

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA TOURING GUIDE

One of the major activities of the Pikes Peak Model Chapter of the Model A Ford Club (PPCMAFC) is touring and touring is one of our most dangerous activities. To help make this activity as safe as possible, the PPCMAFC has developed the following tour guidelines. We encourage all members and guests to follow these guidelines while touring with the Club. We recognize that you may encounter unique circumstances that these guidelines do not fully address. In those cases, please proceed in the safest manner possible.

In the Colorado area we encounter many different road situations during our touring, and each situation presents its own touring problems. This being the case, we have broken these guidelines down into six different sections as follows:

1. General touring guidelines.
2. Four or more land **limited access** highways (Interstates).
3. Four or more lane **non-limited access** highways (i.e.-Us-24 between Colorado Springs and Woodland Park).
4. Major two lane highways with high speed and high usage (i.e.-Colorado 115 South of Colorado Springs).
5. Rural two lane highways with slower speeds and limited usage.
6. Congested urban situations with frequent turns, stop signs and traffic lights.

1. General Guidelines: applicable to all touring situations.

- A. A reasonable detailed map and/or directions should be prepared for each tour and provided to the driver of each vehicle.
- B. A driver's meeting should be held prior to the start of the tour in order to discuss the touring details that are to be followed for the day.
- C. If the touring group is ten (10) cars or more, separate groups should be formed consisting of no more than ten (10) cars.
- D. Determine a leader and final (sweep) car for each group. It would be best if these two cars had radio/cell phone contact capability.
- E. If the slowest car is not the lead car, the slowest car should be assigned in the second position in line and will set the pace for the entire group.
- F. Once the tour begins, all cars are to maintain their position, unless changes are made during a planned or emergency stop.
- G. If a car in the group needs to make an unplanned stop, immediately because of trouble, or at the next available facilities, they should communicate with leader via radio, phone, honking their horn or flashing their lights

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- H. If a car in the group is required to make an emergency stop, the leader of the group will select the next safe place for the entire group to stop until the magnitude of the problem is assessed. The “sweep” car, and only the “sweep” car, will stop with the disabled car to help assess the problem, which will be relayed to the group leader and the rest of the group. At that point, the group leader will make the final decision on what course of action to be taken and when and how the group will proceed.
- I. The final (sweep) car in each group should have emergency flashers and a sign warning cars coming up from behind that they are approaching a slow moving antique car caravan. Flashers need only be used when there is fast approaching car from the rear.
- J. On long trips, out of the immediate Pikes Peak region, every effort should be made to have a modern vehicle accompany the tour, pulling an unused car trailer.

2. Four or More Lane Limited Access Highways (Interstates).

Interstate type travel presents the most dangerous driving situation because of the major speed differences between antique and modern vehicles. Therefore, there is a greater need to follow safe touring practices. In addition to the General Guidelines, the following specific guidelines should be followed when traveling on an Interstate.

- A. A modern car should serve as the “sweep” vehicle in each group, and have their emergency flashers activated anytime there is another vehicle close behind or closing from the rear.
- B. All cars in the group should remain in line, in the furthest right hand lane at all times, unless directed by the group leader to do otherwise.
- C. Cars should establish a twenty (20) car length, or greater, internal distance with car in front of them and maintain that position as best they can. This is to allow faster cars approaching from the rear to pass our caravans, as well as enter and exit the roadway safely.
- D. If the group gets separated due to traffic conditions or traffic control signals, the leader should lead the group, ASAP (as soon as possible), to a safe stop and wait for the remainder of the group to catch up.

3. Four or More Lane Non-Limited Access Highways.

On highways with four or more lanes, with cross roads and traffic control features (such as traffic lights and stop signs), the following specific guidelines should be followed in addition to the General Guidelines.

