

Indian Motorcycle Riders Group

Latrobe PA Chapter 1939

Membership Enrollment



(Please Print)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Preferred way to contact you about chapter updates (Email/Text/Both): _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Motorcycle Endorsement (Y/N): ____ Veteran (Y/N): ____ Branch of Service: _____

Driver's License (State and #): _____

Vehicle Year/Brand/Model: _____

Insurance Name and Policy #: _____

Emergency Contact Name, Relationship, and Phone #: _____

I acknowledge receipt of and agree to abide by the *Bylaws* and the *Rules and Code of Conduct* of the Indian Motorcycle Riders Group, Latrobe PA Chapter 1939. I have read, understand, and signed the *Waiver of Liability* required for membership and participation. I recognize that while this chapter is associated with Indian Motorcycle Riders Group® and Indian Motorcycle Company, it is a separate and independent entity solely responsible for its actions. I acknowledge the information provided by me herein is correct and the chapter will not use the information for any purpose other than the administration of chapter business and activities or as may be required by law. I understand that photographs and video footage will be taken during chapter events and activities. These may be used by the chapter for publicity in publications, on our website, and in social media, or in third-party publications.

Member Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Waiver of Liability

This agreement releases Hillview Motorsports, Indian Motorcycle Company, Indian Motorcycle Riders Group, Latrobe PA Chapter 1939, and their officers and/or volunteers, event sponsors and/or their volunteers (The Organizers) from any and all liability relating to injuries or loss that may occur before, during, or after any motorcycle ride, meeting, or event. By signing this agreement, I agree to hold The Organizers entirely free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries or loss incurred, regardless of whether injuries or loss are caused by negligence.

I also acknowledge the risks involved in motorcycle riding. These include but are not limited to physical injury, disability, death, and damage to or loss of property. I attest I am participating voluntarily, and that all risks have been made clear to me. Additionally, I do not have any conditions that will impair my likelihood of safe riding while engaging in chapter events and activities.

By signing below, I forfeit all rights to bring a suit against The Organizers for any reason. In return, I will be allowed (and expected) to ride safely with other riders in all events and activities, and I will also make every effort to obey the traffic laws of each state or commonwealth in which we ride. At any safety briefing that may be held verbally during the pre-ride setup, I will ask for clarification if/when needed. If I don't ask for clarification, then I understand the nature of the risks and release The Organizers completely.

Further, I understand and agree that my guests, including minors, may be required to have a separate Waiver of Liability.

I, _____, (*print please*) fully understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Member or Participant Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Indian Motorcycle Riders Group, Latrobe PA Chapter 1939

THE CHAPTER WILL BE SPONSORING AND ATTENDING RIDES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND GUESTS. FOR THE SAKE OF UNIFORMITY, AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE FUTURE DISPUTES OR CLAIMS OF LIABILITY, THE FOLLOWING RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME:

1. Indian Motorcycle Riders Group, Latrobe PA Chapter 1939 and Indian Motorcycles of Latrobe PA (Hillview Motorsports West) assume no responsibility or liability for loss or damage to personal property, or injury to any person who participates in Chapter sponsored activities and functions. All members and guests participate at their own risk.
2. All members are responsible for the conduct and behavior of their guests, families and themselves, and are liable for any damages incurred. Each member agrees to fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Chapter, its officers, employees, agents and other members in the event of any claim or lawsuit based on the act or omission of such member.
3. No Chapter member shall display or conduct any dangerous or reckless driving upon any public roadway or parking lot during any Chapter meeting or event. Dangerous or reckless driving shall include any exhibition of excessive speed.
4. No Chapter member shall engage himself or herself in any verbal argument with a sponsor or event coordinator. Instead, they should complain to a Board member in attendance who will handle any sponsor or event problems.
5. No Chapter member shall engage himself or herself in any act of vandalism, theft, or destruction of another's property.
6. No Chapter member shall conduct himself or herself in any rude or immoral manner, including the use of profane language, gestures, insults or such other misbehavior.
7. No Chapter member shall be involved in any physical altercation with another Chapter member or anyone else during any Chapter meeting and or event, Indian Motorcycle event or while wearing the Chapter patches. Remember while wearing our patches we are representing Indian Motorcycle.
8. No Chapter member shall discriminate or harass another Chapter member or anyone else, including bullying or belittling them or using racial slurs.
9. Each Chapter member shall abide by any rules set forth by the particular venue and host Chapter.
10. A Chapter member's vehicle shall be registered, insured and in a safe operating condition if brought to any Chapter meeting or event.
11. All Chapter members are required to abide by all state and local laws and regulations.
12. No Chapter member shall have in his or her possession any illegal drugs at any Chapter meeting or event.
13. No Chapter member shall consume alcohol during official Chapter rides. If alcohol is consumed at a stop during a ride that member forfeits the right to complete the ride, and the ride will terminate at that stop for that member.
14. Termination of a Chapter membership will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Should a Chapter member's membership be terminated, they must remove any association with the Chapter from their clothing, vehicle, e-mail and forum signatures, and/or websites. A violation of any of the above rules may subject the offending Chapter member to a warning or in some situations suspension or expulsion from the Chapter.
15. The Board and sponsoring dealership will decide the fate of the offender and reserves the right to determine the applicable punishment such as a period of suspension or expulsion of the member from the Chapter.



