



RULES OF THE ROAD

Preface:

These rules may result in some of us being asked to drive faster than we want for a few miles and some of us being asked to drive slower than we want for a few miles. Be agreeable and patient and enjoy the drive with friends.

- 1. If you're tired, do not go on a drive.** We must be alert to the road and all cars around us 100% of the time.
- 2. Wear your club nametag.**
- 3. Go to the restroom before the drive.** This will not preclude emergency PIT-STOPs and the drive leader will remain sensitive to such requests.
- 4. Always have a good pair of sunglasses.**
- 5. Be on time for a drive with a full gas tank.**
- 6. Have your 2-way radio at each drive.** Be responsible for having good batteries in your radio. Carry spare batteries. If you break down, have a flat, or get lost, you'll need help. We use channel 5. Do not use a voice-activated radio. Battery operated with extra batteries allows you to have a fresh radio anywhere. Do a radio check regularly. If you forget your radio, another club member will usually loan you one for the drive. Please remember to return it at the end of the drive or when you leave the drive if circumstances dictate.
- 7. Day driving: "Parking lights" on!** This identifies us as a group, traveling together, to the public, to law officers and changes the way they view and respond to us. Do not be offended when fellow club members remind you to turn them on and off because we all forget to do it from time to time. Everybody helps everybody to remember. Only two cars will have headlights on, the "Drive Leader" and the "Sweep Car." The Sweep Car is primarily responsible to report to the drive leader if the group becomes fragmented or that all vehicles have cleared a traffic light or STOP sign. The "Sweep" should be easily detected by any car in the group. If no vehicle with headlights is observed to identify the end of the group for an extended period, the Sweep has encountered a problem and is obviously missing. This should result in immediate corrective action. If more than one car near the end of the group has "headlights on" the safety of the Sweep is in jeopardy and the condition shall be corrected. Any driver getting separated from the group due to a red light or other reason has primary responsibility to report the condition and again when the fragmented group has caught up with the pack. If that report goes unanswered by the drive leader, the closest car to the leader, hearing the message, shall relay it until it is acknowledged by the leader.
- 8. Don't use your cell phone, iPod, CD players, GPS, or any devices that may distract from focusing on your driving 100% of the time.** In 2015, Oklahoma became the 46th State to ban texting while driving or driving distracted.
- 9. Bring your Pike-Pass.** If you don't have one, be sure the DL knows you must stop at the tollgate. Otherwise the group could run off and leave you.

10. Check your car before each drive: Check engine oil and oil pressure, engine temperature, transmission fluid, antifreeze, brake fluid and brake pads. Check for sufficient tire tread and inflate to proper air pressure. Torque lug nuts to proper settings. Check wiper blades. Ask for help if you do not understand your car.

11. The club does not emphasize speed!! However, you are expected to maintain an interval between you and the car in front of you that is consistent with the rest of the cars in the line. Quick acceleration will allow you to catch-up from stop signs & lights without speeding. Drive quick, not fast. It is much easier to keep up rather than catching up. If you are not close to the car in front of you, you can't accurately understand their declining speed or acceleration rate. This will contribute to the "bungee affect" of the driveline and could cause a dangerous situation. If someone on a side road sees a group of us flying by on a curve and doesn't see another car immediately, they may think we have all passed by and pull out in front of the next speeding car that has left a gap in the line.

12. Drive at your own pace. Remember, if you feel pushed, kindly invite the car behind you to pass or start in front of you at a break. If you feel that you want to keep a little closer gap to the group than the car in front of you, kindly ask that car if you can start in front of them at a break. 1 to 3 seconds between cars or one car length per every 10 mph are good guidelines, depending on comfort levels and conditions. Never leave enough space in front of your car to appear to be leading your own drive. If you can't maintain the same spacing as the cars around you, please re-consider going on club drives.

13. Don't allow anyone to influence your need to drive safely. Know what type of a drive it is. Each drive requires each of us to be willing to drive a certain way. If you are tired or are a laid back driver, do not go on a fast-paced drive. If you can't be patient, do not go on a leisure site-seeing drive. Don't try to make a fast-paced drive into a site-seeing drive because you aren't in the mood. Don't try to make an easy visiting drive into a fast-paced drive because you are impatient or bored. If you aren't willing or confident enough or experienced enough to participate in a drive as it is presented by the DL and intended by the DL, **don't go**. Perhaps the next drive will be more suited to you. If we don't seem to have a drive that fits your style, please volunteer to lead a drive suited to your preference. There will be plenty of club members to go with you.

14. We do not drive on snow and ice; the risk is simply too great. We do not cancel Club Drives because of fog or rain. We may still go; we just drive a little slower. Our cars have a strong top, defroster, and we will slow the pace to a speed to maintain safe traction. We always have the hope that we will drive out of the rain.

