

Bowman 2007 “Patriot Tour”

Guidelines for Organizers and Hosts

Dr. Bob Bowman and his wife Maggie Bowman will be making a nationwide speaking tour from April 10, 2007 to Aug 11, 2007. They will be traveling in their motor home, so will not require accommodations. Supporters are encouraged to volunteer to organize speaking engagements. Call us at (321) 752-5955.

The tour is being conducted by the non-profit Institute for Space and Security Studies (ISSS), a 501c(3) organization. Funds raised on the tour are tax-deductible and go to ISSS to pay the expenses of the tour and to fund “The Patriots” project and other public education efforts through the year. The tour is not connected with Dr. Bowman’s possible Congressional campaign.

Organizers should collect as many co-sponsoring organizations as possible. We are attempting to bring together the peace and justice movement, the anti-war movement (and there is a difference in some places), the 9/11 Truth movement, the environmental movement, the free speech and civil rights movement, the movement for fiscal responsibility, and various student activist groups. The common goal we propose for all these groups is to demand a government which (1) follows the Constitution, (2) honors the truth, and (3) serves the people. Such a government would make everyone happy, including liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, Libertarians and Greens. We must no longer allow the big money interests to keep us apart. We must join together to “Take Back America” for the people.

Sponsoring organizations should figure out how many people they can attract to the event and together calculate how large a venue is needed (50 seats, 200 seats, 1,500 seats, ??) and whether or not to sell tickets in advance. (Sometimes selling tickets for \$10 or \$20 results in MUCH larger crowds than making the event free. Often people figure that if an event is free, that’s what it’s worth, unless they’ve heard of Dr Bowman before.) If a student group or faculty group is among the co-sponsors, a college auditorium can usually be obtained at no cost. Other sources of free or almost-free space include churches, libraries, and book stores.

Organizers should communicate with Dr. Bowman on the details. Before April 10, call (321) 752-5955 or email bob@rmbowman.com or DrBob@Bowman2008.com. After April 10th, you may reach his office manager Teresa Katz or leave a voice mail at that number. After April 10th you can also reach Dr Bowman directly on his cell phone (321) 258-0582.

Organizers and sponsoring organizations are responsible for securing the auditorium or hall, selling tickets, and doing publicity. We will email you a flyer which you can modify by adding the date, time, and place of the event in your town. You may also want to arrange for Dr Bowman to be on radio talk shows in your area several days in advance of the event.

We will let folks know if we need any audio-visual equipment for PowerPoint or slide projection. That will not be necessary for most talks. A microphone and PA system suitable for the space will generally be all that is needed.

Most events will be evening lectures. The Bowmans will usually arrive in the afternoon and will want to go to wherever they will be parking their motor home for the night so they can clean up and change clothes. They will then usually be available for dinner with folks from the sponsoring organizations before going to the event. A typical schedule will be dinner at 5 PM and the lecture event at 7 PM. An alternative, especially for church halls, is a pot luck supper followed by the talk.

Since parking for a large vehicle is hard to come by in some locations, transportation should be provided for the Bowmans to and from the event. However, if the location is a church or other venue with a large parking lot, the Bowmans would prefer to park their motor home there, plug in their electricity to a household outlet, and thus have access to the motor home throughout the evening. Churches usually allow them to stay there for the night. Otherwise, they will leave the motor home at an RV park or parked in the driveway of a host. If the latter, keep in mind that the motor home is 32 feet long, 8 ½ feet wide, and 11 ½ feet tall. A parking place should be level, large enough, and accessible without overhanging trees, etc. In the motor home will be their German Shepherd, Sadie. If she is left alone for more than a short time, there should be access to electricity so the air conditioning can be run if necessary (depending on the temperature that time of year in your city). A normal 20 Amp household outlet is sufficient. The motor home has an adaptor and a hundred feet of cord. Even where air conditioning is not required, electricity is used overnight to charge cell phones and operate a laptop computer and other equipment.

The Bowmans will usually leave the next morning after breakfast to drive to the next city on the schedule. If they have a long drive ahead, they may even leave early and have breakfast an hour or two down the road.

Tour details will be updated periodically on the web site:

ThePatriots.us

We appreciate very much all the hard work that goes into organizing an event. We hope that these events will be enjoyable for all involved, will benefit the sponsoring organizations, and will help bring your community together in our common effort to educate the public and to “Take Back America.” Thank you!