

Driving on the highway has become a pain. Drivers don't yield the left lane to faster moving traffic, people tailgate, and the highways are congested. I think it's time we got back to using Lane Courtesy on the roadways.

Lane Courtesy isn't a radical idea and it's easily implemented. Drivers should keep the left lane clear for faster moving traffic. After you pass a slower moving vehicle, move back into the right lane. This way there's less tailgating, less congestion, and a more consistent traffic flow. It's safer because you don't have to continually speed up and slow down, which also helps to conserve gas.

I realize that a lot of drivers claim the left-hand lane as their own because they're going the speed limit, but they're just adding to the frustration on our roads by blocking the flow of traffic. They are creating the potential of an accident by being an obstacle on the road. Many accidents and frustration can be alleviated if more drivers would simply follow lane courtesy.

I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. The same thing frustrates most people. Vacations and other summer road trips are around the corner, so it's more important than ever to take lane courtesy to heart.

The National Motorists Association even made this June "Lane Courtesy Month" and have more information about this issue on their web site, www.lanecourtesy.org. Take a few minutes to check it out. It's a good way to learn more about how lane courtesy can benefit us all.