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Top Story Captain's Comments

This issue of eNews leads off with a message originally sent January 9th to the 155 Southwest Caravan registrants. The eNews staff decided to reproduce it for the wider SW Caravan community, so, without further ado, Section Captain Bill Herold...

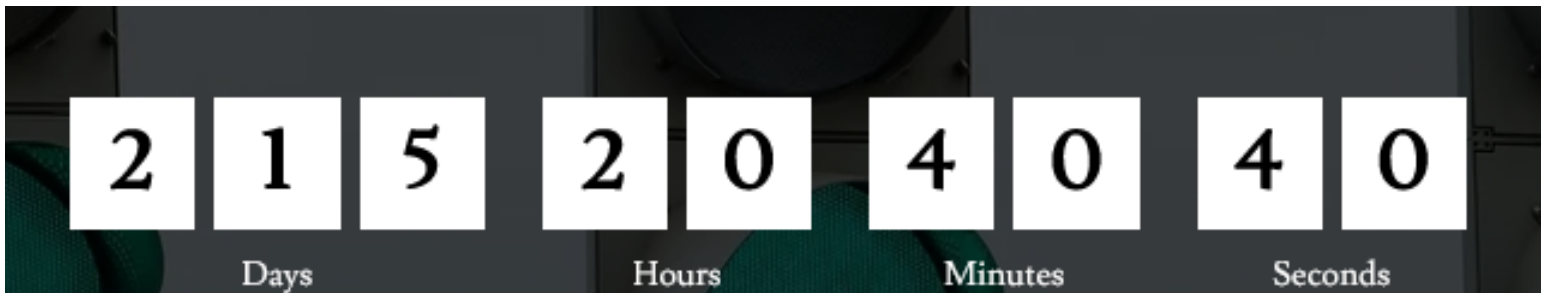
Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and welcomed the new year in your own special way. My wife, Vi, and I had both our adult children back home and enjoyed spending time with them.

Here we are in 2024 and the National Caravan is less than eight months away.



Bill and Viola Herold on PreRun 3 in April 2022



We have 161 Corvettes registered for the Southwest Caravan and, at this pace, we're on track to hit 200 - 250 Corvettes by the time Aug. 22, 2024 comes around and we meet in Pasadena. If you have Corvette friends or club members that have not signed up for this incredible experience you encourage them to sign up now!

I hope all registered Southwest Caravanners have taken advantage of the hotel room blocks at each overnight stop. If you registered, CFO Paula Megowan emailed you a confirmation and a spread-

sheet of all the hotels for each of your seven stops including Bowling Green (BG). Be sure to check with BG hotels because many of them have 3- or 4-night minimums.

I still have 25 rooms left at the TRU by Hilton in Bowling Green. They all have King beds and run \$219 per night. If you want one email me directly and I will put your name on a list that will be submitted to the hotel this spring when they will finalize your booking.

I have one other hotel in BG that is doing the same thing and it is the Embassy Suites, which is the nicest and newest hotel in Bowling Green. I have only one King Suite room and four double Queen Suite rooms left. They run \$375 per night. Email me ASAP if you want one of these rooms.

Your Southwest Caravan Organizing Team is here for you. We want all our Caravanners to have a wonderful experience during our trip to BG this August. This Team of 10 has 2 1/2 years of planning under our belts. We are doing our best to ensure you have the trip of a lifetime!

Captain Bill and Vi Herold

Other News

NCM 30th Anniversary

Some Caravanners ask: what's happening once we get to Bowling Green?

You'll get to experience the 30th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum's 1994 opening. Caravanners who are also registered for the 30th Anniversary Celebration will enjoy three days of activities in and around the Museum, special presentations, raffles, and more! NCM will utilize shuttle buses to transport participants around the campus and parking lots.

Parking will be available at the Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park. Handicap parking spaces will be located in all lots and available on a first come first served basis. Handicap parking at the Motorsports Park and in the Museum's grass areas will be immediately adjacent to shuttle pickup and drop-off.

Events at the 30th Celebration are listed on the National Caravan site. More events will be added between now and early August, so visit that page frequently.

30th Anniversary Events, Seminars and Presentations

Friday Night Banquets

Saturday Night 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday Night Farewell Concert. Artist and Location TBA

Medium Speed "Touring" laps at the NCM Motorsports Park

Corvette Accessory and Parts Vendors

Wine and Bourbon Tastings

Seminars and presentations by:

Bowling Green Assembly Plant

GM's Corvette Team

Michelin

Mobil 1

Special Displays and Exhibits

Corvette Technical Sessions with GM's Paul Koerner

Product Demonstrations by Corvette Store Partners

Demonstration Drives and Walk-Arounds

Special presentations by Museum staff on significant artifacts exclusive to the Museum's collection.

