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National Museum & Archives
102 Old Lincoln Way West
Galion, Ohio



"The Day Mr. Lincoln Came to Town"

"A Nation Pays Tribute"

136 Anniversary of the Lincoln Funeral Train



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Fire Truck Caravan

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"Come One Come All"

"Keep Alive..."

"The Sacred Fire of Liberty"



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For Immediate Release

The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives will open for the 2001 season this Sunday, April 29 with a spectacular "Spirit of the Lincoln Way" Fire Truck Caravan celebrating "The Day Mr. Lincoln Came to Town", the 136 Anniversary the Lincoln Funeral Train passing through Galion in 1865.

Using the Barry Manilow song, "One Voice" as Theme, Craig Harmon, Founder and Director will start from the Museum at 12:30 as "One Voice...Singing in the Darkness" and hopes to return with a "Virtual Choir" of Lincoln Songsters. (Enthusiasts/Admirers)

Traveling in the "Spirit of the Lincoln Way", the 1964 Maxim Fire Truck that traversed the country last summer on the "Link Across America" Millennium Tour-2000 and most recently seen by millions in the 54th Inaugural Parade of President George W. Bush, the trip will last a little more than 3 hours and cover a distance of 52 miles. Passing through Bucyrus, Leesville, Crestline, Ontario, Mansfield, then back to Galion, the Caravan will Highlight the many historic Lincoln/Lincoln Highway sites with a series of Special Wreath Presentations. (A Complete list of sites, mileage and times are attached)

Plans call for Local Fire Departments to meet the "Spirit of the Lincoln Way" at the City Limits and provide an escort through the City before joining up to continue the journey and complete the circle back to Galion. All Fire Departments, Volunteer Firefighters, and Citizens are invited to bring their Fire Trucks, Cars or Motorcycles to participate in this historic event. (There are designated staging areas in each Community-See attached List for locations)

The "Spirit of the Lincoln Way" will carry an exact replica of The Lincoln Coffin, wreaths from many Lincoln Groups and Lincoln Highway Towns & Cities as well as "The Sacred Fire of Liberty". Arrival at the Museum is slated for 4:00 pm and will be followed a Formal Funeral Ceremony, Presentation of Tribute Wreaths and "The Sacred Fire of Liberty". Dinner consisting of Hot Dogs and Brats cooked on the open grill will follow at 5:30.

All Fire Departments, Communities, Dignitaries and Lincoln Related Individuals & Organizations are invited to present a wreath in honor of Mr. Lincoln during the Official Ceremony. Additional Tribute wreaths will be accepted throughout the month and presented on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at a Special National Day of Remembrance Ceremony. Mr. Lincoln was an Honorary Member of the Preservation Hose Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and it was the custom for the Fire Department to bring up the rear in many of the 12 Formal Lincoln Funerals.

In addition to the Funeral Program the museum will feature a Special Collection of Presidential & First Lady Portraits, The Miami University Lincoln Collection which includes a lock of Mr. Lincoln's hair, Artifacts and Memorabilia from the "Spirit of the Lincoln Way"- "Link Across America" Millennium Tour 2000, the 54th Inaugural Parade and the 192nd Lincoln Birthday Celebration in Washington, DC.

For more information on how to Send a Wreath, The Event, The Museum or Hi-Res Photos for publication contact Criag Harmon, Director at 419-462-2212 Museum, 419-566-0790 Cell and Fire Truck or go to the Website at www.lincoln-highway-museum.org. Media rides available.

The Museum will be open 10 to 7 daily and 12 to 5 on Weekends, from April 29th through Mid June, then close till Fall in order to complete the "Link Across America" Millennium Tour-2000.

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Short List

Towns, Pick up Spots, Times and Presentations

Galion

Leave Museum 12:30 - "One Voice"
"Spirit of the Lincoln Way"

Bucyrus

Pick Up 12:55-Woodlawn Methodist Church, SR 19
Wreath Presentation 1:00 pm -Public Square
Crawford County Chartered on Lincoln's Birthday 1820
Crawford County most Lincoln Highway markers in the Nation-Seven
1928 Boy Scout Marker
John E. Hopely Monument

Leesville

Pick Up & Wreath Presentation 1:45
1928 Boy Scout Marker Site
1928 Boy Scout-Ralph Cobey will give short talk

Crestline

Pick Up 1:57-Maple Drive
Wreath Presentation 2:00-Clink Blvd.
1922 Lincoln Highway Brick Pillars
Honoring Austin Bement and James McMahan

Ontario

Pick Up 2:30-Stumbo Road & 4th Street, Sprint"

Mansfield

Pick Up 2:35-Mansfield Fire Museum, 4th Street
Wreath Presentation 3:00-Public Square
Lincoln as President Marker
First City in US to 'Put Forth" Lincoln as Candidate for President

