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Final Pre-Caravan eNews Issue

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

eNews 22 will be the last pre-Caravan issue. The final issue of the 2024 Caravan eNews will post a month or so after the Caravan ends and will cover the Southwest Section's financial report.

All Caravaners Must Check-In

All Caravaners 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 in the hotel lobby where 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. Additionally, Caravaners who registered before July 8, will receive the unique 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, turn right on Walnut Street then left on Los Robles. If you come into Pasadena on I-210 West, take the Lake Av. offramp, turn left, go under the freeway, turn right on Walnut Street then left on Los Robles.

Parking at the Westin Pasadena is in an underground parking structure that is accessed from the Westin's driveway entrance. 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.

Three of Southwest Section's Lead Cars will be displayed on the driveway. Take lots of selfies.

Caravan Kick-Off Reception

The Southwest 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, three raffles—1) Corvette Wind Restrictor (will not fit C8 HTC) 2), Novistretch Front-End Performance Protective Cover and 3) an NCM Preferred Parking Space—plus the "Second Car Out" auction. **Raffle winners must be present. Auction winner must pay by cash or check on-site.** Proceeds from the raffles and the auction will pay part of the expenses of organizing and staging the 2024 Southwest Corvette Caravan. Funds left over will be donated to charity.

Special Staging Rule for Corvette Clubs

The Southwest Organizing Team has received requests from Corvette Clubs wanting to stage each morning as a group. The Organizing Team encourages club participation, however, any Club that wants to stage together **must arrive at the staging location as a group. Staging Supervisors will not permit clubs to arrive, then delay the staging process for other Caravaners while they try to fit into one line of cars.** In staging locations that use "line-abreast" staging, Club groups longer than one staging line will be split across two lines.

Other News

You Can Drive The "Second Car Out"

How would you like your Corvette to be the second car in line for the start of the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan? The Southwest Organizing Team will auction the "Second Car" position, right behind the Lead Car, Section Captain Bill Herold's C8 Z06. The auction will take place at the end of the Kick-Off Reception. 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

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, NOAA's 6-10 day temperature outlook predicts **higher-than-normal temperatures** for the southwestern U.S., the Rocky Mountains, and the Plains states

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** during the three-quarters of the trip. **Figure five days of 100° weather.**

