

FOR MOTORISTS, BY MOTORISTS

# Drive

July– August 2009

[www.aap.org.ph](http://www.aap.org.ph)



## Isuzu launches Family Day drive tours with AAPlakbay

Isuzu Philippines has partnered with AAPlakbay, Inc. to develop and run weekend drive tours starting in August that target families with vehicles. To help develop these tours, Isuzu is tapping AAPlakbay's *justGO!* Drive Philippines, a motoring and trip planner program that organizes domestic destinations into themes, and develops

junction directions, maps, GPS coordinates and video of the actual drive to locate these places.

*justGO!* encourages domestic tourists to use their car—or rent one—and drive around the country to visit its myriad attractions. Referred to as “drive tourists,” these motoring travelers

are being targeted by Isuzu, whose diesel vehicles like the Crosswind, D-Max and Alterra are popular among Filipino families.

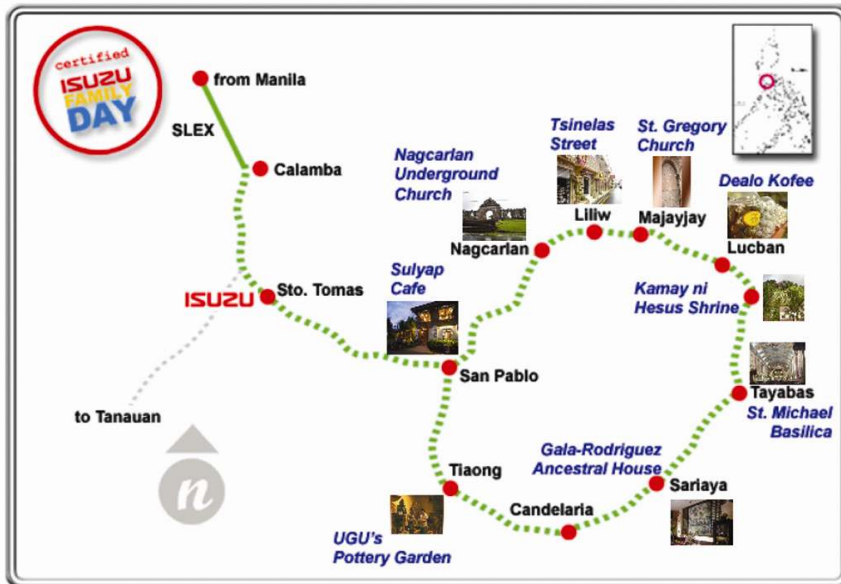
“Drive tours are a variation of sit-in-coach,” said Eddie Nuque, AAPlakbay president. “You are given an itinerary, but instead of joining a group, you bring a car and drive your way to the points-of-interest, where a guide talks about the place, or if any, an activity is held. But they don’t have to drive in convoy. They just need to be on time at each location so as not to miss the tour guide’s narratives or the scheduled activities.”

Isuzu is launching four themes for its Family Day drive tours: Heritage: Arts & Crafts; Fiesta; and Nature. “Although we are starting the scheduled tours in August, if you want to do the tour by yourself, you can already do it now. Just look up [www.justgo.ph](http://www.justgo.ph) and follow the routes of our first theme,” Nuque said. The theme, Tagala Heritage Road Trip, takes you through the quaint towns of Laguna and

Quezon, featuring specialty cafes, artists’ workshops and centuries-old churches and ancestral houses. By downloading the junction routes, you can visit the heritage places including Sulyap Cafe in San Pablo; The Underground Cemetery in Nagcarlan; *Kamay ni Hesus* in Lucban; and Ugu Bigyan’s Pottery in Tiaong.

The Isuzu Tagala Heritage Road Trip is ideal for families who want a different weekend that allows the members to enjoy quality time and memories away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Following its first theme, Isuzu is working on three more Family Day tours: Tagaytay/Taal Volcano tour, Laguna Lake Loop and one major fiesta. To get updates on these tours, subscribe to [www.justgo.ph](http://www.justgo.ph) e-newsletter or email [editor@justgo.ph](mailto:editor@justgo.ph).

