



Military Vehicle Preservation Association

An International Organization Dedicated to Preserving Military Transport

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Convoy of Historic Military Vehicles to Celebrate 70th Anniversary of the Alaska Highway in August

80+ Historic Military Vehicles / 27 Days / 4,100 Miles / 6,600 Km

Independence, MO (June 2012) – Over 80 historic military vehicles, owned by members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) will convoy on the famous Alaska Highway in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the building of this important road. The convoy will depart Dawson Creek on August 4 and return 27 days later on August 30.

Over 200 participants from the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France and Belgium will take part in the 4,100 mile / 6,600 km convoy. An official Launch Ceremony will be held at the Mile 0 Cairn in Dawson Creek on August 3 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"This will be a convoy of historic military vehicles of all eras with over 30 WWII trucks in the convoy," said Convoy Commander Terry Shelswell. "The military vehicles are privately-owned and restored by individuals who have an interest in preserving these vehicles and the important roles they have played throughout our military history."

The convoy will travel approximately 200 miles per day at speeds of 35 mph / 56 km/hr., depending on road conditions. The group will purchase fuel, food and supplies along the way and stay overnight in local campgrounds and motels.

According to convoy spokeswoman, Wendy Rowsam, in addition to convoying on the Alaska Highway, the group will travel several other roads well-suited to historic military vehicles including the Campbell and Dempster Highways, and Top of the World Highway in the Yukon; and the Hatcher Pass and Denali Highway in Alaska.

Delta Junction, Alaska, the official end of the Alaska Highway, will welcome the convoy on August 21. The convoy will arrive mid-morning and park at the Deltana Fairgrounds. Special activities will include a program at approximately 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend, meet convoy participants and view their vehicles. The convoy will depart Delta Junction at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Rowsam said, "As the convoy travels we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Alaska Highway. We will also take every opportunity to thank veterans and their families, past and present, for their service. We encourage everyone to watch for the convoy as it travels and to drop by any of our stopping points to see our vehicles. Our participants love to talk about their trucks."

In 2009 the MVPA retraced the Army's 1919 Transcontinental Motor Convoy along the famed Lincoln Highway from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco. Over 100 military vehicles participated in that historic 30-day convoy.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association's mission is to provide an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport. The association has over 8,000 members worldwide and over 35 years as an organization.

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