



MVPA Route 66 2017 Convoy

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Convoy Commander

Now hear this.....are YOU ready for another Convoy? If you are, then the MVPA has got a convoy for you!

With the successes of recent Cross-Country Convoys, the 2009 TMC'09 Convoy (retracing the first US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy in 1919, from Washington, DC to San Francisco, CA), the 2012 AC'12 Convoy (celebrating the 70th anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway, from Dawson Creek, BC to Delta Junction, AK and back to Dawson Creek again) and the 2015 Bankhead Highway Convoy (retracing the second US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy in 1920), from Washington, DC to San Diego, CA under our belts, your MVPA Cross-Country Convoys team is preparing to launch the next major Convoy.

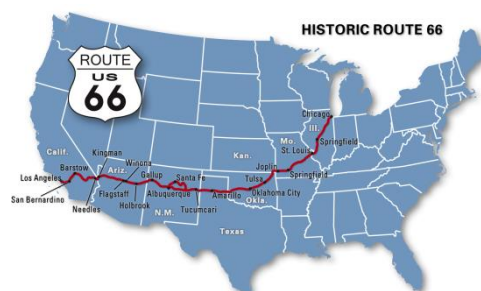
My wife Janine and I have enjoyed the last three convoys driving our 1964 Dodge M43 Ambulance. On TMC'09 we joined the convoy in Fallon, Nevada and drove on the Lincoln Highway to San Francisco, CA. We drove the entire AC'12 and the Alcan was an amazing trip to the Arctic Circle. On BH'15 I was part of the convoy core team working closely with Terry Shelswell, MVPA Convoy Projects Leader and Convoy Commander.

Following BH'15 Terry asked me to step up as Convoy Commander for Rt66'17 to allow Terry and Muriel time to enjoy driving "in" the convoy and time for Terry to devote planning for TMC'19 convoy.

We are proud to introduce the 2017 MVPA Route 66 Convoy, from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA. This Convoy - the Rt66'17 Convoy - retraces the original 1926 route when the Bureau of Public Roads launched the nation's first Federal highway system.

"World War II caused a marked decline in civilian and tourist traffic, but it stimulated new business along U.S. 66, when it acted as a military transport corridor moving troops and supplies from one military reservation to another. Motels saw an increase in occupancy, as families of servicemen stationed at military bases stayed for long stretches. But more significantly, Route 66 facilitated perhaps the single greatest wartime mobilization, as thousands of jobseekers headed to California, Oregon and Washington to work in defense plants".

This is an official MVPA sanctioned event and the route begins in Chicago, Illinois and travels through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and into California to Santa Monica.





Route 66 '17 Convoy – September '17
Schedule of LUNCH & OVERNIGHT stops

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 – Start Chicago IL – Pontiac IL
17 Day 2 TBD Springfield, IL	18 Day 3 REST DAY! Springfield, IL	19 Day 4 Carlinville, Mo St Louis, MO	20 Day 5 TBD St Robert, MO	21 Day 6 TBD Branson, MO	22 Day 7 REST DAY! Branson, MO	23 Day 8 REST DAY! Branson, MO
24 Day 9 TBD Miami, OK	25 Day 10 TBD Supulpa, OK	26 Day 11 TBD El Reno, OK	27 Day 12 REST DAY! El Reno, OK	28 Day 13 OK City, OK Shamrock, OK	29 Day 14 TBD Amarillo, TX	30 Day 15 Glenrio, NM Tucumcari, NM

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Route 66 '17 Convoy – October '17
Schedule of LUNCH & OVERNIGHT stops

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Day 16 Santa Rosa, NM Santa Fe, NM	2 Day 17 REST DAY! Santa Fe, NM	3 Day 18 Stop early! Albuquerque, NM	4 Day 19 Grants, AZ Gallup, AZ	5 Day 20 Chambers, AZ Winslow, AZ	6 Day 21 TBD Williams, AZ	7 Day 22 REST DAY! Williams, AZ
8 Day 23 REST DAY! Williams, AZ	9 Day 24 TBD Kingman, AZ	10 Day 25 Stop early! Needles, CA	11 Day 26 Amboy, CA Barstow, CA	12 Day 27 REST DAY! Barstow, CA	13 Day 28 TBD Irwindale, CA	14 Day 29 ARRIVE! Santa Monica, CA
15 Day 30 DISBAND San Pedro, CA	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Key Points of this 2,300 mile Convoy:

- “FIRST GEAR” is Saturday, 16 September, 2017 near Chicago, IL, with staging a few days before.
- Registration is open to all current MVPA members and all eras of HMVs.
- Convoy will be limited to 80 ‘full-distance’ HMV teams plus 20 ‘regional section’ HMV teams for each of the regional sections.
- ‘Full distance’ fee = \$300 / HMV team.
- ‘Regional section’ fee is \$150 / HMV team.
- As with previous convoys, the following shall apply;
 - Convoy maximum speed is 35 mph.
 - A rest day is planned after each 3 – 4 days of driving. There will be 6 rest-day periods.
 - MVPA Affiliate Groups near the route are encouraged to help the Rt 66’ Convoy HMVs create a great static display at our lunch, overnight and rest-day stops, with extra HMVs to be on display during the day at these stops.
 - No weapons (real or otherwise) will be allowed on Convoy vehicles.
- The planned ‘Regional Sections’ are as follows:
 - Regional Section 1 – Chicago to Branson, MO (561 miles)
 - Regional Section 2 – Branson to El Reno, OK (389 miles)
 - Regional Section 3 – El Reno to Santa Fe, NM (515 miles)
 - Regional Section 4 – Santa Fe to Williams, AZ (416 miles)
 - Regional Section 5 – Williams to Santa Monica, CA (526 miles)

Those MV teams that participated on either or all of the TMC'09, AC'12 or BH'15 Convoys were given this notice about 2 weeks prior to this Supply Line delivery, but there are still open spots.

This Convoy has the opportunity to be every bit as great as the last three Convoys. We will travel through some heavily populated areas, giving our MV hobby and the MVPA enormous exposure to the general public and saluting our Veterans. The 10 Year Convoy Plan is detailed on the MVPA website.

To reserve your spot contact MVPA Headquarters:

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