

GET READY FOR THE FALL TOUR! Here's what Doug carries in the trunk of his 1958 touring car:

Folks, we cannot stress it too much: Check your car before you head out for a 500-mile tour. No one can prevent ALL breakdowns, but our last two tours have been flawless because everyone did a basic check before departing. We never want to leave you beside the road, but sometimes there's little choice with a dozen cars and deadlines. A couple of tips: **First**, you *must* have a AAA membership. Your first tow will cost you more than the annual fee. **Second**, your Cadillac is large enough to allow you to carry some basics with you: You never know



when you might need a part, even if you have a good mechanic along! I spent \$90 on this "extra parts kit," from NAPA and Advance Auto Parts over the counter. I carry it in a box all the time, along with my kit bag of tools, jumpers, and cleaning bucket. It's come in handy for me and my mates more than once. When I head out, I throw in the "Vital Fluids in a box" and I'm ready to go.

**TRAVEL TIPS for an old Cadillac
Check before you leave:**

- Belts & Hoses
- Brakes
- Battery Cables
- Coolant/water level
- Oil & Transmission fluid
- Lights & Turn signals
- Tire pressure
- Washers & Wipers

Take on ANY Cruise:

- AAA Membership Card
- Cooler, chairs, umbrella
- CLC and Peach State cards
- Bragging rights: photos, awards, display card, etc.
- Shop Manual
- Emergency reflector

Electronica:

- o Mobile phone
- o GPS unit & maps
- o Ipod, radio, camera

Vital Fluids in a box:

- o Oil (2 quarts)
- o Marvel Mystery Oil
- o ZDDP? WD-40? ATF?
- o Octane booster?
- o Brake fluid
- o 50/50 Coolant (1 gal)
- o Jack Daniels, John Walker or Old Grandpa

Kit Bag:

- o Basic tool kit
- o Duster, microfiber towel
- o First Aid Kit
- o Flashlight & batteries
- o Hairpins, clips, duct tape
- o Jumper cables
- o Spare keys
- o Cleaning supplies (in a bucket)

Extra parts:

- o Distributor cap
- o Fan and generator belts
- o Fuel filter
- o Fuse kit, flashers

- o Generator & Starter bushings and brushes
- o Hose clamps
- o Radiator & Gas cap
- o Spark plugs
- o Thermostat
- o Top & lower hoses
- o U-Joint(s)
- o Voltage regulator
- o Empty gas can

Take on a LONGGGG cruise:

- Extra Parts:**
 - o Carb kit
 - o Lamps/bulbs
 - o Oil filter
 - o Oil pressure switch
 - o Stop light switch
 - o Temperature sensor
 - o Wheel cylinders kit
 - o Wheel seals
- Maybe, but I do not:**
 - o Fan idler bearing
 - o Four wheel bearings
 - o Fuel pump (rebuild kit?)
 - o Master cylinder kit