

6 March 2009

Fellow TMC'09 Participants,

4 months from now, we're in DPG!

I hope this note finds all of you doing well. We have 4 main subjects to discuss in this comms package.

- a) Current level of registration.
- b) The next group of hotels that you can book.
- c) New subjects.
- d) Reminders from previous subjects presented.

a) Current level of registration.

As I write this note to you, we have a total of 177 or so HMs pre-registered / registered.

Sonny Heath is paid TMC'09 participant #100!

So far, we have **107** of those registered and paid. That leaves ~ 70 folks to register. I will send a note to those folks to confirm if you're able or not to join. This will make it a LOT easier to predict how many rooms and campsites and registration kits to prepare. *No news is not good news here!*

Of the 107 registered participants we've got 33 that are going from DC to SF! Also, on any given day we seem to have ~ 40 MVs on the Convoy ... as of today. More is better.

We need to get your registration monies received.

The **registration cost for this great Convoy is calculated two ways.**

a) \$100 per HMV. So, if you plan to bring more than one HMV, it's \$100 per HMV. This registration cost covers the HMV, its Driver and Co-Driver. There is no charge for any chase or tow vehicles or other personnel in your party. It is 100% NON-REFUNDABLE. The primary use of these funds will be to create a very good registration package for you and your co-driver and your HMV. If, for some reason, you can't make the Convoy your full registration package will be sent to you after the Convoy. **This is a "good buy" if you plan to join for 3 or more days.**

OR

b) \$30 per day for each HMV. So, if you plan to bring more than one HMV, it's \$30 per day for each HMV. This registration cost covers the HMV, its Driver and Co-Driver. There is no charge for any chase or tow vehicles or other personnel in your party. It is 100% NON-REFUNDABLE. The primary use of these funds will be to create a basic registration package for you and your co-driver and your HMV. If, for some reason, you can't make the Convoy your basic registration package will be sent to you after the Convoy. **This is a "good buy" if you plan to join for 3 days or less.**

Please make your check out to **MVPA Historical Archives**. Please mail your check to me at the address shown below. Once I receive your payment, I will mark you as registered.

Attached is the current list of stopping points. Please use this list to calculate the number of days you plan to join the Convoy.



Stopping Points List
from time...

b) Here is the next group of hotels and camping that you can book. Notice! There are 4 stops to deal with – covering 6 days!

You can make arrangements for your camping / motels / hotels. Please read carefully.

Day / Date and the day's theme: Monday, 15 June'09 – driving, then our first rest day.

Departure location: Greensburg, PA

Breakfast plans: tbd

Special morning activities planned: get through Pittsburg without being run over!

Lunch stop location and plans: East Palestine, OH. Lunch plans tbd for now.

Lunch stop refueling plans: at the lunch stop

Special afternoon activities planned:

Dinner stop location and plans: at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, led by the Marlboro Volunteers. \$4.00 or less / person or less

Our "Rally Point": the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, OH

Dinner stop refueling plans: local gas stations

Special "after dinner" activities planned: tbd

Rest Day plans: enjoy the 1st rest day in a GI encampment

Our "Rally Point": the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, OH

Breakfast plans: at the Fairgrounds, led by the Marlboro Volunteers. \$4.00 or less / person

Morning activities: static display

Lunch plans: at the Fairgrounds, led by the Marlboro Volunteers. \$4.00 or less / person

Afternoon plans: static display

Dinner plans: at the Fairgrounds, led by the Marlboro Volunteers. \$4.00 or less / person

Special "after dinner" activities planned:

Overnight lodging plans - general: check-in on Monday, 15 June'09 and check out on Wednesday, 17 June'09

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 1:

Rodeway Inn

2055 East Lincoln Way

Wooster, Ohio

ph: 330-262-5008

attention: reservations

Special Comments:

Tell the person you are with the MVPA.

