



# eNews

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## Top Stories

### San Diego/Orange County Feeder Caravan

Lt. Janet Cherry and Lt. Alex Best are the Local Leaders for S.D. Co. and the O.C. They advised the eNews that the SB/OC Feeder will start at the parking lot for Oggi's Sports Bar near Poway. Get off I-15 at Ted Williams. The address is: 10155 Rancho Carmel Dr, San Diego, CA 92128. Meet at 9:00 A.M. Depart at 9:30

The SD/OC Feeder will stop in Tustin at the Marconi Auto Motive Museum, a part of the Marconi Foundation for Kids. This facility houses an array of cars that will delight not only children but also automobile connoisseurs. Visitors can view Foxfire Firetrucks, unusual Ferraris, Jaguars, F1 race-cars, and Corvettes. From movies and TV you'll find The Batmobile, The General Lee from "The Dukes of Hazzard" TV show, and Kitt, the modified Pontiac Firebird from the "Knight Rider" show.

Janet emailed us a flier from the Marconi event. Please see the advertisement on the second page of this issue of the Southwest Caravan eNews for more information.

The SC/OC Feeder will arrive at our HQ hotel, the Westin Pasadena on Wednesday afternoon. For more information contact either Lt. Cherry or Lt. Best using the info. in the Contact Us section below.

## Radio Information

There are three types of ultra-high frequency (UHF), frequency modulated (FM) two-way radios used on the Southwest Corvette Caravan. They operate in either the "Family Radio Service" (FRS) or "General Mobile Radio Service" (GMRS). Both share some frequencies. FRS handi-talkies or "handhelds" are the least expensive radios. There are two sub-types, 0.5-watt and 2.0-watt. If you're on a tight budget, buy a 2-watt FRS handheld that can operate on GMRS channel 16. The half-watt units will transmit several hundred yards from inside the car and the 2-watt radios might get you a couple of miles.

Next up is a GMRS handi-talkie aka a "portable" or an "HT" and they have 5-watts output. Most of them require programming. Some GMRS HTs are default programmed for the GMRS simplex channels, some can be self-programmed, but others have to be configured with programming software for a PC. Most Caravaners use 5-watt GMRS handi-talkies with a standard rubber antenna. Range on flat ground can be several miles.

# 2024 SAN DIEGO/ORANGE COUNTY FEEDER CARAVAN KICK-OFF EVENT



## 2024 SAN DIEGO/ORANGE COUNTY FEEDER CARAVAN KICK-OFF EVENT

**Wednesday, August 21 2024**

**Marconi Automotive Museum**

**1302 Industrial Drive Tustin, CA 92780**

**11:00 am: Museum opens for Corvette Caravanners  
Enjoy refreshments as you browse one-of-a-kind cars**

**12:15 am: License Plate Number Raffle**

**1:00 pm: Leave for the Westin Pasadena**

**> All Caravanners Welcome <**

**\*Please RSVP by email to: Janet Cherry, [wuwblu@gmail.com](mailto:wuwblu@gmail.com)\***

The third type is a GMRS mobile transceiver which looks like a smaller version of an old CB radio. They are not handheld and are mounted in reach of the driver. Some get mounted on brackets or mounted on the dashboard with Velcro hook/loop fasteners. Most of these are 40-50-watt output and must use an external antenna. Virtually all of them have to be programmed. Some caravan leaders will have these 50-watt "mobiles" in their cars. They can transmit 15 miles or so.

The Caravan-wide radio frequency "CVAN1" is 462.5750MHz. (GMRS Ch 16) with no privacy code. Some caravanners want to "chit-chat" with other club members or folks traveling with them. If that's you, we suggest you pick another GMRS frequency on which to do that, however, you should avoid GMRS ch. 20, which some consider the nationwide "emergency" frequency, and avoid GMRS ch. 21 which is reserved for the Caravan Leadership. Many GMRS mobiles and handi-talkies have a scanning feature. If your radio has that, we suggest putting CVAN1 as your priority channel.



Kenwood NX-1000 5W portable sold by JCS Wireless: Image eNews Staff

Veteran two-way radio users talk about "radio discipline" which is the proper use of radios. A complete discussion of radio discipline is beyond the needs of most Caravanners, but there are a couple of rules we hope all Caravanners will observe.

First, listen before you press the button and talk. If you hear people talking on CVAN1, wait until they finish then transmit. If you really need the channel, if you hear them pause, key your mic and say "Break channel." or just "Break, break." If they are courteous users and are in range, they may stop talking and give you the channel, but If the goal is chit-chat, take the conversation to another channel.

