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Top Story

PreRun5

The Southwest Organizing Team has moved the Caravan's third overnight stop on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from Grand Junction, Colorado to Glenwood Springs CO. This change was made after a planned, two-hour side trip to Arches National Park in the afternoon of Day Three proved impossible to arrange. Section Captain Bill Herold's decision to move the overnight stop 90 miles farther east will shorten the drive on Day Four by two hours.

The 2024 Caravan will be the first time the Southwest Section visits Glenwood Springs. With any new location for an overnight stop, the Southwest Organizing Team does at least one and often two prerun trips to survey hotel properties, assess food service, checkout entertainment and find a suitable location to stage the Caravan prior to the next morning's departure.



PreRun5's first stop was the high desert metropolis of Neenach for restrooms and munchies. Neenach is on SR138, 15 miles east of I-5. If you're east on 138 and you blink. You'll miss it. Image eNews Staff.

PreRun5 was a five-day trip over May 4-8 to Glenwood Springs. Family obligations prevented Section Captain Bill Herold from making the trip. The Team's six Caravan Commanders, Tony Megowan, Paula Megowan, Doug Campbell, Loretta Campbell, Lawrence Pittman and Hib Halverson visited Glenwood Springs. Sandy Halverson served as eNews Staff Photographer and Rosemary Pitman was along to keep everyone on good behavior. Fortunately, she was successful.

The PreRun5's four Corvettes left Ventura on 4MAY and drove to Cedar City Utah. The next day, they followed the Caravan's 2024 route from Cedar City, north on Interstate 15 and then east on I-70 to Glenwood Springs.

Glenwood Springs is a scenic, historic, resort town located at the confluence of the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers. It is most famous for the Glenwood Hot Springs Pool and the Iron Mountain Hot Springs. Rich with history and culture, Glenwood Springs has a vibrant dining scene, lots of boutique shopping, scenic golf courses, a variety of outdoor activities available, and is a great town for the Caravan's "Overnight3".



Two of our favorite road signs on I-15 and I-40 in Utah. Image: eNews Staff



So, what do you think? Were we obeying those signs? Image: eNews Staff

Old West history buffs frequent Glenwood Springs because the graves of Doc Holiday and Kid Curry are in its Linwood Cemetery. There is an [entire page on the Visit Glenwood website](#) about Doc Holiday who suffered from tuberculosis and spent his last days in Glenwood Springs.

The first PreRun5 activity took place Friday afternoon, May 5. Caravan XO Hib Halverson and Commander Tony Megowan had a meet-and-greet with Chief Joseph Deras of the Glenwood Springs Police Department. They put the Chief's mind at ease about having 250 Corvettes driving the streets of his city on a Saturday night. They also discussed the PD's availability for traffic

control on Sunday, August 25, 2024 to expedite the Caravan's drive from the staging location in the west part of town to eastbound Interstate 70 onramp.



Shortly after we crossed into Colorado on I-70. Cmd. Doug Campbell leads Cmd. Tony Megowan and Cmd. Lawrence Pitman. Image eNews Staff.

The following morning, the PreRun5 group had breakfast with Lisa Langer the Director of Tourism for "Visit Glenwood Springs" which is part of the Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association.



PreRun5 Breakfast meeting at the Glenwood Springs Village Inn. L to R: Cmd. Pitman, Rosemary Pitman, Cmd. Campbell x2, Tourism Director Linda Langer of "Visit Glenwood Springs" and XO Halverson. Image: eNews Staff

The Organizing Team received a list of hotel properties supplied by Visit Glenwood Springs. The Campbells and Lawrence Pittman visited several hotel properties that could meet the Caravan's needs and met with their management. The Halversons and the Megowans, and later joined by Cmd. Pitman visited three prospective locations at which to stage the Caravan for departure on the morning of the Day Four of the trip. Glenwood Springs has two shopping malls and a community center, each with parking lots of adequate size for Caravan staging. XO Halverson has picked one of the three locations and will be working to arrange its use for the Caravan.

Another reason we moved Overnight3 to Glenwood Springs is that it's the gateway to scenic Glenwood Canyon. We'll drive I-70 through the Canyon first thing in the morning of our fourth day on the road and that will make for a great way to begin the most scenic day of the trip.

Construction of I-70 in the Canyon began in 1980 and was completed in 1992. The 12.5-miles that runs through Glenwood Canyon. was the last part of the "Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways," aka "the Interstate Highway System," to be built and it was the most expensive—in today's money it cost \$75,000,000 per mile or just under \$1,000,000,000...that's billion with a "b".



6MAY2023 XO Halverson, Cmd. Pitman and wife Rosemary at the Glenwood Springs Mall surveying its parking lot for use as a Caravan staging area on the fourth day of the '24 Caravan. Image: eNews Staff.



7MAY2023. With its mission complete, the PreRun5 group headed back to California departing Glenwood Spring in a pouring rain. Image: eNews Staff

Other News

Primary Lead Car

In early June, Section Captain Bill Herold and his Wife Viola picked up their Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic, 2023 Z06 Hardtop Convertible in a National Corvette Museum Delivery. The Herold's '23 C8 will be the Primary Lead Car for the Southwest Section of the 2024 National Corvette Caravan. Mike Furman at Chrisswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg Maryland sold the car to the Herolds at MSRP. Chrisswell is one of the rare Chevy stores selling Z06es at MSRP...like all Chevrolet dealers should be doing, we might add!



Bill and Vi at the National Corvette Museum on 2JUN2023 after taking delivery of their Z06. Image: NCM

After a Museum Delivery some new owners ship their cars home, but not the Herolds. The Corvette True Believers they are, Bill and Vi broke-in their C8 Z06 with a six-day adventure back to California. Zigzagging their way across the midwest and southwest they visited relatives in St. Louis MO, Lincoln NB, Denver CO and Prescott AZ on their 2860-mile, cross-country, shake-down trip.

