**2023 BMW CCA Oktoberfest Upper Midwest Caravan to Warwick, Rhode Island**

Please join our caravan that will depart at noon from BMW of Lincoln, one block off N. 27th and I-80, on **Sunday September 24th** in Lincoln, Nebraska. We will stop for the night at the Quality Inn in Coralville/Iowa City, IA located 1 block South of exit 242. In the morning we will continue east on I-80 with those we have picked up along the way and some of our friends from the Iowa Chapter, including fellow Regional VP David Brighton and his wife Becky. Feel free to join us at any point along the route. Total miles for today will be approx. **300mi./4hr. 30min.**

**Monday, September 25th** we will depart Coralville, IA at 8:00am on I-80 East and stop for the night at the Travel Lodge by Wyndham in Hubbard, Ohio, just East of Youngstown at Exit 234B (Hwy 62). There will be fuel stops every 250 miles with **the first stop being the** **Grant Street exit #9 near Gary Indiana.** This stop is a few miles before we hop on the 80/90 Indiana Toll Road and will be a great place to meet up with any Windy City Chapter BMW CCA members joining us. The **second fuel stop will be the Commodore Perry Service Plaza at Mile Marker 100 on the Ohio Turnpike**. Total miles for today will be approx. **615mi./9hrs 15min.**

**Tuesday, September 26th** the group will depart Hubbard, OH at 8am and again head East on I-80 **to Love's Travel Stop, 440 W 3rd St, Mifflinville, PA 18631, our first stop for fuel**. Shortly after the fuel stop, we head North East on I-81 to I-84. **Our second fuel stop will be the Sunoco Gas Station, 519 Washington St, Middletown, CT 06457**. This will be our last stop before our destination at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI. Total Miles for today will be approx. **566mi./8hrs 45min.**

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**Day 1 –Sunday, September, 24 - Departure from BMW of Lincoln at 1:00pm**

**The dealership is 1 block off I-80 at the 27th St. Exit which is exit 403.**

**Destination is Coralville/Iowa City exit 242 –295mi. - approx. 4.5hrs with a Sunset of 7:00pm Central Time.**

**Estimated local arrival time is 6:00-6:30pm** (Includes 1 hour stopped for gas, food and comfort breaks.)

***You are responsible for booking your own rooms, they don’t offer group discounts****.* All the hotels, gas and food locations listed are less than 3 blocks off the interstate route. **Hotels:** Super 8 by Wyndham, Quality Inn, Marriott, Hyatt, Homewood Suites, Hampton Inn. Sure Stay by Best Western, Drury Inn. **Food**- Arby’s, McDonalds, Marquee Pizza, Dunkin’, Scooters Coffee, Casa Azul Cantina and several other sit down restaurants. **Gas**- BP, Costco Fuel, Kum@Go etc.

**Day 2 – Monday, September 25 – Departure from Coralville/Iowa City at 8:00am**

Sunrise in Coralville/Iowa City is 0657 Central Time

**Destination is Hubbard, Ohio exit 234B – 615mi. – approx. 9.5hrs with a Sunset of 7:15pm EDT**

**Estimated local arrival time is 7:30pm Eastern Daylight Time with a One hour LATER time change**. (Includes 1 hour stopped for gas, food and comfort breaks.)

***You are responsible for booking you own rooms.*** Hotels are within a few block to a few miles of the interstate route as well as the places below**. Hotels:** Travelodge, Comfort Suites Youngstown, Holiday Inn Express  **Food** – Arby’s, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Waffle House, several sit down choices**. Gas** – Love’s Travel Stop, Sonoco, Flying J., Valero

**Day 3 – Tuesday, September 26 – Departure from Cedar City Utah at 8:00am**

Sunrise in Hubbard/Youngstown OH is 0715 Eastern Time

**Destination is the Crown Plaza, Warwick RI** **– 566mi. – approx. 8.75hrs with a sunset of 6:36pm PT**

**Estimated local arrival time is 6:45pm Eastern Time**. (Includes 1 hour stopped for gas, food and comfort breaks)

**\*\*\*Notes**–

-If you have a personal FRS radio, please bring it and extra batteries as these are very helpful for group communication. We will operate on **Channel 13 sub 1**. Why 13 you ask, what is the 13th letter in the alphabet…….

-The second day of travel we lose an hour travelling East to Time Changes, but the sun sets behind us.

-Some of the vehicles in the caravan have limited range so fill-ups at 250mi intervals will be required.

- There is a possibility we will be picking up other club members along the route, and it is encouraged, but the caravan must remain on pace and on time, so the responsibility of those joining will be to meet along the route and coordinate ETA’s at specific locations with Jeff Gomon or Dave Brighton. Phone numbers are below.

Speeds will be no more than GPS verified 9 mph above the posted limit and no shenanigans would be appreciated.

The goal is to not draw attention of law enforcement to our group and have a fun and safe trip!

\*We will provide a #hashtag to the group to share pictures with everyone as we progress.

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