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ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Qualification:

The members of the Indian Motorcycle Riders Group, Latrobe PA Chapter 1939 (hereby referred to as the "Chapter" or "IMRG 1939") shall be individuals that are interested in the betterment of Indian Motorcycles. Membership rights may not be transferred, assigned, or devised. No Member by virtue of membership shall have any right, title, or interest in / to any property of the Chapter. Membership in this organization or benefits received from any association with this organization shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard for age, sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin. There shall be a single category of membership.

Full Membership:

Any person (over the age of 18) dedicated to the purposes of this organization, showing proof of current ownership of a two wheel or three wheeled motorcycle regardless of brand manufacturer, shall be eligible for a "Full Chapter Membership." Full Chapter Members have all voting privileges and pay dues. Full Members evidencing current Chapter membership in good standing shall be eligible for IMRG 1939 leadership positions. Full Members losing eligibility of status through expiration of Chapter membership shall lose their rights of status.

Membership Fees and Dues:

Members' dues shall be subject to annual review and change. Dues are paid by January 1st each year and are valid for the one-year period. New member dues may be pro-rated.

Membership Termination:

Any membership may be terminated under the following circumstances:

By the Board of Directors after thirty (30) days written notice for failure to pay dues.

Upon a majority vote of the Full board at a special meeting, upon finding that the purposes, best interest, or well-being of the Chapter will be served by the termination. No member shall be terminated under this clause until a member has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard at a membership meeting.

By not complying with the IMRG 1939 Rules and Code of Conduct.



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Meetings of Members:

Place of Meeting: Meetings of the membership shall be held at such a place convenient to the membership as may be designated by the Chapter President.

Regular Meetings: Regular meetings may be held at any time, whether or not a legal holiday, and may be called by the Chapter President, or shall be called by him or her as directed by the Board of Officers. The Members may transact such business as may properly come before them via agenda or by motion of members in good standing with the chapter.

Notice of Meetings: It shall be the duty of the meeting Secretary or Committee Chairperson appointed by the Chapter President to give email, oral or written notice of each regular or special meetings stating the purpose thereof, as well as the time and place where it is to be held, to each member of the record at the email address, phone number(s) or address of the member as such information appears on the membership records of the Chapter at least ten (10) days prior to any such meeting.

Voting Rights: At each meeting of the membership, each Member present, and is current with Chapter dues, shall have the right to cast one (1) vote on each question, and never have more than one (1) vote. There shall be no voting by proxies. One vote per member via email is acceptable.

Conduct of Meetings: Meetings of the Members shall be conducted in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order, revised. The Chapter President, if present or if not present, the Chapter Vice President, then Secretary, then Treasurer shall preside over the meetings of the Members. The absence of such Officers at any meeting of Members, the Members present at the meeting shall appoint any person present to act as presiding officer of the meeting. The order of business at each regular and so far, as possible at special meetings of the Members, shall be via the agenda.

