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# Director's Family Message



Kris's Farewell.

Huge thank you to every one of you that was part of the organisation and co-ordination with the procession, every road captain and all the Chapter's committee members for all the difficult decision making, during a difficult time for every one of you also.

We were deeply touched by the flowers, messages, donations & of course all the riders and organisers of the procession. To Trigger, I know this was also a difficult time with his own family loss of his loving mother and having the strength to make Kris's last journey as smooth with clockwork precision as one of his best ever journeys.



A very heart felt thank you to, Grum & Sally for your very warm support to all our family and the co-ordination with the funeral, food and everything during our very difficult time. I really don't know how I can thank you two gorgeous people with huge hearts. I know that Kris would be looking down with all the thanks in the world with you being there as the go between taking care of his family.

To Marcus for his big heart having the strength to do the eulogy on behalf of the NSW Hogs, and the hard work with the shed. To Roundy for having the focus to take me on the back of "Gruvy". You did a wonderful job, the way Kris would have wanted.

I can't imagine how to thank Brook & Grum with the photos and music. It was so perfect.

Our boys, Ben & Josh also feel like they are part of a very big family now and understand and feel all the love that many of you felt after the loss of their Dad Groovy.



I don't know how to thank you all, but I know you guys did this all because we are all part of one big family.

Jo Grove





# Groovy-Tributes & Memories



## One Last Ride

On January 5th 2015 we all were invited to take one last ride with our dear friend, our mate Kris Grove (Gruvy) who sadly past away on December 27/12/2014. Gruvy was everyone's mate, friend and in some cases mentor. He will always be remembered as a big guy with a big heart and a much bigger laugh.

You will always ride with us our big friend. Our thanks go out to Joanne, Ben, Josh and family for the honour of sharing your husband and father's last ride with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family Kris .

Stuart (Roundy) & Kaye Hulbert



Hell of a start to the New Year losing Groovy. He had big plans for the Premier Chapter and it's up to the club to do him proud, so let's get on with it and pull together to "take the cake" in whatever the club is doing.

Marcus





# Groovy-Tributes & Memories (Cont'd)



One of the saddest rides I have ever taken part in departed Fraser motorcycles on Monday January 5th 2015.

The support for Groovy and his family started to form up at Frasers from 11.00am and the numbers didn't surprise us as Kris Groovy Grove was a great man, a fantastic chapter member and an even better family man. The number of supporters soon filled the car park. By the time the motorcycle Hearse arrived both car parks were full to overflowing.

We departed Frasers at 12.30pm sharp with 148 bikes & 38 pillions as we made our way down the M4 for the short trip to Rookwood. With road captains covering all turns the large group arrived at the gates ready to enter Rookwood cemetery on time, safe and intact.

On arrival we found that the group led by Sally that left before the main ride, and ten to fifteen other bikes who had rode straight to the chapel had done a fantastic job in pre-setting the parking format so that the honour guard could set up with minimal fuss as timing was critical.

When all riders stood beside their bikes, it was a very emotional moment. The silence was amazing and with our right arms folded across our chest with a closed fist on our hearts we stood as one in support of our very dear friend Kris" Groovy" Grove as the motorcycle Hearse slowly rolled to its final resting place.

A very sad day but one in which Groovy would have been proud of.

Thank you for the support of NSW HOG Chapter members, Sydney HOG Chapter members, Liverpool HOG Chapter members, Blacktown HOG Chapter members, family and friends.

Together we made this day a day many will remember for many years to come

R.I.P Kris "Groovy" Grove gone but not forgotten

Ride Safe & Have Fun

Roy (Trigger) Rogers





# Groovy-Tributes & Memories (Cont'd)



R.I.P Kris (Groovy). Give the next stage of your life the Groovy touch. You will be missed so much by us all.

Don (Hammer) & Sylvia (Straight Line)  
Christou



The 4 Bears Café, The Whitty Café and Winton will never be the same. Your free spirit took us on many adventures and will continue to do so. Ride on mate.

Warwick (Cappa) &  
Louise (Go Back)  
Gibson



It would be great to make a special mention to all of Groovy's charity work. We would love it to be mentioned that he made such a huge difference to the lives of so many people with Muscular Dystrophy. The Harley Ride 4 MD was the most successful it has ever been in 2014 raising \$10,000.

