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Arches Park Scrubbed

Southwest Section Captain, Bill Herold has announced a major change in the Section's plans for the third day of the 2024 National Corvette Caravan. *"The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team has scrapped plans to take the Caravan through Arches National Park followed by an overnight stop in Grand Junction Colorado,"* Herold told the eNews. *"After a year of discussion with the Park Service, we couldn't come to an agreement on how to run 200 cars through the Park as a group. With that two-hour side trip through Arches dropping out of the Day Three schedule, I decided we'd shorten the next day's drive by overnighing in Glenwood Springs, 90 miles east of our original overnight in Grand Junction."*

The Organizing Team intends to do a prerun trip to the area to locate hotel properties as well as a location to stage the Caravan before its drive to central Kansas on Day Four. The obvious time for this is next spring, however, given a four or five-day stretch of little or no snow on the ground, the prerun might happen sooner.

Glenwood Springs is at the west end of Glenwood Canyon, which is sort of like a "mini" Grand Canyon. It was eroded by the Colorado River over the last 3,000,000 years or so. It provides numerous opportunities for recreation including Corvette Caravanning. The Interstate runs 12.5-miles through the canyon. One of the biggest challenges the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) faced when planning the road construction was how to squeeze a four-lane freeway into a gorge barely wide enough to accommodate the existing two-lane US Route 6 and do it with minimal impact to the environment. CDOT's solution was two roads, one nearly on top of the other. They feature elevated roadways with six miles of 40 bridges and viaducts. Three rest areas are on Interstate 70 in Glenwood Canyon: "Bair Ranch", "Grizzly Creek" and, one of our favorites, "No Name". Each features parking areas, restrooms, interpretive displays, picnic grounds, water fountains, and trash receptacles.

There is a modern traffic management facility inside the "Hanging Lake Tunnels". From there, CDOT monitors conditions and traffic. It can quickly alert drivers to unexpected weather or road conditions. A fleet of tow trucks and emergency vehicles are on 24-hour standby at a station in the canyon.

The 2019 trip went through Glenwood Canyon and I've been through it probably a dozen times before that," XO Halverson said to the eNews. "Every time, I'm still stunned by the sight of that Interstate hanging off the canyon walls and the mighty Colorado River below."

Other News

Planning Ahead: Luggage

First in a Series on outfitting for your Caravan trip



XO Halverson with two Club Glove TRS Ballistic "Check-Ins" during the 2019 Caravan. His wife's purple backpack has been replaced with a CG Backpack III. Image: Sandy Halverson

Luggage needs. If golf is your sport, you've heard of "ClubGlove". Its most famous product, the "Last Bag," used by over 80% of PGA Tour players, was branded that because it's the last bag for traveling with golf clubs anyone ever buys. *Golf Digest* magazine called it one of the "...top 10 innovations in golf in the last 20 years".

Four years ago, ClubGlove introduced GM-licensed, Corvette luggage. "Other products for Corvette owners are made off-shore and compromised in quality to facilitate a low price," ClubGlove President, Jeff Herold, told the eNews. "Luggage is the only consumer product that is handled more often by people who don't care how they abuse it than it is handled by those who own it. That in mind, we wanted to bring the same, high quality and outstanding durability we build into our golf line to luggage for Corvette owners, especially those who regularly take long road trips and frequently travel by other means, but fear damage by careless, abusive baggage handlers."

ClubGlove's Corvette luggage is manufactured in Southern California to rigorous specifications. It's made with Invista Cordura brand, 1000D, water-resistant, nylon fabric that is up to three times stronger and lasts up to five times longer than standard polyester. ClubGlove uses reliable and durable YKK® zippers and ITW Nexus® Buckles. The roller wheels, also used in high-end roller blades, are made of urethane and ride on ball bearings.

Name one item every Caravaner needs besides a Corvette, gas, food, an iPhone, and a hotel room each night. How about luggage? Every Southwest Section Caravaner will be on the road for at least two weeks. Cars are going to be chock-full of suitcases, duffle bags, backpacks, ice chests, laptop bags, and whatever. Section XO, Hib Halverson, has been on four National Caravans, a couple of dozen prerun trips, and a number of long road trips other than Caravans. He tells the eNews, "Packing all that can be a pain, but having luggage of sizes that just fit the space you have in the back of a Corvette can make the task easier."

eNews sponsor, ClubGlove USA, has the solution for any Corvetter's luggage needs.

