# 10th RAID LAPONIE 2004

# RAID LAPONIE DRIVE TRAINING

## 1. HOW TO GET YOUR 2CV IN MOTION

- Use the accelerator and clutch pedal very softly and gently, let the wheels turn slowly to get grip to the surface.
- If the front wheels begin to slide, don't accelerate.
- If the car doesn't move at all forward, don't let the front wheels dig into the snow, but try to move the car by driving carefully back and forth.
- Try to get the front wheels grip by steering gently left and right.

### 2. DRIVING ON ICY AND SNOWY ROADS

- Drive gently and carefully!!!
- Keep the distances between vehicles long enough, there is no need to have eye-contact to the car in front of you in the middle of a snowstorm.
- Beware the untransparent snow clouds taken up by upcoming big vehicles. Big trucks are driving fast and while passing you they cause a snow cloud, its like a wall and you can't see the road for seconds.
- Friction of the road varies surprisingly, WATCH OUT slush and loose snow on icy asphalt.
- While turning a curve:
  - Throttling down makes the bending steeper (over steering) and
  - Accelerating causes slower bending (under steering)
- Avoid slides while driving on public roads:
  - Basic rule to stop sliding:

Press the clutch pedal fully down and steer to the direction you want to drive to. Do not use the brakes at all.

### 3. SLOWING DOWN

- Basic rule to stop sliding: The braking distances can be very long, in every case longer than in summer.
- Begin to slow down so early, that you don't need to lock the wheels.
- Remember, that you can't steer the car with locked wheels.
- Seeing upcoming big vehicles slow down the speed, try to avoid using brakes, keep a long distance to the car ahead of you, and try not to stop in the midlle of the snow cloud a car behind you may not see you stopping.

- However, in case of emergency, the lock-braking is the quickest way to stop the car, do as follows:
  - Press both brake and clutch pedal fully down.
  - If you can't stop in time and have to evade, release brakes and steer to the safe direction. Still hold the clutch pedal down!
  - The car begins to turn immediately, when the wheels are rotating again after releasing the brakes.
  - You have to do a quick correction steering after evading to avoid the slide.

### Let's train!

THE ORGANIZERS OF THE RAID WISH YOU AN UNFORGETABLE AND SAFE TRIP!

Here are some real-life examples from previous raids. Please take the safety issue seriously.

