



GGLC Guidelines – Lotus Drives/Tours

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GGLC events are for FUN!

PARTICIPANTS

The Golden Gate Lotus Club (a non-profit organization) asks that all Club Members and Guests attending any Club-sponsored driving event adhere to all road rules as outlined under the California Motor Vehicles Code or applicable code. This includes following posted speed limits, staying on your side of the road and acting in a courteous manner to all others on the road, other drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclist and even roller bladers and street luge riders!

All participants of any GGLC event must have auto insurance to cover property damage and injury that may be caused by an incident.

While the GGLC's mandate is to offer a fun environment for Lotus owners to enjoy their vehicles, the Club stresses that safety both on and off the road must come first.

The Club and its board of directors bear no responsibility for any driver's conduct while on Club outings and events, and by attending a Club event, you accept full responsibility for your own actions. For Members who consistently drive carelessly or dangerously, Club Membership can and will be revoked.

Please familiarize yourself with the route and planned stops. Be sure to sign the insurance waiver at the start and join the driver's meeting at the start of the drive.

The bottom line is that we are all out to have some fun... so let's do so in a responsible manner.

DRIVE HOST(s)

The Golden Gate Lotus Club thanks in advance any member stepping forward to host a GGLC Drive. Your time and effort are much appreciated. It is the club's desire assist you with some tips and suggestions on how to present a successful and safe drive.

Planning & Route

You likely have some favorite Lotus roads, scenic and curvy, maybe a few vistas, a favorite stop(s) to include. As you put together your route consider finding a way point (stop) every 45-60 minutes. Keep the entire drive to around 1.5-3 hours (with stops). You can use mapping tools to find stopping points that are large enough for a group of say 20-30 cars. The GGLC recommends either printing route instructions or using a popular mapping app to create and save the route, then share with the participants.

Decide if you want to use FRS 2-way radios. Be sure to ask participants to bring their own radio as an option.

Write-up a brief announcement to share with the Chapman Report editor and GGLC web master to share with the GGLC members.

Meet-Up

Select a meeting (start) point that is easy to find, close to your route and has enough parking. Popular start points are coffee shops (like Starbucks or Peets), Service Stations, or Mall parking lots. It's nice to have restroom facilities too!

Drivers Meeting

The GGLC recommends conducting a brief driver's meeting before departing. The Host cover a few points:

- Welcome
- Ask participants to sign waiver (available here - <https://www.gglotus.org/gginfo/EventWaiver.pdf>)
- Route – describe route and stops
- Staying together and pace (this is NOT a road race; we share the road with others). Each driver is responsible to keep the following car in sight.
- Remind drivers to share the road, especially with cyclists and keep to your side of the roadway.

Lead Car

As the host you'll be the lead car (unless you've designated someone that is familiar with the route). The lead car sets the pace. GGLC suggests a pace that is leisurely, but enjoyable and consistent. The lead car should pull out onto the roadway from the meeting point briskly, create enough room for following cars to exit and then slow and let the group consolidate. If possible, note the last car or near last car to exit the meeting point. The lead car should use their turn signal to communicate turns well before executing the turn. After making a major turn in the route, the lead car should slow or stop (if there's room) and let the group gather before resuming pace. Before departing from a stop try to give the group about 5-10 minutes notice of the impending departure.

Drive Finish

The GGLC recommends designating an end point. This could be as simple as a parking lot, gas station or something more elaborate like a restaurant, museum, park, etc. Such a location gives the participants a place to share "goodbyes".

The GGLC is always looking for members interested in hosting a drive. Please contact events@[gglotus.org](https://www.gglotus.org) if you'd like to be a drive host.

Again, thank you for volunteering your time and effort. We hope you enjoy hosting a GGLC drive and will do another in the future.