Kags Garrard





## Groovy-Tributes & Memories (Cont'd)



Thanks for leading a magical ride yesterday [*5 Ferries Ride, 14/12/14*] and please pass on my thanks to the organisers. It was exactly what the doctor ordered, no medicine could heal the mind as does cruising amongst picturesque countryside with kind, like minded people. Truly phenomenal and internally grateful.

Hayley Gibson

On a road trip to WA whilst staying in a motel complex in Margaret River a man approached us and asked if his daughter could have her picture taken with us and the bikes. Of course we said yes. Out came a bride unseen by anyone else, we lined up by our bikes probably all thinking (pick me) but she went straight to Groovy, he laughed and in his own words he said "I'm just a chick magnet". We can't help but smile now every time we look at the photo.

Derek (Tugger) & Shirley Wade

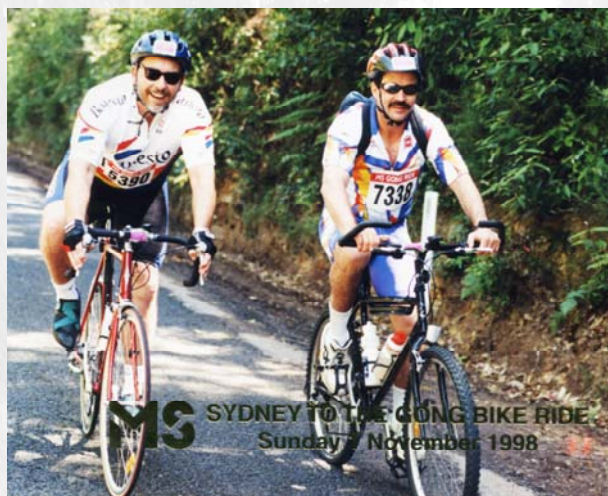
The Angel of the open road  
Came for my friend one day.  
She pulled along beside him  
Said "It's time - you cannot stay.  
These earthly, winding, twisting bends,  
You've chanced them with your biker friends,  
But there are others I can show -  
Come ride with me, we have to go"  
He asked if he could say goodbye  
To those he'd leave behind.  
She smiled and said "They'll hear you friend  
Within their heart and mind.  
So open up that throttle now  
And set aside your fear.  
We'll ride beyond the rushing wind -  
Don't worry, I'm right here.  
Lay down your earthly body now,  
Your spirit's safe with me".  
She led the way, he followed on,  
And now my friend is free.

Ian (Sweepa) Alderton





# Groovy-Tributes & Memories (Cont'd)





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# Assistant Director's Report



Hi All

Well 2014 is done and dusted and what a year it has been. There were the highs: excellent rides like Cairns, Tumut and Jamberoo to name a few, many new additions to families (Rushmores and Glides) as well as the odd baby here and there. There were also the lows: The loss of our Director and friend Groovy: with our deepest sympathies going to Jo and the boys. The one thing that has struck me as amazing and made me proud to be a NSW HOG member, is the support and friendship we have all shared during the year which is what has held us together as a group, especially during our difficult last few weeks. A big thank you to Trigger and Grum for getting the funeral organised. It was an honour and a privilege to be a part of it. The club will continue on the path set by the previous committee, we will keep moving forward building on the great work already done, riding and having fun.

I would like to thank you all for your kind words of support since the election. I really think this is the best HOG group around, the Premier Chapter, which is only possible because of the people in it. So if you see me about please come and have a chat or drop me an email at [assistantdirector@hognsw.com.au](mailto:assistantdirector@hognsw.com.au). I'd love to hear what you think.

Thinking back (which now seems so far away) the Christmas party was an absolute hoot and a big thank you goes to Sweepa for organising and running the night. There were a few sore heads in the morning some more than others (you know who you are). Another big thank you goes to our sponsoring dealer for donating a heap of great prizes as well as Jo and Tony Politis for their generous donations including spa packs and Dragin jeans and Lesley for the beautifully exotic Christmas quilt that went to a loving home.

