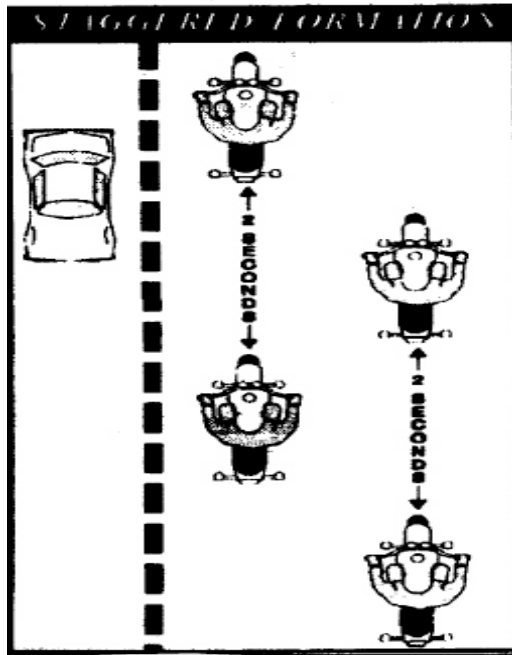


Northwest Tennessee HOG

Road Rules

Some of these tips may be part of your everyday riding habits, but some may be new to you and will make your group riding experience more enjoyable. These techniques will allow groups of 6 or more to stay together, ride safely and enjoy the trip.

1. All riders are to arrive **on time** and ready to ride, including a **full tank of gas**, bathroom stop, and a full belly; unless it is a supper or a similar ride. Introduce the **Ride Leader** and the **Tail Rider**.
2. The **Ride Leader** or **Road Captain** is in charge. He or she is responsible for speed, lane changes, gas, food, and bathroom stops. All directions to the group come from the Ride Leader.
3. Obey all signals from the **Road Captain**—He or she is the boss. Always signal the rider behind you by using hand signals passed back by the rider in front of you. Do not assume that the rider behind you has seen a signal from another rider. The first rider to spot a potential road hazard should identify it and pass the signal along.
4. The **Tail Rider** assists the Ride Leader in maintaining group formation by insuring that slower riders keep up and assists other riders that may drop out due to a problem. The Tail Rider is the first rider to change lanes on multi-lane roads to “close the door” to that lane to other vehicles. This allows the group to change lanes without being obstructed by other traffic.
5. The maximum speed of any event will be to keep up with the flow of traffic or as posted by law.
6. Group riding requires safe riding habits. Safety and fun is the number one rule, and endangering other riders will not be tolerated.
7. Keep a safe distance from the bike in front of you. Know the stopping power of your motorcycle. Try to maintain a constant speed to avoid “rubber-banding.”
8. Normal group formation is staggered. The **Ride Leader** will ride in the left 1/3 of the lane. The second rider rides in the right 1/3 of the lane staying one-second behind rider one. Rider 3 maintains in the left position, two-seconds behind rider 1. The fourth rider would keep a two second distance behind rider 2. Another method of spacing is to ride at a distance where you can see the face of the rider in front of you in their rear-view mirror.



9. Remember the “**Buddy System**”- If your riding partner has problems or needs to pull over, pull over with him, or signal the Road Captain so he can find a safe place for the group to pull over. If the problem can not be resolved quickly, the Road Captain or chapter officer will determine what to do next. Also, if you decide to leave the group for any reason, please be sure to notify the Road Captain or a chapter officer.
10. Stay close to each other going through intersections and traffic signals, so the group doesn't get cut in two. When leading a group, especially with traffic at intersections, always make sure all riders in the group can make it through the intersection before pulling out. If, for any reason, all riders can't make it, pull over at the first available safe place to regroup.
11. Stay in your starting positions unless signaled to change. Try to maintain a constant speed to avoid “rubber-banding.”
12. New riders, even if they are experienced but new to your group, should be placed toward the front.

Our goal is to have fun and arrive at our destination safely.

These are the Road Rules that will be followed by our Chapter for the purpose of safety of all persons participating in a ride with our Chapter.