



## Group Riding Guidelines

- 1) It's important that you **ride you own ride**. Riding in a group does not mean you surrender any decision making when it comes to your safety. We want this to be a safe and enjoyable ride for everyone.
- 2) We ride as one group in a staggered formation, leave room following the rider ahead of you by 3 seconds. Leave enough room per lane so each rider can maneuver side-to-side. We try to set a pace that everyone will be comfortable with. If you don't feel comfortable keeping up, find a safe place to pull over, the tail rider will stop and help you out. If you have a mechanical problem, pull over someone will stop to help you. We won't leave anyone behind.
- 3) Please do not block intersections, it is not legal and we want to have a good image for the Hosanna! Bikers. We have processes in place to get the group back together.
- 4) Move into a single file formation as you approach a bicycle, pedestrians or obstacles, using the "One lane" hand signal to warn riders behind you. If there is gravel in an intersection we may signal with a "**flat palm**" gesture. You can also point out any road kill in the lane to warn the riders behind you. Keep score if you like.
- 5) We will leave a "drop" (biker on shoulder of road facing direction of turn) when making turns if the group gets spread out. If you get separated from the group, continue riding, there will be a "drop" rider stopped at the corner marking the direction of the turn. Feel free to grade them on their performance.
- 6) While riding, don't fixate on the motorcycle in front of you. Instead, remember your basic training. Look well through the turn to where you want to go. Let us know if you haven't ridden with a group before, we will put you in the line with some grizzled veteran riders.
- 7) Let the tail rider know if you are planning on leaving the ride early so we can bid you a fond farewell.
- 8) If you have a CB we will be on Channel 5.
- 9) Obey all traffic safety laws and yes, pray at every opportunity!

**Ride Safe!**