Here are some examples of good radio discipline: Let's say your call sign is "Super Caravanner" and you want talk to the Lead Car driver. You key the mic and say, "Blue Leader, this is Super Caravanner." Then wait until you hear "This is Blue Leader, go ahead". Then transmit your message. Or, you can shorten it by simply transmitting who you're calling, then your call sign—like this: "Blue Leader –Super Caravaner." You hear "Blue Leader, go." Then transmit your message.

Suppose you want to talk to other Caravanners. You key the mic and say the call sign of the person you're calling. "Club Prez (or whatever) this is Super Caravaner, go to channel 14." then continue your conversation on that channel.

Another important thing to remember about GMRS two-way radios: generally they act as "simplex" transceivers, that is: the radio acts as either a transmitter or a receiver but not both. When you press the transmit button, ie: "key your mic", first, the radio switches from a receiver to a transmitter. This takes a fraction of a second so, when you want to transmit, key the mic and wait just a split second, then start transmitting. If you start talking before you get the transmit key down or start talking while you're pushing the button, your first word or words will get cut off. Bottom line: key the mic and take a breath—then talk. Lastly, if you are new to two-way radio use, take some time to RFM or "read the

freakin' manual". Studying the operator's manual for your radio equipment should be just below reading the [Route Book](#) on your list of Caravan to-dos.

The Southwest Organizing Team point person for radios is Commander Tony Megowan. He has advised many Caravaners looking to purchase consumer-grade radios at a reasonable cost to buy from Amazon.com. Commander Megowan also has the software with which to program both 50W mobiles and 5W HTs. Megowan's contact information is in the Contact Us section below.

For those Caravaners willing to pay for higher-end two-way radios built to commercial and public safety standards, the best choices are GMRS mobiles and HTs made by Kenwood. Section XO Halverson uses Kenwood equipment in the Secondary Lead Car. All of it was supplied by [JCS Wireless](#), a communications equipment supplier in Cape Girardeau MO run by Reg Swan who's a member of Corvettes of Southeastern Missouri and part of the group that does the Corvettes in Cape event that the Southwest Section will attend on August 27th. JCS ships nationwide.

## Other News

### Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate



22 August 2019: The Southwest Corvette Caravan stops briefly in Valley of Fire State Park about 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas and 12 miles east of I-15. It was in the mid-90s that morning. Image: eNews Staff/Sandy Halverson

We won't deny it. We picked the hottest summer in a decade to stage the 2024 Southwest Caravan. At deadline for this eNews, the 3- to 4-week temperature outlook on the NOAA weather prediction site indicates **higher-than-normal temperatures** for the southwest and central parts of the U.S.

But, hey—it's not our fault. Whatever the reason—global warming, too many sunspots, warmer weather due to reduced global air pollution allowing more solar radiation to reach Earth's surface, or Mother Nature just being pissed off—when we leave Pasadena on 22 August, it likely will be at a time of **record-high temperatures** across the country.

