

III - PARTICIPATING IN A TOUR

— GETTING READY FOR THE TOUR —

- Have your Model A in good working order.
- Consider installing seat belts and turn signals
- Bring your CB/walkie-talkie and cell phone.
- Put tools, parts, and supplies in your Model A.

— ASSEMBLING FOR THE TOUR —

- Arrive with a full tank of gas!
- Be attentive during the drivers' meeting.
This is when you'll get a map, driving directions, and special instructions about the tour.
- Depart the parking lot in the order directed by the Tour Leader.
If the group of Model A's is larger than 5, the Tour Leader may break the Model A's into two or more groups that will depart a few minutes apart. This is safer than a large group.
- Drive modern cars separately from the A's.
It is not safe to have modern cars accompany a group of Model A's. If you drive your modern car, attend the drivers' meeting so that you are aware of the destination, the tour route, and the time frame, then proceed on your own.

— DURING THE TOUR —

- Listen for important directions on the CB club channel, or your cell phone.
Don't use the CB for idle chit-chat.
- Do not pull over to the side of the road unless YOU have an emergency!
The Tour Leader will designate one or more Model A's who will help a disabled car. All other Model A's should continue on the route.
- You are responsible for keeping the person behind you in sight.
Check your rearview mirror often, especially when making a turn or at a fork in the road. Slow down so the person following can see where you

are turning. Generally maintain a safe distance behind the car in front of you, but don't lag behind the group. Notify the Tour Leader if you or another car gets left behind.

- Check your rearview mirror for faster modern cars/trucks moving up among the Model A's.
Use the CB or flash your lights to alert the Model A's in front of you of a passing modern car. Back off to allow the car to pass. Holding faster drivers behind often creates very dangerous situations.
- Clearly signal all turns.
When waiting to make a left turn, keep your wheels straight ahead until you are ready to turn. (If you're struck from behind with your wheels turned left, you will be propelled into oncoming lanes with possible tragic results.)
- Run with your lights on.
At your discretion, you may choose to leave your lights off if concerned about battery discharging.
- Remain in the same lane.
If a lane change is needed, the last car should shift lanes first and allow the others to merge in.
- Notify the Leader if you must leave the tour.
Making a side stop could lead other Model A's to leave the tour route or wonder if you are experiencing problems or are lost. If you must leave the tour for gas, notify a nearby Model A.
- Carry a cell phone with you.
Carry your cell phone and a list club cell phone numbers with you on a tour for emergency use. **But no texting while driving!**

Remember: Safety is more important than anything else! If something seems unsafe, don't do it!

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MODEL A GROUP TOURING GUIDELINES



Safety is the number one priority in any tour; safety of the participants, and to the public.

The guidelines consist of three parts:

- I - Planning a Tour
- II - Conducting a Tour
- III - Participating in a Tour

I - PLANNING A TOUR

Step 1: Select an appropriate destination:

- CONSIDER THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS A GROUP OF SLOW MOVING MODEL A's CREATES WHEN TRAVELING TOGETHER. Some 'fun' destinations may not be appropriate for Model A's.

Step 2: Determine a possible route:

- INVESTIGATE ALL POSSIBLE ROUTES. Use an on-line search or other resources to make certain that a route is safe.

Step 3: Make an advance run of the route:

- NOTE ALL SAFETY CONCERNS such as potential separation due to traffic lights, stop signs or congestion, left turns on busy highways, and absence of shoulder.
- NOTE ALL MARKERS AND LANDMARKS: Road signs, stop signs, mile posts, gas stations, etc. help clarify the route.
- NOTE POSSIBLE PROBLEM AREAS FOR MODEL A's like construction zones, grades, travel on gravel, or fresh paving.
- CHOOSE A DEPARTURE POINT THAT GIVES SAFE AND EASY ACCESS TO THE ROUTE.

Step 4: Make adjustments to the route:

- ALTER THE ROUTE TO AVOID PROBLEMS:
This may include, for example, avoiding left turns or eliminating areas where frequent braking is required.

Step 5: Write a rough draft of the driving directions:

- SELECT MARKERS AND LANDMARKS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRIVING DIRECTIONS so those unfamiliar with the locale can navigate the route easily.
- SIMPLIFY THE DIRECTIONS TO INCLUDE ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED:
Use the most common street name, and use the terms *right* or *left* instead of North, South, East or West.
- INCLUDE ENOUGH DETAILS SO A 'LOST CAR' CAN FIND ITS WAY BACK TO THE ROUTE.

Step 6: Determine arrangements for potty stops and lunch stops.

Step 7: Select a map that will show the route most clearly:

- MARK THE ROUTE WITH A HIGHLIGHTER.
Consider the orientation, and eliminate all unnecessary information.

Step 8: Finalize the driving directions, and add other helpful details that include:

- Departure and estimated return times.
- Total number of miles for the tour.
- Gas stations along the route.

Step 9: Write a short blurb for the newsletter describing what the tour will include, and what participants should bring.

II - CONDUCTING A TOUR

To ensure that everyone arrives safely and has a good time, the **Tour Leader** should cover these points at the **drivers' meeting**:

- Provide tour participants with route maps showing key waypoints.
- Explain to the tour group drivers about safety precautions to follow and any possible confusing areas of the map.
- Explain what communications tools will be used (CB's, walkie-talkies, cell phones) with channels and emergency numbers.
- Providing a list of participants and their communication device access numbers.
- Locate tour participants with CB's strategically in the group, e.g., front, middle, rear.
- Designate the number and order of cars that will travel in the group or subgroups.

The Tour Leader will determine the order in which the cars should travel, and which ones will travel as a group; separating faster and slower cars is advised.

- Arrange departure with spacing between cars that allows other traffic, including trucks, to pass safely.
- Take steps to avoid having all the Model A's pull over at the same time in case of a problem with one car, or if cars have become separated.

Having a group of Model A's pull over to the side of a busy highway or on a curve is a dangerous practice that should be avoided at all cost. It requires a very wide shoulder area capable of safely allowing all cars to pull entirely OFF the roadway and renegotiate getting back onto the busy highway without impeding traffic or causing or becoming involved in an accident. *The tour group should be organized well enough so that pulling over to regroup will be unnecessary.*

- Designate a "sweep" driver to help anyone along the route who becomes stranded or has mechanical difficulty.

In case of a breakdown, only a couple of cars should pull off - *not the entire group*. Having everyone pull off if one car experiences a breakdown is as dangerous as regrouping. The Tour Leader will determine the safest procedure everyone will follow in the event of a breakdown, and will explain that procedure clearly during the drivers' meeting before departure.

- Designate where any modern cars interested in the tour should travel.

For safety reasons, modern cars should not be allowed to accompany the group of Model A's. A modern car among the Model A's or at the end of the line of Model A's traveling together creates a more dangerous situation than already exists with slow moving cars. Modern cars should travel to a tour destination separately from the group of Model A's. The destination should be made clear to the modern cars.

