

READYBORZOI

In anticipation of many fanciers embarking on a road trip to the BCOA National, we offer a few reminders and tips for a safe and enjoyable journey.



STAY FOCUSED

Distracted driving kills. In 2014, 3,179 people were killed, and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.

Basically any activity that diverts a person's attention away from the primary task of driving such as texting, dialing, eating, adjusting your Garmin, etc. could cause you to miss the show!

ELECTRONICS

Charge: If your car doesn't come equipped with a USB charger, grabbing one of the double variety will ensure you stay juiced.

Play: Playlists and Podcasts from Spotify and podcasts like "Here Be Monsters," "Dial-A-Stranger," and "Southern Foodways Alliance's Gravy," can help you enjoy a long trip.

Connect: Between towers? The Wilson Electronics Cell Phone Signal Booster will dramatically improve your cell phone signal.

GET THE APP

Most phones and tablets support a myriad of apps that can transform your travel. Explore and download what suits you.

Gas Buddy (Free on iTunes and Google Play) compares gas prices via crowd sourcing.

Google Maps (Free on iTunes, preloaded on Android devices). Not only does it show you the quickest route when you start out, it will alert you when a faster route becomes available.

RepairPal (Free on iTunes and Google Play) can come to the rescue. You input the make and model of your vehicle and what you think is wrong with it, and the app gives you a list of mechanics and estimates the cost of the repair. You can also use the app's one-touch roadside assistance connecting you to a call center for assistance.

Rest Area (Free on iTunes and Google Play) helps you find places to stop while you're on the highway. It uses GPS to determine your location and shows you the nearest rest areas, service centers and welcome areas.

BE TIRE WISE

There are nearly 11,000 tire-related crashes every year. Many can be prevented.

Pressure: Properly inflating your tires can save you as much as 11 cents per gallon on fuel. Keep a tire pressure gauge in your vehicle and check pressure when tires are "cold."

Tread: Tire tread provides the gripping action and traction that prevents your car or truck from slipping and sliding, especially when the road is icy or wet. Tires are not safe and should be replaced when the tread is worn down to 2/32 of an inch.

Tires have built-in "tread wear indicators," which are raised sections that run in between the tire's tread. When the tread is worn down so that it's level with the tread indicator, it's time to replace your tires.

Balance: Having your tires balanced and a wheel alignment maximizes the life of your tires and prevents your car from veering to the right or left when driving on a straight, level road.



Do you have a WEA-capable device and is WEA available in your area? To learn more, visit: <http://goo.gl/SmMk5i>

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