As you can guess by now, we can't say this enough: **Hydrate!**

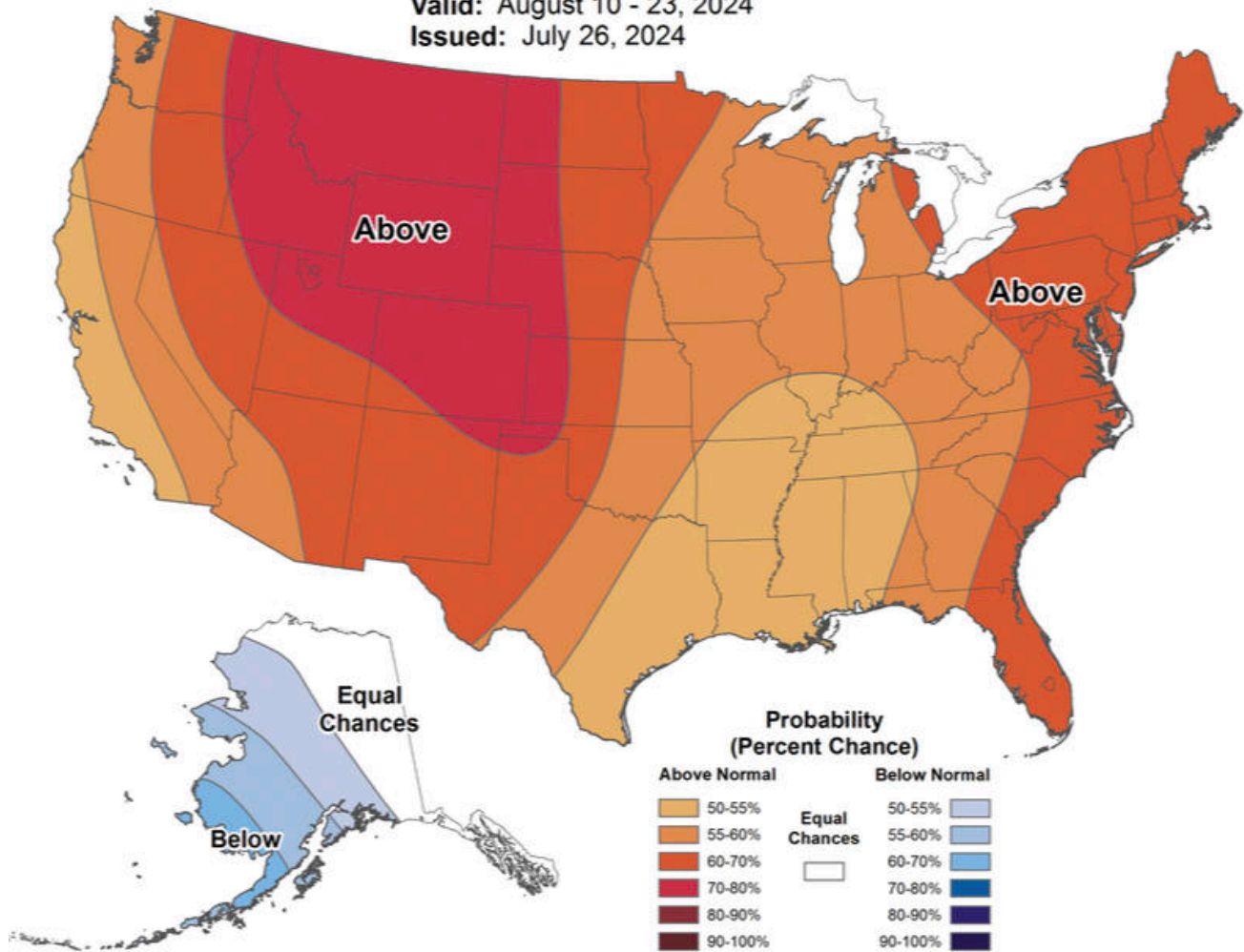


## Weeks 3-4 Temperature Outlook



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Heat exhaustion is an illness that happens when your body is hot and can't cool itself. It's a response to losing too much water and salt, usually because of sweating.

We're not having any Caravaners end up in the back of a rescue ambulance because of heat exhaustion, so the below is required reading.

Most adults should drink between 68 and 100 ounces of water a day. Another way to figure your water is to halve your weight in pounds, then drink that number of ounces daily. However, when it's very hot, like during a Corvette Caravan in places where it may be 100°+, everyone needs more water, perhaps as much as four ounces every half hour.

The best way to monitor your hydration isn't tracking the water you drink, but how often you're urinating, If you're not going to the bathroom every three to four hours, you're not well-hydrated.

If you're into thirst-quenching drinks, our favorite is Powerade, but thirst quenchers work best when you follow them with just water. Lastly, beer, soft drinks, energy drinks, and coffee **are not** hydrating.



## You Can Drive The "Second Car Out"

How would you like your Corvette to be the second car in line for the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan right behind Captain Bill Herold's Lead Car? The Southwest Organizing Team is going to auction the "second car" position during the Kick-Off Reception the night before the Southwest Caravan departs on Day One of our trip to Bowling Green.

This auction will take place near the end of the Kick-Off Reception at the Westin Pasadena on Wednesday evening. **The auction winner must have paid the Kick-Off Reception cover charge of \$25.00, must be present to win and must pay the winning bid on-site by cash or check.**

For more information on the "Second Car Out" auction, contact Caravan Section XO, Hib Halverson whose contact info is in the Contact Us section below.

## Caravan Wedding Bells

Two of our Caravaners, Lisa Klockenteger and John Fitzpatrick are going to get married in a short ceremony Thursday evening after we arrive at the M Resort Spa Casino. Lisa contacted the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team a number of months ago and pitched the idea. The Team thought it was a nice addition to our schedule in Henderson. The ceremony will be held in the same parking lot at the M Resort Spa Casino that we will use the next morning to stage the Caravan for departure. Ms. Klockenteger submitted this short article to the eNews Staff.