(AAPlakbay, Inc. is a joint venture of the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) and Lakbay. It is running “justGO! Drive Philippines,” a motoring and trip planner program for tourists who use a car to visit the country’s attractions. Visit [www.justgo.ph](http://www.justgo.ph) for more themes and routes, or email [editor@justgo.ph](mailto:editor@justgo.ph))



You don't have to have an Isuzu vehicle or be an AAP member to join the *justGO!* tour. To book a joint tour and for more information, please call **6382433; 6334750; 6311892**, or email [editor@lakbaymedia.com](mailto:editor@lakbaymedia.com)

## How to survive the construction of Skyway Stage 2

The Skyway Operation & Management Corporation (SOMCO), which operates and maintains the South Metro Manila Skyway System, is addressing in several ways the exasperating gridlock problem caused by the construction of Skyway Stage 2.

Stage 2 of the Skyway project will extend Stage 1, the existing 9.3 kilometer Buendia to Bicutan elevated tollway, by adding 6.8 km from Bicutan to Alabang for a total length of 16.2 km of Stages 1 and 2. Skyway Stage 2 is expected to be completed in approximately two years, or by May 2011. Recently, the number of lanes in each direction was

reduced from three to two.

SOMCO now issues traffic situation updates via mobile phone SMS (texts) during the morning and afternoon rush hours. SOMCO has also posted road signs along the ground level tollway informing motorists that they can turn on their car radios to the MMDA Traffic Radio Station on the 1206 megahertz AM band to get the latest situationer on northbound and southbound traffic, including whether a counterflow lane northbound has been opened.

SOMCO Officer-in-Charge Ramon Borromeo acknowledges that travel time now is longer by

another 30 to 55 minutes during peak hours from Alabang to Bicutan, depending on weather conditions and if there is an accident or vehicle breakdown. Borromeo advises motorists to avoid the 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. peak hours if the trip is not that necessary. He said that during the morning peak hours, traffic counterflow is implemented for the Makati/Manila-bound motorists, depending on the traffic situation southbound. And to speed up the through-put at the exit toll plazas, additional ambulant tellers are being fielded to manually process toll payments.

To survive the construction of Skyway Stage 2, Borromeo recommends the following alternate routes: 1) going to Manila, take the Alabang/ Zapote Road, turn right to Coastal Road all the way to Macapagal Avenue and to your final destination; 2) going to Makati, Manila or Quezon City, you can use either the East or West Service Road along the ground level tollway, then turn left on Sucat Road going all the way to Airport Road or straight ahead to Villamor and Magallanes area to your final destination; 3) if you are coming from Ayala Alabang and nearby

continued on page 2

# AAP Membership Services Update

## Discounted membership rates for immediate family members

Do you feel extremely nervous or worrisome when your spouse or children are not yet home, especially at night? You may be thinking, what if their car breaks down or meets an accident while driving at night? To gain peace of mind, enroll your family with AAP.

AAP Regular or Associate Individual members can enroll two immediate family members with AAP at a discounted rate. The **P300 one-time joining fee is waived** for the first immediate family member. For the second immediate family member, the **P300 one-time joining fee is waived in addition to a 20 percent discount on the annual fee.**

For more information, call the AAP Membership Services Department at **723-0808 loc. 818 or 819.**

## AAP Accident Protection Plan

AAP members are automatically insured under the AAP Accident Protection Plan. The AAP membership comes with a free personal accident insurance worth P300,000 for Regular Membership and P200,000 for Associate Membership, courtesy of Federal Phoenix Assurance Co., Inc.

Moreover, the personal accident insurance may be extended to immediate family members. Regular AAP members may get five certificates equivalent to P1.5M accidental death and disablement (AD&D) benefit. The immediate family member may get a maximum of five certificates or equivalent to P1M AD&D benefit for spouse and parent(s) and one

certificate or equivalent to P200,000 for children, brother(s) or sister(s).

Extended family members and domestic household helpers may get a maximum of two certificates worth P100,000 per person.

The AAP Accident Protection Plan provides 24/7 worldwide protection to the insured person for a period of one year from the effective date of membership of the insured.

