

# "Mustangs To . . ."

## How to Enjoy a Mustang Caravan

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**A**s the Mustangs made their way south, you could feel the excitement, the anticipation of things to come. Mustangers were busy chatting over the CB radios, looking forward to the next stop, meeting new people, making new friends, and finding out why caravans are a great way to travel.

The Mahoning Valley Mustangs (MVM), centered in Youngstown, Ohio, has sponsored two caravans to Mustang Club of America events within the last year. "Mustangs to Atlanta" took place in August 1996 to the MCA's 20th anniversary event while "Mustangs to Virginia Beach" in May of this year found us enroute to the first MCA National for the year. Both caravans proved to be successful which is causing many of us to try this again in 1998.

The caravan idea began on a local level when several of us in MVM traveled together with our ponies to nearby events. Eventually the probability of trying this venture on a national level was queried and pursued.

A great deal of planning is necessary when putting together a caravan. First, there has to be a leader who sets the pace and basically keep things coordinated. Many variables must be consid-

*The caravan leader always drives with a smile on his or her face.*



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ered such as distance, average speed, road conditions, construction delays, easy access to food and gas, hotel availability for overnight trips, scenic routes, and

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*The designated pick up point should be large enough to accommodate a long line of Mustangs.*

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*Adequate hotel accommodations for overnight trips is a must.*

of course, a good mechanic and reliable chase vehicle.

Participants should make sure that vehicles are properly serviced and ready to hit the road. Strive to be at your designated pick up point at least 45 minutes early. Always maintain a safe distance between cars, drive with the headlights on, be courteous to all, and enjoy the scenery.

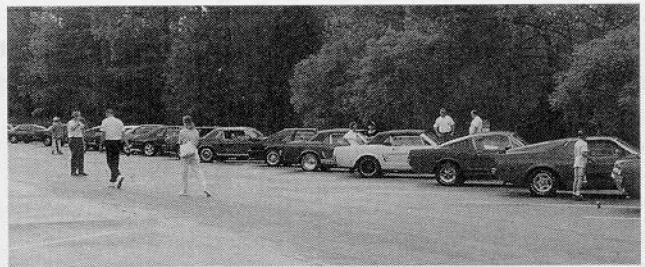
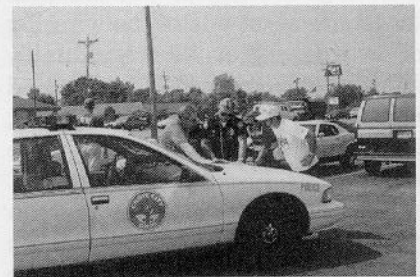


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Keep in mind, however, that the unexpected should be expected. Weather conditions can change rapidly as can road conditions and construction delays. CB radios and cellular phones are a great way to keep key people throughout the line of cars apprised of any changes or delays and summon assistance in case of an emergency.

A total of 97 people in 61 Mustangs from seven states par-



*When in doubt, don't hesitate to ask local officials for assistance.*

ticipated in our first two caravans. Based on the feedback received, we expect to see many familiar faces for our next trip.

Join a caravan and enjoy the comradery and kinship that only Mustang can deliver.

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*These smiling faces belong to enthusiasts who participated in the "Mustangs to Virginia Beach" caravan.*

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