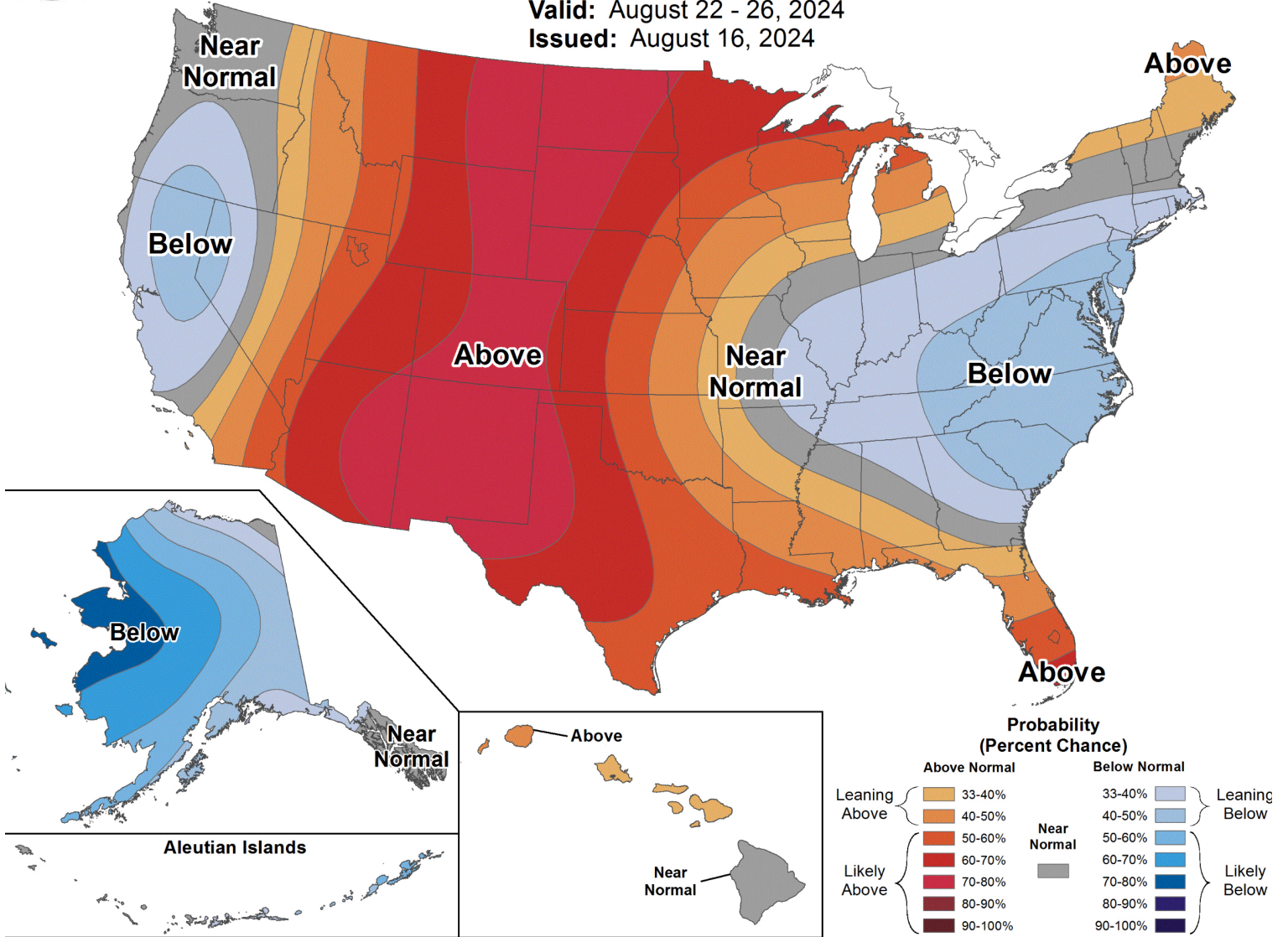


6-10 Day Temperature Outlook



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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 68-100 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. Thirst quenchers work best when you follow them with water. **Lastly, beer, soft drinks, energy drinks, and coffee are not hydrating.**



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

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 in the hotel lobby near the hotel check-in area. 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.

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 Recommended Labor Day Celebration 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

Auto Armor Appearance Protection

Brian Tooley Racing

B.T. Leigh's Sauces and Rubs

Columbia Custom Corvette Sportswear

VroomLite E2 Lens Renew

ESCORT Radar Detectors

Gearhead Coffee

NCM Insurance

Kim's Gold Dust Corvette Jewelry

MCS Mikes Custom Steering Wheels

Nashville Whiskey Hound

Thiago Romero Motorsports Artist

Ohio Metal Chair Custom Corvette Folding Chairs

Corsa Performance

Titan Lifts

R.A.S. Woodwork High-Quality Corvette Pens

LaFontaine Chevrolet

Affordable Auto Lifts

ACS Composites

Jax Wax Car Care Products

Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller

White Squirrel Brewery

Historic Railpark and Train Museum

Rick Conti/Coughlin Chevrolet

CW Wraps Vehicle Exterior Wraps

Paragon Performance

Downtown Bowling Green

NCM Motorsports Park Performance Driving Education

NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club

Lost River Cave

Classic Trim Custom Corvette Accessories

Pip & Pop Freeze Dried Candy

Wheel Craft Wheel Finishes

Vette Cruise Vacations

Laid Back Garage Auto Repair

Street Shop Inc. Replacement Chassis

Nowicki Autosport

Classic Neon Signs

Adam's Polishes

Lingenfelter Performance Engineering

Wheel Repair of Tennessee

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



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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, wuwublu@gmail.com



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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 are equipped with Kenwood 50W GMRS mobile radios, external antennas and Kenwood 5W portable radios courtesy of JCS Wireless, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Read All the Small Print

In today's litigious society, releases of liability and other legal documents are a necessary evil of any participatory event like a Corvette Caravan. Whether you pick up your Caravan credentials at the Westin Pasadena or at other locations during the trip, you will be required to sign and date three documents: 1) National Corvette Caravan liability release, 2) Southwest Section liability release. and 3) National Corvette Caravan Guidelines acknowledgment. For those who want to read the small print before they sign anything. All those documents are reproduced below.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

2024 30th Anniversary Celebration & Corvette Caravan Event

August 2024

Event: 2024 30th Anniversary Celebration & Corvette Caravan Event

Date Release Signed: August 2024

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in the EVENT(S) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA, (defined as any area requiring special authorization, credentials, or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited), EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

Acknowledges, agrees, and represents that he has or will immediately upon entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS which he enters, and he further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, he is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he feels anything to be unsafe, he will immediately advise the officials of such and if necessary will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S),

HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the promoters, participants, racing associations, sanctioning organizations or any subdivision thereof, track operators, track owners, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENT(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees," FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFOR ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

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HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED, also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.

HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province or State in which the Event(s) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN**

I ASSUME ALL OF RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH the **Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan**, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared for this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons that would preclude my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge that this Release of Liability will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activity in which I will participate and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activity.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this activity, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: **Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan** and its Organizing Team's officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents;

(B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise. I acknowledge that they are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

I acknowledge that this activity involves operating a motor vehicle and carries with it the potential for death, injury, and property loss. The risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by altitude, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, and/or producers of the activity.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT. I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

August 2024

Guidelines for Corvette Caravaning

Date acknowledgment signed: August 2024

- 1) Observe and comply with all laws and regulations, including traffic laws, at all times. This includes but is not limited to, actively watching for speed limit changes, school zones, construction zones, and yielding the right of way to emergency vehicles. If another vehicle in the group becomes disabled or is pulled over by law enforcement, do not also pull over, as it can increase the risk of danger.
- 2) Addresses for each destination have been made available to you. If you are uncomfortable traveling with the group and would like to travel individually, you have the option to remove yourself from the caravan and rejoin the other participants at the next destination.
- 3) While driving within the caravan, maintain a consistent and appropriate distance between your vehicle and the vehicles immediately in front of and behind you. Maintaining a consistent distance helps to eliminate the rubber band effect and allows for safer travel.
- 4) As far as possible, maintain a consistent speed at all times.
- 5) Good road manners are essential and must be practiced at all times.
- 6) Caravans will utilize radios when appropriate to help communication throughout the group. If you are using a radio to communicate with the group, please ensure it is being done safely and legally. Radios should be used to communicate directions, warn others of potential hazards, and alert leaders to issues in the caravan, including car troubles or the group becoming separated.
- 7) You will be traveling primarily on public roadways. You are responsible for assessing and understanding your surroundings, road conditions, and maintaining your own personal safety.

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