For more information on the AAP Accident Protection Plan, call **723-0808 loc. 816.** For claims, call the Federal Phoenix Assurance Co., Inc. Claims Department at **811-5111.**

## Manage your AAP membership dues the easy way

Take advantage of the different convenient payment options available to manage your membership dues

### Credit cards (BPI Credit Card, Visa Card, Master Card and Diners Credit Card)

- Available at the AAP main office in Quezon City and Alabang Satellite Office (soon to be available at the Makati Satellite Office)
- Type of payment: point of sale using credit card terminal
- How it works:
  1. Swipe the credit/debit card in the terminal
  2. The cashier will give you the official receipt indicating that you have paid your dues through a credit card

### BDO Bills Payment

- Available at all BDO Bills Payment

facilities in the country

- Type of payment: over the counter payment system
- How it works:
  1. Fill out the BDO Bills Payment Slip with the following:
    - a. Company name - Automobile Association Philippines
    - b. Institution code - # 0136
    - c. Subscriber's acct number – AAP membership number or 0 for new members
    - d. Subscriber's account name – member's full name
  2. Upon teller's validation, the BDO Payment Slip serves as your official receipt

For more information on the BDO Bills Payment, visit [www.bdo.com.ph](http://www.bdo.com.ph) or call 631-8000.

### BPI's check free payments

- Types of payment:
  - online payment (Express Online);
  - mobile payment (Express Mobile);
  - phone payment (Express Phone); and
  - ATM payment (Express Teller ATM)
- How it works:
  1. Enroll your account through phone banking, BPI website or one-time visit to BPI branch of account and enroll your AAP membership number as your reference number in BPI's Bills Payment Facility
  2. Pay your membership dues using the desired payment options mentioned in no. 1

For more information on BPI payments, visit [www.bpiexpressonline.com](http://www.bpiexpressonline.com) or call 89-100.

## How to survive the construction of Skyway Stage 2

From page 1

villages, take the Alabang-Zapote Road to Muntinlupa and enter the tollway at the Alabang northbound entry going to Makati/ Manila.

The SOMCO O.I.C. said that major construction activities such as the concreting and installation of pre-cast concrete girders is done only from 12 midnight to 6 a.m. The construction of ramps will not affect traffic flow since these are located outside the ground level tollway.

Meanwhile, AAP reminded motorists that it is the only entity authorized to provide 24/7 towing service at the Skyway and ground-level tollway from Magallanes to Alabang. In case of an emergency or an accident, whether you are an AAP member or not, call the AAP Emergency Roadside Service hotline at 723-0808 or the SOMCO hotline at 776-7777.

## AUTO MOBILE ASSOCIATION PHILIPPINES SERVICE FEES AT SKYWAY O & M CORPORATION (SOMCO)

VEHICLE TYPE	TOWING RATES		MISC. SERVICE RATES	
	Nearest Exit	Choice Exit	Flat Tire / Battery Boost / Battery Mounting	Other Services Per 1/2 Hour
CLASS 1 – Light	P 1,000	P 65/km	P 400	P500
CLASS 2- Heavy ( 3 to 7 Tons )	P 1,900	P 130/km	P 600	P 500
CLASS 3 – Extra Heavy ( Over 7 Tons)	P 3,500	P245/km	P 800	P 500
FUEL SUPPLY	Unleaded Gasoline P 300 / 5 liters		Diesel P 250 / 5 liters	
BATTERY SUPPLY	To Members Only – Current Special Prices			
RECOVERY OPERATIONS	OUTSOURCE QUOTE ON THE SPOT			
STORAGE FEE	Class 1 – P100/day, Class 2 – P200/day, Class 3 – P300/day (Plus one-time admin fee of P200)			

**AAP members can use their Emergency Roadside Service interventions in case of car breakdown in the SOMCO service area.**



# PTCC and PPCC races are now more affordable and competitive

The 2009 Philippine Touring Car Championship (PTCC) and the Philippine Production Car Championship (PPCC) series organized and promoted by the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) are all set for the first leg on

July 25-26 at the Subic International Raceway. This year's PTCC and PPCC series promises to be more exciting as a new race format and revised technical rules and regulations will be implemented.

AAP Motor Sports Committee Chair Mandy Eduque approved the new race format and set of rules and regulations for the 2009 season. "Instead of having six (6) legs, two races per leg, we decided to cut it down to four (4) legs, three races per leg to make Touring Car more affordable for different racing teams and competitors," Eduque said, "This

2009 season will be more exciting since a tire and wheel manufacturer is coming in to fully support the National Series for Circuit Racing." AAP's 2009 Philippine Touring Car Championship (PTCC) and Philippine Production Car Championship (PPCC) will be co-presented by Concept One Wheels and Star Fire Performance Tires. AAP is the sole motor sports authority in the Philippines and the only National Auto Club affiliated with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the world governing body of motor sports.

