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Ok I know, we're all itching to get out on the road and MOTOR! You can hear your MINI just crying to be taken out and join many of its friends! So here is the scoop: where we are going and how we do it safely with your cooperation.

Our **Driving mode will be nice and easy, no racing or unsafe behavior is allowed.** Since the Rallies and Tours are growing in attendance we work hard to plan correctly in order to make your experience safe and unforgettable. To do this takes a lot of preparation, planning, organizing and your full cooperation.

Your Safety is our highest priority! Respect other drivers and give everyone a chance to enjoy the group ride. We are asking all non-paid membership-donation participants for a suggested membership donation of \$25.00 to support our activities and to help the Club expenses. We are also collecting only from not paid membership participants a donation of \$2.00 per ticket for a Raffle held at the each stop of the Rally. Paid members will receive the events raffle tickets for FREE.

Here is a list of requirements and rules:

- 1...Review the Tour or Rally disclaimer, fill it out and have it signed and ready before the Rally starts so we all can leave on time. The [Rally Liability Waiver](#) form will be available at the Rally start or you can download it at the web site Home Page left side in the Main Menu or the ["*** Current Club Schedule ***"](#) [Club Events Registrations](#) forum thread.
- 2...Please take the time to carefully review the entire route. We suggest you go on Google or Yahoo and print yourself a map of the Long Island. The route schedule is posted on the web site in designated forum thread just before the event date. It is your responsibility to have clear idea of where we going!
- 3...The Tour or Rally is headed by the route leader, the **scout**, who also is the organizer. The leader will keep everyone informed via two way radios when and where to make turns or stops. The Rally rear is always brought up by the **sweeper**. The sweeper is the last car in the caravan and makes sure we do not lose any one on the road. While rallying you must have your main lights turn ON so we can better identify each other! Based on our experience, we prefer that the slower drivers are up front and the fastest drivers are closing the gaps from the rear. We always, and without exception, stop to wait for anyone separated by a traffic light, stop sign, busy intersections, or by another vehicle cutting us off. Sometimes we purposely slow down so that any vehicle other than our MINI group cars is forced to pass us by. We slow down on roads with blind turns where the first or the last car are out of site and allow everyone to catch up. This is why you must listen to your two way radio and keep the chatter at a minimum; jokes and mentioning of points of interest on the traveling route are allowed. **Please DO NOT TAILGATE or pass to switch place in line while on the route.**
- 4...You must provide your own two way radio (a pair is desirable) with fully charged batteries or spare batteries, tuned to channel #7.0; NO Radio NO Rallying! We strongly recommend you have your cell phone with you and for additional safety, please give your cell phone number to the Rally scout and the sweeper. All drivers are provided with a master cell phone number at the top of this form, please use this number only to request help on the road or in case you are separated from the group. We will wait for you when you call, and make sure you will find us or we will send out a scout MINI to get you. We may ask you to stay in place in order to make it possible for us to locate you, please comply with this request to the best of your road safety.
- 5...Stops for bathroom breaks, or just to rest will be announced on the route by the scout, our route leader. It is strongly recommended that you make sure you visit the bathrooms before we leave. Fill up your car with gas and check your car fluids including the tire pressure the day before we leave. Bring a bottle or two of water with you. We have no planned lunch stop, so please pack food appropriately to be eaten on the road, if you so desire.
- 6...We all love good music so plug in your CD and enjoy it while driving. As always I like to suggest that you pick the best CD and or best music clips from the CD's for the next time to burn CD's and share them with everyone. This is also a great way to remember the Rally by playing the Rally CD with the slide show of your pictures you took on that day. Most of all; have fun, have fun and have fun. Make friends and take lots of pictures or movies!

Let's have a great Touring and Rallying Year, MOTOR ON!