



CLUB MIATA NORTHWEST

TIPS FOR CLUB DRIVING EVENTS

- Arrive at the meeting location on time, and with a full tank of gas.
- Drive at your own level: choose a place in line where you're most comfortable: faster drivers in front, those who prefer to drive slower should stay toward the back. Don't drive faster than your own comfort level.
- If you don't have a CB, let the drive leader know, and choose a place in the middle of the line of cars. We use Channel 15.
- Use turn signals, and drive with your parking lights on. The caboose should use headlights.
- If you need to leave the drive early, please tell the drive leader in advance, so they won't wonder if you got lost.
- Listen to the leader's instructions during the drive. They'll identify turns, oncoming traffic, road hazards, pedestrians or cyclists.
- Learn how to bread crumb: Each driver makes sure the car behind them sees the turns, hanging back if necessary until they see you make the turn.
- Pay attention to the drive directions and be responsible for your own car. Don't just blindly follow the car in front of you—they may be lost.
- Always observe speed limits.
- As a general rule, don't pass during a club drive. If you must, do not pass on curves, or where there are double yellow lines. Event participants should not pass other participants.
- Accelerate slowly on wet, dirty, or gravel roads so you don't spray the car behind you.
- Learn the LeMans start to get a line of cars out into traffic together. The drive leader and caboose make sure everyone is ready to go, the caboose pulls out to hold a place on the road, and the rest of the group pulls out together.
- As much as we want to keep the group together, please be courteous and allow others to take their turn at stop signs/intersections. If someone is willing to wait until the whole line of Miatas passes, be sure to wave to thank them for their understanding!
- Unless it's an emergency, always stay in line between the leader and caboose. If you leave the group, you have officially left the run and are on your own. If you have a problem, contact the caboose, who will stop (if it can be done safely) and notify the drive leader.
- If you have no CB and need to stop, signal other drivers by flashing your lights, and use your turn signal for some distance before you turn in. If you see a car pull over, pass the information to the lead car.
- Driving events are intended to be fun. They are not a race.
- Always remember that we represent Club Miata Northwest when we're out on the road. Let's leave everyone with a positive impression.

Most of all; have fun!