Rate \$55.00

Free Breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 2:

Econo Lodge

**2137 East Lincoln Way
Wooster, Ohio
ph: 330-264-8883**

attention: reservations

Special Comments:

Tell the person you are with the MVPA.

Rate: \$49.95 per night 1-2 people per room

\$55.00 per night 3 or more per room

Hot Breakfast

Large Truck parking lot

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 3:

Best Western

**243 E. Liberty
Wooster, Ohio
ph: 330-264-7750**

attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person you are with the MVPA.

Rate: \$69.00

Hot Breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Camping – option 1:

Wayne County Fairgrounds (our “Rally” point)

Wooster, OH

Rough camping.

No charge.

Day / Date and the day's theme: Tuesday, 23 June'09 – driving, then a rest day.

Departure location: Jefferson, IA

Breakfast plans: tbd

Special morning activities planned:

Lunch stop location and plans: Denison, IA. Lunch hosted by the local team.

Lunch stop refueling plans: at the lunch stop

Special afternoon activities planned:

Dinner stop location and plans: at the American Legion Post in Gretna, NE, hosted by the American Legion

Our "Rally Point": the American Legion Post in Gretna, NE

Dinner stop refueling plans: local gas stations

Special "after dinner" activities planned: static show at the AL post

Rest Day plans: Static show at the AL post or nearby, plus a static show & visit to a nearby museum

Our "Rally Point": the American Legion Post in Gretna, NE

Breakfast plans: at the AL post

Morning activities: tbd

Lunch plans: tbd, but likely hosted

Afternoon plans: tbd

Dinner plans: tbd, but likely hosted.

Special "after dinner" activities planned: tbd

Overnight lodging plans - general: check-in on Tuesday, 23 June'09 and check out on Thursday, 25 June'09

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 1:

Super 8

14355 South Hwy 31, Ext 432

Gretna, NE.

ph: 402-332-5188

Attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that you are with the MVPA.

Rate \$79.99

Free breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 2:

Comfort Inn

**9595 South 145th St.
Omaha, NE
ph: 402-896-6300**

attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that you are with the MVPA.

Rate \$109.99 2 queen beds

\$99.99 1 king bed

3 day cancellation notice for room refund

Free Breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 3:

Rodeway Inn

**9305 South 145th St
Omaha, NE
ph: 402-895-2555**

Attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that you are with the MVPA.

Rate \$85.99

Free Breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 4:

Quality Inn

**9505 142nd St
Omaha, NE
ph: 402-896-9500**

Attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that you are with the MVPA.

Rate \$105.99

Free Breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Camping – option 1:

American Legion Post (our “Rally” point)

Gretna, NE

Rough camping, with showers & washrooms nearby.
No charge.

Overnight lodging plans: Camping – option 2:

KOA West Omaha

14601 US Highway 6
Gretna, NE 68028
Info (402)332-3010
Reserve (800) 562-1632.

Special comments:

Identify yourself as part of the convoy; Eric will give a 15% discount.

Primitive/tent site \$26.00 per night

Water/Elec. site 29.00

Full hook-up 32.00 w/50 amp.....36.50

Cabin for 2, elec. only ... 48.00

Cabin for 2 w/bath 78.00

Day / Date and the day's theme: Thursday, 25 June'09 – driving.

Departure location: Omaha (Gretna), NE

Breakfast plans: at the AL Post in Gretna

Special morning activities planned:

Lunch stop location and plans: Schuyler, NE. Lunch hosted by the local team.