There were some great rides at the end of the year including the 5 Ferries and Sofala runs, which were both very well attended. We've also had a couple of new members rides and a Ladies Choice run to the markets at Windsor, which are terrific quick rides for those of us who are a bit time poor. The National Rally at Tamworth is not far away and when we are in Cowra we will be doing some slow riding practice at Budgies Pub to get ready for the chapter challenge. The 2015 ride calendar looks good so come along and enjoy your bike your mates and the country side.

Lastly, I hear that HD TV will be hosting a party at Frasers late February (dates to follow) so this is definitely a DO NOT MISS event: get yourself on the tele and support the club. We will also be looking at a "Street Party" and some more exciting ideas to follow so stay tuned. Also in the wind is a new, yes new, BBQ. Those flames coming out from the wrong place on the BBQ at the last demo day was a bit of a worry.

That's all from me. Keep safe and if you're not having fun you're doing it wrong.

*The Vicar*



# Secretary's Report



Hi everyone,

This is my first report as Secretary, and what a privilege it is to be accepted for this role and work with the new committee.

The upcoming year looks to be filled with lots of activities which I am sure our new Activities Officer (Desal) will be advertising.

Our new membership appears to be growing which is great news and we welcome all the new members. Our new Membership Officer (Grum) has been busy ensuring all our membership details are up to date.

As reported at our last Chapter meeting the NSW HOGLINE has now been cancelled and all notifications for ride changes cancellations etc. will be via the **NSW HOG APP** which can be downloaded from <http://nswhog.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop#.VI-p1yuUcfU>

The 2014 Chapter Christmas party that was held at the Mecure Parramatta, was a blast, many of the members dressed up as Christmas. We had everyone from Christmas presents to Jesus.



I would like to thank Tony and Jo Politis for their generous donations to the raffle prizes, as well as Frasers who donated a large amount of merchandise. And finally to Leslie Newton who donated a great quilt (which was most sort after) as the lucky door prize.

A lot of dancing drinking and merriment was well expressed across those who attended.



Join Dundo and HDTV as they ride to the 2015 National H.O.G Rally.

## Tassie to Tamworth

**February 24th - 27th 2015**

Join us as we stop in at Harley-Davidson Dealerships along the way. Get a sponsor for every km you ride and raise money for the 'Brighter Days Foundation'.

Tues 24th - Tassie to Melbourne / Wed 25th - Melbourne to Albury  
Thurs 26th - Albury to Sydney / Fri 27th - Sydney to Tamworth

For more information please contact [info@hdtv.net.au](mailto:info@hdtv.net.au)

**HDTV - Monday's at 8pm on 4ME (ch74/64)**

As mentioned at our January '15 meeting, HDTV is doing a ride from Tassie to Tamworth, stopping at dealerships along the way. There will be a party at Fraser Motorcycles on Thursday Night 26th February with the Screaming Eagles playing. If you are thinking of coming to the Party please email Desal at [activitiesofficer@nswhog.com.au](mailto:activitiesofficer@nswhog.com.au) so we can inform Frasers of intended numbers.

Sweepa



# Activity Officer's Report



Since last Xmas and the AGM I have taken over from "Sweepa" Alderton's capable management of the Activity Officer's role. I am still in transition and learning the ropes.

We have a number of important events coming up, the first being the National Rally in Tamworth which has been totally booked out. The main ride leaves on Wednesday the 25th February led by Sweepa. The ride will stop over at Forster on that evening and Bellingen on the 26th arriving in Tamworth for the 27th. A second group is heading up on Friday the 27th and making a bee line straight to Tamworth. Any one who is already booked for Tamworth but wants to ride up on the Friday please contact me.

The next major event is our Easter Ride to Nundle for the "Shearer's Feast and Entertainment". Originally part of the Wombramurra Station, the DAG sheep station still retains the original wool sheds, shearer's quarters and mess hall which have been converted to high quality accommodation. Bookings are filling up fast so if you want to book be quick. Leaving 4th April (Saturday) and overstay on Saturday and Sunday nights, sightseeing and possibly shopping. A great weekend with great entertainment and food.

We are in the planning phase for the "Brass Monkey" Queens Birthday weekend ride to Mudgee. Watch out for further info.

I would also extend an invitation to all members with any suggestions for activities during 2015 to please email me at the Activities Officer link on the Chapter webpage or phone me on 0403 484 686. So far we have been considering a Chapter "drag racing nite" later in the year. Any thoughts?