Call to Order
Introduction
Approval of Minutes
Reports: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors
Unfinished Business
New Business
Member Open Forum
Upcoming Events
Adjournment



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ARTICLE II BOARD OF OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

Powers:

The Board of Officers shall have only such powers as required by laws or conferred upon the Board in the articles of incorporation and of these Bylaws. The Board of Officers shall have the power to act as an Executive Committee between meetings of the membership.

Number:

The Board of Officers of the Chapter shall consist of five (5) elected Officers (as described in ARTICLE III of these Bylaws). The Board of Officers, as described in ARTICLE III of these Bylaws, may appoint Additional Directors.

Qualification:

The members of the Board of Officers shall be individuals that hold either one of the five (5) elected Officer positions, or one of the appointed Director positions. Only full Chapter members in good standing may be elected to the Board of Officers or appointed as Directors as outlined in ARTICLE I of these Bylaws.

Term of Office:

The initial Board will have a term of one (1) year in office. Thereafter, each elected Officer or nominated Director, excluding the Treasurer, shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until a successor has been elected and is qualified, or until such time as removed by the Board. Officers may be re-elected after their term expires. The term of the office is from January 1st of each year.

To the extent possible, the exiting officers will remain in either a lower officer position or as a consultant to the elected officers for a period of one year after his or her term ends to help guide the incoming officers in fulfilling their duties.

Officers and Directors Termination:

Elected Officers or nominated Director Members may be removed from their position under the following circumstances:

They are removed from the Chapter pursuant to section – Membership Termination.



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Absence from three consecutive unexcused Board meetings will require the Secretary to contact that individual to let them know if they miss the next board meeting, they may be removed. This does not affect the individual's Chapter membership status. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in this matter.

Any Board Member convicted of a felony offense while in office, is subject to removal from their position by vote of the board.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Officers:

The Officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director. Any Member in good standing shall be qualified to be an officer of the Chapter. All Officers of the Chapter shall be nominated and elected by a plurality of the votes of the Members at such meeting. If required, the Chapter President with the Executive Committee (EC) approval may appoint additional Officers. Nominations of officers should be made during the regular meeting prior to the annual Membership Meeting.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee (EC) is a group of five (5) Officers appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the Board of Directors. It consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, and if the Secretary and Treasurer positions are combined, then also the Activities and Marketing Director. A quorum of the EC shall consist of four (4) members. Motions shall be passed by a majority vote. If a motion is stalled by a tie vote after three (3) attempts, it must go before the membership for consideration.

Elected Officers:

Duties of President:

Enforce the "Charter" and operating policies along with sponsoring dealer.

Overall responsibility for Chapter operation, administration, and implementation of Indian Motorcycle policies.

Ensure that the Chapter complies with all corporate state and federal tax and annual filing requirements.

Preside at all Chapter meetings.



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Plan and coordinate Chapter meetings to ensure well planned and worthwhile agendas.

Inform Members of any news from Indian Motorcycle.

A 'President' patch or other approved insignia will identify the officeholder.

The exiting President will remain in either a lower officer position or as a consultant to the elected President for a period of one year after his or her term ends to help guide the incoming president in fulfilling their duties.

Duties of Vice-President:

The Vice-President may assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President or whenever the office of President is vacant.

A 'Vice-President' patch or other approved insignia will identify the officeholder.

Duties of Secretary:

Oversee administrative duties.

Record Chapter minutes.

Submit any forms/reports to Indian Motorcycle Riders Group office.

Organize and maintain Chapter records of insurance (if applicable), injury release/waiver forms.

Comply with any annual state filing requirements.

Submit goals for the upcoming year for the Yearly Chapter Application.

A 'Secretary' patch or other approved insignia will identify the officeholder.

Duties of Treasurer:

Maintain the Chapter's financial accounts.



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Pay all approved expenses.

Provide financial reports to the Chapter monthly.

Manage all approved charitable contributions and distribution of approved contributions.

Maintain running comparison of yearly Chapter finances.

Prepare and file all required corporate state and federal tax reports.

Due to the financial complexities of this position, the Treasurer will hold and retain this position until he/she elects to resign, or the Board votes to remove and replace such a person.

A 'Treasurer' patch or other approved insignia will identify the officeholder.

