



LVMOC – Guidelines for Leading a Club Drive

- **At the Starting Point**

- Arrive ~ 20 minutes before the published assembly time. Park your car in a visible spot in the parking area of the starting location. It might be necessary to check the other parts of the lot for “strays”.
- Begin circulating the sign-in sheets as soon as participants begin to arrive. Having an assistant to take care of this is almost essential. Be vigilant and ensure that all participants (particularly the drivers) sign the sheet. On the back of each sign-in sheet is a release clause waiving the Club’s liabilities for the event.
- If you choose to provide pre-drive refreshments, have those items out early and let people know that they are available.
- Encourage the participants to take photos of the staged cars and other participants. Also remind them to take lots of photos during the drive, at breaks, etc.
- The Drivers’ Meeting. Refer to the Club’s checklist of things to cover during the drivers’ meeting.

- **Departure**

- Start with a radio check and a reminder to zero-out odometers at the predetermined spot. This is a good time to make sure that you have FRS/CB radio contact with the Tail car.
- Wait as long as is practical at the staging area’s exit point, to allow all Miatas to line up and move out (as space permits).

- **The Drive**

- If this is your first time as a drive leader, try to have an experienced drive leader follow you in the second position, to “coach” you through the drive. This could help you to feel more comfortable leading the drive.
- Be sure that you are receiving FRS/CB radio communications from the Tail car. That car should be confirming that it has cleared each stop sign, traffic light and turn instruction. You need this information to hold the group together.

- As you clear each stop sign, traffic light or turn instruction, continue *slowly* until you are sure that all the cars in the group have also cleared (generally with a confirmation from the Tail car). When you are certain that all are together, you can bring the pace up to normal speed. Do *not* take off quickly immediately after *you* are through the intersection... that will cause large gaps in the group, allowing “aliens” (non-event cars) into the procession, missed turn instructions, etc.
- Use caution when passing through built-up areas, particularly where farm buildings and houses are on both sides of the road. Respect the residents of these areas by slowing the pace until you have reached open stretches of road.
- If some cars are lagging or dropping back due to the pace of the drive, reduce the pace. While you, and some other participants, might not be pleased with a slower pace, remember that you are responsible for the drive experience of *all* of the participants... it should be a pleasant event for everyone, and some compromise might be needed.
- When there is a need to regroup, look for an area with enough room for most of the cars. It could be a section of wide shoulder along the road or an open parking lot. If possible, remain pulled over until all “aliens” have passed you. The Miata that has been following the last alien should let you know that the group is back together and that you can pull back onto the road. Do this using the “LeMans” start procedure, in which all pulled-over Miatas should turn sharply left onto the main roadway at the same time. This will place all the cars quickly back onto the roadway, grouped closely together.
- If possible, announce over the FRS/CB any road issues you encounter, such as pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, potholes, downed tree branches, etc.
- If one of the cars experiences a problem that causes it to be disabled, look for a place to halt the remainder of the group until you can determine that help is available for that car. FRS/CB communication is important here.
- **At the Destination or End of the Drive**
 - Check that all participants know how to get home from the end point.
 - Thank everyone for joining you on the drive. Ask for any feedback on the event.