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**Subject:** TMC'09 - Group Comms package for week of 5 Apr'09

5 Apr 2009

Fellow TMC'09 Participants,

# 3 months from now, we're in Fallon, NV!

**4 months from now – let's meet in Evansville,  
IN to review our Convoy!**

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

**Take care in reading this comms package – there is a lot of info inside.**

- 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.**

So far, we have **157** of those registered and paid.

**Of the 157 registered participants we've got 43 that are going from DC to SF! Also, on any given day we seem to have ~ 50 MVs on the Convoy ... as of today.**

**Keep your registrations coming.**

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.**



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Please see the attached file.

It has all stops except DC and Stockton, CA. For DC, we now have the approval to park our MVs along Constitution Ave, in front of the Ellipse. For Stockton, we are settling another hotel and the camping location. In some cases in this attached document you will see the phrase "New for V06". This means that in this file, these items are new.

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

## c) New Subjects:

- 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.
- For those of us that will be going through DPG and for those of us that will be staying @ FNAS, I will send you a separate note requesting the names and home addresses of all passengers in any MV or chase vehicle that will be on US Government property. Also we will need to identify the ages of all children & teenagers, 18 years old and under, that will be joining you in these locations.
- Please see the following 3 files. They all have the same info – just arranged in different order – to help you a little (I hope!). They all have your name, address, etc., your planned Convoy entry & exit points and your MV info. I did not show the MV#3 list because there are few of us bringing 3 MVs – but don’t worry, I have the info.



Convoy signup-name  
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- This version is simply sorted by our last names. Please **carefully** check this roster data and report any errors or changes to me ASAP. Our data must be accurate to get into FNAS and DPG.



Convoy signup-MV1  
style sort\_9 Apr'09'09.pdf

- This version is grouped by our style of MV.



Convoy signup-entry  
point sort\_9 Apr'09'09.pdf

- This version is grouped by our planned Convoy entry point.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER – all 3 files have the same info – just grouped differently!**

- **We still 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 still 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.

- 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.
- The patches arrived this week! HQ will begin to mail them to you. Here are the guidelines and simple attachment instructions.



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### **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](mailto: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.



Convoy MV Spare Parts List\_V01... Convoy MV Spare Parts List\_V01...

Again, please see our Forum for details.

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> jerry for fuel.
- Paolo Batisti ([info@thelongolivedrabline.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [ermllm@verizon.net](mailto:ermllm@verizon.net)) or me to let us know if you need some help here.
- The "[www.mvpaconvoy.org](http://www.mvpaconvoy.org)" website is no longer operating – which is not new news – but it is official now. ☺

Finally, please check out our website, inside of the MVPA's website. Go to [www.mvpa.org](http://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 we're almost ready to roll!

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