Duties of Membership Director:

Welcome and interact with new members at Chapter meetings and events and manage the member list.

Contact members who have been "missing" for a period of time to check in and confirm their welfare.

Be a point of first contact for those inquiring to become members.

A 'Membership Director' patch or other approved insignia will identify the officeholder.

Duties of Safety Officer:

It is highly recommended that they have attended and passed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course or equivalent.
(Basic Riders Course 2)

Appoint and train Road Captains and Officers.

Ensure that the Road Captains follow all safety guidelines.

Make MSF information available to members.

Teach Members proper safety instructions and hand signals at a minimum of four (4) meetings per year.

Help collect signed waiver release forms for ride events if present.



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The President of the Chapter must approve the Safety Officer's appointment.

A 'Safety Officer' patch or other approved insignia will identify the officeholder.

Appointed Director Positions: (Optional Positions not needed for chapter organization.)

The Board of Officers shall have the power to appoint Principal Directors, Assistant Directors and Officers who shall have the powers and shall perform such duties as may be delegated to them to support the ongoing functions and activities of the Chapter. Each appointed Director or Assistant Director shall be subordinate to the Board of Officers. Appointed Principal

Director Positions can be filled by one or more elected Board of Officers. Appointed positions include:

Road Captain:

It is highly recommended that they have attended and passed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course or equivalent. (Basic Riders Course 2) They are responsible for planning and leading ride routes for Chapter ride events and give a pre-ride overview: road conditions, safety, planned stops, hand signals review, etc.

Marketing Director:

Markets events to Chapter Members and any individual interested. Ensures that all communication pieces and Chapter business are being communicated with members. Works with the sponsoring dealership to support dealership events. Additional guidance is available in the IMRG Handbook.

Activities Director:

Plans activities for the Chapter as the Chapter sees fit, and oversees the administrative planning, logistics, and other duties of events.

Photographer:

Takes and organizes Chapter photos. Submits photos and uploads them to the Chapter's website and social media account(s) or provides them to the web director for uploading.

Editor:

Writes, edits, and distributes Chapter publications. Presents any publications to the board for approval.



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Web Director:

Edits and updates the Chapter's website and social media sites.

Nomination and Election:

Election of Officers will be held at the November Chapter meeting.

Nominations for each office up for election shall be in writing and delivered to the Secretary at least 7 days before the set meeting of the Members, in which time the election is held. The nomination notification may be made through an email or text to the Secretary.

Verbal nominations from the floor are allowed during the October Chapter meeting prior to the election of Officers.

Only active Members may vote. An active Member is defined as:

Has an active IMRG Membership.

Is current with Chapter dues.

The Secretary shall provide a list of the candidates, via e-mail or other means, no later than one (1) week after the deadline for nominations has passed.

The Member receiving the majority votes cast for an office shall be declared elected. In the event no Member receives a majority of the votes cast, the two (2) candidates with the most votes shall be voted upon a second time. Members may hold more than one, but no more than three (3) elected offices during any given period. Neither the President, Vice President, or Secretary may hold any of these three (3) positions at one time to allow for division of power and separation of duties.

Vacated Office and Replacements:

From time to time an Officer representative may vacate a position. The replacement policy for vacancies on the Board may be filled by approval of the Board.

Removal of a Chapter Officer:

Any officer of the Chapter may be removed from office, without cause, by a unanimous vote of the Members or by the Sponsoring Dealership. Impeachment of an Officer must be done at a Special Meeting with prior notice.



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ARTICLE IV NON-PROFIT STATUS

Indian Motorcycle Riders Group, Latrobe PA Chapter 1939 (IMRG 1939) will operate as a non-profit organization. Any funds collected by the organization that are not consumed by internal costs and activities shall be distributed to other qualified non-profit organizations as prescribed by Federal and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law upon the dissolution of the chapter. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such exempt purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such exempt purposes.

Funds shall not be used for any political purpose nor distributed with the intent to support any political candidate or position.

The Treasurer will keep a record of all funds distributed along with evidence that the receiving party is a qualified non-profit organization and shall permit auditing of those records by all persons and organizations with a valid interest in doing so.

