

New London Motorcycle Club

Formation/Operations/Appearance

FORMATIONS:

Drill Team:

Assembly: Variable (1) Road Captain (2) Selected Team

@ Made up of the best Club riders with the highest professional skills, chosen by the Road Captain to become part of an elite drill team that represents the Club at parades and event demonstrations.

Honor Guard Riding/Escorts

Assembly (2 x 2) (1) H.G. Captain (1) President
8'0" Apart (2) Road Captain (2) Sgt at Arms
____ _ (3) Blocker R. Sgt.* (3) Blocker R. Sgt.*
____ _ (4) 2nd V. President (4) V. President
Mid Group Leader/Observer (CB)***
Rear Sweeper/Observer (CB)

@ Honor Guard Riders are solo riders, no passengers allowed. Good riding skills are required.

Standard Club Sanctioned Rides:

Assembly (Dual Stag.) (1) Road Captain (2) President
____ _ (3) Blocker* (4) Blocker*
____ _ (5) V. President (6) Sgt at Arms
Mid Group Leader/Observer (CB)**
Rear Sweeper Observer (CB)

@ Club riders participating with a Club riding group must have fair basic safe riding skills and are able to follow the Club riding protocol. Riders must also possess a motorcycle driver's license and carry insurance on their motorcycle.

Secondary or Split Club Sanction Rides:

Assembly (Dual Stag.) (1) Road Captain/Sergeant (2) Ranking Officer***
(3) Blocker* (4) Blocker*
Mid Group Leader/Observer (CB)**
Rear Sweeper Observer (CB)

County District Rides:****

Assembly (Dual Stag.) (1) Road Sergeant (2) Chairman
(2) Co-Chairman

@A Road Sergeant leading a County group to a Club ride will relinquish the lead upon joining the main column lead by the Road Captain, designee, or a ranking Club Officer

***Note:** Blockers must be solo riders. No passengers allowed while blocking

****Note:** Mid group leaders can be any designee of the ride leader. Mid group leader will also serve as an observation function, identifying yoyo riders, unsafe riders, or riders not following the protocol. Reporting same to the ride leader.

*****Note:** Ranking Officer are (1) President (2) V. President (3) 2nd V. President (4) Secretary (5) Treasurer (6) Honor Guard Captain (7) County Chairman (8) County Co-Chairman

******Note:**

1. County District Road Sergeants will be made upon recommendation of the County Chairman. Approval is done by the Club Road Captain and the position expires on election day each year, on the first Thursday in November.
2. County District Chairman will take the place of Road Sergeant if no such position exists in said County District.

OPERATIONS

Signals/Pointers:

*Use electrical turn signals only. Do not use hand signals to indicate a turn.

1 Finger Raised – Single File behind the ride leader. If leader stays to center move to center, if to the right move to the right of roadway. Watch for recovery of blockers or emergency equipment approaching.

Left Arm Raised - pointed up and overhead pointing right indicates object in roadway, right side. Recover position after passing obstruction or pedestrian

2 Fingers Raised – Side by side riding assembly 2 x 2 leave 1 bike length in front of you Stay in position until new signal is shown

Left Arm w/Fist - pointed up w/clench fist forming an “L” means return to dual staggered positions

Bar to Bar - A term used to identify position, leaving some parking lots. Leaving a parking lot with a wide opening, riders will form lateral rows (10-12) filling in the entire width of the opening. On signal the first row exits out to the center line and the second row out to the inside or right side of road. A third row would fill in the back. This gets a large group into the roadway in a matter of seconds.

Ready to Go - Traffic Lights - When the group is stopped at a traffic control signal, all riders should be prepared to move as soon as the signal changes. This means you have down shifted to 1st gear upon stopping and holding the clutch ready to go. If you delay you will create a domino effect, preventing the rear of the column from legally getting through the light. **DO NOT** light a cigarette, start poking through your bags or any activity that delays your readiness when the signal light changes.

Ready to Go – Stop Signs - The first two bikes will stop or slow to a stop at stop signs. At this point the column will bunch still slowly moving. The lead will then proceed, possibly using blockers and the column will then move through the intersection tightly as one long unit. If blockers are use prepare for single file after the intersection to recover the blockers back to the front. Move back into position immediately following the blockers passing you on the left.

Deployment of Blockers – The leader may from time to time deploy blockers at intersections for safety purposes. It is safer to move the entire group at once than leaving decisions up to the individual riders who may become anxious as to not loose pace with the group. Safety is always the number one goal. When blockers are deployed, said blockers will deploy left or right turning back with the flow of traffic and then to a stop. This is the same as an unrelated vehicle deciding to stop at the intersection allowing the entire column of motorcycles to pass through as a courtesy.

The Vest:

- A. 12” large patch should go on the back
- B. The patch should be located 6” from the top for all vest (L) large and bigger.
- C. The patch should be located a ½ inch less from the top for each size smaller.
- D. Though not prohibited, other patches makes the vest look busy distracting attention from the main patch. Not encouraged, not prohibited
- E. The brass nameplate should be located on the front left side, slightly above the top front snap of the vest. The only thing that should be worn above the nameplate is an American Flag. Nothing should be higher than the Flag.
- F. 3” small round patch should be located on the right side of the vest.
- G. The 2x5 oblong County patch should be worn on the flap of the left front pocket on the vest.

Honor Guard Wear:

The Honor Guard has a specific uniform that is worn to all events identified as an Honor Guard Events.

Uniform:

- A. Black boots that will take a shine.
- B. Black jeans
- C. White L/S or S/S T-shirt w/graphics on sleeves only. L/S or S/S will be called for by the Honor Guard Captain as the uniform of the day
- D. Black Ascot hat w/small round patch sewn on the front. Off bike & parade wear
- E. Black/Gloss shorty helmet for road riding into an event
- F. Black leather vest (laced sides)
 - 1. Large Round Patch **only** on the back
 - 2. Special Brass Nameplate **only** on the front left breast side

Parade Wear:

Traditionally, only Honor Guard solo riders have ridden in Parades. Rules were are relaxed for 2009 to allow additional members to ride as double riders, in the rear of the column as straight line 2 x 2 riders with appearance requirements for both operator and passenger.

Standard Wear:

- A. Standard Wear Black Vest
- B. Black Ascot, Baseball, or Knit style hat
- C. White Honor Guard Shirt or blank white L/S or S/S t-shirt
- D. Black Helmet any style when helmets are required or desired.

NOTE: These are minimum standards set in place for the image of the Club and ultimately for the success of the Club. Exceptions may be made for brand new members not prepared. It is not our intention to leave anyone out if possible.