

Northwest Tennessee HOG

Hand Signals

There should be a few simple and easily learned hand signals to help communication between the **Ride Leader** and the group. All hand signals should be given with the left hand so the rider does not have to remove his or her hand from the throttle. All signals should come from the rider. Passengers should never give signals as this may be confusing.

Start your engines. The **Ride leader** points his or her left index finger into the air and makes a circular motion.

Slow down. Arm straight down, palm facing back. Move your arm like you are pushing something back.

Road Hazard. Point with your left hand to hazards on the left. Point with your right foot to hazards on the right.

Need gas. Point at your gas tank.

Need food. Point at your mouth.

Flash brake lights rapidly. Be prepared to stop quickly.

Stay behind me. Arm out, palm facing back.

Pass me. Arm out, waving forward.

Staggered Formation. Left hand straight up with thumb and little finger extended, all other fingers closed.

Single file. Left hand straight up with index finger extended. All other riders will repeat this and assume single file formation, with two seconds between riders. **Ride Leader** will signal when road conditions permit a return to staggered formation.

Cop is close. Tap top of helmet.