

GWRRA Group Riding Hand Signals

These are the standard GWRRA signals for use in communication with motorcycles not equipped with CB radios which are following the lead bike.

Following bikes should acknowledge comprehension by a head nod or flick of the dimmer switch.

To gain the attention of the lead rider, following bikes should flash their headlights. The lead rider can then nod acknowledgement, or give the "Come Alongside" signal when safe, so the following rider can signal his or her needs.

"Follow Me"



Arm extended straight from the shoulder. Palm forward.

"Speed Up"



Arm down to side. Fist clenched. Twist as if turning throttle.

"Stop or Slow"



Arm extended straight down. Palm back.

"You Lead"



Arm extended down. Palm forward. Swing forward from hip in arc.

"Hazard in Road"



Point immediately with emphasis. Sometimes done with right arm.

"Single File"



Arm and index finger extended straight up.

"Double File"



Arm extended straight up. First and fourth finger form "ram's horn" sign.

"Check Headlight"



Tap on top of head with open hand, palm down.

“Need Fuel Stop”



Arm out to side. Point to fuel tank.

“Need Food Stop”



Arm out to side. Fingers closed. Thumb to mouth.

“Turn Signals Left On”



Repeatedly open and close hand with thumb and fingers extended.

“Come Alongside”



Same as “You Lead,” but ending with alongside pointing motion.

“Pull Off”



Arm positioned as for right turn. Forearm then swung toward shoulder.

“Need Comfort Stop”



Upper arm extended. Forearm straight up and down. Fist clenched. Short up-and-down motion (like pulling a toilet chain.)