



What's a Hang Around?

What it means

The Hang Around period is a time when you size up the club and ask yourself if we are what you want. It is also a time when the club is sizing you up to see if you are what we want.

Generally the Hang Around period is one month from when you formally announce to a Board Member that you want to be a Hang Around. This period may be adjusted based on whether the Board and Patch Members think you are ready to be a Prospect.

What is expected of you

You must get to know as many Patched Members as you can during this period.

During the Hang Around period you will be expected to BE THERE for all rides, functions, meetings and the clubhouse, when open.

We realize family and job come first and may impact how often you can attend these events. But you are trying to impress us, so take that into account.

What you can expect

You are not a Member or representative of the club. Neither you nor the club has a claim on each other. If something happens to you, the club is not expected to back you up. It is a gentleman's agreement at this point.

In the beginning you will feel the exhilaration of being around the Members. You will see the dedication Members have for one another. You will see that they are very close. You may feel as if you do not fit in. Brotherhood is earned. It takes time. So start earning it right from the start.

Motorcycle clubs are a family thing. Members become your brothers because you have all learned to love each other through thick and thin. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and love each other no matter what. We don't have trouble telling a brother "I love you". Brotherhood is based upon a million little moments that run the gamut from dangerous situations, to sitting on the side of the road at midnight broke down in the middle of nowhere, to watching each other's kids grow up. Lots of joy and lots of tears make up the time while building that brotherhood.

During the Hang Around phase you will have no responsibilities assigned to you. If you become a Prospect, you will have more responsibilities and more will be expected of you. So watch the Prospects and what they do.

Sometime during your Hang Around phase, you may decide you are not a fit for the club. But remember, whatever club you consider joining it will be the same thing. If you persevere, it will either get better for you and you will understand everything that can be gained by being part of our brotherhood. Or, one day you will just wake up and realize you are not MC material.

What if you change your mind

There is no dishonor if you back away from the deal.

There is only one rule if you decide to back away; do so honorably. That means meeting with a member of the Board to ask for their blessing on your decision. To avoid any bad feelings (especially if we thought you were going to make a good prospect), do it right and we can all move on.

If you do move on, you are OUT. That means none of the Members will call you to go out for a beer or to go hang around with them anymore. When you're out, you are OUT.

Final thoughts

Motorcycle Clubs operate on the honor system meaning "you dance with the one who brung ya." It's a huge act of dishonor to be a Hang Around with more than one club, or to use the Hang Around period to look at other clubs you meet.

Get to know this club, get to know the members and then make your decision.