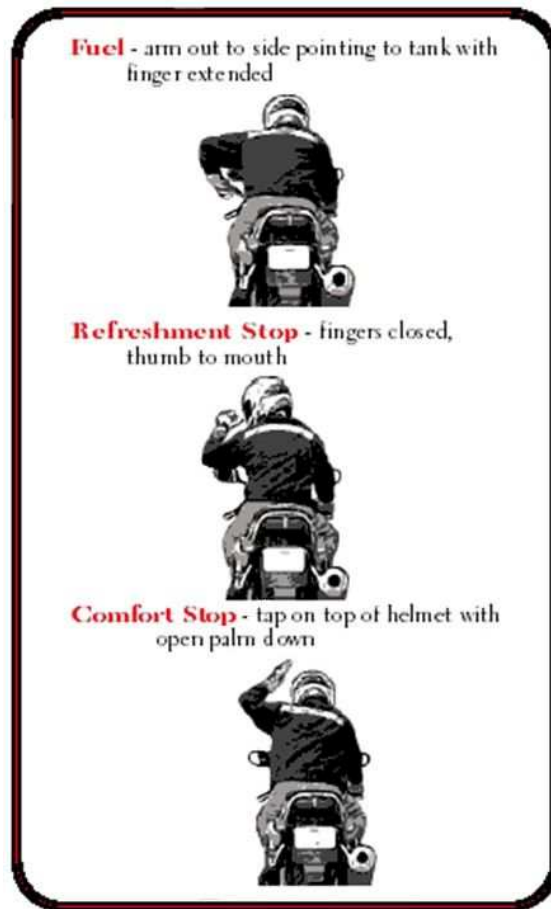


HAZARD on the ROAD

Point with left hand at the object. Sometimes in group riding, the road captain may wave his left arm back and forth above his head to alert the rest of the group. The road captain is the only person who should perform this maneuver. We will be using legs to notify of road hazards...not to confuse hand signals.



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FORMATION RIDING

Staggered Riding

- The lead motorcycle should be in the left 1/3 of lane, the second motorcycle should be in the right 1/3 of the lane, one second behind the first rider, and so on
- Leave enough room between each motorcycle so that any rider can maneuver to the right or left without hitting anyone else
- Always stay in line with the bike in front of you. Do not switch between the left and right side of the lane
- Trikes and bikes with sidecar: check with Road Captain for position

Single File Riding

All motorcycles ride in a single line, two seconds behind one another, in either the right or left third of the lane. The lead rider determines on which side of the lane the group will ride.