Lunch stop refueling plans: in Schuyler

Special afternoon activities planned:

Dinner stop location and plans: Veterans' Home parking lot (our rally point)

Our "Rally Point": Veterans' Home parking lot, Grand Island, NE

Dinner stop refueling plans: local gas stations

Special "after dinner" activities planned: static show for the Veterans

Overnight lodging plans - general: check-in on Thursday, 25 June'09
and check out on Friday, 26 June'09

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 1:

Comfort Inn

**3535 West State
Grand Island, NE
ph: 308-381-7788**

Contact: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person you are with the MVPA

Rates start at \$61.16 up to \$76.46 per night

Rate is quoted as per number of people in room

Free breakfast

Indoor Pool

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 2:

DAYS INN

**2620 N. Diers
Grand Island, NE
ph: 308-384-8624**

attention: reservations

**Special Comments:
Tell the person you are with the MVPA
Rate \$88.95 Double
 \$77.95 Single
Free Breakfast**

Overnight lodging plans: Camping – option 1:

Veterans' Home parking lot (Rally Point)

Primitive camping at the no charge, portable restrooms, water available.

Overnight lodging plans: Camping – option 2:

KOA Grand Island

**904 South B Rd., Doniphan, NE 68832
Info (402)886-2249
Reserve (800)562-0850**

**Special comments:
Mention you are with the convoy, and "Sue" will give a 10% discount.
Tent.....\$ 23.21 for 2 people, incl. tax. Each extra person, \$2.00 ea.
Tent w/elec. 25.38 for 2 people, incl. tax. Each extra person, \$2.00 ea.
Water/Elel. 31.89 for 2 people, incl. tax. Each extra person, \$2.00 ea.
Full hook-up 37.31 for 2 people, incl. tax. Each extra person, \$2.00 ea.**

Day / Date and the day's theme: Friday, 26 June'09 – driving.

Departure location: Veterans' Home parking lot, Grand Island, NE

Breakfast plans: at the Veterans' Home

Special morning activities planned:

Lunch stop location and plans: Heartland Museum at Lexington, NE. Lunch & Museum tour hosted by the Museum.

Lunch stop refueling plans: in Lexington, NE

Special afternoon activities planned:

Dinner stop location and plans: in Ogallala, NE

Our "Rally Point": location tbd, in Ogallala, NE

Dinner stop refueling plans: local gas stations

Special "after dinner" activities planned: static show

Overnight lodging plans - general: check-in on Friday, 26 June'09 and check out on Saturday, 27 June'09

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 1:

BEST WESTERN STAGECOACH INN

201 Stagecoach Trail, Ogallala, NE

ph: 308-284-3656

Attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that your are with the MVPA.

Rates \$75.00

Free breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 2:

DAYS INN

601 Stagecoach Trail, Ogallala, NE

ph: 308-284-6365

Attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that you are with the MVPA

Rate \$79.10 1 queen bed

\$ 89.10 2 queen beds

Free breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Hotel / Motel – option 3:

Grey Goose Lodge

201 Chuckwagon Road

Ogallala, NE

ph: 308-284-3623

Attention: reservations

Special comments:

Tell the person that you are with the MVPA.

Rate \$70.15

Free breakfast

Overnight lodging plans: Camping – option 1:

Lake McConaughy State Rec. Area and Lake Ogallala State Rec. Area

1475 Hwy. 61N

Ogallala NE 69153

Info (308)284-8800

Reserve (308)665-2912

www.outdoornebraska.org

Special Comments:

Must reserve for 2 nights (Weekend Rate)

Primitive site \$7.00 per night + \$4.00 for Nebraska sticker

Water/Elec. 17.00 per night + \$4.00 for Nebraska sticker

Full hook-up 21.00 per night + \$4.00 for Nebraska sticker

Remember; please see the file below for all of the accommodations so far:

- Saturday, 13 June'09 – our launch and overnight stop in Chambersburg, PA
- Thursday & Friday, 18 & 19 June'09 – our overnight stop and rest day stop in South Bend, IN
- Saturday, 20 June'09 – our overnight stop in Rochelle, IL
- Sunday & Monday, 28 & 29 June'09 – our overnight stop and rest day stop in Rawlins, WY
- Wednesday, 1 July'09 – our overnight stop in Murray, UT
- Thursday, 2 July'09 – our overnight stop in Ely, NV
- Friday – Sunday, 3 – 5 July'09 – our overnight and “double” rest day stop in Fallon, NV. **NOTICE – new contact info here!**



Convoy Daily
Plans_V05.pdf

Our recommendation: use a simple 3-ring binder and set of dividers and place the sheets for each stopping point in each section. From here on, we'll send you the sheets for the next stops we add.