DeSal



# Safety Officer's Report



Hi all

For the second time this year I met with our members at the HART complex at St Ives on 9th November to complete a Hart Australia Roadcraft Training ,Advanced Rider Course 2 levels 8/9.

We were introduced to our instructors, Ken and Dave, and did a bit of theory i.e. learn to know your motorcycle, before heading out to the track.

With 10 members attending, including 1 Perfect Pillion, the next 8 hours was spent by the members familiarising themselves with their bikes and the PP's with their pillioning skills, with a well earned BBQ lunch break. Activities included posture, counter steering, counter braking, quick stops, throttle control and low speed manoeuvring. After this it was back to the classroom for the handing out of certificates.

All members completed the course on the day which are Deanne Caruana, Darren Hoschke, Hugh McCourt, James Green, Phil Barlow, Glen Ashcroft, Ralph Garcia, Rodney Vinnicombe, Rob Murray and NSW HOG's third HART trained Perfect Pillion Christine Ford.

A big thanks to our instructors, Ken and Dave, for sharing their wisdom with us.

The course is great for all levels of riders. Today completed a great effort by our members over the last 12 months with 20 riders and 3 Perfect Pillions completing this course.

In the coming year the Chapter will be running Advanced Rider Course 2 HART (at HART St Ives) and possibly an on-track Advanced Rider Course 3 at Sydney Motorsport Park (Eastern Creek). The ARC 3 has yet to be confirmed by the course provider. We will also be running a motorcycle specific First Aid Course.

Cheers,

*Smiddy*

# Post Director's Note

With the National Rally looming it's time to start practicing your Chapter Challenge events, at least the slow ride. Anyone attending the Cowra ride on the Australia Day weekend should be aware that a practice paddock is available right beside the Australian Pub and a morning of practice will be a fun morning.

I am told by our Quarter Master (Roundy) that we have a number of cool items under way that will clearly identify us as the NSW Chapter. Do we need to get white wigs??

Looking forward to a fun filled 2015.

*Marcus - Past Director*



## Member's Forum

### MID WEEK SOCIAL RIDES

We are proposing midweek social rides which will take place every Thursday, leaving Frasers at 8.30am and generally returning before 1:00pm.

These are not official Hog rides but are rides for those who are lucky to have the spare time. Anyone interested should call Phil Barlow (Lucky Phil) on 0400 815 060.

Lucky Phil

## “Ladies Choice” Ride-Windsor Markets

Sunday 21 December was the Ladies Choice ride (Windsor Markets). The ride started a little overcast but it soon warmed up for the Ladies of Harley run to Windsor. Led by Desal and Sweepa as Shotgun (Smiddy pulled Tail End Charlie) a meandering trail of bikes set off via the M4 Motorway, Silverwater Road and Pennant Hills Rd towards Glenorie and then headed off along Cattai Ridge Rd, exiting onto Windsor Road at Boundary Rd near Vineyard. We all formed up at Windsor and scattered for much needed Xmas shopping. In all three LOH riders came along, LOH perfect pillions gave support but the guys were well and truly represented. A quiet Sunday interlude with good friends. Shame we got the call that our dear Director Kris Groovy Grove fell ill that morning.

Desal





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## Tassie to Tamworth



### Ride itinerary

#### **Day 1: Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2015**

- Midday lunch and filming event with HDtv at Richardsons Harley-Davidson
- Ride to Devonport and board the Spirit of Tasmania (96.4km, 1hr ride)
- Overnight trip to Melbourne

#### **Day 2: Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2015**

- Arrive in Port Melbourne at 6am disembark the Spirit of Tasmania, ride to Harley-City Brunswick (16km, 30min ride)
- \*For Geelong riders, depart Geelong Harley-Davidson at 8am, ride to Harley-City, Brunswick (82km, 1hr10min ride)
- Depart Harley-City at 12pm, ride to Phil's Garage Harley-Davidson in Albury, N.S.W (324km, 3.5hr ride)

*Recommended accommodation:* Best Western Motor Inn

#### **Day 3: Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**

- Depart Phil's Garage in Albury, ride to Fraser Harley-Davidson in Concord, Sydney (553km, 6hr ride)



- Thursday night the Screamin' Eagles will play live at Fraser Harley-Davidson's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party along with HDtv.

