

Notice to the Editors: The following press-notice refers to the largest military classic vehicle meeting which takes place in Switzerland this year. We place this announcement at your free disposal. Please enter our data in your time schedule.

Media-Text

In Focus: D-Day 1944 and Swiss Army Today

(Communicated on 11th June 2019) On the weekend of 9th - 11th August 2019, Birmenstorf AG is again the meeting-place of military classic vehicles. 600 vehicles and 25,000 visitors from numerous European countries are expected. For the first time the Swiss Army is going to be prominently represented with an extensive army exhibition. But in the air, there will be a lot going on: the Patrouille Suisse has definitively promised to come.

The 8th Convoy to Remember is on the one hand an exhibition and a spare parts exchange, on the other hand it is entertainment and a feast for the eyes to all fans of well-kept old military vehicles of various kinds. It is a living museum of the most refined sort!

Plenty of historic rarities

D-Day 1944 is at the centre. The largest military landing operation of all times and the ensuing liberation of Europe from the Nazi yoke comes round for the 75th time. We expect numerous vehicles from that time, among them rarities well worth seeing from the rolling stock of the erstwhile allies, but also from the German Wehrmacht.

Swiss Army prominently represented

For the first time the Swiss Army will be prominently represented. In a large army exhibition the complete **present-day tank fleet** together with equipment of the mechanized units will be presented. The air force will drop numerous long-range scouts from a **Pilatus Porter;** they belong to the elite troop of our army. We are particularly proud of the participation of the **Patrouille Suisse**. The internationally known formation will show their attractive program with the six **F-5 "Tigers"** on Friday and Saturday, 9th/10th August 2019.

Numerous historic formations - tanks yesterday and today

Not only D-Day is in focus. We convey an overview of how the Swiss Army was equipped between 1930 and 1955. More than 25 historic formations have pledged their appearance: The Swiss Cavalry Squadron 1972, the historic pedal bikers' company, a BAT-anti-tank platoon. The Swiss Military Museum Full will show numerous vehicles as well as artillery pieces from the D-Day era. Round about 25 historic tanks will be paraded, with experts' commentaries.

Convoy is of European importance

The organizing institution is the association "Convoy to Remember" domiciled in Birmenstorf AG. The association is recognized by the Swiss Military Department VBS as an institution qualified to be the "Collector of military-historic material of level B". Convoy Birmenstorf commemorates the liberation of Europe by the Allies and is known Europe-wide today. Since August 1996 there have been seven "Convoys". In 2016, 20,000 visitors came to Birmenstorf.



Pictures:



On Convoy, Patrouille Suisse will again fly their attractive loops.



The Swiss Armins prominently represented for the first time. The complete current tank fleet will be shown and paraded.



The largest military landing operation of all times, D-Day on 6th June 1944, comes round for the 75th time. On Convooy numerous rarities from that time are expected. Picture; Dodge WC54 ambulance.

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