



# ~~**RED LINE CORVETTES**~~

## **CARAVAN GUIDELINES**

### **Event Coordinator Preparation**

1. Try to utilize a nearby freeway onramp to get the group started, and then use an exit that allows everyone to gather up before proceeding.
2. Try to avoid streets with multiple stoplights or stop signs.
3. E-mail written driving directions or map of the planned caravan.
4. Remind participants via E-mails to bring their GMRS radios using channel 6, sub channel 12. It is illegal in California for the driver to use any type of handheld device for communications. The passenger, whenever possible, should operate the radio. The exception would be if you have a VOX (**voice-operated exchanged**" or "voice activated transmission) capability on your radio.
5. For runs through the mountains, Event Coordinator should make a prior run of the route (if possible) to check for construction along the way or other issues.

### **Coordinator Tips for the day of the Event**

1. If the Event Coordinator is not the Lead Corvette, inform the group who will lead the caravan.
2. Designate a Rear car, which is responsible to stay in frequent contact with the Lead car via club radios to let the Lead car know when all cars have cleared a controlled intersection; to advise the Lead car if the pace is too fast or too slow, and to advise of any other issues that affect the safety of the caravan and/or the safety of other vehicles on the roadway.
3. Make sure each driver and passenger signs an insurance waiver if applicable.
4. If necessary, hand out written driving directions.
5. Have a short drivers meeting to explain the route and go over safety precautions.
6. If there are more than about 12 cars in the caravan, assign cars in the middle of the caravan to pass on radio information as needed.
7. If there are more than 20 cars at the event try to break up into two or more groups.
8. Allow for frequent rest stops.

## Event Participant Guidelines

1. Arrive at the starting point on time, with a full tank of gas and be ready to leave on time.
2. Have a fully charged GMRS radio tuned to channel 6, sub channel 12.
3. Driver and passenger sign the insurance waiver if applicable.
4. Listen carefully at the drivers meeting to the description of the route and safety precautions.
5. Advise the Event Coordinator if you are going to leave before the end of the run.
6. Drive SAFELY! Obey all traffic laws. Drive courteously. Drive defensively. Always drive within your personal limitations.
7. The Lead Corvette will set the pace for the caravan.
8. Use the 3-Second Rule to maintain adequate separation between you and the vehicle in front of you.
9. Caravans have a tendency to "rubber band" rapidly and unexpectedly. Try to maintain a constant distance between the car in front of you to reduce rubber band effect. Do not leave too much of a gap between the car in front of you, as it tends to frustrate drivers behind you, allows too many non-caravan drivers to get into our group, and causes the group to gradually split up or start the rubber band effect of speeding up and rapid braking, which disrupts the rhythm and safety of the caravan. If you are not comfortable with this guideline, let the Leader know and then drop back behind the rear car and go at your own pace.
10. Passing within the club group of cars should not be necessary and is not recommended. Do not pass another caravan member unless that car is obviously leaving too large a gap and making no effort to close to the proper interval. This is a CARAVAN, NOT a RACE.
11. At multiple through and turn lanes, double up at traffic signals where practical to maintain caravan contact, but fall back into single file soon after so as not to interfere with the other traveling public.
12. Caravanning in a manner that impedes the flow of traffic is illegal. By code, a sufficient space of no less than 100 feet between each vehicle or combination of vehicles must be allowed so as to enable other cars to overtake or pass the caravan. Not allowing non-caravan vehicles to pass through or across the caravan is arrogant, discourteous, and illegal. Also, don't block the truckers. When passing trucks, it's very important to leave plenty of room when completing your pass. Their vehicles are not capable of Corvette like passing and braking maneuvers.
13. Let faster traffic go by. If you are in the left lane and another car pulls up behind you wanting to overtake, momentarily move right allowing it to pass.
14. As a general rule - drive right and pass left.
15. There may be those who like to putt along below the speed limit and watch the scenery. If that's you and you feel the Caravan speed is too fast, just slow to the speed you like and drop back from the main group. We're all going to the same place.
16. If you need to pull over and do not have a radio, do so and turn on your emergency flashers. The rear car will stop behind you. Only one vehicle should stop to assist.
17. Have a wonderful day driving your Corvette!