Back in 2018, Commander Tony Megowan and his Wife, CFO Paula Megowan, were the first Caravaners to purchase ClubGlove Luggage. Just before PreRun6 for the '19 Caravan, they bought two Club Glove "Carry-On IIIs" and a "Check-In." The Carry-on III is the largest carry-on bag allowed by most airlines. Since then, the Megowans used their luggage for the '19 Caravan as well as a number preruns and vacation travel.

Section XO, Hib Halverson, and his Wife, Sandy, were, also, early-adopters of CG Corvette Luggage. In early 2019, they purchased two of the "Check-In" model bags from ClubGlove's up-level, line, "TRS Ballistic." It offers an even higher level of protection from crazed baggage handlers who personify brute strength and ignorance. They first used their CG luggage in March 2019 on an airline trip to Nashville that preceded their Museum Delivery 2019 ZR1. Since then, the Halversons have used their Club Club luggage on countless road trips and airline flights since.

"Back in '18, Captain Bill Herold, Club Glove's Corvette sales rep. and CG President, Jeff Herold's, brother, and I toured ClubGlove's factory in Huntington Beach," XO Halverson told the eNews. "We learned the Corvette luggage is not only made in USA, but excepting the telescoping handles, which



The Lead Car for the 2024 Caravan, Bill Herold's C7 along with all of his Club Glove Corvette Luggage. Image: Bill Herold.

are unavailable from a domestic source, all CG suppliers are here in the States. The fabric, zippers, buckles, and so forth are 'mil-spec' stuff. You pay a premium price for TRS Ballistic but, it's built to last a lifetime of rough treatment. The '24 trip will be our fifth National Caravan and probably our twentieth cross-country Corvette trip. Sandy and I are hard on luggage. We've been through several different suitcases and bags. After spending some time with Jeff, touring his factory, and witnessing the high-quality assembly process, our two Ballistic Check-Ins

will likely be the last pieces of luggage I ever buy. I've be so satisfied with Club Glove Corvette products that, several months ago, we bought a TRS Ballistic 'Eight-Can Ice Chest', a TRS Ballistic 'Executive Backpack' for my laptop computer, and a 'Backpack III' for Sandy."

By now, most C8 owners have discovered that space available for luggage is limited when compared to C5/6/7. That's even more of a reason to consider Club Glove Corvette Luggage. CG has several products designed specifically for the 2020-up Corvettes.



All of these Club Glove products fit in a C8's 12.6-cuft. of space in the Frunk and Trunk. Image: Club Glove USA

For more information on Club Glove Corvette luggage contact CG Sales Rep., Captain Bill Herold at swcaravancaptain@gmail.com or call him at 805-402-7490. Also, you can visit the licensed product page on Club Glove's website at <https://www.clubglove.com/brands.php?id=1>

Become a Caravan Patron

Want to show your support for the Southwest Section of the Caravan in a special way? Become a "Southwest Caravan Patron". Each person donating \$100 or more to the Southwest Caravan Organizing is a "Patron" and will be listed on a page in the front of the Caravan Route Book. If you have a business that would like to lend special support to the Organizing Team, donate \$500.00 or more your business will receive a Route Book listing as a "Southwest Caravan Business Patron". Those interested in the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team's Patron Program should contact Section XO Hib Halverson at the email address or phone number listed in the "Information" section below.

2024 Caravan Stickers now Available!

Show your "Caravan Colors" with the official 30th Anniversary, 2024 National Corvette Caravan logo. It is now available as an adhesive-backed, vinyl sticker. It measures 4x3.5-in., a perfect size for a rear window. The '24 Caravan sticker has been a big hit with the Southwest Section Facebook Group and is now available to eNews readers.

The stickers sell for \$10.00 each and the profit from the sales goes to the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team to offset some of the cost of staging the Southwest Caravan.

Stickers can be ordered from Section Captain Bill Herold. Email him at swcaravancaptain@gmail.com or call him at 805 402 7490 to place an order.



Caravan Information

We're still more than a year and a half out from the 2024 Caravan, so there are details of the Southwest Section's activities that the Organizing Team has not revealed, but one thing we do have, even this early in the process, are ways to communicate with our Caravaners who've been with us in the past and prospective new Caravaners.

First, we have a [page on the National Caravan website](#). We, also, have this Southwest Caravan eNews, a tradition going back to 2003. If you are not an eNews subscriber and want to start getting it, send email to SWeNews@netmotive.net and simply type "subscribe" in the subject field and in the body of the email. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/919416625640194>

Finally, you can email or call members of the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team for information.

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