

2019 NCM Caravan/ 2019 NE Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY



Begins 22 August 2019 in Gettysburg, PA and concludes on 27 August 2019 in Bowling Green, KY

2019 NE Caravan Information Web Site – www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/

Note: all new and updated information regarding the NE Corvette Caravan will be found at this web site.

History

- NCM opened in 1994 – the first NCM Caravan was organized and many Corvettes from across the country showed up in Bowling Green for the Grand Opening.
- 1999 – On the 5th year anniversary of NCM, the second NCM Caravan saw about 6000 Corvettes arriving into Bowling Green.
- 2003 – Although the idea had been to do this every 5 years, due to the 50th anniversary of the Corvette, it was decided to do it in 2003. About 10,000 Corvettes caravanned to BG.
- 2009 – This was the 15th anniversary of NCM and also the grand re-opening of NCM after extensive renovations. About 4,500 Corvettes caravanned in. (economy tanked)
- 2014 – This was the 20th anniversary of NCM, the 60th anniversary of the Corvette, and the debut of the C7 Corvette. About 6,500 Corvettes caravanned to BG.
- 2019 – Will celebrate the 25th Silver Anniversary of NCM and who knows, maybe either a “Zora” model, or the C8 Corvette. Jeffery “Zipity” Duda is the appointed National Caravan Chairman for 2019.

What is the NCM Corvette Caravan

Each NCM Caravan is organized by the NCM appointed National Caravan Chairman:

- Made up of about 24 separate Regional caravans, some including multiple states and some include parts of Canada – example is the NE Region which includes the NE states, and NY state (not including NYC and LI), and eastern Canada.
- Each Regional caravan is headed by a Regional Captain selected and installed by NCM National Chairman; Captains select State Leaders, select the theme of the Regional Caravan, sets up the routing to get to NCM, selects hotels along the route, arranges activities at each stop, and establishes methods of raising funds to cover the expenses associated with conducting the regional caravan. The State leaders coordinate the efforts within the state, work with the Captain as required, solicit support from dealers, clubs and individuals, and get the Caravan information distributed to get the folks signed up.

NE Regional Planning

Planning started in 2015 and to date:

- All states have state leaders assigned, along with an Eastern Canadian Leader.
- The theme for the NE Region will focus on the 25 years of the NCM
- Routes have been established. We have kept the daily distance traveled to about 350 miles or less. We will kick off the 2019 NE Caravan from Gettysburg, PA; from there we head to Roanoke, VA. Then next day we head for Kingsport, TN, and then to Bowling Green, KY. Each day there will be activities along the way.
- Hotels have been selected and we have a block of rooms reserved for the NE Region at each stop.
- Logo's for the NE region have been designed
- Ads are being solicited for the Route Book. There are articles of clothing with the logo's available as well as national caravan flags and window decals, etc.
- Have held Meet and Greets in Saratoga Springs, NY, Ogunquit, ME, and Newport, RI and Stowe, VT.
- We have available our 2019 NE Caravan clothing and accessories for sale – see web site.
- Have purchased our 2019 NE Caravan bench at the National Corvette Museum and the State Leaders have purchased bricks for placement in front of the bench.

Meet and Greet Events

Based on past experiences, it was decided that it would be to everyone's benefit, if folks who were going on the Caravan had some idea of who else is going, and for those who were thinking about going but had not made a decision, could get together for a weekend and get additional, detailed information, meet others going, and have access to the Caravan clothing and accessories, and just have a great time. Of 5 meet and greet events, one was held at Saratoga Springs, NY in May 2017, the second was held in Ogunquit, ME in October 2017, the third was held in Newport, RI in May of 2018, and the fourth one was held at Stowe, VT in September of 2018.

The Saratoga Meet and Greet was held on 4 - 7 May 2017, in Saratoga Springs, NY, at the Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa. It was attended by over 150 people and was a resounding success. All had a great time!

The second Meet and Greet was held in Ogunquit, ME on 20-22 October 2017, in both the Ogunquit Resort Hotel and the Mariner Resort. Again over 150 people attended and all had a great time!

