



# **eNews**

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## **Top Story**

#### **Sponsors offer Discounts to Caravaners**

eNews sponsors Ghost Shield Film and Club Glove USA are offering Southwest Corvette Caravaners discounts on purchases of their products and services.

Ghost Shield Film, located just off the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, is the Southwest Corvette Caravan's official paint protection film (PPF) and ceramic coating provider. Ghost Shield offers XPEL brand protection film ("clear bra") installations, full vehicle vinyl wraps, window tinting, exterior ceramic coating, and wheel powder coating.



Ghost Shield's team of car care professionals can make a Southwest Caravaner's Corvette look like a show winner with Xpel PPF, ceramic coating, even a full car wrap, and...they'll do it for 20% off! Image Ghost Shield Film

"Of Ghost Shield's services," Section Captain Bill Herold told the eNews, "a must for every Southwest Caravaner is a clear bra on the front of your car. More than five years ago, Ghost Shield put Xpel PPF on the front of my '14 Premier Edition convertible and it has worked well preventing small, impact-driven paint chips caused by road debris. The first thing I do to the '23 ZO6 I have on order

will be to install a Ghost Shield clear bra on its front end. At this time, I'm happy to announce that your Southwest Caravan Organizing Team worked with Garret Pegler at Ghost Shield to offer Southwest Caravaners a 20% discount on any work his team does to their Corvettes."

Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, also recommends Xpel PPF, "In my 20+ years of Corvette Caravaning, Xpel PPF was on the Lead Cars I've driven in the last four Caravans. The '19 ZR1 I'll drive in 2024 has an Xpel clear bra on its front end," the XO told us. "In southern California, Xpel dealer Ghost Shield is your best choice for PPF and ceramic coating, but don't take my word for it. Read the testimonials on its website. They have customers driving from as far as Bakersfield to bring their cars to Ghost Shield in Thousand Oaks for film, ceramic coating, or wraps".

For more information, visit Ghost Shield's home page or call Ghost Shield at 805-402-8298.

Club Glove USA has been an eNews sponsor for both the 2019 and 2024 Caravans. Club Glove is a manufacturer of premium, American-made luggage. In the mid-'90s, Club Glove introduced tough, durable luggage for golfers who travel by air and check their clubs as baggage. A whopping 80% of touring pro golfers use CG's famed "Last Bag," aptly named because it's the last golf bag luggage they'll ever buy.

About 20 years ago, Club Glove designed the Last Bag's craftsmanship and durability into its line of Rollerized Luggage. In 2011 CG introduced the ultimate in travel luggage that will survive the most uncaringly ruthless baggage handlers, "TRS Ballistic".



For '20-'23 C8 Corvettes, Club Glove has specially-sized luggage to fit both the "frunk" and trunk.

In 2018 Club Glove licensed Corvette logos from C1 to C8 for embroidery on both its Rolling and TRS Ballistic luggage. Since then, it's sold thousands of pieces of luggage with various GM logos embroidered on them. Additionally, Captain Herold, Section XO Halverson and Commanders Tony and Paula Megowan all Caravan with Club Glove Roller or TRS Ballistic luggage in their Corvettes.

In early 2023 Club Glove USA was purchased by golf equipment and clothing manufacturer Acushnet Holdings Corp. which, among other products, makes Titleist Golf Balls. Unfortunately, Acushnet is not in the automotive market, so Club Gloves's GM licenses will expire on June 30.

For the next two months, Club Glove USA will give any Caravaner buying Club Glove luggage with Corvette logo embroidery a 20% discount. For more information or to order, see the <u>Club Glove</u> USA website or call CG at 714-843-9288

### **Other News**

### **Registration Open Now**

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. They've been doing just that. Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews just before deadline that 27 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan. Captain Herold told us he was amazed and pleased that many have registered 1 ½ years before the event.

As announced in eNews6, the SW Caravan costs \$100. Going to fee-based registration was a difficult decision for the Caravan Organizing Team because the previous SW Caravans did not charge a fee. Both the 2014 and 2019 Southwest Caravans lost money. Since the National Corvette Museum does not provide financial backstopping for any of the Caravan Sections, Section Captains take all the financial risk. The Section Captains for 2014 and 2019 both paid significant financial shortfalls after the two events concluded.

One of Captain Bill Herold's first policy decisions for the 2024 Caravan was the Section was going to charge per car. At an Organizing Team Meeting in mid-January, the fee was set at \$100.00.

Registration is accomplished the "old-fashioned" way. SW Caravaners will complete a Registration Form and mail that and a check for \$100 to Commander Paula Megowan, the Section's CFO.

At the end of this issue of eNews is a fillable .pdf into which you can enter data using your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Then will print the last page of this eNews then mail the finished form with your check to Paula Megowan who will email you back a confirmation.

Remember, the \$100 Southwest Registration Fee is in addition to the Corvette Museum's fee for the National Caravan. While NCM has not announced the fee, Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, told the eNews that he anticipates it will be between \$35 and \$50.

#### **Where to Get Caravan Information**

We have a <u>page on the National Caravan website</u>. 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 <u>SWeNews@netmotive.net</u> and simply type "subscribe" in the subject field, then type your name in the body of the email. Find us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/919416625640194">https://www.facebook.com/groups/919416625640194</a>. Finally, email or call any member of Caravan Leadership with questions.

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#### Help us Out-Be a Caravan Patron

The National Corvette Museum, which sanctions the National Corvette Caravan, does not fund Caravan Sections. It is up to each Section Captain and his or her team to raise the money necessary to put on their events. The Southwest Section relies on sponsorship, Route Book advertising, and registration fees to fund most of its activities. Generous Caravaners also have a tradition of chipping in to help the Organising Team put on the event.

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 becomes a "Patron" and will be listed on a page in the front of the Southwest Caravan Route Book Donations from Southwest Caravan Patrons. At this point obtaining major sponsorships, selling advertising, and significant income from Registrations is about six months in the future, so the Organizing Team is relying on money lent to it by its members to fund its work, so until then...we need all the help we can get.

Those interested in the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team's Patron Program should contact Section XO Halverson at the email address or phone number listed in the "Information" section above.

The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team thanks our Patrons: Janet Cherry Bill and Viola Herold Harvey and Jane Price Tony and Paula Megowan Doug and Loretta Campbell Hib and Sandy Halverson

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Second Participant Name				Unisex T-shirt size
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Shirt sizes are: S, M, L, XL and 2XL.

Key in your information to this form and then print it.

Make a check to "Southwest Corvette Caravan" for \$100.00

Mail the form and the check to:

Paula Megowan
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7511 Wilson St
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