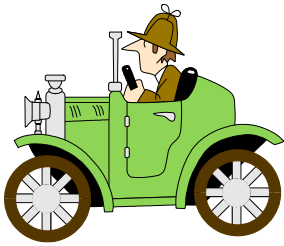


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# Motor Club Services



*Motor Club Services can keep you in the fast lane, but consumers should carefully weigh their options before settling into the driver's seat.*



## **Things to consider before joining the club**

Motor clubs are organizations, either for profit or non-profit, which offer motorists certain benefits provided by the motor club related to automobiles. Some clubs offer a variety of non-auto needs such as health, life and homeowners insurance policies, travel guides & travel information, financial and educational programs.

Consumers should first look to see if the company offering the motor club services and its representatives are licensed with the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs and in compliance with the Motor Club Services Act. They should also know their rights under the law by visiting our website listed below.

Consumers may receive a current list of motor clubs by contacting the SCDCA's Legal Division. Specific questions about motor club services or contracts may also be directed to the Legal Division.

## **Motor club service contracts and fees**

Contracts should include the name of the corporation or motor club and the location of the main office that handles consumer questions. Consumers should shop and compare before deciding on a contract that best suits their needs.

The individual motor club fee may vary for different services offered in the contract. Normally there is an annual membership fee to join. Members are usually issued an identification card upon joining that is valid for the duration of the membership.



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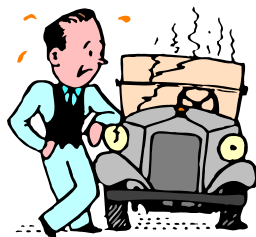
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## Motor club services: More than flat tires

Member benefits may range from emergency road service to travel planning, which may include travelers checks, foreign currency exchange, travel destination guides and discounts for auto rental, hotel or resort accommodations and airfare. Many motor clubs may also distribute road maps, travel publications and hotel and restaurant ratings.



**Motor Clubs solve more than just car problems.**

- Other services include:
- Roadside assistance services
- Bail and bond service
- Claim adjustment services
- Legal services
- Theft services
- Map services
- Emergency travel expense service
- Community traffic safety service
- License service
- Merchandise and discount service
- Travel, touring & travel information service
- Personal property registration service
- Credit card service
- Insurance service

## Requirements for motor clubs

Motor Clubs must file with SCDCA and obtain a Certificate of Authority and a special deposit bond.

To receive a license, the club must also include specific provisions detailed in the state law. Individual motor club companies and representatives must renew their license annually with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

## Need more information?

For more information on motor club services, regulations, licensings or contracts, contact:

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