

Motorcycle pre-ride safety briefing:

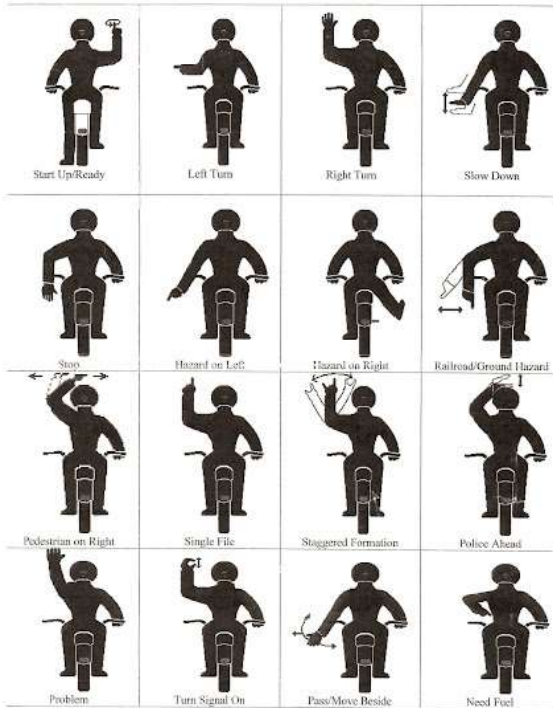
Good morning,

Thank you for joining us today. Before we start our ride, let's go over some important safety rules and procedures.

1. ****Preparation****: Please ensure your motorcycles are fueled up and ready to go.
2. ****Hand Signals****: Communication is key during our ride. We'll be using standard hand signals to cue the group about upcoming turns, stops, and potential hazards. We'll review these signals shortly. Please pass the hand signals down the line so other riders know what's happening.
3. ****Ride Strategy****: Our ride today will cover approximately X miles, with planned stops at Y and Z. We anticipate the ride to last about N hours, including breaks.
4. ****Group Lead and Sweep****: (Name) and (name) will serve as the road captain and tail gunner for today's ride. The road captain will ride at the front of the group, and the tail gunner will ride at the back, ensuring no one is left behind. ***For groups over seven bikes the road captain and tail gunner will communicate via radio.***
6. ****Riding Formation****: We'll be riding in a staggered formation. This gives each rider enough space to maneuver and react to unexpected situations.
 - *The road captain will be on the left side of the lane, the second rider on the right, and so on. Please adhere to the 2 second rule between bikes. (One second between the bike on the right or left and 2 seconds behind the bike directly in front of you.)
 - * This also greatly reduces the gaps (rubber band effect) in the group, which create unsafe riding conditions if cars are able to insert themselves between the formation. We recommend our less experienced riders' line up behind the road captain.
 - *We will ride in single file on narrow roads and through curves. Please look for a hand signal from the group leader before reverting to a staggered formation, and don't forget to pass the signal to the rider behind you!
7. ****Group Separation****: Despite best efforts, sometimes the groups become separated. When that happens, the road captain will slow the front group or pull over, when safe to do so, to allow the rear group to catch up. Please allow the tail gunner to take the lead until the group is reunited.
8. ****Entering Roadways/Highways**: Make turns single file! Scan the road, right left right left when safe to do so move out into the road and form up, when safe, in the staggered formation.

Remember, safety is our top priority. Always ride at your own pace and respect everyone's space. Let's create a rhythm, build trust, and most importantly, enjoy the ride!

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Hand Signals

(Road Captain has option of handing out this page or going over common hand signals during the briefing.)