## 2009 PPCC Drivers:

1. Lory Uy
2. Dominic Uy
3. Rami Madriaga
4. Jeff Borja
5. Doby Atilano
6. Chris Guevara
7. Stuart Macdonald
8. Mike Tuason
9. Dominic Samson
10. Jon Mark Ong
11. Dong Garcia
12. Rey Soriano
13. Joward Policarpio

## 2009 PTCC Drivers:

1. Jody Coseteng
2. Dennis Uy
3. Kookie Ramirez
4. Louis Ramirez
5. Menchie Ramirez
6. Nico Montinola
7. Dominic Bon
8. Juny Binamira
9. William Tan
10. Mike Aguilar
11. Monching Guiterez



AAP Motor Sports Committee chairman Mandy Eduque (right) and Sammy Liuson of Wheel Gallery shake hands after signing an agreement making Concept One Wheels and Star Fire Performance Tires co-presentors of the 2009 Philippine Touring Car Championship.



Co-presented by:



Official 2009 PTCC tires



For more information regarding races, please call Mark Desales at 723-0808.

## Enroll your company cars with AAP and keep a worry-free fleet 24/7

*The more cars you enroll, the bigger the discount!*

If you own or manage a company with a fleet of vehicles among its assets, AAP offers you a complete corporate rescue solution through AAP Associate Corporate/Group Membership.

Each vehicle registered under the Associate Corporate/Group Membership is entitled to:

- ⇒ **24/7 Emergency Roadside Service (ERS)** - 2 interventions or a maximum 40 km towing distance, whichever comes first, per year
- ⇒ **24/7 Ambulance Service** courtesy of Aeromed - discounted rates within Metro Manila for you and your immediate family member
- ⇒ **FREE P200,000 Personal Accident Insurance** - given to each fleet assignees courtesy of Federal Phoenix Assurance Co., Inc.
- ⇒ **LTO Motor Registration Assistance**
- ⇒ **Member-exclusive Deals and Discounts**
- ⇒ **Car Insurance Discounts**

Any company, institution or registered organization that has 10 or more company cars or fleet vehicles can enroll in the Corporate/Group Membership. Get a 10 percent discount when you enroll 50 or more cars, 20 percent discount for 100 or more cars and 30 percent discount for 500 or more cars. The Corporate/Group Membership is valid for one (1) year from date of enrollment.

The Corporate/Group Membership covers class 1 private light vehicles. You can choose either vehicle-based or person-based coverage depending on your company's needs. Under the vehicle-based coverage, the Corporate/Group Membership benefits and services are bundled with the AAP registered vehicle. This means that no matter who drives your company car, they can request for ERS. The person-based coverage entitles the assignee to request for ERS even if the member is not driving the car listed under his membership.

For more information and membership application, call the AAP Sales Department at 723-0808 loc. 822.

**Apply now for a Corporate/Group Membership for a 24/7 business rescue solution!**

### ERRATUM

In the May-June 2009 AAP Drive, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation chairman and president Edgar Chua was erroneously identified as head of Petron. We apologize for the error.

## MOTING TIPS Driving in rainy weather



### Car check tips

Driving safely starts in the garage. Make sure that your car is in tiptop shape before hitting those slippery roads.

**Tires.** Maintain the proper tire pressure. Worn-out tires should be replaced to maintain proper tread depth. The tread helps remove water away from the tire and produces traction. When the car's tires can not shove away the water building up in front of it, hydroplaning occurs which makes the car ride on top of the water.

**Wipers.** Check if the wipers are working properly. To drive safely, you have to see clearly, especially in the rain.

**Brakes.** Test the brakes before hitting the road. After driving on flooded roads, dry off the water on the rotors to make sure that the brakes will work properly.

### Driving techniques

- Increase your stopping/following distance to have enough time to hit the brakes in case the car ahead of you suddenly stops.
- Reduce speed when it is raining and be more alert. Watch out for standing and running water. The roads are more slippery during the rain following a dry spell because of oil and dirt buildup that has not been washed away.
- Turn on the headlights when visibility becomes poor. If the rain gets stronger to the point that you cannot see the car or road ahead of you, stop at the side of the road and wait for the rain to subside.

