



CRUISIN' GUIDELINES

These guidelines will help club members plan for and promote safe and enjoyable cruises. Remember we are ambassadors of Garden City Rods and Customs – actions speak louder than words. Be safe! Be friendly! Be responsible!

PLAN YOUR CRUISE

- Ask other members for input/ideas.
- Pre-run your cruise to minimize the unexpected like traffic lights, heavy traffic, highway construction, and rough or gravel roads. Plan a good beginning and ending spot with adequate parking.
- Prior to the event, all members signed up for the cruise should receive an agenda and route information.
- If possible, stay with the plan for the enjoyment and welfare of everyone! Members who cannot start with the run may want to meet the group later for a scheduled dinner, lunch, ice cream, etc.
- Encourage members to wear GCRC hats, shirts, and attire (not mandatory).

HOLD A PRE-TRIP MEETING

- Discuss with cruise participants: Expected travel speed, travel route, any changes, approximate times for meal stops, fuel breaks, and rest stops. Designate the driver that will take the last position.
- Cruise leader and last car should have cell phone communication for emergency stops or breakdowns.
- Members must let cruise leader know if they decide to leave the cruise at any time.
- Cruise leader should advise restaurants of anticipated arrival time.
- Give all drivers an itinerary containing leader and last driver cell phone numbers, direction/maps, mileage, and fuel, meal, and restroom stops.
- Let everyone know when and where the cruise ends and when participants will be "on their own."

SAFE DRIVING AND TRAVEL SPEED

- When leaving an area after a stop, the cruise leader should get up to highway speed as soon as possible.
- Cruise members should keep the car in front of them in sight.
- Set a safe and comfortable speed for all travelers. A consistent speed will help minimize the "rubber band effect" when traveling in a caravan.
- Distance between cars on a cruise/caravan (Montana Highway Patrol recommendations)
 - On the Interstate, maintain a distance of at least 3-5 car lengths behind the car in front to allow for passing between cruising vehicles.
 - On State Highways & Secondary Roads, maintain a distance of at least 5-7 car lengths behind the car in front to allow for passing between cruising vehicles.

BREAKDOWNS AND EMERGENCIES

- If you have a car issue during a run:
 - Pull over as quickly and safely as possible.
 - Stop so that your car is visible.
 - It is the responsibility of the last car to stop with the disabled car and render assistance. Contact the leader when safe to do so.
 - The leader should make the decision to stop and wait for the disabled car or to continue to the next stop. The leader should notify the last car of the decision.

ENTERING REST STOPS/PARKING LOTS

- Pull off the highway in a fashion that does not pile up cars.
- Use turn signals prior to getting off the road.
- Make room in parking lots for all cruise members.