LESSON 13

Objective: To understand expressway driving.

Points to Ponder:

1. What are other names for expressways?
2. Why can the speed limit be higher on expresways?
3. What are some positive and negatives of expressway driving?
4. Should the speed limit be higher from exit 17 North to the Vt boarder?

Lesson:

Watch PowerPoint on Expressway driving

Expressways are also referred to as:

Interstate highways

Toll roads

Throughways

Turnpikes

Freeways

The two main advantages of expressway driving are:

1. You get to your destination SOONER and SAFER
2. Fewer crasher occur, but those that do are more severe.

Expressways are called limited access because there is only one place to get on and then once place to exit once you are on one. Look at 93 and 91

Expressways may have many different exchanges as you saw on PowerPoint. Some have different levels and have different configurations. Ex: cloverleaf

Before you enter and expressway you should plan your trip in advance so you have an idea as to what exits you will be using to get to your final destination.

Enter the expressway by going on the entrance ramp. This is a short one-way ramp that allows you to increase your speed to match that of vehicles on the expressway if possible. Watch for an opening , turn on your signal and merge smoothly. Never cross over the thick white line as you are entering traffic. Think of the white line as a wall. DO NOT come to a complete stop in the acceleration lane unless you have no other choice.

Keep in mind traffic on the expressway has the right-of-way. You must yield to them if need be.

When driving on an expressways you must always:

Be alert

Use your review mirrors for changing traffic behind you.

Stay out of blind spots of other drivers

Stay far enough behind or pass

Do not get back into right lane until you can see the car you passed in your review mirror

Remember the three-second rule and double or triple your distance if bad weather

Signal every time you change lanes

Obey speed limits

Remember the left lane is for passing only

Remember to not stop on expressway unless absolute emergency

Consider the effect of highway hypnosis. Do not try to tough it out

When leaving the expressway you must always:

Plan in advance where you need to exit

Move into the correct lane in advance

Slow down when you get into the deceleration lane

Make sure you do not suddenly slow your speed on the expressway

Never back up if you miss your exit, go to next exit and work your way back

The following are not allowed on the expressway at anytime:

Pedestrians

Mopeds

Bicycles

Motor-driven cycles

Horses

Do page 71 in textbook as class

Be very cautious when you are in a weave lane. It is a place where and exit and entrance to a highway meet. Cars are weaving to get on and off the highway.