



# CRCC CARAVAN GUIDELINES

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## **DEFINITION OF A ROAD CAPTAIN**

The Road Captain must be a member of the Colorado River Corvette Club and has the responsibility to make decisions during a group run. The Road Captain (RC) is the person who determines the route that the group will take to get to the destination, and is usually the lead car. The Road Captain's duties includes, but are not limited to picking a safe route, safety of the group, gas and food stops, and keeping the group together as a whole.

## **DEFINITION OF A MID CAPTAIN**

The Mid Captain (on larger caravans) stays in the middle of the pack in case the group gets split up. Depending on caravan size, two (2) Mid-Captains may be assigned.

Mid Captains works with, and communicates with the Road Captain and Tail Gunner to keep the caravan together.

The Mid Captain will have a copy of the entire route, including GPS in case the group splits up, so they can lead the caravan to the next stop if necessary.

## **DEFINITION OF A TAIL GUNNER / BROKEN DOWN VEHICLES**

The Tail Gunner communicates with the Mid Captain(s) and Road Captain in cases of getting split up, being delayed, or reporting broken down vehicles. The Tail Gunner will stay with the broken down vehicle until a solution is determined. The caravan will pull over as a group in a safe location determined by the Road Captain. The Tail Gunner will communicate with the Road Captain whether it will be a quick fix, or for the group to continue onto the next destination.

## **BASIC CRUISE PREPARATIONS**

\*Make sure you have a full tank of gas at the start of the run, and every morning BEFORE the caravan leaves.

\*Check fluid levels i.e. engine and transmission oil, coolant, brake, power steering, etc.

\*Check the condition of your tires and check tire pressure

\*Charge your cell phone and bring it with you.

\*GPS and CB radios are **mandatory** for Road & Mid Captains, and Tail Gunners.

CB radios are highly recommended for all Caravan participants to improve safety and the overall group experience.

\*Carry a copy of the Club Roster for telephone numbers in case of a breakdown

\*Carry basic tools, i.e. first aid kits, tire repair kit, tape, sockets, jumper cables, hose clamps, water, etc.



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## **BASIC CRUISE GUIDELINES**

\*When entering a freeway, the Road Captain will drive in the right hand lane of the freeway at a "safe" minimum speed limit until all or most of the vehicles in the caravan are on the freeway.

\*Once the caravan is on the highway and the Tailgunner and Mid-Captains communicate to the Road Captain that everyone is together, the Road Captain will opt to change lanes, increase speed, use cruise control, and keep the group together.

\*Tailgating is NOT allowed - always maintain a safe and reasonable gap.

## **STAYING TOGETHER**

\*Be aware of the corvette ahead of you and behind you to ensure we all stay together.

**"Double Up"** - (The caravan may break into 2 or 3 lanes) at traffic lights to get through the intersections together & avoid getting caught at the light. After which, all cars should try to regroup and merge back into their original positions.

\*Obey all speed signs and other traffic signs.

\***Repeat Hwy exits (by CB radio) to alert the entire caravan we are taking that exit.**

\*Be courteous to other "non-club" drivers if they want to move into your lane

\***Cruise control** will be used on long open highways to help keep group together

\*Communicate emergency situations to the Road Captain, Mid Captains, & Tailgunners

\***Notify the Road Captain** if you need a **"health break"** prior to a **scheduled stop**, and verify your intentions and next scheduled stop to meet up.

## **PASSING/GAPS**

\*Passing is allowed within the caravan "when safe" to keep the group better together.

Be aware of "gaps" and try to "minimize" them by staying with the caravan you are in.

**NOTE: We feel like no one should drive faster than they feel comfortable, but please do not hold up the ones that do want to drive a little faster by allowing them to pass.**

## **CARAVAN SPEED / GROUPS**

In larger caravans, the Road Captain may split the club into two (2) groups which will include a fast group (Group 1) and a slower group (Group 2), each with a Road Captain and Tailgunner.

If you fall back too often, or create too many "gaps", you may be asked to go to the back of the caravan, or join the slower group (Group 2) in some cases. Group 2 should at least maintain the posted speed limit. We feel this will help keep both caravans closer together and arrive at the next destination safely.

# CORVETTE CARAVAN SURVEY

Dear Members:

Please fill out this quick survey for our Road Captain Team so we can better plan our road trips and safety programs.

Thank you  
CRCC Road Captains

## SURVEY

Do you feel comfortable in passing slower vehicles on Highways?      YES      NO

Do you like to only drive the speed limit?      YES      NO

Do you like to drive "over" the speed limit, i.e. 5-8 mph over?      YES      NO

Do you own a CB radio?      YES      NO

Do you plan on getting a CB radio?      YES      NO

On larger caravans, if the group is split into two (2) groups, would you prefer to drive in the:

1<sup>st</sup> group, (speed limit or faster) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> group (speed limit only) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional suggestions, comments or concerns:

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