

STAR Touring & Riding Assoc.

Chapter # _____, Chapter Name _____

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 motorcycles will be fueled (topped off) prior to arriving at our meeting area.
- (3) **No drinking or drugs while driving (or participating in a Chapter ride is allowed.**
- (4) All traffic laws will be strictly obeyed.
- (5) When riding in a group formation, motorcycles will be ridden in a staggered formation.
- (6) One rider will be designated as the **Road Captain**. The Road Captain is responsible for planning, mapping, and coordinating the ride. If the Chapter has a large group riding, it may be necessary to have two Road Captains so that the Chapter can break into two groups.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 the ride if possible) before doing so.
- (9) The Sergeant of Arms is responsible for keeping the peace, enforcing chapter and Charter rules, and the collection of monies for tolls, etc.

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**, he will raise his left hand above his head with his 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**, he will raise his left hand above his head with two fingers extended, and waive the hand from his left to his 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 his 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 hold his left arm straight out from his body, parallel to his back.
- (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) If the group becomes separated (i.e. some of the bikes didn't make it through a signal light) the last rider in the first group will flash the motorcycles high beam lights off and on. This signal will be relayed forward, until the **Road Captain** acknowledges it.
- (9) **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.
- (10) **BREAKING INTERSECTIONS** must be done with the total cooperation of other motorists on the road. We are requesting permission to **BREAK** the intersection, not demanding it. The two lead bikes will begin by securing the intersection. Once the intersection has been secured, the two lead riders will signal the group through. As the group drives through the intersection, they will automatically fall into a single file formation to the right side of the roadway, and travel no faster than 30 miles per hour. The two lead bikes will follow the group through the intersection and cautiously pass the group on the left. As bikes are passed, they may fall back into a double file formation. (**Check with your state authority to determine the legality of this maneuver**)

MEMBER POSITION IN GROUP FORMATION

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