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Top Story

Caravan Registration Plans Revealed

2019 National Corvette Caravan Chairman, Jeff Duda announced in late April that registration for the 2019 Caravan will begin this Fall. Duda, known affectionately as "Admiral Zipity" by his 24 Caravan Section Captains, tells the eNews that the National Corvette Museum will open registration for the '19 Caravan shortly after this year's Labor Day Celebration.

Admiral Zipty went on to reveal the cost structure for the 2019 Caravan. According to Duda, there will be a single registration fee. For past National Caravans, there was a separate fee for the Caravan and different fee for the Labor Day Celebration. In 2019, everyone pays for both events with only one fee. It's important to note that the below fee schedule is per person, not per car, and there is a discount if you are also a National Corvette Museum member.

Advance Registration Fees

NCM Members	\$35.00
NCM Lifetime Members	\$25.00
Non Members	\$45.00

On-Site Registration Fees

NCM Members	\$40.00
NCM Lifetime Members	\$30.00
Non Members	\$50.00

Other News

Caravan Merch

The National Corvette Museum Store has 2019 National Corvette Caravan Merchandise for sale. [Click here](#) to buy the just-released "Landmark" Caravan T-shirt, shown at right. To see the rest of the 2019 Caravan merch available at the NCM store, [click here](#). Of special interest are two, Dana Forrester prints which celebrate Corvette caravanning and, for those who were on the '14 trip, a Caravan logo shadow box beautifully done by Car Art Work. The 2014 National Corvette Caravan logo is laser-cut and clear coated stainless steel. It's available in two sizes.



Really Cool Shirt



Corvettes Return to Cape G

During planning for the 2014 Caravan, two former Section Captains, "Tuna" Dobbins of the Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Section and Hib Halverson, of our Southwest Section, jointly developed a plan to have the final overnight of the trip in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The resulting soirée on the final night of the Caravan had the City of Cape Girardeau closing off downtown streets for a car show and the Chamber of Commerce organizing a catered fried chicken and biscuits dinner. Caravaners from four Sections: Southwest, Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle, Arizona/New Mexico and Lonestar converged on Cape G's river-front area with 400+ Corvettes. The car show drew hundreds of people from the greater Cape Girardeau area who came to look at all the Vettes.



Caravaners and residents of Cape Girardeau mingle during the National Corvette Caravan's car show on South Main Street in riverfront Cape G on 26 August 2014. Image: Sandy Halverson

For 2019, Section Captain, Tony Megowan, tells the eNews that our stop in Cape G next year will be bigger and better than last time. The Cape G event has been taken over by the club in the area, Corvettes of Southeast Missouri. Once again our stop in Cape Girardeau will be the last overnight of the trip. Joining the Southwest Section, once again, will be the Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Section led by Captain Ike Dodrill. Two other Caravaner contingents, Captain Don Herzer's, Pacific Central Section and Captain Dave Effler's Colorado Section, are considering joining SW and OK/TexPan on the last night of the 2019 trip in Cape Girardeau. This is a developing story and we'll have updates in future issues of the eNews as they become available.

Hotels

Cap Tony tells the eNews that his SouthWest Section Organizing Team is working behind the scenes with our hotel booking agent to set-up the process by which Caravaners can reserve hotel rooms for all our overnight stops. The SouthWest Caravan Organizing Team will have more information for us at a later date. When we get the straight story, the eNews will bring it to you.

Raffles

A SouthWest Section tradition has been raffles of free hotel rooms in some of the towns in which we do overnights and raffles of preferred parking spaces at the National Corvette Museum during the Labor Day Celebration event. Cap Tony tells the eNews that the SouthWest Caravan Organizing Team is working on plans for those raffles. We'll have more information in a future issue of the eNews but were giving you advance notice to start saving for raffle tix.

PreRuns

The Organizing Team continues to do prerun trips of the 2019 Caravan route which is entirely new for the first five nights. Only part of Day Six and all of Day Seven will drive over routes taken by previous SouthWest Section Caravans have traveled. There hasn't been this much new roads to travel since the 1999 Caravan and because of that, many prerun trips are required.

Captain Tony Megowan told the eNews that PreRun 5, a full length west-to-east trip over the Caravan route will take place sometime this Fall and PreRun 4, a solo drive over part of the Caravan route, only going "backwards" from east-to-west, will be done by SouthWest Section's XO driving from St. Louis to Barstow, California in mid-to-late July. The upper mid-west in mid-July? We'll that leave to "professionals". We prefer the eNews' air conditioned office, thank you very much.

Thanks for reading
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