

CARAVAN RULES

Caravanning is NOT a sporting event. It is an event of teamwork, skill, and safety.

Each caravan has a designated lead car (front-door) and a designated last car (back-door). At the drivers meeting make sure you know who is assigned to the front and back doors. The back door has numerous functions: Watching for slow cars, mechanical failures, losses at traffic signals, and traffic approaching from the rear of the caravan. The back door also coordinates all lane changes with the caravan leader. The caravan leader is responsible for the caravan and its safety. Any questions or other communications regarding the caravan should be directed to the caravan leader.

Caravans should be sized to accommodate safe highway and local maneuvering. A reasonable size is about 15 to 20 cars. The caravan leader should determine the break, and ask for assistance in reducing the caravan size. Always think Safety First.

Ideally, each car should be CB equipped or have an FM Radio. (FRS) The caravan leader will notify all members of the caravan as to which vehicle is equipped with either a CB or FM Radio, and which channel to monitor. (CHANNEL 3 is used by BCC unless otherwise indicated.) Radios should only be used to communicate information that is relevant to safe caravanning. "I need to stop for a break. How far to the next gas station? What time will we arrive? We will be turning right at the third light." as examples. Radios should Never be used to tell another driver to pass another vehicle, or to make any other maneuver.

Please be on time, have your gas tank full and all repairs completed before departure. At the drivers meeting state if your car is limited on cruising speed or gas range. If you have medical or mechanical capabilities, please let the caravan leader know. You may be asked to provide your cell phone number to the caravan leader if you want to be a point of contact in case of an emergency.

The caravan should run with headlights on low beam, (in a C-5, 6 and 7 the running lights should be on) to inform other motorists that we are traveling in a group. (Day and Night) While caravanning at night, please do not flash your lights at oncoming traffic with their bright lights on. This is the responsibility of the caravan leader. Flashing, lights means "CORVETTE in trouble and must pull off the road". The next two vehicles will follow any person having to pull out of the caravan, unless that person is pulling out of the caravan for something other than an emergency. At which point the car leaving will signal by waving the cars behind him on.

Try to maintain a consistent interval between you and the CORVETTE ahead of you. A safe distance is the three-second rule. Use a larger interval at night or in wet conditions. Do not leave too much of a gap as this tends to frustrate the people behind you and causes the group to gradually split or start breaking and accelerating which produces an accordion affect in the caravan. Stay with the flow of traffic if at all possible.

Do not pass a fellow caravan member, ~~unless that person is obviously leaving a very large gap between his vehicle and the one in front and is showing no effort to close into the proper distance interval.~~ Passing the caravan leader is **not allowed**, except for the club photographer or persons previously given permission to do so. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and other vices while on the road is ~~frowned upon.~~ forbidden.

It is important that the caravan moves at the same speed as other traffic. In the event the caravan passes any vehicle on a two-lane road, a substantial amount of space is required for all to maneuver back into position, so the caravan leader should leave plenty of room. Only one Corvette shall pass another vehicle that is not part of the caravan at a time. Once the first Corvette passes, the second Corvette in line shall wait until the first Corvette is back in the right lane, and that the second Corvette driver has a clear sightline to pass, as well as room to safely make the pass, and get in behind the first Corvette. No more than one Corvettes shall pass another vehicle at the same time.

When caravanning, we do not "seize" a lane in order to keep all Corvettes in formation. On a divided highway such as an Interstate, the Caravan should maintain the right lane except to pass another vehicle that is not in the caravan. Once around the non caravan vehicle, move back to the right lane. It is the responsibility of the Back Door Driver to notify all members of the caravan of faster traffic approaching from the rear, and all members of the caravan should move right to allow the faster traffic to pass safely. Safety is ultimately more important that keeping the caravan "All Corvettes".

If for some reason you must leave the caravan at any time do not try and take your previous position in the caravan, the back door will let you in Just in front of him/her. Use your turn indicators when changing lane or merging on and off of the freeway.

In the event of an accident, only essential aid giving and family members need remain, the balance of the caravan should proceed to the destination.

If performed correctly, a caravan can provide each participant with a unique sensation about themselves and those that are a part of the caravan team. When a caravan of shiny CORVETTES is traveling along in an uninterrupted procession in fluidlike motion, evenly spaced, it is a sight and sensation to which you can be very proud.

Being a part of a caravan, large or small, can be a very enjoyable experience, but only if it is well organized and executed the same way by all who participate.

HAPPY CARAVANING