John and I are so excited to go on this Caravan and meet new people. The idea of getting married in the Vegas area is perfect and a great way to start our life together. Starting a fabulous road trip with other Corvettes enthusiasts makes the wedding even better!

Knowing it will be very hot and we all will be a little tired, our Ceremony is going to be very brief. It will start at 7:30 sharp. And be over by 7:50 pm. If people want to stay in car with AC ON until we start ceremony that is fine but once the ceremony begins, please join us in a circle around our car. We will have a cooler filled with cold waters for our audience. We are excited to share this Special moment with all that would like to join us. To help make the planning go smoother I would like a general head count of those who might like to come. Emailing me at: 503smileoffice@gmail.com and letting me know so I can order enough waters and ice prior to event.

We have hired a videographer to shoot video from the air and at ground level. If anyone would like to take photos on their phone that would be great. John and I are planning to create a video of our trip from Wedding to Bowling Green and would love any picture contributions you might have for us. After the nuptials we would like to meet at 8:45 in the Bar & Grill to network with all our new Caravan Buddies!

We can't wait to get on the road. See all of you folks in Henderson!

John Fitzpatrick and Lisa Klockenteger

## Mail-In Registration Extended

Section Captain, Bill Herold, announced on Friday that mail-in registration for the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan has been extended. Registration forms with checks will be accepted as long as they are postmarked by August 14.

The fee for the Southwest Caravan is \$100. 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 you will 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. The form and check need to be mailed to Paula Megowan, Southwest Corvette Caravan, 7511 Wilson St, Ventura CA 93003 and they must be **postmarked by Aug. 14.**

## **On-Site Registration in Pasadena and Henderson**

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, before the start of the Southwest Caravan Kick-Off Reception and Thursday evening at the M Resort Spa Casino, CFO Paula Megowan and her team will take on-site registrations. Payment can only be by cash or check. You will get your creds after you sign the liability releases.

At Pasadena, a registration table will be set up near the entrance to the Kick-Off Reception. Those who have not paid \$25.00 for the Reception can pay the cover charge at the same time they come to that table to sign liability releases and pick up their credentials for the Caravan.

At the M Resort Spa Casino in Henderson on Night One of the trip, there will be a similar table set up where CFO Megowan and her team will check in Caravanners joining us in Nevada.

## **Hotel Space For Late Registrants**

Commander Lawrence Pittman, our hotel property expert, tells the eNews that our room blocks in places we do overnight stops have ended. If you plan mail-in registration before August 14 or on-site registration on the 21st or 22nd a, book your rooms immediately. Search the Internet for hotel properties in the towns in which we do overnight stops. Our headquarters hotel, the Westin Pasadena may still have rooms. The same is true for our first overnight at the M Resort Spa Casino in Henderson NV. The second overnight is at Ruby's Inn at Bryce Canyon City UT. Overnight Three is in Glenwood Springs Colorado. The fourth stop is in Colby KS. Night five is in Kansas City MO in the Children's Mercy Park stadium area. Our last night is in Cape Girardeau MO and the best property in Cape G is the Riverview Hotel. Lodging in Bowling Green after the Caravan ends is going to be tough. Most of the properties in Bowling Green will have no rooms, but in other locales farther away you'll find hotel space.

## **Caravan Freebe SWAG**

Everyone who registered for the Southwest Section before July 8th gets an official, Southwest Caravan T-shirt sponsored by the Red Line Synthetic Oil Corporation. The front displays the Southwest Caravan logo and the back has the famed Red Line Oil logo.

Each Caravanner gets a "goody bag." The bags will contain a golf towel, great for wiping down your car or wiping the sweat off your brow during a hot day on Caravan. It has a pocket-sized, Novi-Stretch Pen and Pad set, perfect for taking notes during Caravanner's meetings.

The most important items in the goody bag will be your [Route Book](#) containing maps, instructions, and articles about our seven-day trip and your credentials for the Caravan and the Labor Day Celebration at the Corvette Museum.

## **A Lot Going On At The Moment**

Over the last several weeks, the National Corvette Museum staff has released a lot of new event information about the Labor Day Celebration which starts on Wednesday the 28th, the day we arrive at the Museum. Your eNews staff strongly recommends all Southwest Caravanners go to the [Caravan events page of the Museum website](#) to learn more about the activities taking place that weekend.

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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**