The third Meet and Greet was held in Newport, RI from 17 May 2018 through 19 May 2018 at the Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center. Again, attendance was great, and all had a great time.

The fourth Meet and Greet was held in Stowe, VT from 14 September through 16 September 2018 at the Commodores Inn. Planning is underway for a fifth Meet and Greet to be held in Glen Falls, NY in May of 2019. Details will be forth coming.

A 5th Meet and Greet will be held at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, NY, from 16 May 2019 through 18 May 2019. Registration for this event is currently open for those registered with the 2019 NE Caravan. Events include Friday evening Banquet Dinner at the hotel, Saturday breakfast buffet, scenic Adirondack Mountains Corvette cruise with lunch at Lanzi's on the Lake, Saturday afternoon steam boat cruise on Lake George, and Sunday breakfast buffet.

NE Caravan Route Details:

At each point along the route, there will be events, raffles, things to see and do, along with Randy's idea of fun and games.

- Travel will be in small groups, 10 to 15 cars with a group leader identified. You do not have to stay within the group if you so choose. The Route Book (included in the registration fee) will detail all the routes, times for departure and arrival, etc.

- We will start in Gettysburg, PA at the Wyndham Hotel (note: 2 night minimum stay), with arrivals beginning on Wednesday 21 August. Check-in and pick up tote bags. You will be given your NCM registration package (less any event clothing ordered with your registration). There will be an optional Saturday evening kick-off Banquet dinner (optional, separate charge of \$50 per person). Breakfasts are not included in the package. Additional activities include:
 - Enjoy Corvettes at Carlisle – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
 - Lancaster County Amish Trip to Bird in Hand, then lunch at Good and Plenty on Thursday.
 - Movie Theater next to the Wyndham on Thursday evening.
 - Harley Davidson York plant Steel Toe Tour Friday morning.
 - Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tour late Friday afternoon.
 - Adams County Winery tours on Friday morning and afternoon.
 - Saturday night Kick-off Banquet.

- Sunday, 25 August – 7:30 AM cars begin to assemble with their designated groups and will head out starting at 8 AM as each group is ready. For those interested, there will be a stop at the Shenandoah Caverns where we will have discounted tour tickets available. After the cavern tour the groups will head out for Roanoke, VA and the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Dinner in the hotel is included in the package. Breakfast is not included in the package.

- Monday, 26 August – 7:30 AM cars begin to assemble with their designated groups and will head out starting at 8 AM as each group is ready. We first head to the Back of the Dragon then continue on to Bristol Motor Speedway where we will have lunch and do laps around the track. After our track time we continue on to Kingsport, TN and the Meadow View Conference Center and Resort. There will be a Banquet in the evening which is included in the package. There is a vineyard on the property which those interested can tour. Breakfast is not included in the package.

- Tuesday, 27 August – 7:30 AM cars begin to assemble with their designated groups and will head out starting at 8 AM as each group is ready. We head out for Bowling Green, KY. We will proceed to the Holiday Inn/Sloan Center in Bowling Green where a box lunch will be available. After lunch we will head on to the National Corvette Museum. On arrival, if you ordered an event shirt, you should pick them up at the museum. Then we will have our NE bench unveiling. Plant tours and track time will be available (purchased at time of registering for the caravan with the NCM). In the evening there will be a Wine Tasting / Cheese and Crackers in the Atrium (there will be a small charge for the tasting). Dinner is on your own.
- Wednesday 28 August – the NCM registration package includes a list of events taking place at the museum and other side trips, etc. This evening we will have our NE Corvette Caravan Banquet with a Hawaiian theme, which is included in the package. The Banquet will be held at the Sloan Center attached to the Holiday Inn. Breakfast is not included in the package.
- Thursday 29 August – refer to the NCM schedule for activities, etc. The NCM will host a live concert featuring Jefferson Starship at the NCM amphitheater for registered participants. Breakfast is not included in the package.
- Friday 30 August – refer to the NCM schedule for activities, etc. We will offer a bus trip to Nashville (sold out) for a tour of the Country Music Hall of fame and Museum, then time on “the strip” to shop, have lunch (on your own), etc. There will be a charge of \$50.00 per person for the trip. The NCM will be holding their annual Hall of Fame dinner (sold out) at the Sloan Center that evening. Breakfast is not included in the package.
- Saturday 31 August – the NE Corvette Caravan is done and if you are not staying for an additional night, you will be either heading home or have plans to travel with others to other areas on the way home.

