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PreRun1 a Success

On July 6-9, two members of the Southern California/Southern Nevada/Southern Utah/Hawaii Caravan Organizing Team, led by Section Captain Tony Megowan, did the first prerun of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan route. *"PreRun1' explored the Section's first two days,"* Captain Megowan told the eNews. *"It was a huge success. We learned much about the SoCal/SoNev/SoUt/HA Section's all-new route."*



Captain Megowan (right) and Commander Halverson in front of Pasadena's famed Rose Bowl with Megowan's '16 Z51 Coupe, the Lead Car for the SoCal/SoNev/SoUt Section in 2019. Image: eNews Staff.

Megowan went on to say that Caravaners will start their trip by enjoying the views and the drive over the Angeles Forest and Angeles Crest Highways in the San Gabriel Mountains north of Pasadena. "The Crest" is famed for its scenic, winding, 38-mile route through the Angeles National Forest from LaCanada to Palmdale. It is a classic Corvette drive and favorite of Caravan Commander Hib Halverson who has been road testing and photographing Corvettes there since the mid-1980s. Near the end of the Caravan's trip over The Crest is a four-lane, mile-long straight suitable for a bit of hammer-down driving.



Captain Tony Megowan's C7 at speed on L.A. County N3 just outside Palmdale, California near the end of PreRun1's drive over The Crest. Image: eNews Staff

Near the end of the first day, Caravaners will, also, see the stark beauty of the eastern Mojave Desert when they leave Interstate 15 and take Nipton Road and Nevada SR164 to Searchlight, Nevada then US95 and I-515 to Henderson where the Caravan will spend its first night on the road.



Just off I-15, Section Capt. Megowan views Nipton Rd through binoculars. At left, far in the distance, is the BNSF right-of-way along with the Nevada State Line where Nipton Rd. becomes Nevada State Route 164. Just over the mountains at left is Searchlight, Nevada. Image: eNews Staff

The SCSNSUHA Organizing Team is considering a couple of different hotel/casino properties in Henderson and Las Vegas for the first overnight. Our final selection will offer a mix of both gaming activities and resort amenities such as a pool area, various food service choices and a comedy show. Additionally, drive times on Days One and Two will be adjusted so Caravaners who wish to "let their hair down" and enjoy some liquor and gaming can do that without having to worry about an zero-dark-thirty departure time on the second day. At this point, the plan is to have Day Two's departure time about 10 AM.

Day Two will offer Caravaners more of the desert's stark beauty. The Caravan will travel over Northshore Drive in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area along with Nevada's Valley of Fire Highway through Valley of Fire State Park. The Valley of Fire is famed for it's brilliant orange sandstone geology. The drive though the Valley of Fire will be the most spectacular part of the National Corvette Caravan's drive through the scenery of the desert of southeastern California and southern Nevada. Day Two's final eye candy will come on I-15, as it winds its way though the Virgin River Canyon on the way to St. George, Utah.



Capt. Megowan on 8 July at the eastern entrance to Nevada's Valley of Fire. Image: eNews Staff.

Save the Dates

The dates for the Southern California/Southern Nevada/Southern Utah/Hawaii 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.

Volunteers Wanted

The Southern California/Southern Nevada/Southern Utah/Hawaii Caravan Organizing Team is looking for two volunteers to join the core leadership for the 2019 Corvette Caravan. A two-year commitment is required. A willingness to devote substantial free time to Caravan planning and organizing is, also, required. Corvette ownership and 2019 Caravan participation are mandatory. An interest in and/or experience with organizing Corvette Club events or runs is desired. Organizing Team members earn the respect of Corvette Caravaners and have the satisfaction of knowing their hard work helped make the 2019 National Corvette

Caravan an experience of a lifetime for SCSNSUHA Caravaners. Those interested in serving on the Organizing Team should contact Captain Tony Megowan via email at tmegowan@interlogics.net or by calling him at 805-659-5056.

PreRun2 Scheduled

Captain Tony Megowan has set PreRun2 for the third week of September. PreRun2 will go as far as Kansas City, Missouri where the Southern California/Southern Nevada/Southern Utah/Hawaii Section will spend its fifth night on the road.

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And, yes, "SCSNSUHA" is pronounced sick-sin-sue-hah!

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