



MEMBER COMMENTS

MEMBER ATTITUDE BY MIKE WHEAT:

Club Goals - Club members have three interests: people, places and the pedal. What makes the people fun? We enjoy each other. Because we're all different, interesting and have a common interest in our car. What makes the places fun? They are often new, challenging, and tasty. What makes the car fun? Top-down quick controllable power adds up to freedom. As for: how much daylight should be devoted to socializing? How much road time should be devoted to a "Quick driving Pace"? How much road time should be devoted to an "Easy cruising Pace"? That's all up to the DL. The only way to have an entire drive your way is to be the DL. Hint? Hint! Otherwise, we will all need to give something for the good of the drive. Occasionally, stepping out of our comfort level to go a "little" faster than we normally would or go a little slower than we normally would or even be more sociable than we would normally. All in the name of having fun. If you aren't the DL, please be a good follower. Do what is asked of you. Don't decide to have your own little drive in the middle of the driveline. Don't make up your own rules in the middle of a drive.

TOURING TIP OF THE DECADE BY EARL LARKIN:

Use straight roads to help defeat the "bungee-cord effect." We all know that some drivers like to go "really fast" in the twisties while other drivers prefer a more "leisurely pace" when the roads get curvy. Fine. Wild Thang or any other DL never drives faster than 60 MPH on straight two-lane roads whenever he is leading a group drive. Why is that??? It is to allow the slower drivers to make-up the distance they lost on that last curvy section. If Wild Thang is driving 60 MPH on all the straight sections of road and you "drop the hammer" on your car on all those same sections of straight roads, you will be shocked at how quickly you "close the gap" on those straight roads. Some of us don't have a clue about how quick our car really is. We will develop a completely new respect for our Miata and will look at it in a whole new way. It will cease to be that "cute little car" we bought as it dawns on us that we own a real sports car, with all that means. We will feel a new sense of pride of ownership and our Miata will love us for it. OR We can just cruise along at our own pace knowing in our heart that somewhere ahead of us the Wild Thang has stopped the rest of the club to wait on us and will not abandon us!!! After all, it's not really a race, is it??

FROM SANDY STURDIVANT:

Basically, we need to impress on everyone that they can't lollygag on a drive because it puts too large a gap between the leader and the sweep. It might be just fine for a Sunday drive with a few cars, but on a destination drive with 20-30 cars and time constraints, we have to maintain some form of decorum in our ranks. The idea is to have fun on these drives, but we can only travel as fast as the slowest car in our group. I wonder if we should mention something about potty breaks and making them as fast as possible or whatever?

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