Caravan Registration Details – you MUST register with BOTH the NCM and the NE Corvette Caravan:

NOTE: As of 10 October 2018, contact Randy Flock vetteflock@cox.net for availability; registration for the NCM Caravan is OPEN.

- **You have to register for the 2019 NE Region Caravan** - \$325 per couple, \$185 a single; the registration fee for the 2019 NE Region Caravan **includes**:
 - Guaranteed access for rooms at each hotel (total of 8 nights) for the first **165** registrations, including Gettysburg – **you will have to contact each hotel, make a reservation on your credit card** - you will get information on whom to contact to make reservations at the hotels 1 year out. Hotel group discounts only apply to those registered for the 2019 NE Corvette Caravan. NOTE – for Gettysburg, those staying at the Wyndham (**2 nights minimum**) can select a 2, 3 or 4 night package, and in Bowling Green you must book **all 4 nights** at the hotel - if you plan on staying for less than 4 nights you will have to find your own accommodations. NOTE – THERE ARE NO ROOMS RESERVED FOR THE TRIP BACK – YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN.
 - NE Corvette Caravan Route Book
 - NE Corvette Caravan dash plaque
 - NE Caravan Name Tags
 - NE Caravan Tote Bag
 - Box lunch at Kentucky rest area
 - Dinner/dance at Sloan Center Wednesday evening in Bowling Green
 - Dinner at the Hotel Roanoke and at the Meadow View Resort hotels
 - Surprises along the way

NOTE: Up to 60 days prior to the NE Caravan kick-off in Gettysburg on 22 August 2019, you may cancel your registration and receive a full refund less \$15.00 for the name tags.

- **You also have to register with the NCM** for their 2019 Corvette Caravan activities. Registration opens in September 2018.
www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/celebration/20info.shtml
Small fee for Caravan and Anniversary Registration per person for Non NCM members
Smaller fee for Caravan and Anniversary Registration per person for NCM members

- SO – go to the web site, review the information, if you have any questions contact me, then

- Register for the 2019 NE Corvette Caravan by sending the registration form and a check, payable to NCM 2019 Caravan and send it to
NE Corvette Caravan/Randy Flock
PO Box 42
East Greenwich, RI 02818
- When you get information back from Randy, book the hotels based on the information – the sooner the better as there are only 150 reserved rooms.
- Register with the NCM and if there are events that require pre-registration ensure you sign up for them as you register.
- If you would like to meet others who will be going or get more detailed information, register to attend the remaining 2 meet and greets (see web site for registration information).

How Can You Help

- We are raising funds in several ways and we need your help
 - We are taking ads for the Route Book – business card size up to full page, and vanity license plate ads; if you know of any business that would take out an ad, please contact them and provide the ad purchase sheet or contact me and I will contact them. You can also take out an ad to showcase your Corvette, your **Vanity License Plate**, make a statement, congratulate the NCM's 25th, or offer the Caravan effort good luck.
 - There are a number of clothing items available and they look great with the 2019 NE Corvette Caravan logo's on them; they are available on line or at many New England Corvette events throughout the year, and at the Meet and Greets.
 - Let others know about the Caravan and where they can get information – www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/
 - We are encouraging Caravan participants to purchase National Corvette Museum small standard bricks for placement in front of the 2019 NE Caravan bench. Contact Becky Madison at the NCM (a270-467-8836) for details and ordering.

Hotel Rates:

Gettysburg, PA	Wyndham Hotel	\$139/night plus tax – 2 night minimum stay , price good from Wed. thru Sun.; registration is open.
Roanoke, VA	Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center	\$149/night plus tax plus a \$10.00 parking fee.; registration is open.
Kingsport, TN	Meadow View Resort	\$139/night plus tax; registration is open.
Bowling Green, KY	Holiday Inn University Plaza	\$169/night plus tax – 4 night minimum stay , (you can get a 5 th night at the same rate); registration is open.