It's a Convoy!

Before departing hold a drivers meeting and give each driver a Google Direction Map with Odometer Milestones. Set trip Odometers to “Zero”

Passengers: Call each other's cell phones so they are in “Recent call log”

Assign a Lead van and a Caboose Van.

HEADLIGHTS ON Signal all turns early.

Favor the slow lane when on 4-lane highway.

Allow extra distance between you and the regular traffic in front of you. This will prove its value as you make judgments whether to stop or proceed through stoplights on the route.

Always try to keep the convoy van in front of you in sight. You do not have to be right behind next van.

Work together for the van(s) behind you. Make sure that the person following you sees you make a turn or exit!

If a non-convoy driver needs to cut in, let them! In fact, make it easy for him. There will be plenty of time to regroup on stretches of four lane road or at rest stops.

If the convoy gets separated, the group leader will proceed until he can find a safe place to pull over and let the rest of the convoy catch up. Passengers call each other.

If your section of the convoy gets separated, do not foolishly speed to catch up.

Use 4-way flashers, if the leader or any other driver sees that the convoy must stop. This can really help the drivers behind and improve overall reaction time. Call designated communication person in lead vehicle.

Use your best judgment when approaching a long green or yellow traffic signal. Don’t be concerned about delaying those behind you by conservatively judging the light. Drive safely as if you were traveling independently of a group.

When the lead van sees oncoming traffic problems or a narrow road it’s good practice to alert everyone in the group with your 4-way flashers.

If regular traffic wants to cut in, let them. In fact, make it easy for them. There will be plenty of time to regroup on stretches of 4-lanes or at rest stops.

Passing: if you need to pass a slow car or cars, it should be done “one car at a time”. In other words, don’t all move out at the same time and pass at once. Pass as an individual, not as a group.

Passing: when completing a pass, if there’s not room to re-merge into the right lane, move to the front of the convoy. The route is well marked, and there will be plenty of opportunity for the lead car to move back into position.