

## STAR Touring & Riding Assoc.

### RIDE RULES & REGULATIONS

- (1) All bikes will be maintained in a safe condition. Motorcycles with malfunctioning lights, brakes, or worn tires (less than 2/32 tread) will not be permitted to participate in a Chapter ride.
- (2) All rides should be pre-ridden by your **ROAD CAPTAIN(s)** to check for existing road conditions and to plan fuel and meal stops. Details of the ride should be reviewed with all riders before departing.
- (3) All motorcycles will be fueled (topped off) prior to arriving at your meeting area.
- (4) **The consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal narcotics/drugs will not be allowed while participating in a Chapter ride.**
- (5) All traffic laws will be strictly obeyed.
- (6) When riding in a group formation, motorcycles will be ridden in a staggered formation.
- (7) One rider will be designated as the **ROAD CAPTAIN**. The **ROAD CAPTAIN** is responsible for planning, mapping, and coordinating the ride. We recommend keeping ride groups limited to no more than six motorcycles per group.
- (8) One to two riders will be designated as the **TAIL GUNNER**. The **TAIL GUNNER** is responsible for keeping all riders in formation. Should a rider need to leave the group, only the **TAIL GUNNER** will stop to assist them.
- (9) Riders who elect to drop out of a ride (i.e. they do not desire to go further due to time constraints, prior commitments, etc) will notify the **TAIL GUNNER** (at the stop prior to leaving for the ride if possible) before doing so.
- (10) The **SERGEANT OF ARMS** is responsible for keeping the peace, enforcing chapter and Charter rules, and the collection of monies for tolls, etc.
- (11) **SHEPHERDS** will ride in the left track of the lane. New riders will be paired with a **SHEPHERD** and shall ride in the right track of the lane while maintaining a staggered formation.

- (12) Newer riders and their SHEPHERDS should be positioned toward the front of the group.
- (13) No ride will be ridden at a level that is above the capabilities of any rider.

### **RIDE SIGNALS**

All riders will familiarize themselves with the following hand signals (or signals as revised by the Chapter). These signals will be strictly adhered to at all times.

- (1) If a rider **NEEDS FUEL**, they will waive their left hand from side to side while pointing at their fuel tank. All forward riders will relay the signal until the **ROAD CAPTAIN** acknowledges it.
- (2) If the **ROAD CAPTAIN** wants the group to ride in a **SINGLE FILE FORMATION**, they will raise their left hand above their head with their index finger extended. All riders following the **ROAD CAPTAIN** will relay this signal back to the **TAIL-GUNNER**.
- (3) If the **ROAD CAPTAIN** wants the group to ride in a **DOUBLE FILE FORMATION**, they will raise their left hand above their head with two fingers extended, and waive the hand from their left to right. All riders following the **ROAD CAPTAIN** will relay this signal back to the **TAIL GUNNER**.
- (4) To signal a right turn or lane changes to the right, the **ROAD CAPTAIN** will hold their left arm out, bent at the elbow, with the hand along the rider's head.
- (5) To signal a left turn or lane changes to the left, the **ROAD CAPTAIN** will extend their left arm straight out from their body.
- (6) To signal that the group must **SLOW DOWN**, the left hand will be held downward with the open palm facing back.
- (7) To signal that the group must **STOP QUICKLY**, the left hand will be moved in a pumping motion along the left side of the bike, while using a close fist.
- (8) Riders will point to **ROAD HAZARDS** using the following method: If the hazard is in the right track of the lane, the rider should use their right foot to point toward the hazard. If the hazard is in the left track of the lane, the rider may point their left hand or left foot toward the hazard. Removing the right hand from the handlebar to point toward a hazard is not recommended as the rider should be able to access the use of the front brake at all times.

- (9) If the group becomes separated (i.e. some of your group doesn't make it through a signal light) the **ROAD CAPTAIN** will move the group to the right side of the roadway and slow down until the remaining riders have had a chance to catch up to the group. If the group becomes separated while making a right or left turn onto an intersecting street, the last rider in the preceding group will stop at the intersection to mark the way for the remaining riders.
- (10) **FREEWAY LANE CHANGES** will be made in the following order. The **ROAD CAPTAIN** will signal the lane change using hand signals only. The hand signal will be relayed down the group to the **TAIL GUNNERS**. The **TAIL-GUNNER/S** will move over into the lane and hold that lane open for the group. Once the lane has been secured, the two riders preceding the **TAIL-GUNNERS** will move over only if it is safe to do so. Turn signals will be used at this point. This procedure will be repeated, two bikes at a time, until the entire group has moved over.
- (11) **BREAKING INTERSECTIONS** is not allowed under any circumstances unless provided for by law (check your local State laws for clarification)

**MEMBER POSITION IN GROUP FORMATION**

	<u>LEFT SIDE</u>	<u>RIGHT SIDE</u>
<b>FIRST ROW</b>	Road Captain	Member
<b>SECOND ROW</b>	Shepherd	Member
<b>THIRD ROW</b>	Shepherd	Member
<b>FOLLOWING ROWS</b>	Member	Member
<b>LAST ROW</b>	Tail Gunner	Tail Gunner