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SoCal/SoNev is Back Big-Time

Three years from today, the Southern California/Southern Nevada (SCSN) Section of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan will begin a week-long trip to the National Corvette Museum (NCM). The Caravan is the prelude to the Museum's 25th Anniversary Celebration on the Labor Day weekend in 2019. This Caravan will be the sixth time since 1994 that Corvetters from all over the World have caravanned to the Bowling Green, Kentucky, home of the National Corvette Museum and GM's Bowling Green Assembly plant where Corvettes are manufactured.

For "SoCal/SoNev" Caravaners, the 2019 event will be better than ever before. The SCSN Caravan Organizing Team has commissioned its first members and is in the early planning stages for the National Corvette Caravan. There is lots of exciting news, such as: new leadership and a new route.

New Boss

The National Chairman for the 2019 National Corvette Caravan, "Admiral" Jeff "Zipity" Duda, has promoted Tony Megowan to the position of Section Captain for Southern California and Southern Nevada. Captain Megowan was a Caravan Lieutenant Commander for the 2009 and 2014 events and the Section Captain's Assistant for the 2014 Caravan. He also served as Director of the Route Book Project for the '09 and '14 Caravans. Clearly, Megowan brings a wealth of experience to the top job for the '19 event.

Tony is a Member of the Corvette Club Santa Barbara and lives in Ventura, California. Tony owns the Lead Car for the SoCal/SoNev Section of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan, a 2016, Long Beach Red, Z51 Corvette Coupe. He formerly owned a 2003 50th Anniversary Edition. Fun fact, Tony's first ever road trip out of California came in that 50th Coupe on the 2009 Caravan.



Newly-appointed Capt. Megowan and Wife, Paula, the SCSN Section's Chief Financial Officer.

Tony works for the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller, so he's real good at directing people to go to the right destinations, a quality which is highly desirable in a Caravan Section Captain.

Experienced Team

With this first issue of the eNews, Captain Tony Megowan is announcing two appointments to the SoCal/SoNev Caravan Organizing Team. Tony's Wife, Paula Megowan, is recommissioned as the Section's Chief Financial Officer. Paula was CFO for the 2014 and 2009 Caravans. CFO Megowan, an accountant by trade, will manage all fiscal affairs of the Section. Her long experience in Caravan money management, will, once again, be a significant help to the Organizing Team.

Captain Megowan, also, convinced retired Section Captain, Hib Halverson, who's spent the last couple of years as a reclusive automotive writer doing Cadillac blogs, to come out of retirement, rejoin the Organizing Team and accept a demotion to "Section Lieutenant Commander"—Tony is very persuasive, you see. Halverson will assist with sponsorship acquisition, communications activities and PreRun trips.

"When I found out Hib was driving Cadillacs these days," Megowan tells the eNews, "I thought: Cadillacs? The guy is really showing his age—he is quite a bit older than me, you know. But then, he told me, 'Tony...they have turbos, twin-turbos, in fact.' and I said that I'd never heard of a Caddy with turbos. I thought they were cars for old guys, like you. He hit back, 'Don't worry, skipper, I still have The 560-horsepower Blue Bullet 2, the Lead Car from last time, so I can pass that C7 of yours...just in case you get us lost.'" (ed note: Ouch!)

Additional appointments to the Southern California/Southern Nevada Caravan Organizing Team are expected in the near future. Anyone wanting to serve on the Organizing Team should call Tony Megowan at 805-659-5056 or email him at tmegowan@interlogics.net.

Finally, the SCSN Organizing Team is looking for Caravan Local Leaders to organize feeder Caravans in the Santa Barbara, San Diego, Orange County and Inland Empire areas of California and the Las Vegas Valley in Nevada. If you live in those areas and are interested in volunteering for Caravan leadership, contact Captain Tony Megowan at 805-659-5056 or email him at tmegowan@interlogics.net.

New Route

After five SoCal/SoNev Caravans which generally followed old Route 66 as far as Tulsa, Oklahoma, thinking outside the box, Captain Tony Megowan plans to change virtually the entire route.



Megowan tells the eNews that the Southern California/Southern Nevada Section will make a seven-day trip to Bowling Green in 2019. The Caravan will begin in Pasadena, California and head north,

over the San Gabriel Mountains on storied Angeles Crest (State Route 2) and Angeles Forest Highways (L.A. County Route N3) to the high desert city of Palmdale. From there, the Caravan will take State Routes 14 and 58 to Barstow and then I-15 to Las Vegas for the first overnight.

Day Two will have the Caravan leaving Vegas headed southeast through Henderson, then north along Lake Mead for a scenic drive through Valley of Fire State Park. Finally the Section will head north, to Cedar City Utah in I-15. On the third day, Capt. Megowan will lead SCSN to Rifle, Colorado via I-15 and I-70. On Days Four and Five, we'll take I-70, over Vail Pass and through the Eisenhower Tunnel, the highest section of the Interstate Highway system, and then to Goodland, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri. On the sixth day, we'll go to Evansville, Indiana on I-64 and other highways. The last day, the SoCal/SoNev Section of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan will take U.S. 231 southeast to Bowling Green and the Corvette Museum.

New Events

The SCSN Organizing Team is still in the early planning stages for the various events which will take place during the trip. Captain Tony Megowan dropped some hints to the eNews about two events the Organizing Team is working hard to set-up: 1) use of Pasadena's famed Rose Bowl for the Caravan Departure Event and 2) a dinner event at the famed National Airline History Museum in Kansas City on Night Six of the trip. That ought to be a lot of fun, afterall—who doesn't like airplanes.

Expect more news about SCSN events in future issues of the Caravan eNews.



Late 50s-era Lockheed L-1049H Super Constellation in TWA livery at the National Airline History Museum. Image: NAHM

Save the Dates

The dates for the Southern California/Southern Nevada Section's Caravan to Bowling Green for the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the National Corvette Museum are: August 22 to August 31, 2019. The trip to Bowling Green will take a week and the 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Museum is a three-day event.

Welcome Back Zip

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"When the SoCal/SoNev Organizing Team came to us in 2007 with a sponsorship proposal for the '09 Caravan, we jumped at the opportunity." Zip's President, David Walker, told the eNews. "Zip has had a long tradition of support of the 'grass-roots' of the Corvette hobby so sponsoring the Southern California/Southern Nevada eNews seemed like a great way to carry on that tradition. We were glad to be involved in the 2009 and 2014 events and we're glad to be back with the SCSN eNews for the 2019 Caravan."

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Old Editor

L. Sharke, longtime Editor of the Caravan eNews has "re-uped". Informed sources report that new Section Captain, Tony Megowan, bribed Sharke with a two cases of 805 Beer and an In-n-Out Burger gift card. Megowan was reported to have said, shaking his head, *"Those editors—sheesh—so many of them lack culture. You'd think that, at least, they'd choose a good merlot and a good steak rather than beer and a burger. But, it's hard to get good help these days so, 805, it is. I am glad to have him back in the Editor's spot. Editing the eNews is one less thing I need to worry about."*

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