*Recommended accommodation:* Best Western Ashfield Phillip Lodge Motel

**Day 4: Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

- Depart Fraser Harley-Davidson in Sydney, ride to the National HOG Rally in Tamworth (405km, 5hr ride) and the official opening night party with the Screamin' Eagles live.

*Recommended accommodation:* Best Western Plus All Settlers Motor Inn and Best Western Sanctuary Inn

**Day 5 onwards: enjoy the H.O.G Rally at your own leisure**

Visit the website [australlanationalrally.com](http://australlanationalrally.com) for details of the event.

**Dealerships/venue addresses:**

Richardsons Harley-Davidson: 458 Westbury Rd, Prospect Vale, Tasmania  
 Spirit of Tasmania, Devonport terminal: The Esplanade, East Devonport  
 Geelong Harley-Davidson: 506-508 Latrobe Boulevard, Newtown  
 Harley-City Brunswick: 770 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
 Phil's Garage Harley-Davidson Albury: 401 Wagga Rd, Lavington  
 Fraser Motorcycles Sydney: 153-165 Parramatta Rd, Concord

Best Western provide Rider-Friendly accommodation for all H.O.G members with a 10% discount, 10% bonus points on Best Western Rewards, access to a cleaning station and onsite parking for your Harley, plus loads more.



**HDtv team:**

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# RIDE THE WILD DOG



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- Vendors and more...

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First 45 Tent City bookings will receive 2 tickets to win trip to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sturgis in 2015 with Heavy Duty Motorcycle Tours in the Prize Pool.

- Accommodation onsite supplied by Tent City. All tents supplied with mattresses & full linen (byo towel) carpet, door mats, fully screened, vinyl floors and 12 volt lighting. Can be solo, double or triple share.
- Camping, RV and Caravan sites also available on site (power but no pump outs)
- Motel & Hotel Accommodation in Warragul & Drouin is held under HOG and will only be held until November 30, 2014

<http://www.lardnerpark.com.au>

Go to Services Directory for complete accommodation listing including Caravan Parks & B&B's

Registrations open June 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November

Enquiries: [rally2015@ozhog.com.au](mailto:rally2015@ozhog.com.au)  
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# Ride and Event Calendar 2014-2015

Sat 3rd Jan	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get acquainted
Tue 13th Jan	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 17th Jan	Patonga	4.00pm	Twilight Ride enjoy the evening
Sun 25th Jan	Australia Day	9.00am	McDonalds McGraths Hill Windsor Rd to Australian Hotel Cowra
Mon 26th Jan	Australia Day		Overnighter
Sat 7th Feb	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get acquainted
Tue 10th Feb	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Wed 25 Feb	Chapter Ride to Nat Rally	9.00am	McDonalds Thornleigh to Forster & Bellingen
Fri 27th Feb	24th National HOG Rally	9.00am	Tamworth
Sun 1st Mar	24th National HOG Rally		Tamworth
Sat 7th Mar	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get acquainted
Tue 10th Mar	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 28th Mar	Midnight To dawn	T.B.C	Test Yourself with this one!
Fri 3rd Apr	Good Friday		
Sat 4th Apr	New Member Ride	9.00am	An easy ride to get acquainted
Sat 4th Apr	Nundle Old Dag Sheep Station	9.00am	Long Weekend Ride
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Sunday		Take the opportunity to step back in time
Mon 6th Apr	Easter Monday		100 year old wool sheds
Tue 14th Apr	Chapter Meeting	7.30pm	Dinner and Catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 25th Apr	Anzac Day Poker Run	9.00am	A hand of Poker through the day

## Additional Information

Please see ride flyer for ride departure information as event changes may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

All rides depart @ 0900am from Gloria Jean's , 9 George Street North Strathfield unless otherwise stated. All New Members Rides leave from FRASER'S car park at Concord.

Changes to rides and other events may occur due to poor weather or circumstances beyond our control. In the event of any changes a message will be sent via the **NSW HOG APP** prior to rides and events. **NSW HOG APP** can be downloaded from <http://nswhog.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop#.VI-p1yuUcfU>.

