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Ten Days Before We Go

The Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan leaves Pasadena in 10 days on its epic, week-long journey to the National Corvette Museum. Are you ready for it? We can hardly wait.

This issue of the Southwest Caravan eNews is packed with information about both our trip to Bowling Green and the Labor Day Celebration that begins the day we arrive. Please read carefully.

All Caravaners Must Check-In

Everyone registered for the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan and leaving from the Pasadena Elks Club on Thursday morning 22 August, **must check-in at the Westin Pasadena on Wednesday afternoon 21 August between 3:30 and 5:30 PM.**

The Southwest Section CFO, Paula Megowan, and her staff will man a check-in table near the hotel elevators. Caravaners must sign liability release forms for Southwest Section events and National Corvette Caravan events. Once all releases are signed, Southwest Caravan SwagBags will be distributed. They contain Caravan credentials, the Southwest [Route Book](#), a pocket-sized, NoviStretch Pen and Pad set, perfect for taking notes during Caravaners' meetings and a golf towel great for wiping down your car or wiping the sweat off your brow during a hot day. Southwest Caravaners who registered before July 8, will receive a Southwest Section/Red Line Oil T-shirt.

The Westin Pasadena is at 191 North Los Robles Avenue just south of Walnut Street. If you come into Pasadena on I-210 East or SR-134 East, take the Lake Av. offramp, turn right on Lake then turn right on Walnut Street. If you come into Pasadena on I-210 West, take the Lake Av. offramp, turn left, go under the freeway, then turn right on Walnut Street.

Parking at the Westin Pasadena is in an underground parking area that is accessed from the Westin's driveway entrance. The Southwest Section Primary and Secondary Lead Cars will be displayed on the driveway. You can have a valet park your Corvette for \$22.00 or you can self-park for \$19.00.

The elevator in the subterranean parking will take you to the main floor where you will find the Organizing Team's check-in location.

If you are staying at the Westin Pasadena on Wednesday night, hotel check-in time is 3:00 PM.

Other News

Caravan Itinerary Short Version

Itinerary **All Times are Local**

Thursday, 22 Aug 2024 Pasadena, CA to Henderson, NV

Depart	9:00 AM	Pasadena
Lunch and gas	60 min	At your discretion
Destination	3:30 PM	Henderson, NV

Friday, 23 Aug 2024 Henderson, NV to Bryce Canyon City, UT

1 Hour Time Change at AZ Border

Depart	8:00 AM	Henderson, NV
Arrive	9:00 AM	Arrive at Spring Mountain
Depart	11:00 AM	Leave Spring Mountain
Lunch and Gas	60 min	At your discretion
Destination	6:00 PM	Bryce Canyon City, UT

Saturday, 24 Aug 2024 Bryce Canyon City, UT to Glenwood Springs, CO

Depart	9:00 AM	Bryce Canyon City, UT
Lunch and gas	60 min	At your discretion
Destination	4:00 PM	Glenwood Springs, CO

Sunday 25, Aug 2024 Glenwood Springs, CO to Colby, KS

1 Hour Time Change at KS Border

Depart	9:00 AM	Glenwood Springs, CO
Lunch and gas	60 min	At your discretion
Destination	5:00 PM	Colby, KS

Monday, 26 Aug 2024 Colby, KS to Kansas City, MO

Depart	9:00 AM	Colby, KS
Lunch and gas	60 min	At your discretion
Destination	3:00 PM	Kansas City, KS

Tuesday, 27 Aug 2024 Kansas City, KS to Cape Girardeau, MO

Depart	8:30 AM	Century Casino Kansas City, KS
Lunch and gas	60 min	At your discretion
Destination	3:30 PM	Cape Girardeau, MO

Wednesday, 28 Aug 2024 Cape Girardeau, MO to Bowling Green KY

Depart	8:00 AM	Cape Girardeau, MO
Destination	12:00 PM	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY

Special Event List

Wednesday, 21 August, 7:00-9:00 PM

Southwest Corvette Caravan Kick-Off Reception

\$25.00 per person payable at the door

Thursday, 22 August, 7:00-8:00 AM

Pasadena Elks Club Caravan Departure Breakfast

\$20.00 per person RSVP required contact [Section Captain Bill Herold](#)

Thursday, 22 August, 7:00 PM

Lisa and John's Corvette Shotgun Wedding at the M Resort Overflow Parking Lot

Friday, 23 August, 9:00-11:00 AM

Ron Fellows Performance Driving School Presentation

Parade Laps at Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club

Monday, 26 August, 7:00-9:00 PM

An Evening with Corvette Podcaster Steve Garrett in the Budweiser Brew House at Children's Mercy Park

\$35.00 per person payable at the door

Tuesday, 27 August, 5:00-10:00 PM

Corvettes in Cape Corvette Shine and Show

Food Trucks and Downtown Restaurants Open Plus Live Music in the Beer Garden

Dining, Gaming, and Live Music at the Century Casino

Caravan Kick-Off Reception

The Southwest Section of the 2024 National Corvette Caravan kicks-off Wednesday in the Westin Pasadena's Fountain Ballroom. The Kick-Off Reception costs \$25.00 per person and fun starts promptly at 7:PM. There will be door prizes, two raffles—for a Corvette Wind Restrictor (will not fit C8 HTC) and a Novistretch Corvette front-end Performance Protective Cover—and the "Second Car Out" auction. **Winners must be present to win. Auction winner must pay by cash or check on-site.**

Proceeds from the raffles and the auction will pay expenses of organizing and staging the 2024 Southwest Corvette Caravan. Funds left over after expenses are paid, will be donated to charity.

Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate

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 8-10 day 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.



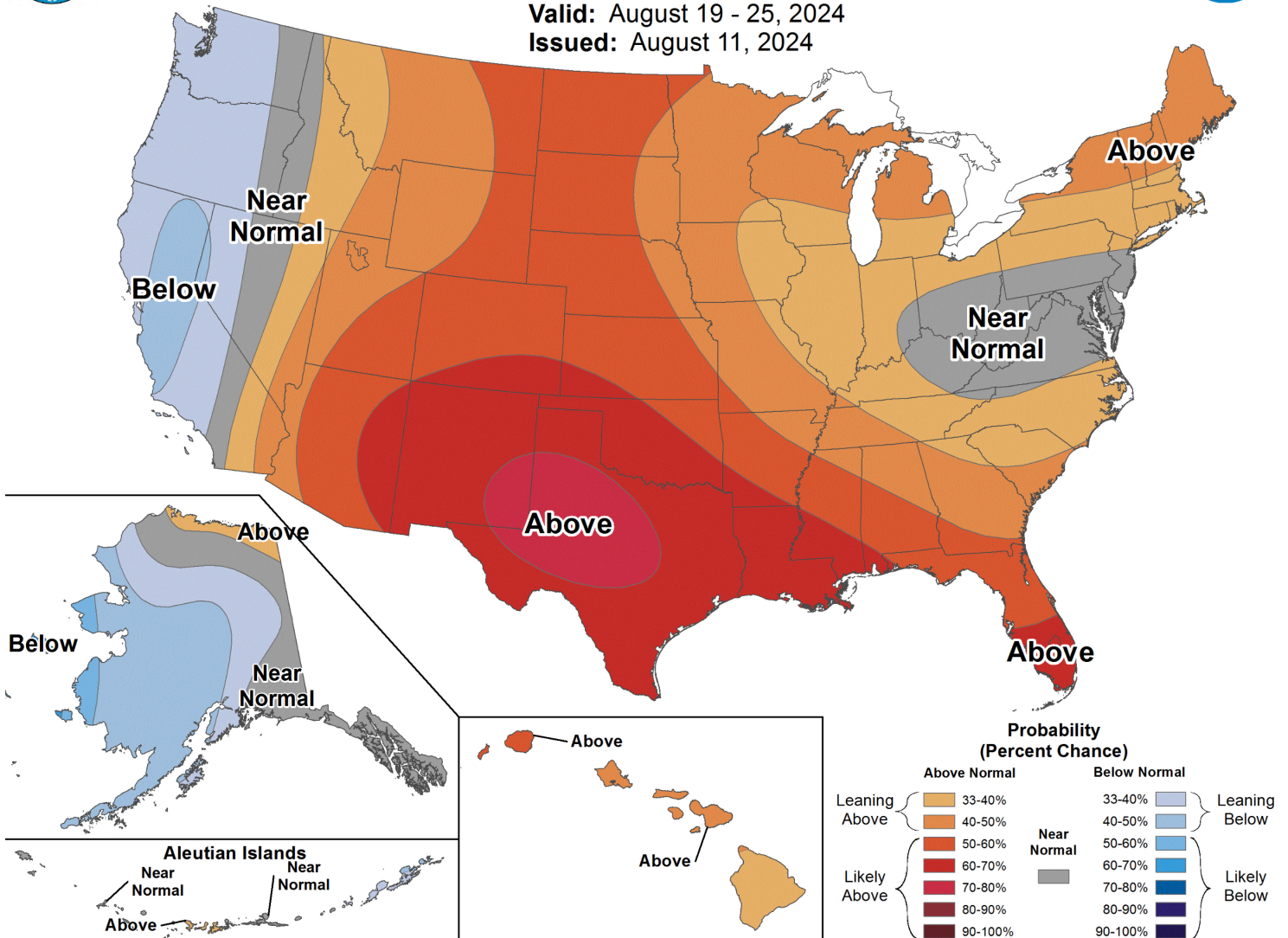
22 August 2019: The Southwest Corvette Caravan stops briefly in Valley of Fire State Park about 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas and 12 miles east of I-15. It was in the mid-90s that morning. Image: eNews Staff/Sandy Halverson



8-14 Day Temperature Outlook



Valid: August 19 - 25, 2024
 Issued: August 11, 2024



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

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 will 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. 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: 503smileofice@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



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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 Caravaners 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.

