A car that can get you around town in short trips won't necessarily do long trips

1. **Safe car**
   - Headlights, tail lights, brake lights, turn signals, wipers & washers
   - Reliable engine and brakes
   - Day before every trip: engine oil, brake fluid, coolant, trans fluid
   - Tire air pressure (tires lose 1 pound/month)
   - Tires not too worn, and spare tire & tools in trunk
   - Gas tank full

2. **Safe driving**
   - Sufficient sleep prior night
   - Absolutely no alcohol or drugs, including prior evening
     - Lives could be lost and ruined if a driver is influenced by drugs
     - Don’t allow your denial to ruin another person’s life
   - Front seat: driver and navigator
     - Navigator’s job is to assist driver with directions, etc.
   - Keep music low (Your music does NOT have to fill the entire area!)
   - No stunts or horseplay while driving
   - Know whom you will call if you have problems
     - Have the number in your cell or written down
     - Sac State Police: 916-278-6851

3. **Getting there**
   - No caravanning
   - Every vehicle has map and directions
   - Leave on time to avoid speeding
   - If you independently decide to carpool:
     - Make your insurance verification available to riders
     - Riders, don’t be afraid to ask for verification of insurance
     - Do not overcrowd the vehicle
     - Everyone wear seatbelts

4. **Auto Insurance:**
   - Liability
     - Bodily injury (recommend $100k/person, 300k/accident)
   - Medical (driver & passengers) (recommend $25k)
     - Discuss the reality of med costs today
   - Physical damage
     - Comprehensive whatever you want
     - Collision whatever you want

5. **If an accident happens**
   - Take care of life and injury first
   - Work with local law enforcement
   - Call University Police (916-278-6851) to report incident
   - Immediately write down statements and take photos
   - Get other drivers’ information, etc.