



## Run and Event Etiquette

### Things to know:

- **Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts** is a auto enthusiast's club still in it's infancy. Therefore there are no dues, insurance, club attorneys or accountants. Participation in any of the group activities are at the sole risk and cost of each participant. Each participant should have a valid drivers license and adequate auto insurance. Please review the "small print" at the end of this document. Each participant should have a signed copy of this document on file with the organizer.
- Route maps (when available) and detailed instructions with mileages will be provided online prior to the run or event and at the beginning of each event.
- We encourage the use of FRS/GMRS radios set on channel 7, sub channel 21. The radios are to be used as tools, not toys. Please use them with discretion and discipline. Their proper use keeps everyone informed, forewarned and together.
- We will have designated lead and follow-up cars, often with one mid-pack monitor, with radio communication to keep the group coordinated.
- Large groups will be split into smaller groups of approximately 10 cars. This makes it easier to "stay up," and reduces the accordion effect.
- Rest stops will be taken when practical and feasible. But we have no intension of stopping every 10 minutes.
- Cell phone numbers will be posted on the Route Instructions sheet or will be available at the beginning of the run should you become hopelessly lost. Be warned that where we often travel, there is poor to no cell service.

### Etiquette:

- Let's run with the headlights and fog lights on, but not the high beams or driving lights. Make sure you turn your lights off when we stop.
- Attitude – the car ahead of you is not the competition.
- Pass when it is safe and with no ego or anger. Respect other's use of the road.
- Don't be a cop target.
- An open alcohol container in the car, or any indication of substance abuse, will get you immediately dismissed from the event.
- Do you have something to prove? Take it to the racetrack. We are on public roads, so use your good judgment when driving. We reserve the right to ask anyone to leave.

### On the Road:

- Follow the car in front of you but not blindly. Do not assume the car in front of you has made the proper turn. Stay current with the directions provided.
- Try to keep the group together—do not splinter off the group. If you desire a side tour or a different pace, come back later and do it on your own.
- Be cognizant of cars both ahead and behind. Stay together as a group. If someone strays off, inform the group leader so we can send out a posse'.

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- Should you need leave the group, turn on your hazard warning flashers and pull off. Do not follow someone with their hazards on – one of the tour organizers will handle the problem.
- Occasionally we may pull off to the right side of the road as a group for a variety of reasons. When re-entering the traffic flow, the follow-up vehicle at the rear will be the first to pull out, allowing the group ahead to re-enter the lane in unison. This prevents the group from being split up.
- When driving in the twisties you should be driving in your own lane, not necessarily directly following the guy in front of you. The lane you're driving in is the entire road you get to use – no cutting apexes across lines.
- We will run at a pace comfortable with the 85th percentile. Some may wish to motor more quickly, some less so; we will try to strike a comfortable and safe balance.
- Not everyone needs to make it through the light, we will wait.
- Look well ahead to where you want to be, not focused ten feet in front of your vehicle or fixated on the car in front of you.
- Be aware of following distances. Stay off the butt of the car in front of you! Leave enough space to safely react to a situation or road condition, but keep together as a group. Following a quarter of a mile behind only invites problems. Keep a sensible distance between you and the car ahead.
- Work on smoothness and control, not speed. Minimum brakes, easy throttle. Any idiot can go fast in a straight line. Drive smoothly through the corners and lighten up on the straight of ways.

If you have any questions regarding Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts policies, please contact us prior to the event for clarification. We welcome participation from members from our own club as well as others, but our policies should be accepted and adhered to.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print (sign below)

### THE SMALL PRINT - PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

By participating in any REME events and meetings, I represent that I am at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license accepted in California, and auto insurance. I further represent that I am not taking any drugs or medication, nor do I have any physical or mental limitations, which would interfere with my safe participation in the club or its events. I recognize that the operation of any car is an inherently dangerous activity with a risk of loss of the MINI and serious injury or death to my passengers and myself. I understand that these risks include, but are not limited to, road surface conditions, debris on roads, varying road widths, curves, other vehicles, pedestrians sharing the roadway, and the skills of other participants.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in club activities, I (on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, assigned and legal representatives), agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Redwood Empire Mini Enthusiasts (REME) and their representatives, individually and in the capacity indicated, from and against any and all damages, claims, suits, causes of action to and against a person and property, (including but not limited to attorney's fees) arising in connection with or related to my participation. Furthermore, I assume all risk of injury and loss, waive and release any claim of damage and injury of any nature I might state against REME and their representatives, who assist in the capacity indicated, arising out of my participation.

This Unconditional Waiver and Release shall be constructed under the laws of the State of California, and the exclusive venue for the resolution of all disputes pertaining to REME shall be in the appropriate municipal, state, or federal court, located closest to Santa Rosa, California. Should the Release Parties need to retain counsel to enforce the provisions hereof, the prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled, in addition to any other relief, to recover his, her, or it's attorney's and expert's fees.

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_