

## National Road Bicentennial Celebration



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2011 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groundbreaking of the National Road.

To celebrate this event, the National Road Alliance and each of the National Road states are planning a cross state vintage and antique car tour that will begin in Vandalia, Il. and end in Cumberland, MD. May 1-8 2011. The Ohio National Road Assn. is planning the tour for May 3-5, 2011 and travelers and vintage car owners are invited to participate in the celebration.

As the caravan crosses each state, the lead vehicle will carry a "set of bells" that will be handed off from state to state and presented to the City of Cumberland, MD at their celebration on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The bells represent the bells that hung from the oxen harness pulling the wagons in the early years of transportation on the road.

There will be events starting at 5:30 pm in Englewood on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. On May 4<sup>th</sup> there will be several events in Columbus. A horse drawn wagon will join the caravan at 11:30 am through Columbus. A special ribbon cutting of the restored National Road condominiums, 1059 E. Main Street will be held at noon.

The caravan will travel to Hebron for a stop at the National Trail Raceway and then on to Zanesville in the evening. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the caravan will visit the National Road Zane Grey Museum in Norwich in the morning. From there they will travel the National Road to Cambridge for a welcoming ceremony and finally to St. Clairsville where the bells will be handed off to the contingency from Indiana. The ground breaking for the National Road in Ohio was in front of the courthouse in St. Clairsville, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Individuals are invited to participate in all or part of the journey to Cumberland MD to celebrate 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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