



Midstate Miata Club of New York

Caravan Rules (Rev. 4/29/2018)

These are to be read at the Driver's Meeting prior to departing:

1. Participants should wear their official Club nametag at all times during the event. Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat or visor are recommended. Apply your magnetic club logo decals on the front fenders if you have them. Make sure your car has enough gas, and you have an empty bladder.
2. My cell phone number is _____. Use it if you need to contact the leader.
3. We will do a radio check just before departure. First and last (sweep) car (at least) will have Club 2-way radios.
4. While driving, leader and sweep cars will have full headlights on. Following participants will keep only parking lights on. It lets others know we are traveling as a group and allows to the lead car to identify the sweep. Remember to turn off your lights at stops.
5. Stay within posted speed limits. (You know we have to say this.) No passing unless waved ahead by the car in front of you.
6. The sweep (last) car should radio "Clear" to the leader when all cars have safely turned any corners or passed through stop lights/stop signs, etc.
7. **IMPORTANT: KEEP UP WITH THE CAR IN FRONT OF YOU.** There should not be a gap of more than one telephone pole between cars or try to figure one car length for every 10 mph between each car to prevent OTMs ("Other Than Miata") from entering our caravan. All cars are responsible for the cars following behind them so no one gets lost. Do not tailgate and do not lag far behind. If you lose sight of the car in front of you, pull over and stop safely. **Notify the leader if you choose to drop out for any reason or follow the directions on your own.**
8. When making a turn within the group, use your turn signal EARLY to alert the driver behind you and make sure they can see where you're turning.
9. Leave stop signs and traffic lights quickly to allow others to clear them also. Do quick but safe stops at stop signs.
10. **DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE CAR BEHIND YOU.** If you do, pull over to the side road safely and stop with your turn signal on and wait for the rest of the cars and the sweep car to catch up. The sweep car will radio the leader to pull over and wait until the "lost" cars and the sweep car pull safely back onto the road together and catch up with the leader and the rest of the pack after conferring about the directions together. The "lost" cars will pull over safely behind the stopped lead car and the rest of the pack and when it is safe, all cars will pull out **AT THE SAME TIME** following the leader. Do not block side streets or driveways.
11. If the car in front of you pulls over, do the same. This keeps the group together.

12. If the group will be split into “spirited/enthusiastic” or “normal touring” driving groups, announce it. Identify the lead and sweep cars for each group.
13. Have fun and BE CAREFUL!

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