To enjoy all these activities over the three days, you must register for the NCM's event, in addition to your Southwest Caravan registration. Currently, the Southwest Caravan registrant list and the NCM Anniversary Celebration registrant list don't match with fewer Caravanners signed up for the Anniversary event. To register for that, [click here](#). Online registration closes August 5th: \$50 for NCM Lifetime Members; \$60 for NCM Members; \$85 for Non-Members. Onsite registration will be available during the event but will cost \$10 more.



Lisa Klokonteger and John Fitzpatrick

Corvette Wedding at the M

Two of our Caranners, San Luis Obispo residents, Lisa Klokonteger and John Fitzpatrick, got engaged a year ago. They will tie the knot in a "Corvette Shotgun Wedding Ceremony" at the M Resort on Thursday evening 22nd after we all check in to our rooms. Lisa and John will sit in their 2004 LeMans Commemorative Convertible while the Officiant conducts the ceremony—are they hardcore Corvetters or what? In an email to Section Captain Bill Herold proposing this idea, Lisa said "The car will be decorated for the ceremony. We will park it in the middle of some Corvettes. Our ceremony will be brief. We would love some Caravanners to come witness our nuptials, maybe form a ring around the car."

Caravan Merch

We have lots of merch that registered Caravaners can buy...hats, flags, and two sizes of static cling stickers. All are available from Section Captain Bill Herold. Contact Capt. Herold at the email address or phone number listed in the information section below.

PreRun 7

In the weeks before the posting of this issue of the eNews the Organizing Team needed to meet with the sales staff at the M Resort concerning the parking lot we will use for Caravan staging on the morning of 23AUG2024. Additionally, Day Two of the trip will include an event we are having at the School of Performance Driving at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch along with a longer drive after we were forced to move the Day Two overnight from Cedar City UT to Bryce Canyon City UT.

Because of the tight schedule, we want all Caravanners to stop for gas on Thursday afternoon before proceeding to the M Resort.

CAR FLAGS \$25

HATS \$20

DECALS

4" \$5

12" \$20

There will be no time to do that Friday morning. To that end, the Team sent XO Halverson to Henderson to tie up loose ends in a meeting with the M sales staff and to locate fuel stops that are easy in/easy out and have the capacity to fuel a lot of cars at one time.

We found the perfect gas stop just off I-15 in quirky, Jean NV, about a dozen miles southwest of the M. The town's official population is 0 because it's all zoned commercial, has no residents and, right now, its only casino is vacant. "Terrible's Road House Chevron" is 55,000 sqft. and 96 gas pumps—it could fuel almost half the entire Southwest Caravan at one time. It's the World's largest Chevron and will be the strongly recommended final fuel stop on Day One of the Caravan.

Finally, PreRun 7 explored an alternate route from a recommended fuel stop to the M in Henderson.



OMG...metal car on a PreRun?! Well...ok. XO Halverson's rare '16 ATS-V 6-spd coupe, the "Blue BMW Buster," has a 464hp twin-turbo V6, track suspension and an eLSD, so it's kinda-sorta like a Corvette. Image Sandy Halverson

Southwest Caravan Registration Information

In eNews7 we asked 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, that 161 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Caravan.

As announced in eNews6, the Southwest 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 backstop any of a Caravan Section's finances, 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 2023, 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. You 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.

Help us Out-Be a Caravan Patron

The National Corvette Museum does not fund Caravan Sections. Section Captains and their teams raise the money necessary to pay expenses and put on events. The Southwest Section relies on sponsorship, Route Book advertising, and registration fees to fund some of its activities. Generous Caravaners also have a tradition of chipping in to fund the event and that makes up the difference.

Show your support for the Southwest Section of the Caravan by becoming a "Southwest Caravan Patron". Everyone donating \$100 or more to the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team becomes a "Patron" and will be listed on a page in the front of the Southwest Caravan Route Book. At this point obtaining major sponsorships, selling advertising, and significant income from Registrations has yet to ramp up and the Organizing Team is still relying on money lent to it by its members, so we need all the help we can get.

Those interested in the 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
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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. For the 2014 and 2019 Caravans, if a Southwest Caravaner donated, that person received a Stadium Blanket.



At an Organizing Team meeting on 28 June, Section Captain Bill Herold showed a prototype of a '24 stadium blanket and directed the Team to reestablish the popular "Blankee Benefit" program. 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".

This is the 2024 Caravan Stadium Blanket. Image: Cmdr. Tony Megowan

The Organizing Team is rolling the "Blankee Benefit" into the existing "Caravan Patron Program." A Caravaners "ticket" into the Blankee Benefit is the minimum \$100.00 donation discussed above. Any Southwest Caravaner who donates \$100 or more becomes a "Caravan Patron" and gets a Southwest Corvette Caravan Stadium Blanket.

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 want to start getting it, send an 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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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
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Ventura CA 93003**