

Blue Knights



Texas XXXIV

Road Rules

(Hand/Arm Signals)

1. **STOP:** Left hand, extended downward with palm facing backward.
2. **RIGHT TURN:** Left arm, extended upright with hand extended.
3. **LEFT TURN:** Left arm, extended straight out with hand extended.
4. **TURN AROUND:** Left arm, extended upright with hand, rotating in a circular motion. This is used for group riding as well as signaling an individual rider approaching.
5. **SINGLE FILE RIDING:** Left arm, extended upright with index finger pointed up. Used for narrow, winding roads, road obstruction and hazards.
6. **CLOSE UP FORMATION:** Left arm, extended upright and moved in an up/down motion (pumping) with fist closed. Used to tighten up or close riding formation, catch up and stay close. The R/C will use this to execute a group maneuver.
7. **ROAD HAZARD:** Pointing downward, with either hand, in the direction of the hazard. Used to warn fellow riders of potholes and debris in the road.
8. **STAGGERED RIDING:** Left arm, extended upright and four fingers, extended, waving side to side. Used on open roads and where there are a lot of turns. This style allows the rider some leeway for drifting and is our preferred style.
9. **DUAL RIDING:** Left arm, extended upright and two fingers, extended in a “V”. Used for two abreast where permitted.
10. **FUEL:** Pointing to your gas tank means you have switched to your reserve tank. Blow your horn to alert the R/C.
11. **OTHER:** Left arm, extended straight out with hand waving back and forth means come up to me or pass me.

Other signals may be used based on local agreements. Check with any group you plan to ride with beforehand, to be certain you know and understand the meaning of their signals.

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1. Ride in a Precise Formation: As road conditions permit.

2. Execute Signals and Turns Properly: (See hand signals section)

3. Do not Fool Around: No horseplay when riding with a group. Any member observing another member fooling around in formation should discuss it with that member and attempt to clear up the situation. If it should persist, bring it to the attention of the Road Captain (R/C) or one of the assistants.

4. Riding Positions:

a.) While on any run, the R/C or his assistant will ride in front. The President may ride along side or just behind the R/C depending on the formation in use. In the absence of the R/C and/or the assistants, who ever the R/C or President appoints will ride point.

b.) **The assistant R/C will ride at the rear unless otherwise directed by the R/C.** The assistant will be responsible for holding a lane open while making a lane change. He will also assist any member who may break down or fall behind. The R/C's will operate as a team and will watch for problems within the group. Watching for all signals and seeing the need for changes are major parts of the assistant R/C's job.

c.) Line up for a ride as follows: R/C, President, full color wearing members, followed by Sgt-at-arms, prospective members, and non-members. Bringing up the rear, the assistant R/C, and the tail gunner. Once you are in position, keep it for the remainder of the ride.

d.) The R/C will give instructions to all riders prior to the start of a ride. This will include, if known, the name, address, and phone number of the destination. When you arrive at the destination point, check in with the R/C.

e.) Each member shall make it his business to know the route taken.

5. Use common sense at all times.

a.) Anticipate your next move as well as those of the group.

b.) We are all aware of the proper safety procedures and the need for them. Let us exercise caution, at all times, and obey all traffic regulations.

c.) With regard to remaining alert, as one of the group, you must remember that the R/C from time to time will be giving a hand signal to execute a maneuver (pass, slow moving vehicle, make a turn, etc). He will be taking into consideration the size of the group and the distance necessary to get the club from one lane to another safely. Each member's assistance in executing the maneuver safely and smoothly will be of great help. Rear R/C's will help the group by getting out into the lane following the forward R/C's signal. By doing this he will help secure the change to execute the maneuver freely and safely. Stay in position during any lane change or direction maneuver.

d.) When the R/C gives a hand signal each member will display the hand signal. This will assist with all members to know what is happening.

6. LEAVING THE GROUP: If stopped, let your intentions be known to the R/C or his assistant(s). The convoy will be pulled into the nearest and safest location. The R/C's and or members he designates will return to the stopped rider. After ascertaining the problem, the R/C will then decide when to get the group on its way. The R/C or members he designates will assist in making arrangements to have the stopped rider and his bike taken care of, if necessary.

7. GAS STOPS: Get to know your machine's cruising range with regard to gas. Running out of gas or making gas stops with large groups is time consuming. **Therefore everyone will arrive with a full tank of gas and will top off their tank at every gas stop, no matter how small the amount. This will avoid staggered gas stops and possibly save time.**

8. Bike Maintenance: Maintain it carefully, this is considered a must. One person failing to check for loose wires, shorts, dead batteries, worn tires, or worn chains/belts, can take away from the pleasure of the club ride, (and the danger of neglected maintenance).

9. Wearing Apparel: It is strongly urged that on club rides each member wear his club colors. He/She should wear proper clothing when riding. Helmets are preferred. Strict adherence will provide for a long, successful and safe riding season.