ARTICLE V VEST STANDARDS

The IMRG 1939 standard for vests is as follows:

The front of an IMRG 1939 member's vest is to include the USA flag patch on the upper left side of the vest (which places the stars closest to the heart). Nothing is to be placed above the flag patch.

The Chapter will adhere to the current IMRG Handbook produced by IMRG Indian Motorcycle Corporate for current brand guidelines and placement. All back patches and logos are subject to approval by IMRG Indian Motorcycle Corporate. This can be done by submitting artwork directly to Indian Corporate for approval at IMRG.RiderGroup@polaris.com or through our Regional Coordinator. Our Regional Coordinator can also provide ideas of group back patches to give an idea of what is acceptable. Our Regional Coordinator's email address is ne.region.imr@gmail.com.

Members are highly encouraged to commit to one back patch while serving as a member of IMRG 1939. This is not mandatory for membership in IMRG 1939.

Anyone who practices by word or deed anything that would discredit IMRG 1939 will be asked and expected to remove his or her IMRG 1939 back patch. If a member is asked to remove or return their back patch, no reimbursement should be



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expected, or given, by IMRG 1939.

ARTICLE VI INDEMNITY

This indemnification will apply in all cases except where such action is adjudicated to be willfully not in the best interest of IMRG 1939, is in conflict with any federal, state, or local laws, or goes against the stated intent of the organization's Bylaws. Such indemnification shall extend to the heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators of all persons entitled to indemnification.

Neither the IMRG 1939 Chapter nor its Officers, Directors, nor Members are in any way responsible for or liable for personal injury/property damage and personal safety during Chapter activities. All individuals and guests participate in activities at their own risk. Members and guests will be required to sign a liability waiver for IMRG 1939 rides.

ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION

This Chapter may be dissolved in accordance with the law and/or when Indian Motorcycle of Latrobe PA (Hillview Motorsports West) decides. Any assets remaining after payment of cost and expenses of the dissolution proceedings, payment of debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Chapter shall be distributed to a non-profit charity as described in ARTICLE IV.

ARTICLE VIII BYLAWS CONFLICTS

In the event of any Bylaws conflicts, the Chapter will refer to the National Indian Motorcycle Riders Group Handbook which will take precedence.

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2025 Ride Schedule

May 3rd (Saturday) Coopers Rock State Forest [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -162 Miles

Established in 1936, Coopers Rock State Forest features canyon overlooks, historical sites, picnic shelters, 50 miles of hiking and biking trails, sandstone cliffs for climbing and bouldering, cross-country ski terrain, a lake perfect for reeling in trout, and a nearby river for rafting.

May 17th (Saturday) Cook Forest State Park [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -193 Miles

Cook Forest State Park is an 8,500-acre park known for its old-growth forest, including the "Forest Cathedral," a National Natural Landmark. The park is situated near the Clarion River and is popular for canoeing, kayaking, and tubing. It offers a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, fishing, and camping.

June 5 – 7 (Thursday – Saturday) Gettysburg PA [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -300 Miles

This is an Indian Event with its own registration at <https://imrgne.com/>. There are multiple rides at the event. The deadline to register is April 30th. Several of us are riding out together on the 4th and returning with the IMRG Pittsburgh Chapter. On the way back, we will stop at Flight 93 Memorial.

June 21st (Saturday) Ohio Pyle State Park and Flight 93 Memorial [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -111 Miles

Ohiopyle State Park is situated on 20,500 acres in Fayette County, PA. The focal point of the park is the more than 14 miles of the Youghiogheny River gorge that passes through the park. The Flight 93 National Memorial is a memorial built to commemorate the crash of United Airlines Flight 93, which was one of four aircraft hijacked during the September 11 attacks in 2001.

July 12th (Saturday) McConnells Mill State Park [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -226 Miles

McConnells Mill State Park encompasses 2,546 acres of the spectacular Slippery Rock Creek Gorge, which is a National Natural Landmark.

July 26th (Saturday) The Lodge at Indian Lake and Yellow Creek State Park [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -127 Miles

The Lodge at Indian Lake is a unique bar, restaurant, and hotel, which overlooks Indian Lake and the beautiful Laurel Highlands. The 2,981-acre Yellow Creek State Park is in Indiana County along one of the first "highways" in the state, the Kittanning Path. This trail was used by the Delaware and Shawnee nations and by early settlers.

