



PONY EXPRESS POST

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Like Our Snazzy Logo?

A big thank you to talented cartoonist Dick Lewis. Dick is the editor of the Ohio Valley Region's award-winning newsletter Ahoogah. He also provides the illustrations for our Tiny Tips feature in The Restorer magazine. Additionally, he is a long time artist for A World youth newsletter, other magazines and contributes illustrations for the Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards. Thanks Lewie!



The 150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour

Here's the big picture: Model A Ford cars and trucks will honor the famous Pony Express by traversing the National Park Service's Pony Express Auto Tour. This route follows closely the original 1860-61 path of the Pony Express riders. We'll see many of the surviving Pony Express stations, stables and monuments. Groups of Model A's will depart from St. Joseph, Missouri (where the Pony Express began) and Sacramento, California (the western terminus). They'll meet in Casper, Wyoming where a great day is planned. The complete route is estimated at 1,900 miles.



Scope

We've received broad interest in the tour. As a MAFCA sponsored event, the tour is open to only MAFCA members. The tour is structured so that you can participate at the level you choose. You can go all the way, part of the way, or just for the day. Participants will be responsible for their own lodging and most meals. With a great number of Model A's involved, each of the overnight stops will be identified. Upon registration, you'll receive a detailed list of hotel/motels in those towns. Each day, you can travel at your own pace. See the things you want and meet each evening. Naturally, we expect members, clubs and friends to group up together, but it's all up to you. We will not be traveling in mass. At some locations, events are being planned for us. Watch for information about these parades, shows and displays.

Casper, Wyoming

This is the closest community to the mid-point for our tour and an important one. The two groups will meet in this historic location. Casper tells us that "We'll WOW you in Casper!" We'll explain more about the Casper events in future editions. June 23 is the target date for Casper.

East vs. West

Exact departure dates are being planned by Captains on each end. The Sacramento group may depart a day or two before the St. Joseph cars. The western half isn't really half. It is longer, includes more mountains, and lodging in the Old West is not plentiful everywhere. As soon as these departure dates are firm, we'll announce that. In the meantime, June 19 to 27 are pretty good dates for you to plan on.

