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LHSCG GUIDELINES FOR AN AWESOME TOUR PARTICIPANT

This guideline is provided for participants of any Tour Event to use to enjoy an Awesome driving experience for them and others.

1. Tour Events are announced at our monthly meetings followed by emails and notices on the club website: lhsportscars.com. Most tours are limited in size and you may be placed on a waiting list unless you sign up early.
2. The date and time to meet for the tour will be provided. Meet at least fifteen minutes prior to the tour leaving. A group photo is often taken prior to departing. When arriving at the staging area, you may line up in any group you wish if it is not full. This will be your group throughout the tour.
3. If you cannot make the tour you have signed up for, you must notify the Tour Leader as soon as possible. Members on the waiting list deserve a chance to participate. Tour Leaders may need to adjust the attendance count at destinations.
4. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the route that the group will be taking. Directions for the tour will be provided by the Tour Leader and most of the time a map will be provided. You may also want to check our website prior to leaving as our website may have information and maps that are printable for your use.
5. Our tours are designed to provide the best driving experience. Tour Leaders will drive at or near the posted speed limits. Participants should keep up with the car in front of them at a safe but reasonably close distance. If you are uncomfortable driving at the speed of your group and prefer to drive at a more leisurely speed, pull over and wave the cars behind you to pass. You should have the tour directions with you. You can meet the rest of the group at the next planned stop. Follow behind at your leisure. If you have a radio, please advise your Group Leader and Sweep that you will meet them at a later time and place.
6. Please stay behind the car that is in front of you. **DO NOT PASS THE CAR THAT IS IN FRONT OF YOU UNLESS YOU ARE WAVED BY THE DRIVER TO PASS.** Our tours are not a speed contest.

7. The last driver in each group is called the “Sweep” AKA “Shotgun” or “Tail Gunner”. Tour Leaders are encouraged to arrange in advance who their Sweeps will be. The Sweep should have a radio to communicate with their Group Leader. The Sweep should inform their Group Leader of any unusual situations and can render assistance if a car breaks down. While on the road, the Group Leader may pull over on the side of the road so that the cars in their group may regroup. The Sweep should advise their Group Leader if this is necessary and coordinate the resumption of the trip with their Leader. Sometimes it helps, when safe, for the Sweep to pull out at the same time as the Leader, holding traffic back just enough to provide room for the rest of the group to safely pull out.

8. We normally plan for a rest stop within one hour of driving. As the cars are leaving any stop, please rejoin your same group and, if possible, resume the same position you started with.

9. It is the participants’ responsibility to ensure that their guests have signed an LHSCG Guest Release Form for each Tour Event prior to their guest participating. The signed form must be given to the Tour Leader, preferably before the day of the tour, before the guest will be allowed to participate in that tour. You can find the form on our website under the link “Membership”.

10. If there are more than one group of cars, each car should remain with their group at all times! If someone needs to change, they need to inform the Group Leaders and Sweeps of both the groups they are leaving and moving to. Drive with your lights on so you are more easily seen by others.

11. We use walkie-talkies to maintain contact between the lead and sweep cars of each group. These radios have short range. We can lose communications if cars spread out too much. It is essential that your walkie-talkies are set to not send out annoying beeps and noise. Most important, make sure that VOX (hands free operation) and RB (roger beep) are turned off.

12. The Tour Leaders will choose restaurant(s) and hotel(s) for the Awesome Tour as needed. If a participant does not choose to eat at the restaurant(s) or stay at the hotel(s) that are recommended, they should advise the Tour Leader as soon as possible and make their own arrangements.