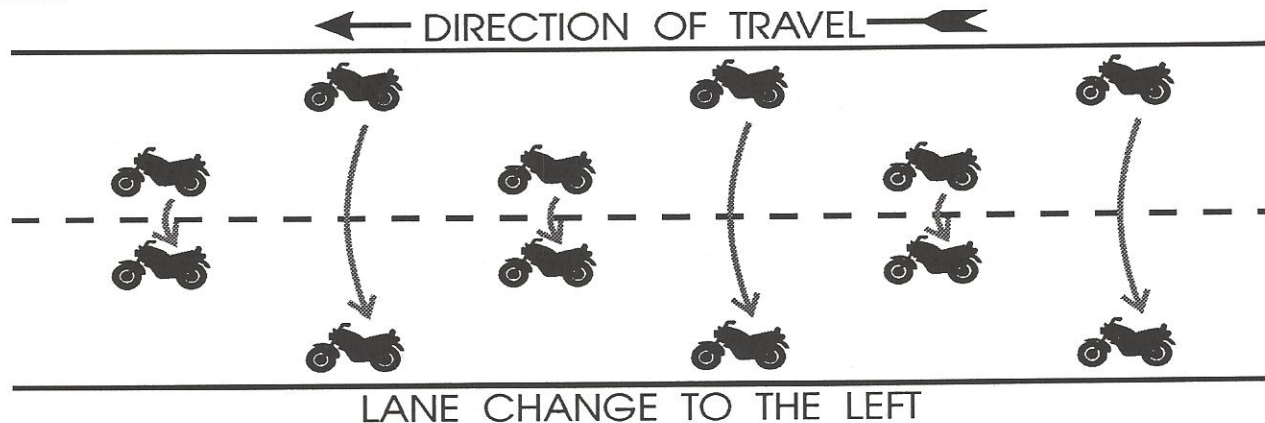


# Empire City Motorcycle Club

## Rules for Formation Riding

1. The double file staggered formation is standard for group riding. Each bike is one length to the side and two bike lengths behind the one in front. This provides maximum maneuverability in an emergency. At speeds over 40mph, the distance between bikes increases proportionately. Maintain a safe distance, but try to avoid holes into which cars may slip, disrupting the formation.



2. When changing lanes in a 4+ lane highway, the Road Captain signals the change. This signal is passed back to the Assistant Road Captain at the end of the formation who, when it is safe, executes the change. After the Assistant Road Captain has safely taken the lane the Road Captain will signal the group to execute the lane change. Note that your relative position in the formation will probably change - instead of being on the left, you'll probably be on the right - this is because the Road Captain always hugs the highway dividing line.
3. When passing a vehicle on a 2 lane road, only one bike at a time will pass. When it's your turn, move into the left column of the formation, assess the safety of passing, and pass when it's safe. Once you've passed, assume a position in the right column to allow the bike passing behind you maximum space. After he's passed, assume your normal position.
4. If the Road Captain feels a single file is expedient (i.e. for a narrow road), he will signal.
5. If some of the group are separated at a red light, the Road Captain will halt the column and wait, or continue at a reduced speed. Under no circumstances will he make any turns until all are rejoined.
6. Each biker is responsible for the bike immediately behind him and is to signal ahead to the road Captain if this bike drops out. Check your rear-view mirrors regularly.
7. Each bike must have its headlight on while in formation. Not only is it the law, but it makes you more visible to everyone on the road.

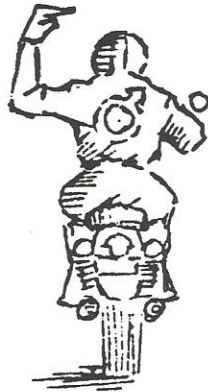
**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR STANDARD FORMATION RIDING SIGNALS**

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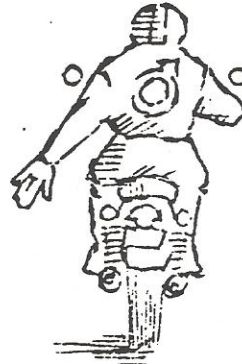
## Formation Riding Signals



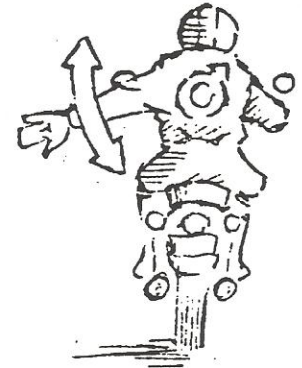
**LEFT TURN or LANE CHANGE** - use blinker or standard arm signal.



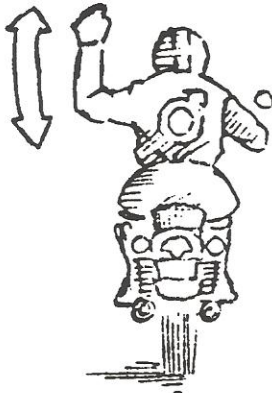
**RIGHT TURN or LANE CHANGE** - use blinker or standard arm signal.



**STOP** - left arm at 60°, palm facing back.



**SLOW DOWN** - arm up and down, 60 - 90°, as in a "C".



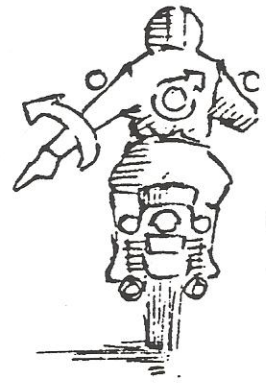
**SPEED UP** - arm up and down, elbow 90-120°, fist clenched.



**SINGLE FILE** - one finger pointing up above helmet.



**STAGGERED DOUBLE FILE** two fingers pointing up above helmet



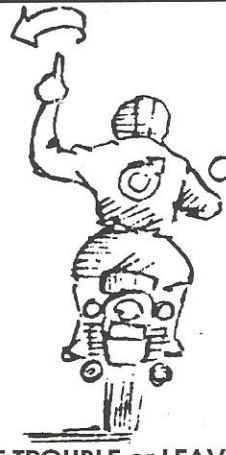
**ROAD HAZARD** - moving a finger in a circular fashion while pointing to hazard on road



**GAS NEEDED** - pat helmet with left hand.



**SIGNAL BLINKER ON** - rapid opening and closing movement of thumb and fingers



**BIKE TROUBLE or LEAVING FORMATION** - circle hand above head with finger pointing up: "STOP & REGROUP"

### NOTE:

In passing signals forward to the Road Captain, flashing lights bright-dim or honking horn may be needed to attract attention