Galion

Arrive 4:00 as Choir of Lincoln Songsters
Funeral Ceremony-Public Square
Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives

Mile	Activities and Directions for Fire Truck Caravan	Arrive	Depart
0	Leave Galion-Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives with Lincoln Coffin		12:30
	Travel West on Harding Way West to Bucyrus Road		
10	Meet Bucyrus Fire Department-Woodlawn Methodist Church	12:55	
	Travel on Hopley Ave, then Left on Charles Street		
	One Block West, then Right on Sandusky Street to Square	1:00	
	Park in front of Mural and 1928 Lincoln Highway Boy Scout Marker		
	Meet Fire Trucks and Lincoln Enthusiasts-One Voice Choir		
	Note Lincoln Highway Signs on Mural		
	Present Lincoln Highway Wreath-Boy Scout Marker		
	Crawford County chartered by State Legislature-Lincoln's Birthday-Feb 12, 1820		
	<i>Crawford County has the most Lincoln Highway Markers in the Country-7</i>		
	Leave Square going East on Mansfield Street		1:10
12	Arrive VFW park for Hopley Monument Wreath Presentation	1:15	
	Note Lincoln Highway Round Pillar at Bucyrus Country Club		
	Pick up additional members of the Choir		
	Present Wreath-Honor John E. Hopley-First Lincoln Highway State Consul		
	Leave for Leesville-Note Lincoln Highway Brick Pillar and Pre-Placed Wreath		1:25
20	Turn Right on Leesville Road	1:40	
	Note 1928 Boy Scout Marker and preplaced Wreath		
21	Continue to Leesville, Place wreath on site of 1928 Boy Scout Marker	1:45	
	Ralph Cobey-one of 1928 Boy Scouts who placed Marker will give short talk		
23	Leave for Crestline-Continue on Leesville Road to Rt 30 and Crestline		1:55
24	Arrive Crestline-Meet CFD and Lincoln Choir at Maple Drive	1:57	
	Continue on Rt 30, turn right on Park Road continue to Johns Street		
25	Turn Left on Johns Street then Left again on Right side of Clink Blvd.	2:00	
	Place Lincoln Highway Wreath-Clink Blvd Lincoln Highway Markers		
	Honor Albert Bement, LH A - James McMahon, Crestline Chamber of Commerce		
	Leave for Ontario-Turn Right on Rt 30, Left on Thoman Street		2:10
	Left on Bucyrus Street pass Fire Station, site of Crestline Train Station		
27	<i>At 4:00 am the Rain Stopped in Crestline as Lincoln Funeral Train took on Fuel and Water</i>		
31	Left on County Line Road across the tracks then Right on Rt 30	2:20	
33	Pass Old Lincoln Highway Route on Left at Maybee Road		
	Arrive Ontario-Meet Springfield Fire Dept-Lincoln Choir, Stumbo Road-Sprint Office	2:30	
	Continue on Rt 30 or 4th Street to Mansfield Fire Museum, Corner of Wimbledon Drive		
34	Meet Mansfield Fire Department-Lincoln Choir	2:35	
35	Continue on 4th Street, turn Right on Western Ave-Old Lincoln Route	2:40	
36	Continue on Western, turn Left on Park Ave West to Mansfield Square		
	Turn Left on North Diamond then Left again on Park Ave-Park for Wreath Presentation	2:50	
	Place Lincoln Highway Wreath-Lincoln Marker Square	3:00	
	<i>Mansfield first community in Nation to put forth Lincoln as a Candidate for President</i>		
	"All Roads Lead to Galion"		3:10
41	Left on Main Street, then Right on Park Ave West		
43	Continue on Park Ave West, pass Lexington Springmill Road	3:20	
	Arrive Ontario Village	3:25	
49	Continue on Rt 309 to Galion		
	Arrive Moe's Gas Station-Meet Galion Fire Department-Lincoln Choir	3:35	
51	<i>Moe's Corner-Starting point of 1915 Lincoln Highway Film Crew Parade</i>		
	Continue on Rt 309, then Left on Charles Street	3:45	
	Turn Right on Harding Way East towards Public Square		
	Pass Galion Depot-President Lincoln's Body Passed through town at 4:21 am- April 29, 1865		
52	<i>The Galion Historical Society has an American Flag that flew in town on that day</i>		
	Arrive Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives	4:00	
	Offload Lincoln Coffin and Sacred Fire of Liberty		
	Honor Guard carries Coffin for Presentation		
	Funeral Ceremony Wreath Presentation		
	Program-One Voice		
	Dinner is Served-Grilled Hot Dogs and Brats, Chips, and Pop.	5:30	