

MOTORCYCLE CLUB PROTOCOL 101

1. All members are ambassadors of the CVR. Strive to conduct yourself in a responsible manner so as to always give the CVR a good name. While in public places, always conduct yourself with the CVR in mind. Remember that what you do, people will remember; good or bad.
2. Whether you are wearing your CVR cut or not, common courtesy and respect for EVERY individual you make contact with will always leave a good impression of you, and the CVR.
3. Participate with the group as much as you are comfortable with. You joined to ride and meet others with the same interest, and the more you participate, the more you will get to know others and enjoy the experience. You will only get out of it that you put into it.
4. If you are unsure if you know a fellow CVR member, it's always good to introduce yourself.
5. If someone outside the CVR has questions, answer questions as you are able. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't lie or exaggerate, refer the questioner to someone you think might know, such as one of the officers. Never give out personal information; phone numbers, etc., unless you know that the person being asked about, wants it given out, that's only common sense. It's best to ask for their, (the questioners), number and pass it on.
6. Learn to control your tongue. If you have been entrusted with sensitive or private matters concerning the CVR, that is our business.
7. Stay in contact with brothers and sisters at a mixed gathering. If they have been drinking a lot and start to leave with non CVR members, make sure they are OK. They should be cognizant of who they can trust and if it is appropriate to leave with them.
8. You should always conduct yourself responsibly when dealing with other groups, including by computer or on the phone.
9. Out of respect, if two or more members are having a private conversation, don't approach them within earshot, especially if they are talking with patch holders of another club. If you feel that you need to interrupt, put yourself in a place of visibility and wait to be acknowledged.
10. Never lie to a member of another club. If you are in a situation where you are asked about the CVR or its membership, it is always acceptable to say "That seems like CVR business I really can't talk about." This will normally be more respected by other clubs. If this doesn't put the subject to rest, get the questioners phone number and offer to put them in touch with an officer to speak with. Don't give out any CVR phone numbers without permission.
11. Show respect and courtesy for other people whether they are in a club or not. It's the polite thing to do.
12. Don't call a member of another club "brother". This can be very touchy with some, he's not your brother unless he is a friend and you two consider each other brothers, but in public wait for him to address you as a friend or brother.
13. It's great to introduce new people to the group; avoid making the common mistake of interrupting another conversation when doing so.
14. At an open function, never turn your back to patch holders of a club while talking. This is not so much for safety reasons, but as a show of respect. It's always polite to face the individual or group you are talking to.
15. Always show respect and courtesy to patch holders of a club. Don't come across like you want to be best friends, just be professional in such encounters; keep it short, then move on.
16. Never be quick to walk up to a patch holder of a club in a public setting, even if you know them well and that club and CVR are on friendly terms. If you want to greet them, walk up slowly and wait for them to indicate that they want such a public display to take place. They may be on some club business and may not want to give the general public the impression that the clubs are on such friendly terms. If they look like they are going to ignore you, accept it and keep your distance, they probably have a good reason. The best approach is always to wait for them to come to you (or at least meet halfway) and let everyone else see that.
17. Use common courtesy and common sense and it will serve you well.

Here is a list of some old school ways that CVR should adhere to:

1. It is normally considered "support" to go to another club's events or clubhouse.
2. Club "A" may not have a good relationship with club "B".
3. The CVR is a neutral organization and by that we cannot show favoritism between other clubs. Many "Riding Fraternity

Clubs" have the same philosophy. Some Motorcycle Clubs (MC's), have more defined lines of inter-club approval and/or alignments.

4. As a member of CVR, it is generally just not a good idea to go to another clubhouse or clubs' events as an individual.

5. If you are invited and go as an individual to another groups' clubhouse, for a club private party or club function, (not advised as an individual), remember you represent the CVR, even if you don't wear your cut. Remember to not participate in criticism or give information concerning the CVR.

6. It is not advisable to go to another club while wearing your cut without a prior understanding agreed to by; both the CVR officer board and the other club.

7. If CVR members and officers are invited and have decided to attend another club's function, you may wear your cut to other clubhouses. Attendance should be considered based upon all the area club relationships at the time, and all CVR attendees should have the approval of the CVR officers each time. Don't just show up because you heard that CVR officers were going to be there.

This information is especially for our members that are new to the motorcycle community and is for everyone's safety.
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