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# Road Captains

## Head

### ROAD CAPTAIN

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Mark Baresic (Sparkles)



### ROAD CAPTAINS

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Mark Newton (Marcus)



Tony Politis (Big T)



Brook Hatherley (Shieldsy)



Robert Carlson (Robbo)



Don Christou (Hammer)



Ian Alderton (Sweepa)



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### ROAD CAPTAINS

Brad O'Connor (Budgie)



Jo O'Sullivan-Politis  
(Road Mistress)



Derek Wade (Tugger)



Garry Wallace (RoboCop)



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Harry Turner (Hazza)



Tony Esposito



Craig Pollard (Pasha)



Sally Zheng (Desal)



# NSW Chapter HOG Ride Rules

Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness & concentration. It is stressed that these guidelines are provided for your information to enhance overall safety & ride enjoyment. Ultimately you are responsible for your own judgment & decisions whilst riding your Harley.

- Know your limits & ride within them; never ride above your abilities: Mental, Physical, Motorcycle, Environment, Experience level
- Make sure your bike is mechanically ready for a run. If you are experiencing any problems sort them out before the run. No bald tyres.
- Fuel up before the meeting place.
- Arrive at least twenty minutes before the posted leaving time.
- When asked to form up for departure please do so immediately, so that we can depart on time.
- Never ever pass the front Road Captain. They have been given the responsibility to set the pace & get you to the final destination as a group.
- Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band" effect.
- Novices or riders that are new should ride at the rear or near the back.
- Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file on winding or narrow roads.
- Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead.
- Riding side by side is very dangerous. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- Never come up on the motorcycle in front of or beside you. The rider may need to swerve suddenly to avoid an obstacle in front.
- In a staggered or single line formation, do not pass the bike in front of you (see following page). If a rider leaves the group & a gap appears indicate then move forward & across to fill the position.
- When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside & drop behind in single formation.
- If the group breaks up & you are the last bike in the front group that turns a corner, pull up safely at the intersection & direct the way to turn for the next group of bikes.
- Do not race to catch up as corners will be marked ahead for you.
- If you break down stay with your bike, in clear view of the back up vehicle or rear Road Captain.
- When stopping get off the road as soon as possible.

**So we can all have a good time.....**



## Know your HOG Riding Rules!

1. Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. Fuel stops will be made as required along the way.

2. Have appropriate riding gear for expected conditions.

3. The nominated Ride Captain leads the group.

**DO NOT OVERTAKE** him or her.

4. A motor cycle requires a **FULL LANE** to operate safely. We ride in **STAGGERED FORMATION** and **NOT SIDE BY SIDE**.

**STAGGERED FORMATION:**

□ One second rule: The bike to the left or right of you should not be less than one second ahead of you.

□ Two second rule: Maintain two seconds between you and the bike in front of you.

□ Four second rule: Your eyes should be watching a few bikes ahead of you, not fixed on the bike in front of you.

5. We only use one lane of a multi lane highway. That is the lane the Road Captain is using.

6. Maintain a constant speed, this helps prevent the "Rubber Band" effect. Always adhere to the speed limits.

7. A rider will be nominated to ride at the rear of the group. It is his or her responsibility to ensure that the riders **DO NOT GET LOST** and to render assistance if necessary.

8. The group as a whole must **NOT** stop for an individual as it can be dangerous to have the whole group stop on the side of the road. The nominated Tail End rider will stop and render assistance.

9. When we do stop as a group, be sure to park well off the road.

10. **ALWAYS** signal your intention to change lanes. Keep a safe distance behind the rider in front, **CHECK YOUR MIRRORS** often and concentrate on your riding.

11. If every rider can see the rider behind him or her in the mirrors, the group should not get split up.

Adjust your speed to do so.

12. We ride as a **GROUP** to and from our destination until we split up to go home. **KEEP THE GROUP TOGETHER, TRY NOT TO LAG BEHIND.** Rides will be listed as **HOG** or **NON-HOG**.

On a **HOG** ride, only **HARLEYS** may be ridden but friends or visitors may meet us at the destination. On a **NON-HOG** ride, members friends or visitors may ride **NON-HARLEYS** but at the rear of the group. In both cases any friends or visitors will be the responsibility of the member who invited them.

