



Short Safety Subject

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What I Did On My Summer Vacation



Well, it is finally here. Summer. Hot weather, fun and vacations. Vacations may also mean an increase in driving. Whether it is driving the family car, pulling a boat or driving an RV, certain unusual situations may arise. Before leaving on that trip, here are some things that you may want to consider:

- Pre-plan the trip. Consult maps to determine the safest way to get where you are going. Call the highway patrol to find out if there are any detours, etc. due to road construction. This saves a lot of time and anxiety if you are on a time schedule.
- Have the car serviced, paying special attention to the tires, brakes and lights. Make sure there is an adequate amount of coolant in the radiator. While driving, visibility may be impaired if you have packed the car to the roof with camping gear, kids and the family dog. Adjust your load as well as your mirrors accordingly.
- If pulling a boat or trailer, find a large, empty parking lot and practice parking and maneuvering the trailer. Remember, for most of the year, the boat or trailer probably sits in your driveway. A truck or car handles a lot differently when pulling a trailer. Take this into consideration when passing, following and braking.
- When you stop for refueling, check your load to make sure all tie-downs are still secure and everything looks normal.

One last thing...**BUCKLE UP!**

Vacations are supposed to be for relaxation and for spending time with loved ones. Don't let it be ruined by something that could have been prevented.