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The Lincoln Highway
National Museum & Archives
presents



"The Day The Spirit Of The Lincoln Way Died"

aka

"The Day Mr Lincoln Got Kicked Out Of Fort Lincoln"

on

"The Day He Died"

7:22 AM

April 15, 2011



2001, 2005 & 2009 Inaugural Parade Participant

Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Washington-The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives is sad to announce The Spirit of The Lincoln Way-Liberty Truck, (1968 Maxim Open Cab Fire Truck with A 100' Ladder) a 3 time Inaugural Parade participant is being "Kicked Out" out of Fort Lincoln Cemetery, where it has been stored for the last 5 years, Friday, April 15, 2011 which is "Coincidentally" The Day Mr. Lincoln Died.

That being the case, The Sprit Of The Lincoln Way is now essentially "Homeless" and therefore in need of "A New Home" here it can remain "Safe & Sound" until 2013 and a 4th Inaugural Parade Appearance for The 100th Anniversary of The Lincoln Highway.

Accordingly, plans call for The Spirit of the Lincoln Way to be accompanied by 100 Year Old-Eagle Scout Bernard Queneau, the only living member of The 1928 Boy Scout Lincoln Highway Safety Tour who will ride in a 1929 REO Speedwagon which is almost identical to the one that went Coast To Coast in 1928. The potential Inaugural Appearance will be "The Icing On The Cake" for a series of events that started in 2010 with an appearance in The Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary Parade in Washington followed by A Special Jamboree Appearance at The National Eagle Scout Exhibit.

And speaking of the 1929 REO Speedwagon..as of April 30th, it too will be "Homeless" So, we need "A New Home" for "Both Trucks" in order that they may be properly maintained and readied for the 2013 Inaugural Parade.

Accordingly, in order to "Highlight The Situation" The Spirit of the Lincoln Way accompanied by Mr. Lincoln in the form of a "Lock Of His Hair" will "Officially Leave" The Front Gates Of Fort Lincoln Cemetery on Bladensburg Road at 7:22 AM which is the "Exact Time" of Mr. Lincoln's Death.

Craig Harmon, Director of the Lincoln Highway Museum, said, "It's A Sad Day" because Fort Lincoln is "The Perfect Sanctuary" for The Spirit Of The Lincoln Way for A Variety of Reasons."

First, President Lincoln used to visit the Fort to confer with his Generals and is said to have quenched his thirst at The Old Spring House, the oldest structure in Maryland (1683) which rests under The Lincoln Oak (Struck By Lightning in 1994) which makes it an obvious choice.

However, "Its Lincoln Highway History" is what "Makes It So Compelling!!"

Accordingly, Bladensburg Road is actually The Lincoln Highway Feeder which made its way through Washington and down Pennsylvania Ave. in 1915. Then there's..Hoarace Peasle, the Architect who designed Fort Lincoln at the same time he designed The Zero Milestone in front of the White House which was the starting point for the 1919 Army Convoy across the continent via The Lincoln Highway.

But the coup-de-gras is the fact that Ulrich Stonewall Jackson Dunbar, Sculptor of The Spirit of The Lincoln Way Statue (Trophy for the 1915 Race Across The Continent) is actually buried in Fort Lincoln!! However, even with all this History and a last minute appeal to Thomas Crawford, President & CEO of Stewart Enterprises, in Jefferson, LA (Owner of the cemetery) the Order To Vacate..Still Stands.

So..Get Up Early and come on out to "Meet Mr. Lincoln", say "Good-Bye to Fort Lincoln" and "Help Find A New Home" for The Spirit Of The Lincoln Way & The 1929 REO Speedwagon.

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