

ROAD CAPTAIN REGULATIONS

The W.O.W.™ Global Ministries Road Captains are highly experienced Chapter Members who are dedicated to the safety of the Members during a group ride. And remember, they are all volunteers whose only compensation is in knowing that they did a good job if we arrive at our destination safely and without mishap. Believe me when I tell you that it **IS** a job, and the Road Captains love what they do. You will know who they are by the white and blue armband they wear when we're on the road.

To become a Road Captain, the prospect has to meet a number of requirements, such as being an active Chapter Member for at least one year, have participated in at least 75% of the rides, have taken and passed the Experienced Rider Course and who's riding skills have been observed by one or more Road Captains and been recommended by them. At that point they will be invited to attend the monthly Road Captains meeting, where they will learn the established techniques that are used and listen to the discussions concerning performance on past rides and the special needs of upcoming rides. Then they will be teamed up with a veteran Road Captain who will mentor them on a number of rides until they are able to work on their own. When they have been awarded their Road Captain patch, they will be required to take a 1st Aid course **at their own expense**.

There are several different Road Captain assignments. There is the lead Road Captain, who is either leading the ride or is next to the ride leader and always has a 2-way radio for communication with other radio carrying Road Captains. The lead will point to locations where the blockers will be needed. Then there are the blocking Road Captains, whose job it is to insure that the group gets through intersections safely. Next is what we call the "Pick". This Road Captain sets the actual front of the group, so positions of the riders are maintained and provides a visual reference to the blockers when they are returning to the front and will pull in front of him and the lead Road Captain. This Road Captain also has 2-way radio communications. There may also be Road Captains interspersed within the group with 2-way radios, to take over the lead in case the group gets separated for any reason. Finally, there is the "Sweep" Road Captain, who has a 2-way radio, plus a cell phone and whose job it is to make sure that no group rider is left behind and alone due to mechanical malfunction. He will communicate to the lead and stay with or call for assistance for the rider who has stopped. He also communicates with the "Pick" when blockers are returning to the front.

An appointment as a Road Captain is a 1-year deal. During that year, a Road Captain is again required to participate in at least 75% of the rides and attend at least 9 monthly Road Captain meetings. There are also behavior standards that are required during a ride. At the end of that year, the Road Captain must re-apply for the position, with the Head Road Captain, and be accepted in order to continue the following year.

Through time and experience, plus discussions on technique at the meetings, the job almost becomes instinctual, and the better rider picks it up fairly quick. You can plainly see, that to be a Road Captain, it is a real job that **requires skill, dedication, determination and the desire to do a great job!** If you feel you are up to the challenge and can meet the requirements, contact Head Road Captain _____ or myself, and we'll get you pointed in the right direction.

And give the next Road Captain you see a hug and tell him/her you appreciate their hard work!

Happy Trails,

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