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General Guidelines Continued:

- A. If possible, a modern car should serve as the “sweep” vehicle in each group, and have their emergency flashers activated anytime the caravan is traveling significantly slower than the flow of traffic and there is another vehicle close behind or closing from the rear.
- B. All cars in the group should remain in line, in the furthest right hand lane at all times, unless directed by the leader of the group to do otherwise.
- C. Cars should establish a twenty (20) car length, or greater, internal distance with the car in front of them, and maintain that position as best they can. This is to allow faster vehicles, approaching from the rear, to pass our caravans as well as enter and exit the roadway safely.
- D. If the group gets separated due to traffic conditions or traffic control signals, the leader should lead the group, ASAP (as soon as possible), to a safe stop and wait for the remainder of the group to catch up.

4. Major Two Lane Highways with High Speed and High Usage.

When traveling on two lane highways with higher speed limits and/or heavy traffic, the following specific guidelines should be followed in addition the General Guidelines.

- A. If possible, a modern car should serve as the “sweep” vehicle in each group and have their emergency flashers activated anytime the caravan is traveling significantly slower than the flow of traffic, and there is another vehicle close behind or closing from the rear.
- B. Cars should establish a twenty (20) car length, or greater, internal distance with the car in front of them, and maintain that position as best they can. This is to allow faster vehicles approaching from the rear to pass our caravan in one or multi car increments, as well as enter and exit the roadway safely.
- C. If the group gets separated due traffic conditions or traffic control signals, the leader should lead the group, ASAP, to a safe stop and wait for the remainder of the group to catch up.
- D. Any time a number of faster moving vehicles are built up behind, or within the caravan, and a wide shoulder is available, cars in the tour should pull over onto the shoulder, at a safe speed, and allow the faster moving vehicles to pass.
- E. Anytime a number of faster moving vehicles are built up behind, or within the caravan, and a safe shoulder is NOT available, the leader should lead the entire caravan to a safe stop, ASAP, and allow the faster moving vehicles to pass.

5. Rural Two Lane highways with Slower Speeds and Limited Usage

When traveling on two lane roads, having Model A type speed limits and/or low traffic volumes, the following specific guidelines should be followed, in addition to the General Guidelines.

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General Guidelines *Continued*:

- A. Cars should establish a ten (10) to twenty (20) car length internal distance with the car in front of them and maintain that position. If a faster moving vehicle(s) are approaching from the rear, with intent to pass the caravan, the interval between cars should be increased to a minimum of twenty (20) car length to provide room for the vehicle or vehicles to safely pass.
- B. If the group gets separated due to traffic conditions or traffic control signals, the leader should lead the group, ASAP, to a safe stop and wait for the remainder of the group to catch up.
- C. Anytime a number of faster moving vehicles are built up behind, or within the caravan, and a wide shoulder is available, cars in the tour should pull over on the shoulder, at a safe speed, and allow the faster moving vehicles to pass.
- D. Anytime a number of faster moving vehicles are built up behind, or within the caravan, and a safe shoulder is NOT available, the leader should lead the entire caravan to a safe stop, ASAP, and allow the faster moving vehicles to pass.

6. Congested Urban Situation: With Frequent Turns, Stop Signs and Traffic Lights

Touring in a congested, urban area present unique situations. Under these conditions, we are generally traveling at or near the official speed limit and therefore the existing guidelines regarding faster moving vehicles should be generally ignored, unless they are displaying unsafe driving practices. In that case, pull over and let them pass. In addition to the General Guidelines, and good common sense, the following specific guidelines should be followed, to the extent possible.

- A. The leader's cell phone number, or phone number at the destination of each phase of the tour, should be provided to each driver prior to the start of the tour, to be used in case of trouble or if anyone gets lost.
- B. Certain key points along the tour route should be identified in advance, where the tour will temporarily halt to allow stragglers to catch up, if required.
- C. Via communication with the "sweep" car, or by personal observation, the group leader should halt the group at a safe location immediately after making a turn or after a series of stop sign or traffic signals, if required, to allow stragglers to catch up before proceeding with the tour.

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