

Driving etiquette

A primer for driving event participants

Our club is a Porsche-oriented club, and as such has many different types of events that involve driving in groups of various sizes and with various purposes. Each has unique driving requirements and skills that are worth summarizing. Please become familiar with the specific set that you will need for each type of event, and adjust your driving style accordingly so that we may have SAFE and FUN events for everyone!

Tours

These events may last from 6 hours to several days and involve driving longer distances in a group. Depending upon the tour, the group size may range from 6 to 20 cars.

Arrive and drive

These events are short, approximately 3-hour drives that begin and end in Bend. Their purpose is to allow participants to enjoy driving their Porsches on local roads, enjoy our beautiful scenery and find interesting sights around Bend. The attendance is usually large, so the cars are set in groups of no more than 15 cars, but there will be always 2-3 groups of randomly mixed types of cars and skills of drivers.

Track days

For those who want to take their driving skills to a higher level, with unlimited speeds on a closed track, this is for you! Our High Performance Driving Events Program has teamed up with several professional venues to provide qualified instructors, safety equipment, stratified driver grouping by skill level, and a full-day event at multiple times and locations throughout the year. Specially prepared cars are not necessary, you can drive your own Porsche and learn in a safe environment how to drive it better and faster.

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There are general rules that apply to all driving events. You should be aware of them and incorporate them into your driving. The leader's job is to set a safe and steady pace. In spite of maintaining consistency, there will be slowing and speeding up in the following cars due to normal traffic changes. Stay alert, look ahead, drive decisively and you can minimize these effects. This will improve safety and make the trip more enjoyable for everyone.

1. Be aware of what's going on with drivers ahead and behind you. Be alert, be ready and be responsible. Remember you are driving in a group, not driving singly.
2. Do not lose track of the car behind you. Ensure that they make any turns and follow you.
3. Keep up with the car ahead. Leaving too much space causes problems. If you get lost on a tour or A&D, two mistakes were made. Primarily - You didn't keep up. Secondly - The car ahead did not keep you in their mirror.
4. If you need to pass a SNPV (slow non-Porsche vehicle), close up to the car ahead of you so you are in position to pass when it's your turn, pass only when it's safe. After completing the pass continue at passing speed far enough to allow the car(s) behind you to pass as well. Do not leave them "stranded" in the left lane. Close up to the Porsches ahead after the pass.
5. Never pass another Porsche. If you need to change your position in line, do so only at rest stops.

Thanks for your participation! Enjoy driving your Porsche.

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