



### **Guidelines for Safe, Stress-free Convoy Driving!**

It doesn't matter whether you think you are Jenson Button or James May (Capt. Slow), if we all follow the below tips we should get to our destination safely and not stressed or wound up. Please don't feel under any pressure to drive beyond your own capabilities or those of your Mini, just to keep up with the one in front – it is not a race and there is nothing wrong or embarrassing with taking your time and enjoying the views! Being wound up can be stressful and this can easily lead to an accident, which would certainly spoil your day!

1. Keep following the road ahead unless you see a Mini positioned at or near a junction, roundabout, traffic lights etc. If you see a Mini (from BCM obviously), sat near a junction etc, this should be an early indicator to you that you are about to make a turn. That Mini on seeing you should then move off in front of you and continue its route.
2. When you make a left or right turn, look to see if there is a Mini BEHIND you.
3. If there is one behind prior to turning, then make the turn and continue.
4. If there isn't one behind you prior to making the turn, make the turn, then where its safe, pull up near the junction so that a following Mini can spot you. Once the mini behind comes into view and you are happy they have seen you, then move off and continue your route. That Mini should then follow the same rules.
5. If the junction appears very busy or just isn't safe, don't make the turn but stay on the main road and be prepared to move off and make the turn once a Mini comes into view.
6. In busy towns try and close up the convoy to reduce the length, (with due regard to braking and safety) to enable more minis to get through traffic lights etc. and so minimise break ups.

This system is tried, tested and recognised as a valuable tool in maintaining a safe convoy. The main objective is that we all enjoy the day and if we each follow the above advice then there is no reason not to. If we do get separated / lost, its not the end of the world as we all have mobiles and some have radios and sat-navs to help us rejoin at a mutually convenient location!