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To: ALL TMC'09 participants
CC: D. Welch, D. Hoyer, Carl Mahnken (US Army PAO, D.C.), MVPA HQ
Subject: TMC'09 - Group Comms package for week of 5 May'09

7 May 2009

Fellow TMC'09 Participants,

**2 months from now, we're
in Stockton, CA!
... that will also be the 90th anniversary of the
launch of the 1919 Convoy.**

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 COMPLETE group of hotels that you can book.
- c) New subjects.
- d) Reminders from previous subjects presented.

a) Current level of registration.

So far, we have **175** of those registered and paid.

Of the 175 registered participants we've got **45** that are going from DC to SF! Also, on any given day we seem to have ~ 55 MVs on the Convoy ... as of today.

**Mail-in registration CUT-OFF DATE
= 22 May, 2009.
After this date – register & pay when
you join the Convoy.**

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 COMPLETE group of hotels and camping that you can book.



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All stops are included. Please see the attached file:

On some pages of this attached document you will see the phrase “New for V07”. This means that on these pages, there are new items. Here are only the pages modified for



Convoy Daily
Plans_new for V07...

version “V07”.

If you have not done so already, I would recommend that you create a binder with your reservations in each of our overnight stops.

c) New Subjects:

- READ the “OPERATIONS” and “HVM MAINTENANCE” SOPs one more time. They are attached here. Put ‘em in your MV.



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- A final reminder – no weapons on the MVs – real or otherwise.
- MAKE SURE to contact our “Spares and Repairs” Volunteer, Dennis Boots (at dennis@dentonboots.com or 940-368-6888) to confirm what spares you are bringing. REMEMBER – we want you to place your spare parts in a “photocopy paper” type cardboard box and place it in our trailer! We need your MV open for guest riders and we’d like access to all spares to help someone, including you, if broke down. The files are located below.
- Don Hoyer will join us from DC to SF as our Photographer.
- We have been invited to Birthday parties for the Army on Friday, 12 June’09 @ both the Pentagon & Fort Belvoir. Art Pope is leading this activity.

- Our first rally point is the Laurel Racetrack, in Laurel, MD. See the list of hotels for a map. We'll have signs. Plan to be there the morning of Thursday, 11 June'09 to get your MV registered and through a tech inspection (basic stuff).
- We'll conduct a **Trial Convoy** Friday afternoon along with our first MV show for the public.
- See the following list of carriers that we contacted to haul our MVs home or to the starting point.



TMC -
Transportation Company

- Please **carefully** check the roster data that I sent you last month and report any errors or changes to me ASAP. Our data must be accurate to get into FNAS and DPG.

d) Reminders of 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

... now it's time to go fetch them! ☺ Thanks so much to Tim for his hospitality.

- We encourage all participants to bring 1 or more FRS "walkie talkie" units (the kind that you buy at Best Buy) with you to allow comms between you and then next MV. Our March Unit leaders will have radio comms all along the Convoy.
- If anyone else is interested to be interviewed by the US Army Public Affairs Office (PAO), please contact me. Thanks to the 15+ MVPA members that offered already.
- 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 each MV group. Help out by replying to his note, attached here.



Spare parts'
requirements for ...



Convoy MV Spare
Parts List_V01...



Convoy MV Spare
Parts List_V01...

- See the Convoy forum to post requests for MV transport to DC before the launch and for people who have the ability to trailer an MV to DC can get together. For instance, if someone is going to the Aberdeen show – can they pull their trailer and take my Jeep – and drop it off at Tim Clark’s farm? Watch the forum for more info.
- Plan to bring a 2nd jerry for fuel.
- 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.

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 – and Muriel and I look forward to meeting each of you – starting **5** weeks from today!

I wish you all a safe trip to DC or where-ever you pick up the Convoy.

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