If a stopping point isn't identified yet – it's because our Volunteers and local Points of Contact are still working on them! Stay tuned.

c) New Subjects:

- We need to borrow 2 hand-held “blow-horns” or loud-speakers (battery-powered). If anyone has such a unit to loan for the Convoy duration, please contact me and we can work out how to get it to DC and getting it back to you after the Convoy, and we'll replace it if it's damaged or lost.
- We need a self contained PA system (a microphone, a microphone stand, a simple amplifier and a couple of speakers) that can be quickly set up in the back of a Deuce or M37 or something. I wish to use this during our special events in DC & SF & where-ever, to address the group. If it is powered by 120VAC, then we'll need to use someone's portable generator and an extension cord. If anyone has such a unit to loan for the Convoy duration, please contact me and we can work out how to get it to DC and getting it back to you after the Convoy, and we'll fix it if it's damaged.
- I intend to provide a simple piece of 3/16” thick white foam-board for each of us to autograph when we join the Convoy. It is 20”x30”. I need a simple box made for this panel – to protect it when packed in a truck and to keep the weather off of it. I would like someone – a carpenter amongst us – to prepare this box and bring it to DC for us. Please contact me if you are interested to make this box.
- The “www.mvpaconvoy.org” website is no longer operating – which is not new news – but it is official now. ☺

- Additionally, our team has prepared a file that lists names and MVs, etc for all registered / paid participants. Here is the current version of this file:



Convoy Participants
List 3-03-09.pdf

- If anyone is interested to be interviewed by the US Army Public Affairs Office (PAO), please contact me. Thanks to the 13 MVPA members that offered already.

d) Reminders from previous subjects presented (see the previous comms for more details on these subjects):

- A vehicle drop-off point near DC.
Tim Clark, MVPA # 20011
4330 Butler Rd, Glyndon, Maryland, USA 21071
ph: 410-833-4442 (cell)
email: glengar@verizon.net
- A section on the Convoy forum exists for participants organize shared hotel rooms to reduce costs.
- Our Spare Parts & Repairs Volunteer, Dennis Boots, has prepared a guideline for you to catalog the spare parts that you plan to bring on the Convoy – and – your recommendation of how many spare parts we should have for selected MVs. Dennis has done a good job here and talked with the recognized MV experts of



Spare parts'
requirements for ...

- each MV group. Help out by replying to his note, attached here. Again, please see our Forum for details.
- Please see this link describing the TMC'09 uniform shirt and patches:
<http://www.ltmhosting.com/phpbb/viewtopic.php?t=276>
- Plan to bring a 2nd jerry for fuel.
- Paolo Batisti (info@thelongolivedrabline.com) of the “Long Olive Drab Line” would like to ride “shotgun” with one of us.
- Also, Paolo Batisti of the “Long Olive Drab Line” has offered to provide the OD paint required to completely paint ONE large HMV Truck and ONE HMV jeep. So, please send an email to Paolo (info@thelongolivedrabline.com), letting him know that you are willing to discuss this project with him.
- Please send me photos electronically or by mail of your MV.
- TMC'09 Participant Clyde Andrews (contact him at 509-488-2538 or bcandrews@nctv.com) would like to have some help from other participants interested in sharing the driving of their chase rig and/or M38A1 in the convoy.
- TMC'09 Participant & Volunteer Lanny Moore is organizing trucking for the return trip from SF. Please contact him (703-860-1527 or ermlm@verizon.net) or me to let us know if you need some help here.

Finally, please check out our website, inside of the MVPA's website. Go to www.mvpa.org, and then click on the Convoy tab. You can even look at and download the Convoy route map for each State. Check it out!

Take care to all,

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