

Eight Tips for Making MINI Drives More Enjoyable

(1) Let's Get Ready to Ramble! (Part 1)

Got Gas? No, not you, your MINI - does it need fuel? Nothing ruins a terrific Drive in the White Mountains like having to leave the group to fill the tank. Worse yet is running out of fuel - it's so not fun. Check your fuel gauge well before the Drive start time and fill up just to be sure!

(2) A Healthy MINI is a Happy MINI!

May we also suggest you make your MINI happy by checking your oil, and coolant level? Also, you may wish to check your tire pressure and the cleanliness of your windows as well. And, while you're at it, check those turn signals and brake lights, too!

(3) Let's Get Ready to Ramble! (Part 2)

Your MINI's fuel tank is topped-up, everything has been checked, and now you're really excited about the Drive and can't wait to go. However, don't LITERALLY wait to go! You've filled your MINI's tank but now is the time to empty yours!

(4) In-Flight Entertainment!

Our MINI Drives have had a tradition of "Spontaneous Roadside Comedy Radio", providing some clever and witty banter for entertainment during the Drives. We don't give out airline earphones, but you can tune into the fun by bringing an FRS/GMRS walkie-talkie radio for the drive. The fun begins on Channel 7, Sub-channel 0, and usually starts as MINIs are beginning to stage for the Drive. Oh, and by the way, your radio can also be used to alert others to any problems that arise.

(5) Which Way Did They Go? (Part 1)

It's easy to get wrapped-up in the revelry during MINIs on Top and before you know it, you've missed your Drive's departure! Don't worry; there will always be someone to help you. But you can make sure you don't miss the boat...er, Drive...by attending the Driver's Meeting and making sure you listen to where your MINI should be staged prior to the Drive, and when the Drive will begin. Last one out has to do the dishes at the T&C!

(6) MINIs Have Lots of Lights, Let's Use Them!

You spent big bucks for those Xenons, fog lights, and (the ever so proper) driving lights. Let's light-up our MINIs for the Drive! Nothing catches the attention of surrounding traffic more than a whole bunch of MINIs with their lights ablaze.

(7) Which Way Did They Go? (Part 2)

Turn signals are good! They help to notify Drive participants that a turn in the route is ahead. So, be on watch; when you see the MINI ahead of you signal for a turn, pass it on by using your turn signal! By the way, don't try sending Morse Code with your turn signals, it will only confuse others.

(8) Let's Get the Self-Regulating, Accordion Thing Going!

Don't worry...the MINI behind you has got your back! And you can be a real MINI gentleperson by repaying the favor. Keep a watch out for the MINI behind you. Try to always keep them in sight, even if it means slowing down from the pace set by the MINIs in front of you. If everyone does this, we will be more likely to stay together as a group, and you will have done your good deed for the day!

Above All,

Have Fun and Let's Motor!