**MOTOR SPORTS 2009 Calendar  
(July - August)**

**July**  
 4 5<sup>th</sup> Rd. Hillclimb (La Union)  
 18-19 4<sup>th</sup> leg Magnolia Karting Series /  
 Asian Karting Open Championship  
 (Carmona Race Track)  
 25 5<sup>th</sup> leg Drag (Batangas Racing Circuit)  
 25-26 1<sup>st</sup> leg PTCC  
 (Subic International Raceway or SIR)  
 26 7<sup>th</sup> leg Slalom (Festival Supermall)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd. Autocross (Molino, Cavite)

**August**  
 1-2 5<sup>th</sup> leg Magnolia Karting Series  
 (Enchanted Kingdom)  
 9 8<sup>th</sup> leg Slalom (Enchanted Kingdom)  
 14-15 Asian Karting Open Championship  
 (Indonesia)  
 22 6<sup>th</sup> leg Drag (Clark)  
 29-30 2<sup>nd</sup> leg PTCC (SIR)

*Schedule is subject to change without prior notice.*

**24/7 EMERGENCY ROADSIDE SERVICE**

**HOTLINES:  
 723-0808 726-0191  
 0917.848.0191 0922.860.1603**



When you call the Emergency Roadside Service (ERS), Remember to give the operator the following information:

- Your name
- AAP Membership Number
- Model, color and make of vehicle
- The license plate number of your vehicle
- Exact location where the car is stalled (landmark)
- Location where the car is to be towed
- Describe what you think is the problem of your vehicle

Always appoint a representative to ride with the ERS team while the vehicle is being towed. If you are able to start your vehicle before the arrival of the ERS team, please call to cancel your service booking.

**Types of AAP Membership**

Benefits and Services	Regular Member	Associate Member	
		Individual	Corporate/Group
Joining Fee	P300	P300	No
Annual Fee	P1,200	P900	P700 each
Three-Year Fee (optional)	P3,000	P2,200	No
Registered cars	2	1	10 minimum
ERS interventions per year	4 interventions or 100km tow distance whichever comes first	3 interventions or 60km tow distance whichever comes first	2 interventions or 40km tow distance whichever comes first
24/7 Ambulance Service *	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Battery Delivery *	Yes	Yes	Yes
LTO Registration Assistance	AAP registered vehicles only	AAP registered vehicles only	AAP registered vehicles only
Glass Etching Service (2 free etching)	AAP registered vehicles only	AAP registered vehicles only	No
Car Insurance Discount (CTPL/Comprehensive)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Personal Accident Insurance (18 to 70 years old only)	P300,000	P200,000	P200,000
Service Vehicle to Members	Yes	Yes	No
Discounts from business partners	Yes	Yes	No
International Driving Permit	Yes	Need to convert to regular membership	Need to convert to regular membership
International Reciprocity	Yes	Need to convert to regular membership	Need to convert to regular membership
Competition Licenses	Yes	Need to convert to regular membership	Need to convert to regular membership
Discount to Immediate Family Member (1st)	Joining fee is waived	Joining fee is waived	10% discount for 50 and more cars
Discount to Immediate Family Member (2nd)	Joining fee is waived plus 20% discount	Joining fee is waived plus 20% discount	20% discount for 100 and more cars
Voting Rights	Yes	No	No

\* Metro Manila only

**RE M I N D E R S**

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW  
 YOUR VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION**

If you own a vehicle with license plate number ending in **7**, you should renew your vehicle registration this **July**. If it ends in **8**, you should renew your vehicle registration this **August**.

The scheduled week of registration shall follow the middle number of your plate:

- 1, 2 & 3 : 1st week**
- 4, 5 & 6 : 2nd week**
- 7 & 8 : 3rd week**
- 9 & 0 : 4th week**

Keep in mind the schedules above to avoid penalties.

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR  
 DRIVER'S LICENSE**

If your driver's license is expiring and you are celebrating your birthday this **July** or **August**, you should renew your license a week before the date of your birth. Penalties are now imposed on late renewals even if you do it on the same month

**DON'T FORGET!**

Better Roads, Better Rides, Better Lives.  
**Report Road Hazards Immediately!**



**Assisting You 24/7**  
 Landline: **414-2288**  
**723-0625**  
 Mobile: **0917-504 22 88**  
 Email: [aaproadsafety@yahoo.com](mailto:aaproadsafety@yahoo.com)



Paste member's name and address here

Entered as third-class mail at the Cubao Post Office by the Automobile Association Philippines under Permit no. 594, March 25, 1995. Postage paid.