Upon return the first thing Captain Herold did was take the car to eNews sponsor Ghost Shield Film to have paint protection film (PPF) applied to the front end, the front of the mirrors and the rocker panels. Ghost Shield sells exclusively Xpel brand PPF which is a 9-mil film with a 10-year warranty.

XPEL is an American company that has been manufacturing PPF since 2000. Ghost Shield, one of the top PPF installers in the greater Los Angeles area, is staffed with XPEL factory-trained installers. XPEL's PPF is a high-quality multi-layered polyurethane material resistant to scratches, chips, and fading and Ghost Shield has the installation skills to match. XPEL Ultimate Plus is the most popular and advanced paint protection film on the market. It features an unparalleled high gloss finish and improved impact protection. Ultimate Plus features an elastomeric polyurethane that will self-heal light scratches & swirl marks with a light heat application to the film's surface. It is the best choice for car owners who want the best possible protection for their car's paint and who are willing to pay for it. For more information on XPEL PPF installed by Ghost Shield see the eNews sponsor information at the end of the eNews text.

Final Version of the Southwest Logo Released

The 3rd design of the new Southwest Caravan logo has just been released. It differs from the 2nd design, shown at the top of this issue of eNews in that the names of all our overnight stops were added around the edge of the logo.

The new logo was approved by Section Captain Bill Herold last month. It will be used on small static cling stickers, large adhesive-backed door stickers, window-mounted flags, T-shirts and hats. All that merch will be available in the near future.

It will appear in future issues of the Southwest Caravan eNews once

the graphic designer makes high-resolution copies of the artwork available.



Corvettes in Cape 24

Starting with the 2014 Caravan, Southwest and other Caravan Sections have joined together on Day Six of the Caravan in Cape Girardeau Missouri for "Corvettes in Cape." It's an event honoring the National Corvette Caravan and America's Sports Car. "Corvettes in Cape" is staged by a partnership of Visit Cape, Inc. and the Corvette Club of Southeast Missouri.

Corvettes in Cape takes place on Tuesday afternoon and evening, August 27. Four Caravan Sections will be present: Captain Ed Onley's Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Section, Captain Holt Davis' Arizona/New Mexico Section, Captains Dana and George Meyer's Missouri/Kansas Section and our Southwest Section.

Visit Cape, Inc. and Corvettes of SE MO close Main Street, that runs a block west of the Mississippi River in downtown Cape Girardeau, to stage a Shine and Show for Corvette Caravan cars. Not only is there a Corvette show but there will be venues for live music, a beer garden, and a number of choices for food service.

This event is free to the public and draws Corvette owners and enthusiasts from all over southeastern Missouri and southwestern Indiana who come to see all the Caravan cars and to partake in the food and entertainment.

Please, Help us-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 Organizing 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 still ongoing. 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 below.

The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team thanks our Patrons:

Janet Cherry	Roy and Carolyn Burgener	Tony and Paula Megowan
Doug and Loretta Campbell	Craig and Laura Kerezman	Bill and Viola Herold
Harvey and Jane Price	Mark and Justine Vanderwy	Hib and Sandy Halverson

The Return of the Blankee Benefit

Starting with the 2014 Caravan, the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team has commissioned commemorative "stadium blankets" displaying the Southwest Corvette Caravan logo and some text. For the 2014 and 2019 Caravans, when a Southwest Caravaner made a donation of a certain amount, that person received a Southwest Caravan Stadium Blanket.

At an Organizing Team meeting on 28 June, Section Captain Bill Herold, who has been researching 2024 blankets for several months, showed a prototype of a '24 stadium blanket and directed the Team to reestablish the popular "Blankee Benefit" program for the 2024 Caravan.

For the 2024 Blanket, the Southwest Organizing Team has switched vendors to Integrated Impressions of Laguna Nigel. Our Stadium Blankets will be 50 by 60 inches. They are fur lined with the logo and text applied by dye sublimation. They have no border with graphics and text being "full bleed".

The Organizing Team is rolling the "Blankee Benefit" into the existing "Caravan Patron Program." A Caravaners "ticket" into the Blankee Benefit is a minimum \$100.00 donation. Any Southwest Caravaner who donates \$100 or more becomes a "Caravan Patron" and gets a Southwest Corvette Caravan Stadium Blanket. All existing Caravan Patrons will receive blankets once we receive them from the supplying vendor.



This is the first prototype of the 2024 Stadium Blanket. The production version that Caravan Patrons will receive will look like the logo above except all the overnight stops will be listed around the logo edges. Image: Integrated Impressions

Caravan Registration Information.

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. So far, many Caravaners have done just that. Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews just before deadline, Section CFO Paula Megowan told the eNews that 44 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Caravan.

"My tenure on the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team goes back to 2002," Section XO Hib Halverson told the eNews. "For the four Caravans I've worked on previously, we never had any idea of the response until the Caravan's national registration opened two months before the Caravan began. That we already have 44 cars confirmed for the Caravan 14 months before we leave is amazing. Right now, the Organizing Team is a bit strapped for cash so, on behalf of Captain Herold and the rest of the Team, thanks to all who have registered early!"

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 financially backstop any of Caravan Section, 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 yet to announce the fee, Section Captain Bill Herold has said that he anticipates it will be between \$35 and \$50.

Where to Get More Caravan Information

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, then type your name in the body of the email. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/919416625640194>. Finally, email or call any member of Caravan Leadership with questions.

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Second Participant Name			Unisex T-shirt size
Second Participant Email Address			

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:

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