

# CCWM CARAVAN GUIDELINES

## GENERAL

1. All cars must drive with your DRL or fog lights on while in the caravan.
2. **AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF THE CARAVAN MUST HAVE TWO-WAY RADIOS.** We use channel 50. Radios are fine in small groups, but when large groups get spread out and there are tall buildings or mountains around, transmissions may not be heard by all. It is also helpful to have a cell phone. In addition, please keep conversational chat on the radios to a minimum so that announcements and warnings by leaders can be broadcast in a timely manner. Make sure that your radio's transmit button is not stuck in the "on" position, effectively cutting off all other transmissions.
3. **STAY ALERT.** The most common accident is the rear-end collision. Please give the cars around you plenty of room to maneuver. NO TAILGATING and always be prepared to stop quickly.
4. If you have a passenger, have that person act as your navigator to assist with directions, cell phone use, radio use, etc. Your job is to drive your Corvette without distractions.
5. **ALWAYS BE LOOKING AHEAD, WAY AHEAD.** Not only watch the car in front of you, but also watch 4-5 cars ahead of you. This gives you a better reaction time to avoid an accident. It is not critical to be immediately behind the Corvette in front of you---but keep them in sight. It is frustrating to other drivers when we try and squeeze into a space that's not there. In auto racing your hands will take you to where your eyes are looking, so look ahead and your hands will follow.

## CARAVAN ORGANIZATION

### **DRIVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN TOWN**

1. A lead car and tail car (Caboose) will be designated.
2. Keep in sight of the car behind you.
3. Re-group after several stop lights. (if feasible)
4. Absolutely no passing other members of the Caravan.
5. Obey all speed signs and other traffic signs.
6. In small towns when we encounter traffic lights, if there are 2 lanes, use all lanes going in our direction. This will allow more of us to make the light.

## **CCWM CARAVAN GUIDELINES – (cont.)**

### **DRIVING FROM ONE TOWN TO ANOTHER**

1. A lead, relay and tail car (Caboose) will be designated.
2. Keep in sight of the car in front and the car behind you.
3. Re-group once out of the city limits or where it is safe and feasible to pull over.
4. Absolutely no passing other members of the Caravan. On 4-lane highways, i.e., interstates, stay in the same lane as the Caravan and use the other to pass daily drivers and let other traffic go by. Remember that truckers are out there on the highway to earn a living – so make sure to leave one lane open at all times.
5. Allow safe space between cars, the speeds in a caravan increase and increase quickly the further away you are from the leader. The next thing to watch out for is what is known as the Rubber Band Effect, in which the group gets stretched out and then rebounds quickly. Rebounding quickly is NOT good.
6. When approaching a toll booth: SPREAD OUT. If everyone attempts to go through in a straight line, it will take quite a long time to get everyone through and back up to speed.
7. Obey all speed signs and other traffic signs.

**The most important rule that cannot be stressed enough: BE COURTEOUS to other drivers and drive SAFELY.**

(Also, relax, be patient, and remember that **the journey is half the fun**. With a group of people, all things take longer. Stops may take some time, depending especially on the size of the group. Patience is appreciated as the whole group gets in, gets parked, uses the facilities, and is ready to hit the road again.)

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