13. Riders in doubt about **ANY** aspect of the ride should ask the Road Captain or appointed Road Marshall for assistance.

14. Although it is a group, ride safety is a personal responsibility

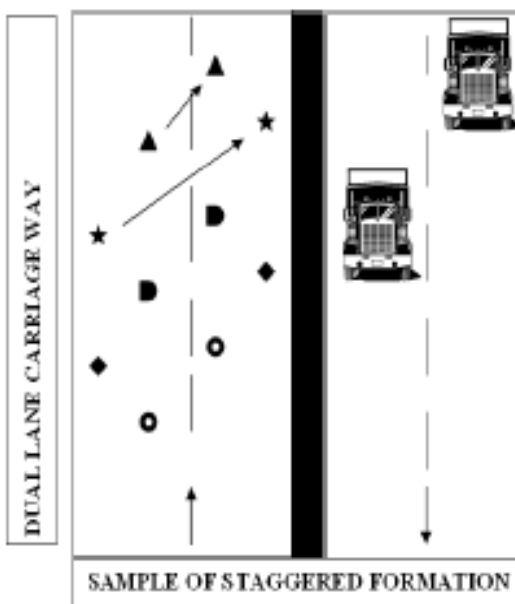
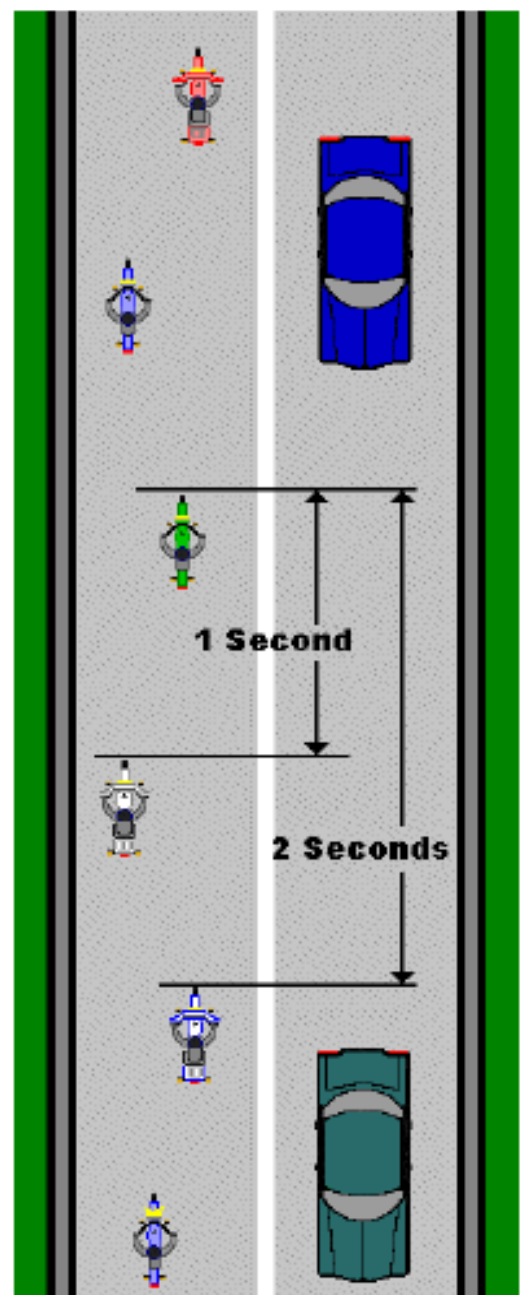
15. Novices or riders new to the group should ride towards the back until they are comfortable

16. If it isn't safe to pass, go through an intersection or turn: **DON'T.**

17. In spite of what the group does, pass as if you were riding alone (within formation).

18. Stay within the bounds of your skill level. Don't be influenced by the bike ahead of you diving into curves. Group riding is neither a race nor a competition.

19. If you don't feel comfortable riding in a group, ride on your own.



# HAND SIGNALS



**Start your engines**



**Stop**



**Go ahead and pass me**



**Bikers ready**



**Hazards on the road**



**Don't pass me**



**Stop your engines**



**Turn off your turn signals**



**Single riding**



**Left turn**



**Slow down**



**Staggered riding**



**Right turn**



**Speed up**



**Time for a pit stop**