



## 7th CONVOY TO REMEMBER

Grösstes Internationales Militär-Oldtimer-Treffen der Schweiz

12. – 14. August 2016

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*Notice to editors: The following press release refers to the largest military old-timer meet which takes place in Switzerland this year. We are letting you have it at your free disposal. Please take over the dates in your lists of events.*

### Media Text

## Patrouille Suisse coming definitely

(Communicated on 31st May 2016) **On the weekend of 12th to 14th August 2016 Birmenstorf is again the meeting point of military old-timers. 600 vehicles and 25,000 visitors from numerous European countries are expected. But in the air, too, there' a lot going on: Patrouille Suisse has definitely agreed their participation.**

The 7th Convoy to Remember is on the one hand an exhibition and an exchange for spare parts, on the other hand it is entertainment and a feast for the eyes for all fans of well-kept old military motor vehicles of every variation. A living museum of the most refined kind! But not only on the ground but in the air, too, there is plenty to see.

### **Dakota, Alouettes and Patrouille Suisse**

D-Day 1944 is in the focus: Drops of paratroopers in the original equipment of the legendary 101st US Airborne Division. The parachutists come from Switzerland and the Netherlands and are dropped by a **C.47 „Dakota“** which had taken part at that time in the airborne operations as from 1944. The twin-engined aircraft comes from England and will be seen in Switzerland for the last time before it is grounded due to its age. The modern equivalent is sent by our air force: From a **Pilatus Porter**, it will drop numerous long range scouts, who are part of the elite forces of our army.

Also part of history are two former air force helicopters: An **Alouette 2** as well as the more modern version **Alouette 3** with their typical sound will visit us from Interlaken. We are particularly proud of the participation of **Patrouille Suisse**. The internationally known squadron will show their attractive program with the six **F-5 „Tigers“** on Friday and Saturday, 12th/13th August 2016.

### **US Airfield in full operation**

For the first time in Switzerland: A US airfield modeled on the 2nd World War. A scout aircraft **Stinson L-5** will land and again start on the terrain in combat mode, and the air field will be defended as in 1944 by the original mobile anti aircraft guns. The scene will be competed by an original pilots' camp - a hit!

### **Twenty years «Convoy»**

Body responsible is the association „Convoy to Remember“ headquartered in Birmenstorf AG. The association is an institution certified by the Swiss Military Department VBS as a „collector of military historic material level B“. - „Convoy“ in Birmenstorf commemorates the liberation of Europe by the Allies and celebrates its own 20th anniversary. Since August 1996 there have been six „Convoys“. In 2013 some 20,000 visitors came to Birmenstorf.

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### Pictures:



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Presumably for the last time this C-47 will be seen in Switzerland. The aircraft from England will drop paratroopers in the original equipment of the legendary 101st US Airborne Division over the terrain in Birmenstorf. (Convoy to Remember 2016 in Birmenstorf)



Patrouille Suisse will again fly their attractive patterns in the sky. (Convoy to Remember 2016 in Birmenstorf AG)

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