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We'll be at the Westin

Southwest Section Captain, Tony Megowan, announced this week that the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team has selected the Westin Pasadena as the headquarters hotel for the Section's Departure Events on Wednesday and Thursday, 21-22 August 2019.

The Westin, located at the corner of Walnut and Los Robles, just northeast of Pasadena's civic center, is a 12-story, luxury hotel with 350 rooms. The property is about two miles from the Southwest Section's staging and departure point, the Pasadena Rose Bowl.

A standard room at the Westin is either a single King or two Queens. Wi-Fi is included in the price of the room. The hotel parking structure has more than enough room for several hundred Corvettes. It's \$14.00 to self-park. Valet parking is, also, available. The Organizing Team is attempting to have one level of the parking structure set aside for the Caravan.

The Southwest Section's "2019 Departure Night Meet-and-Greet" will take place from 7:00-9:00 PM on the 21st and will feature refreshments, deserts, raffles and remarks by Caravan leadership about the next morning's staging and departure along with any last minute route changes, traffic reports and significant weather information.

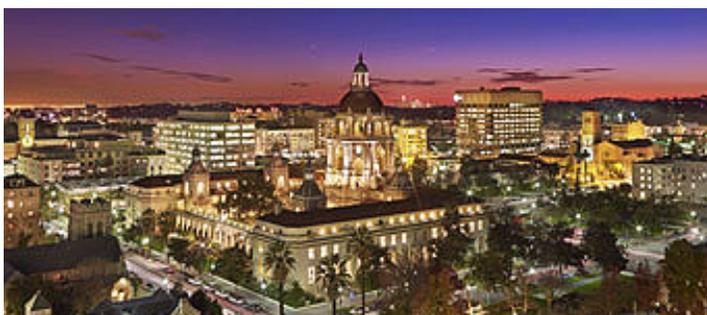
There is a variety of food service available at or near



The front portico of the Westin at Los Robles and Walnut



Typical single King room at the Westin



Pasadena skyline looking southwest towards City Hall.

the Westin starting with the hotel restaurant. Within walking distance is everything from a Ruth's Criss Steakhouse to Roy's Restaurant, specializing in "Hawaiian Fusion" cuisine, Alexander's Japanese Steakhouse and Lucky Boy Burgers, famous for good fast food. A short drive away are a multitude of other eateries with all types of menus.

Other News

Overnight Stops Set

Section Captain Tony Megowan has released the dates and locations for all overnight stops the Southwest Section of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan will make.

21-August–Pasadena, California

22 August–Henderson, Nevada

23 August–St. George, Utah

24 August–Grand Junction, Colorado

25 August–Limon, Colorado/Goodland, Kansas/Colby, Kansas*

26 August–Kansas City, Kansas/Kansas City, Missouri*

27 August–Cape Girardeau, Missouri*

28 August–Bowling Green, Kentucky

*nights when the Caravan will stay in more than one hotel.

Hotels

Commander Doug Rosa, the SW Section Organizing Team member who run all the Southwest Section's hotel booking, tells the eNews that hotel rooms in all our overnight cities are blocked as well as some rooms in Bowling Green. The Organizing Team is in the process of setting up the system by which Caravaners will book room reservations. As soon as the hotel booking system is ready, the SW Section eNews will publish information all Caravaners need to book rooms.

Caravan Registration

Registration for the 2019 National Corvette Caravan will begin shortly after the National Corvette Museum 's 2018 Labor Day Celebration. 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. Note that the below fee schedule is per person, not per car, and there is a discount if you are also a 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

Southwest Section Sponsorship

Veteran Caravaners know that the Southwest Section puts on a heck of a show. Needless to say, doing so costs a fair amount of money and, in a tradition begun by 2003, 2009 and 2014 Section Captain, Hib Halverson, the SW Section relies on sponsorships to provide the funds necessary to

stage the events which take place during the trip to Bowling Green. 2019 Section Captain, Tony Megowan tells the eNews that tradition will continue.

The Section has begun raising money and so far, the following are Section Sponsors:

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Tony and Paula Megowan

Oscar and Jacquie Stafsudd

The Southwest Section Organizing Team greatly appreciates the support of these sponsors.

The SW Section Organizing Team, also, raises money through Route Book advertising. The Route Book is a publication that is given to every car registered for the Southwest Corvette Caravan. Most importantly, The Route Book contains the route instructions and maps all Caravaners use to navigate on the seven-day trip to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. The book also contains articles about Caravanning, the full list of sponsors and advertisements by Corvette parts suppliers, automotive aftermarket companies and Corvette clubs. Route Book advertisement is a great way to put your Club or business in front of 500 or so Caravaners for seven days. Businesses which wish to purchase advertising space in the Southwest Section Route Book should contact Section Captain, Tony Megowan at (805) 659-5056 or tmegowan@outlook.com.

By Sea, Air and Land

The 2019 National Corvette Caravan will be the first National Caravan since 2003 to have Caravaners from Hawaii. As many as a dozen Corvettes will be put in shipping containers in Honolulu then loaded on a container ship headed for L.A. Harbor. Their owners will fly to LAX, pick up their cars at the Harbor then join us for the seven-day trip to Bowling Green. Section Lieutenant, Richard Long, will be leading the group, all of whom are members of the Corvette Club of Hawaii.

CCOH has 100 members along with innumerable Associate Members from all over the World. The Club meets monthly in Honolulu. The Southwest Section Organizing Team welcomes the contingent from Hawaii and appreciates their interest in National Corvette Caravanning. Want to become an Associate Member of the Corvette Club of Hawaii? [Click here.](#)

Captain's Log by Captain Tony Megowan

When 2019 National Corvette Caravan Chairman, Jeff Duda, promoted me to Section Captain for the Southwestern United States, I had three objectives for the 2019 Caravan. The first one was to change the route. The second was to lengthen the trip to seven days. The third was to organize a dinner event at the Airline History Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. I have finally been able to accomplish all three.

The Southwest Section has a new route: I-210 East, I-15 North, I-70 East to St. Louis, Missouri, I-55 South to Cape Girardeau Missouri and, from there, we'll follow the 2014 Caravan route to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. We will take seven days, rather than the six of the 2014 trip, to get to the Corvette Museum by this new route.

Working with the Events Director for the Airline History Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, I have set-up a dinner in the Museum's Hanger 9 next to its restored, Lockheed L-1049H Super Constellation. The L-1049H was one of the faster and more luxurious airliners of the early-1950s. The -H variant of the Super Connie was a "convertible freight/passenger" configuration known by many as a "Super H". Fifty-three of them were built. The Museum's Super H Connie, tail number N6937C, known as

"37 Charlie", was once owned by Slick Airways. My Dad was a Flight Engineer for Slick and flew on 37 Charlie many times. Eventually, it was restored and painted in TWA livery.



"37 Charlie," The AHM's Super H Constellation

At the AHM, we'll all have a classic Kansas City BBQ Dinner. After dinner, I will give a talk about my connection with the airplane and, then, one of the Airline History Museum staff members will speak about the plane.

Caravan Merch

The National Corvette Museum Store has 2019 National Corvette Caravan Merchandise for sale. [Click here](#) to buy the "Landmark" Caravan T-shirt, shown at right.

Really Cool Shirt →

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.



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