

# Pomona Valley Corvette Association



## Caravan Guidelines

- 1) At the driver's meeting, general driving directions to the destination(s) should be discussed.
- 2) At the driver's meeting, the caravan guidelines should be reviewed as a reminder to current members and for new members.
- 3) The "lead car" and "last car" should be announced at the driver's meeting. Other caravan members should not pass or fall behind these cars.
- 4) The lead car's radio should be able to clearly communicate with the last car.
- 5) When getting on the freeway, caravan members should make a smooth and safe transition to merge in with the flow of traffic. Caravan members shouldn't unsafely zigzag around traffic in a hurry to get in line.
- 6) The line up of the caravan must not have two cars of the same color in a row (Glenda's rule, she will coordinate).
- 7) The lead car should drive no faster than 5-10 mph over the speed limit (best if can use cruise control).
- 8) The caravan should generally travel in the #2 lane of traffic, not the fast lane. This will allow "other" cars to pass and not impede the flow of traffic.
- 9) Don't follow other caravan members too closely. The caravan should allow enough space between cars to avoid accidents and to allow "other" cars to safely change lanes.
- 10) It is the lead car's responsibility to announce as soon as possible upcoming turns, freeway or lane changes, or road obstructions.
- 11) The lead car should only exit or pull to the side of the road to keep the caravan together if the last car determines that it is needed.
- 12) Keep radio chatter down when getting close to the destination to allow the lead car to announce directions.
- 13) If a "pit stop" is needed, give the lead car plenty of notice in order to find an appropriate stopping place for the entire caravan.
- 14) If a caravan member gets lost and communication is lost, try to re-establish contact with a cell phone (keep a current PVCA roster in your glovebox).
- 15) If a caravan member chooses not to stay with the caravan, please announce intentions to lead or last car.

- 16) If a caravan car is having trouble, it should signal trouble by flashing it's headlights or indicate trouble over the radio.
- 17) The car having trouble should pull over to the side of the road or exit as soon as safely possible. The last car should pull over with the troubled car to assist. The rest of the caravan should exit the next off-ramp and wait for the troubled car.
- 18) Once a car has indicated trouble, no one else should talk on the radio except the lead car, the troubled car and the last car.
- 19) If the CHP (or other authority) stops a caravan member, the rest of the caravan should exit the next off-ramp and wait for the stopped member (unless otherwise directed by the CHP).
- 20) All drivers of the caravan should always practice safe and courteous driving. Remember we want to have fun, but be safe!