August 16th (Saturday) Conneaut Lake with Pittsburgh Chapter *[Dependent on Pittsburgh Chapter]*

Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania's largest natural glacier lake, is surrounded by stunning scenery and a wide variety of activities, shopping, and dining. This ride will be coordinated with the IMRG Pittsburgh Chapter. Details to come.

August 30th (Saturday) Deep Creek Lake, MD [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -156 Miles

Deep Creek Lake is a man-made reservoir. The lake is home to a wide variety of aquatic life, including

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freshwater fish and aquatic birds. A unique four-season destination, the mountain climate gives the area four distinct seasons, with plenty of adventure and action for each season.

September 13th (Saturday) Kinzua Bridge State Park [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) -295 Miles

The 339-acre Kinzua Bridge State Park, located in McKean County, is the home of the reinvented Kinzua Viaduct. The Viaduct, once the longest and tallest railroad structure at 2,053 feet long and 301 feet high, was partially destroyed by a tornado during 2003. Reinvented as a pedestrian walkway during 2011, visitors can stroll 600 feet out on the remaining support towers, peer miles out into the Kinzua Gorge, and gaze down through the partial glass platform at the end of the walkway.

September 20th (Saturday) Oglebay Resort (IMRG's Official Charity Ride) [\[Link to Google Route Map\]](#) - 210 Miles

Oglebay Resort, located in Wheeling, WV, is a 2,000-acre public park offering year-round recreational activities and lodging. Oglebay offers a variety of attractions, including a zoo, glass museum, history museum, and various walking/hiking trails. Our chapter will be raising money for Folds of Honor, the official charity of the National IMRG. Folds of Honor is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of military members who have fallen or been disabled while serving in the United States armed forces.

About our chapter rides...

- 🏍️ All rides are weather permitting. A determination will be made by Thursdays of cancellations/changes due to unfavorable weather forecasts.
- 🏍️ Saturdays and Sundays may be interchanged due to inclement weather.
- 🏍️ Details of times and meeting spots will be sent out via email, text, and posted to our website and to our Facebook Group mid-week (Wednesdays) of the ride. Make sure we have your current email address.
- 🏍️ For those who prefer shorter rides or who want to suggest additional rides, they can be incorporated into the off weeks. It is the responsibility of that individual to organize the ride and get the invitation out to all perspective riders.
- 🏍️ Remember, our Chapter requires all riders in events organized by the chapter to review and sign the IMRG Waiver. These are completed annually for the current year.
- 🏍️ For questions concerning ride events, please [contact us here](#), email us at imrg1939@gmail.com, or text John Milavec, Road Director and Safety Officer at (724) 396-0792. He will respond as soon as possible.

*Descriptions of the ride destinations are excerpted from their respective web sites for which we give each destination organization full credit.



QUICK TIPS: MSF's Guide to Group Riding

Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group – whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or with an organized motorcycle rally – is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

