

DRIVING TIPS FOR TOURING

Leader

The leader is the PTBIC (Person that be in charge).

Leader should have his speedometer timed for speed consistency. (45 mph is a good speed)

Since most tours have several small groups, there will be more than one leader.

Follow the tour leader's directions.

If the leader gets lost, follow along. You never know what neat things you might see.

If you are going to deviate from the directions, inform the leader and the people in your group .

If one group stops, the others should go on unless asked to stop.

When leaving a town, the leader should go to cruise speed as fast as practical.

The followers can space out as they are leaving town.

Pit Stops and Pot Stops

At the beginning of a tour (and each day), have a full tank of gas.

During the tour, the leader will have planned fuel stops.

At each fuel stop everyone should refuel (guideline: If the leader refuels, you should also).

It is a good idea to have a pot stop about 1 hour after the start of the tour.

Unscheduled pot stops are not a problem (stuff happens).

Unscheduled fuel stops could indicate a problem (could be carburetor).

Communication

We use CB channel 17.

If you don't have a CB, get in the 'rocking chair' and let others in the group know.

If you get separated, make sure your cell phone is on (If you have one). If not, good luck.

The rear view mirror is the best form of communication. **Keep track of the car behind you.**

If they slow down or lag behind, you slow down and keep them in sight.

If the leader goes out of sight, he's not doing his job.

When you make a turn, make sure the car behind you also turns.

(OVER)

SAFETY

EMERGENCY STOPS

If you must pull over:

Get as far off of the road as possible.

Don't stop on a curve or hill.

If you don't need help, motion the other cars on.

If car stops in a bad spot, **DO NOT STOP**, proceed until there is a good spot to pull over.

Don't follow too close.

Distance between cars should be maintained so an 18-wheeler can pass and merge.

A good guide is 6-8 seconds between cars: when the person in front of you passes a highway sign, count slowly to six. If you don't get to 6 before you pass it, leave a little more space.

Back Door

The car in the back is responsible for informing the leader of the status of the group.

Must have a good radio.

Should have a good working knowledge of Model A's.

Amber flashing light in the center of the car.

Night Time Driving

Red reflectors on the back of all cars to supplement the tail lights. Yellow blinking lights or strobes are also a good idea.

Traffic Back-ups

When traffic backs up, pull off in teams of 2 or 3 to let them by. This keeps from getting bunched up.

Make sure it is a safe place to pull off. The cars in front can help find a safe place.

Only resume when it is safe.

Modern cars present a unique problem (people can't understand why they don't pass us). They should run with their 4 way flashers or go on ahead of the group and wait at the next stop.

REMEMBER: SAFETY FIRST!!