

# Chicagoland North Corvette Club Road Trip Guidelines

**Common Sense:** Remember to treat club members the same way you want to be treated.

#### **Driving Etiquette:**

#### Before Trip:

All members must fill out annually a trip contact and waiver form. General maintenance on vehicle Flashlight Couple of general car tools Extra oil (if necessary) Rags Check tires, fluids, etc. (If your vehicle requires special maintenance during a trip, please be prepared for that.)

#### During Trip:

1. Communicate via two-way radios. The club uses Motorola 22 Channel Two-way.



- 1. Radios are normally set to channel 6 over lower 6. Trip leader will make sure that all participants know what channels will be used. Please keep radio chatter to a minimum. Radios can be a great tool if used properly.
- 2. Use turn signals to alert the car behind that we are changing lanes or approaching a turn. Always know where the car behind you is, you are its first line of safety. If you cannot see the car behind you, please slow until you can. Don't proceed after a turn until you know that the car behind you is following along.
- 3. Maintain proper and safe spacing between vehicles.
- 4. Be courteous to the driver behind you by not spinning your tires while accelerating and throwing up asphalt and other road debris onto that car.
- 5. No cell phone and texting. Let your passenger handle that.
- 6. We all know that on our trips, there are times when we want to open our cars up to see how well they perform at higher speeds. While that is acceptable, it must be done in a safe manner.
- 7. When passing vehicles during our trips, please remember to pass only in passing areas. If you happen to get behind a group of slow moving farm equipment, etc. radio the lead car and, if possible to do so in a safe manner, we will pull over to allow you to catch up.
- 8. Carry a GPS unit if your vehicle is not equipped with one. Put in the information that is given to you prior to the trip. This will help eliminate vehicles taking the wrong turn in case we get separated on the trip. Put the directions from one stop to another in your GPS when we stop for a break or at a

restaurant. While smart phones can be used as a GPS they are <u>not</u>. They will not work when cell contact is lost.

If for any reason you get separated, please use the two-way radio or call on your cell to alert the group that you got separated. If you happen to be a single driver, please remember to use your radio to alert us that you may be in need of help. Don't take anything for granted.

### In Case of Emergency or Hospital Visit:

- 1. Make sure you carry your health insurance information.
- 2. Carry a list of your doctor(s) phone numbers and any medical conditions that will help in an emergency situation.
- 3. In the event we have an emergency that requires a member to visit a hospital/clinic etc. during the trip, that member shall notify his or her emergency contact of the situation. If the member is not able to do so, the safety officer (if on trip) or trip director will be responsible for notification. Communication is most important in emergency situations.
- 4. As a club that travels together, support is our strongest attribute. Every situation requires a different direction. In most cases the club will ask for a volunteer(s) to accompany the member needing emergency assistance.

# CNCC Insurance: While the club carries insurance, it is not a replacement or coverage to protect your personal vehicle. So what does it cover?

- It protects the club in the event of third-party injury or damage to property that we are renting or using: *i.e.* a club possession (easy-up, show sign. etc.) causes damage to property (blows away, falls over) during an event and causes damage to that property.
- It will issue us riders/third-party coverage for properties requesting a COI with the name of that specific venue listed as an insured.

#### What it does not cover:

• It does not cover any injury or damage caused by a member's car or personal property. If it is your personal possession, it is covered by your personal insurance.

# Adult Responsibilities:

- If you become fatigued, radio the leader that you are going to pull over to switch drivers.
- Obviously no drinking and/or recreational drugs are allowed while driving. The club maintains a zero tolerance during the driving day. You will not only put yourself at risk, but risk causing an accident or injury to a fellow club member or another driver on the road. For example, touring wineries is okay, provided you are only sipping a small amount. Please understand your limitations at all times, day or night. Your actions reflect on the entire club.

# **Disciplinary Actions:**

If a club member insists on drinking and/or doing drugs while we are driving, not paying attention to common sense, and adult responsibility, the following actions will be followed:

- 1. Verbal Warning –Given by highest Board member or event organizer present.
- 2. Write Up Given by the highest Board member or event organizer present.
- 3. Under circumstances, immediate removal from an event will be necessary and can be the first course of action.
- 4. Suspension/Removal (this action can be taken by the Board of Directors after the event.)

Under certain infractions, the Board of Directors can vote for Suspension/Removal before fulfilling the verbal or written warnings.