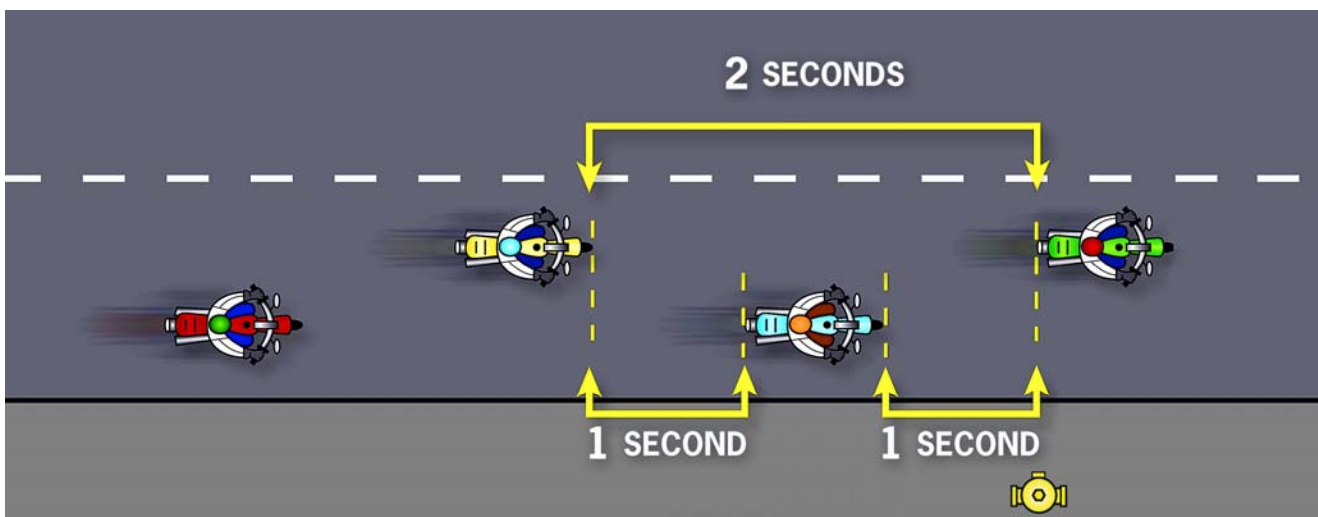
Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals (see diagrams on page 3). Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should be aware of each rider's skill level before the ride and monitor the riders during the ride.

Keep the group to a manageable size, ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, separated by a few seconds, each with a lead and sweep rider.

Ride prepared. At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

Ride in formation. The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.



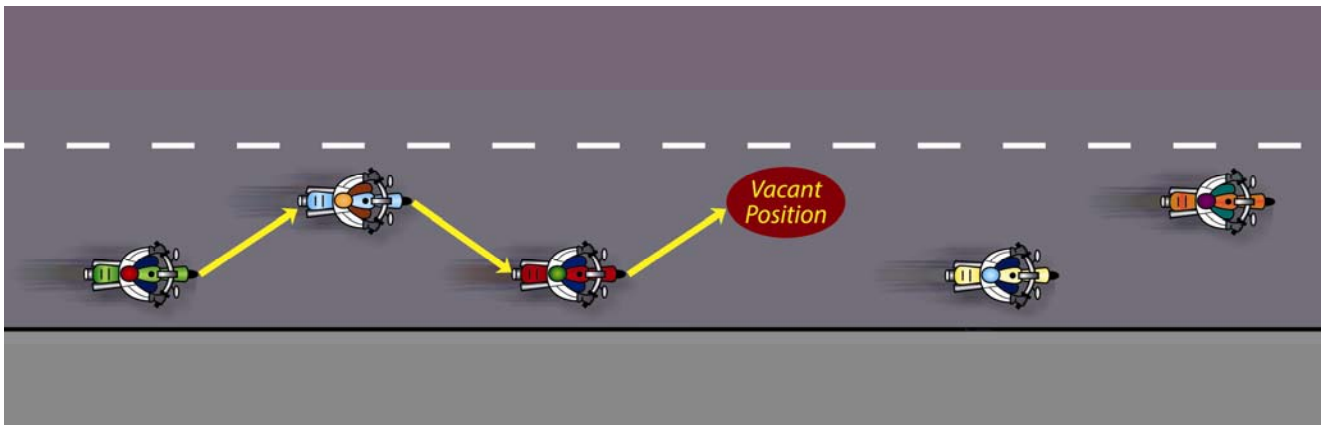
Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

Periodically check the riders following using your rear view mirrors. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this procedure, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

If you're separated from the group, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

For mechanical or medical problems, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.

If a rider leaves during the ride, the rest of the group should re-form the staggered formation by criss-crossing into the next vacant position. Although it would seem more efficient for the column directly behind the missing rider to move up, we do not recommend it because passing another rider within a lane can be risky.

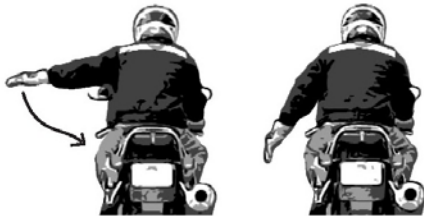


MSF's Guide to Group Riding: Hand Signals

Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



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



Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up



Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



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



Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



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



Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



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