A Lot Going On At The Moment

Over the last several weeks, the Corvette Museum staff has released new event information about the Labor Day Celebration. Your eNews staff recommends Southwest Caravaners go to the [events page of the Museum website](#) to learn more about all the events scheduled during the long weekend.

The Section XO's List of Labor Day Celebration Recommended Events for Hard-Core Corvetters

Thursday Aug. 29, 11:15AM-1:15 PM in the Museum Conference Center
LT6 Engine Build by Technicians from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant's Performance Build Center

Thursday Aug. 29, 1:30-2:30 PM in the Museum Conference Center
Bowling Green Assembly Plant Panel Discussion. Learn much about how Corvettes are manufactured.

Thursday Aug. 29, 2:30-3:30 PM in the Museum Conference.
Corvette Team Presentation, Chief Engineer, Josh Holder, Marketing Manager, Harlan Charles, and exterior designer Kirk Bennion

Thursday Aug. 29, 6:00-9:00 PM at La Gala, 601 State St, Bowling Green
A Night with Corvette Racing, dinner, meet/greet with race team folks and a live auction. \$185.00 per person

Friday August. 30, 9:00-10:00 AM in the Museum Conference Center
Mobil 1 Seminar by the Mobil 1 Motorsports Team. Win Mobil 1 SWAG. Learn about the Corvette-Mobil 1 relationship.

Friday Aug. 30, Noon-12:45 PM in the Museum Chevrolet Theater
Mysteries of Corvette Ownership, presented by GM World Class Technician Paul Koerner

Saturday, Aug. 31, 9:00-10:00 AM in the Museum Conference Center.
Corvette Team Presentation, Chief Engineer, Josh Holder, Marketing Manager, Harlan Charles, and exterior designer Kirk Bennion

Saturday Aug. 31, 12:45-1:00 PM in the Museum Performance Gallery
C8.R chassis #003 overview and racing history. Presented by Museum Curator, Bryan Gable.

Saturday Aug. 31, 1:00-2:00 PM in the Museum Conference Center
Nürburgring and its Importance to Tire and Vehicle Development, Presented by Michelin's Corvette Tire Engineer, Lee Willard.

Saturday Aug. 31, 2:15-3:15 in the Museum Conference Center
The C8 ZR1's LT7 Engine Seminar, presented by GM Small Block V8 Chief Engineer, Jordan Lee.

Labor Day Celebration Vendor List

Vendors at Motorsports Park, NCM Campus and in the NCM Store

AMT Engine and Interior Custom Designs	Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller
Auto Armor Appearance Protection	White Squirrel Brewery
Brian Tooley Racing	Historic Railpark and Train Museum
B.T. Leigh's Sauces and Rubs	Rick Conti/Coughlin Chevrolet
Columbia Custom Corvette Sportswear	CW Wraps Vehicle Exterior Wraps
VroomLite E2 Lens Renew	Paragon Performance
ESCORT Radar Detectors	Downtown Bowling Green
Gearhead Coffee	NCM Motorsports Park Performance Driving Education
NCM Insurance	NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club
Kim's Gold Dust Corvette Jewelry	Lost River Cave
MCS Mikes Custom Steering Wheels	Classic Trim Custom Corvette Accessories
Nashville Whiskey Hound	Pip & Pop Freeze Dried Candy
Thiago Romero Motorsports Artist	Wheel Craft Wheel Finishes
Ohio Metal Chair Custom Corvette Folding Chairs	Vette Cruise Vacations
Corsa Performance	Laid Back Garage Auto Repair
Titan Lifts	Street Shop Inc. Replacement Chassis
R.A.S. Woodwork High-Quality Corvette Pens	Nowicki Autosport
LaFontaine Chevrolet	Classic Neon Signs
Affordable Auto Lifts	Adam's Polishes
ACS Composites	Lingenfelter Performance Engineering
Jax Wax Car Care Products	Wheel Repair of Tennessee

More Two-Way Radio Information

The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team has an FCC GMRS license. Its call letters are: WQUL729

The Organizing Team has announced radio call signs for Caravan Leadership. Use these call signs when attempting to reach Caravan Leadership via radio on the main Caravan channel "CVAN1" frequency 462.5750 MHz, GMRS ch. 16

Southwest Caravan Organizing Team

Section Captain Bill Herold: "Blue Leader"

Section XO Commander Hib Halverson: "Yellow Leader"

Commander Tony Megowan, CFO Paula Megowan: "Red Leader"

Commander Doug Campbell, Commander Loretta Campbell: "White Leader"

Commander Lawrence Pitman: "Red Leader Two"

San Diego Feeder Caravan Local Leaders

Lieutenant Alex Best: Yellow Leader Two

Lieutenant Janet Cherry: Blue Leader Two

Primary and Secondary Southwest Caravan Lead Cars equipped with Kenwood 50W GMRS mobile radios, external antennas and Kenwood 5W portable radios courtesy of JCS Wireless, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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 Caravaners
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 Caravaners Welcome <

Please RSVP by email to: Janet Cherry, wuwblu@gmail.com



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