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Registrations Top 150

Just before deadline, Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews that upwards of 140 Caravaners have registered for the Southwest Corvette Caravan. In a short email, Captain Bill Herold wrote to Southwest Caravan Organizing Team Members, "At 140+ now. Looking for 150 cars by New Years! It's going to be a great Caravan!"



Departure staging in Pasadena on Day One of the 2019 Caravan. Imagine two more rows of cars in 2024

Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, on the Organizing Team since 2002, told us, "That we already have more than 140 cars points at a record-breaking caravan section next year. Since the 2003 trip, Caravan numbers have floated around 190 cars, but Captain Herold and I hope for 225-250 cars in 2024."

For those who have not yet registered for the Southwest Corvette Caravan, registration information and a registration form are at the end of this issue of the Southwest Section eNews

Night Five Fun

We'll end the fifth day of the 2024 Caravan on the west side of Kansas City near the junction of I-70 and I-435. The "Legends Area" is an entertainment complex anchored by "Legends Outlets Kansas City" a super-regional shopping mall. Besides the Outlets, the area includes Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile oval home of NASCAR Cup races, Children's Mercy Park, home of KC's major league soccer team "Sporting Kansas City", Legends Field, home of the "Kansas City Monarchs" minor league baseball team, the Hollywood Casino and a plethora of restaurants and hotels.

After we check into our hotels, we'll all meet in the Budweiser Brew House on the east corner of Children's Mercy Park. A casual buffet dinner will be served. Expectedly, Budweiser products will be available along with other beers and wine and a no-host bar.

Steve Garrett, host of the *Corvette Today* podcast and President of the Corvette Club of Kansas City will anchor our after-dinner program. Multitalented Garrett also does weekend radio shows at KC's powerhouse classic rock station, "101 The Fox" and has been stadium announcer for ice hockey in Kansas City for over 30 years.

It's a little too soon to know what Garrett's presentation will cover but you can bet it will mostly be America's Sports Car with maybe a little rock'n'roll history and hockey trivia thrown in.



"Corvette Today" podcaster Steve Garrett

Other News

PreRun 6

In eNews10, we announced that, due to a conflict between our Caravan and a major cycling event arriving the same day, the second overnight stop would move from Cedar City UT about 53 miles east to Bryce Canyon City UT.

This change required significant modification in part of Day-Two's drive to roads that were unfamiliar to the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team, so it was time for another prerun trip.

In eNews10, we announced Ruby's Inn at Bryce Canyon UT would be our Night Two lodging. PreRun6 took place in late September. Leading PreRun6 was Section Captain, Bill Herold and his Wife Viola. Also on the trip were Commanders Doug and Loretta Campbell. Section XO Hib Halverson, recovering from bronchitis, sat out PreRun6 in California.



The 2024 Caravan will travel over some of the 2019 route but some of the '24 will cover new ground. When the Organizing Team preruns a new route, there are always new sights. During PreRun6, about 3 ½ miles east of U.S. 89 on Utah SR12, we "discovered" this cool arch that Caravaners will drive through on the second day of our trip. Image: Cmd. Doug Campbell.

A key objective of PreRun6 was to visit Ruby's Inn for a site inspection.



One of the three Best Western hotels that make up the Ruby's Inn complex. Image: Ruby's Inn

After spending a night there, Captain Bill Herold sent Halverson a short email. "This place rocks!" he said. "It has spacious parking spots with ample spaces throughout the complex. It has comfortable rooms in a park-like setting with beautiful views. There's a large gift shop. There are two restaurants on the property as well as a third restaurant within walking distance. There are several gas stations all within a block or two of the property."

The other important PreRun6 task was to drive the 75 miles from I-15 in Cedar City to Ruby's Inn which we'll do at the end of Day Two. Then finally, prerun the drive from Ruby's Inn, 108 miles north through the Dixie National Forest to I-70 east which we'll do in the morning of Day Three.

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 Caravan Section's organizing 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 and sometimes that's not even enough. The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team also relies on generous Caravaners who 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 Team becomes a "Patron" and will be listed in each issue of eNews as well as on a page in the front of the [Southwest Caravan Route Book](#). Additionally, all Caravan Patrons receive one of the Southwest Caravan blankets discussed below.

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
Doug and Loretta Campbell
Harvey and Jane Price
Matt and Lark Stevens
Mary Hall

Roy and Carolyn Burgener
Craig and Laura Kerezman
Mark Vanderwyk/Justine Cleak
John and Gail Lercel
John and Susan Beard

Tony and Paula Megowan
Bill and Viola Herold
Hib and Sandy Halverson
Bruce and Gina Coleman
Joanne Mattingly

Lawrence and Rosemary Pittman
Peter and Melinda Walenceus
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Paul and Carol Hannah
Dennis Trammel
Larry and Pam Fortmuller
Lisa Klockenteger

Mike Holpuch
Roberta Degener
Don and Jeanne Allen
John and Pam Waschbusch
Steve and Susan Royce
Susan and David Pratt

The Return of the Blankeet 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 people donated to benefit the Southwest Caravan, they received a Blanket.

Integrated Impressions of Laguna Nigel will supply the 2024 Blankets. They are 50 by 60 inches, borderless, fur-lined with the logo and text applied by dye sublimation printing.



2024 Caravan Stadium Blanket. Image: Cmd. Tony Megowan

As reported in eNews9, the Organizing Team is combining the "Blankee Benefit" with the existing "Caravan Patron Program." Any Southwest Caravaner who donates \$100 or more becomes a "Caravan Patron" and gets a Southwest Corvette Caravan Stadium Blanket.

Caravan Information Sources

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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Caravan Registration Information.

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. So far, over a 142 Caravaners have done just that.

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. Instituting our own registration, gave us a way to track the size of the Caravan before the start of NCM registration. Nine months out, we have 142 cars. Wow. 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 Caravan Section, Section Captains take all the financial risk. The Section Captains for 2014 and 2019 both covered significant financial shortfalls out-of-pocket after the two events concluded. Consequently, 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.

Southwest Caravan 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 address at the bottom of the registration form.

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 print the last page of this eNews and 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 registration fee for the 30th Anniversary Celebration. The Museum will be offering both pre-event and on-site registration. Pre-event fees are: \$50 for Lifetime Members; \$60 for Members; \$85 for Non-Members. Onsite fees are: \$60 for Lifetime Members; \$70 for Members; \$95 for Non-Members.

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2024 Southwest Corvette Caravan Registration Form

Corvette Owner Name			Unisex T-shirt size
Owner Address			
Owner City		Owner State	Zip Code
Corvette Year	Model Coupe or Conv., Stingray, ZO6, Grand Sport, ZR1, etc.	Color	License No.
Owner Email Address			
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:

**Paula Megowan
CFO Southwest Corvette Caravan
7511 Wilson St
Ventura CA 93003**