

## RIDERS' MEETING

When you were contacted by your group ride organizer, they should have informed you about the time and place for the riders' meeting. Plan to arrive at this meeting with your bike prepped, a full tank of fuel and everything else you plan to bring on the ride. Generally, a riders' meeting will take place about 30 minutes before the ride. At the meeting, expect to receive a final map noting the group's route, itinerary, and the location of fuel, meal, rest or lodging stops. Sometimes, if the ride is large enough,

you may be asked to select a buddy within the group so you can watch out for each other.

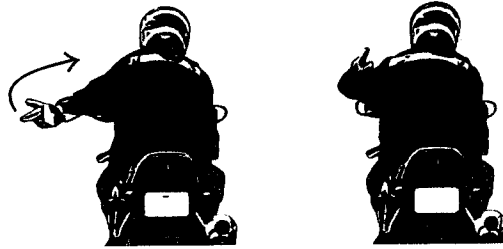
Often during the meeting, **hand signals** are reviewed so that you can communicate with the other riders during the ride. Hand signals are a useful tool to keep the group aware and cohesive on the roadway. Your group is free to determine its own set of signals, but here's a review of some commonly used ones.

### Hand Signals

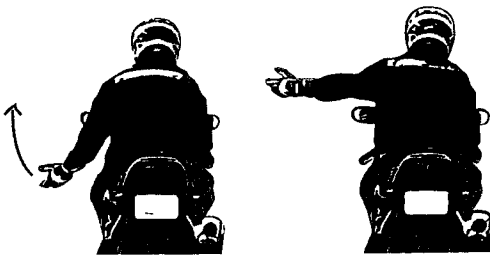
**Stop** – arm extended straight down, palm facing back



**You Lead/Come** – arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



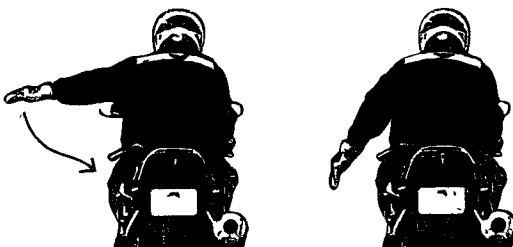
**Speed Up** – arm extended straight out, palm facing up



**Follow Me** – arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



**Slow Down** – arm extended straight out, palm facing down



**Single File** – arm and index finger extended straight up



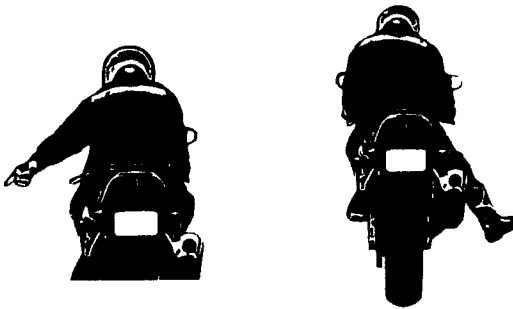
**Double File** – arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



**Turn Signal On** – open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



**Hazard in Roadway** – on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



**Fuel** – arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



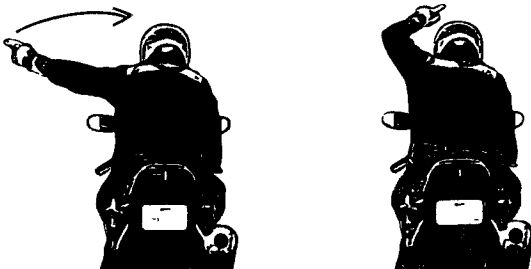
**Highbeam** – tap on top of helmet with open palm down



**Refreshment Stop** – fingers closed, thumb to mouth



**Pull Off** – arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder



**Comfort Stop** – forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion

