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Top Story

SW Section tops 180 cars

On New Year's Day, Section Captain Tony Megowan announced that the latest 2019 Caravan registration data released by the National Corvette Museum shows the Southwest Section has surpassed the 180-car mark. "The Southwest Caravan Team is starting 2019 with substantial lead in registrations over the same time during in the run up to the last two National Caravans," Capt. Megowan told the eNews. "I think the '19 Southwest Section's new route and its going to a seven-day trip has generated a lot of interest in our Caravan Section."

Section XO, Cmdr. Hib Halverson, who has been keeping track of the registration lists issued by the National Corvette Museum, says that, based on his experience serving on the SW Caravan Organizing Team going back to 2003, the 2019 Southwest Corvette Caravan could have as many as 250 Corvettes when its trip to Bowling Green begins on 22 August 2019 at the Pasadena Rose Bowl. "A Southwest Section with 250 cars will blow all previous records for Southwest Caravan size into the freakin' weeds," Halverson said.

Other News

Blankee Benefit

Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, tells the eNews that Corvettes of Temecula Valley was the first club in the Southwest Caravan Section to take advantage of the Section's club-specific blanket offer. Clubs can group-order special versions of the blanket unique to their club. The minimum club order is 12. Any club with members registered for the Southwest Section which makes a donation to the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team of \$1800.00 or more will receive a dozen Stadium Blankets with the club's name sewn into the Blanket just below the Southwest Section logo.

CFO Megowan, also, told us the first lot of standard 2019 Caravan stadium blankets which are sold to individual Caravaners is nearly sold out. Any Southwest Section Caravaner who donates \$125.00 or more to the Organizing Team gets a



The SW Section Stadium Blanket. Image: eNews Staff.

Any Southwest Section Caravaner who donates \$125.00 or more to the Organizing Team gets a

one of these blankets and will be listed in the 2019 Route Book as a "Blankee Benefactor". To order blankets contact Paula Megowan at (805) 659-5056.

Hotel Booking News and Instructions

In a January 8th email to the eNews, Caravan Commander, Doug Rosa, who oversees the Southwest Section's room blocks says that some hotels at which the Southwest Section has blocked rooms have already sold out. A revised hotel list is attached at the end of this issue of the eNews.

In some cases, we are overnighing in cities which do not have a single hotel property large enough for our group, so we will divide the Section's Caravaners amongst more than one property. When booking for **25 AUG** in Kansas and **28 AUG-1 SEP** in Kentucky, book **green-shaded hotels** first. If they are full, book **yellow hotels** second and **red hotels** third. When booking at hotel properties which have group codes, **use the exact code** given in the hotels list.

On Night Four, in Colby, Kansas, all available rooms are booked. The second best choice are rooms in Goodland KS, and third best are rooms in Burlington KS. As for Bowling Green, we have only 15 rooms left, however, we still have some rooms blocked in surrounding towns and also have names of a few other properties but no blocked rooms. Yet another alternative some people prefer when Bowling Green has no rooms is about 45-min south at Opryland on I-65 north of Nashville. If you like country music and want a bit more upscale hotel, Opryland is a great choice.

It is the **responsibility of each Caravaner** to make sure their reservations are made at the correct hotel property, on the correct date, for the correct style of room and to make sure, at the completion of the reservation process, he/she **gets a confirmation number**. Any reservation problem will have to be solved by each Caravaner working with the property's staff. All Caravaners booking rooms should make sure they understand each property's cancellation policy in case their plans change.

Please take note of revised group codes or names for some of the hotels. In cases where rooms were booked using incorrect group rate codes, it may be necessary to contact the hotel property in question and rebook with the correct code. We should add that, using the correct group code or group name is extremely important. Doing so both insures the you are booked into the correct block of rooms and than you get the proper group room rate.

Action Required

Lastly, we have many more eNews subscribers than we have people booked in Caravan hotels. If you have not registered for the Caravan or you have registered but not reserved hotel rooms. **Complete those tasks immediately!**

Questions on hotel room booking should be directed to Section Captain, Tony Megowan, by calling 805-659-5056 or by emailing tmegowan@outlook.com.

PreRun5

Early last December, Section Captain Megowan dispatched his XO, Section Commander Halverson, on a two-day recon trip to both Henderson, Nevada, site of the Caravan's first overnight, and to St. George, Utah, where the Caravan will spend its second night.

Halverson left Goleta, CA on 10 December in one of the Caravan PreRunners—actually the Lead Car from the 2014 trip—headed for a meeting the following day with Fiesta Henderson Sales Manager, Ann Parsons. On the morning of the 11th, they walked the property looking at both the lot the Caravan will use to stage before departure on 23 August 2019 and the route the Caravan takes around the property to Fiesta Henderson Bl. which runs along the east side of the Fiesta property then into Lake Mead Bl. which we will take out to the Lake.



As for the parking the night the Caravan arrives in Henderson, Parsons and Halverson also walked the parking structure. There are well over 500 covered parking spaces and a small percentage of people will valet park, so there will be plenty of self-parking.

Finally, they toured the inside of the facility. The Fiesta Henderson has all the gaming one would expect from a Casino except for a live poker room. Parsons told Cmdr. Halverson that one new bar and one new restaurant have opened inside the Fiesta since SW Organizing Team personnel visited there last Summer. Food service available is: "Fuego's Steak House", Leticia's Mexican Cocina, the coffee shop (open 24hr), several fast food places in the food court and the upstairs buffet which is not usually open on weekday mornings, but that will open on departure morning for us. One of the Fiesta bars has live music the night we will be there and it will either be a country-western band or a country-rock band. This bar also has a dance floor. "One of the reasons Captain Megowan, scheduled the Caravan's departure on the second day of the trip for late morning," Halverson told the eNews, "was to allow Caravaners who want to enjoy the Fiesta's gaming or night life extra time in the morning to sleep in a bit after a late night at the tables or on the dance floor."

That afternoon, Cmdr. Halverson bid the Fiesta a farewell, and headed north on I-15 to St. George, Utah, and a meeting with Section Commander, Doug Rosa, our hotel booking expert, the SW Caravan Organizing Team's representative in Utah and Treasurer of Color Country Corvettes, the club in southern Utah.

Cmdrs. Halverson and Rosa met at the Dixie Convention Center which will likely be the site of Caravan Staging and Departure on Day-3 of the 2019 Caravan. The Dixie Center is close to both hotels the Caravan is booking on the night of 23AUG and near a number of restaurants. After doing a recon of the site, Halverson and Rosa agreed that Caravan Staging will use both a public street running along the east border of the Dixie Center along with one of the Center's several parking lots. From those areas, there is easy access to I-15 North which will be the Caravan's route out of St. George and which runs just west of Dixie Center.

Later, Halverson and Rosa met for dinner at the "Rib and Chop House", one of the many eateries surrounding the Dixie Center. After that, Cmdr. Halverson, spent the night at the new Hampton Inn just south of the Dixie Center, one of the hotels the Caravan will use on it's second night on the road. The next morning, the Section's XO made the long drive back to Goleta.

One or two more PreRun trips are planned, including a "full dress", final PreRun by Section Captain Megowan and his Wife to the Corvette Museum in late April, 2019.

Corvette Racing Toolbox Raffle

As the Southwest Section's fund raising activities get into high-gear, Section Captain Tony Megowan says that 2019 Caravan National Chairman, "Admiral" Jeff Duda, announced a raffle of a Corvette Racing "Jake" inspired rollaway tool box. The Southwest Section Organizing Team has some tickets for this raffle and is selling them in order to raise money for SW Section events.

Corvette Racing Sonic Tool Box Raffle Raffle Tickets \$10 each or 3 Tickets for \$25

Winner to be drawn at National Corvette Museum 25th Anniversary Event
Saturday Aug. 31st, 2019

Winner Does **NOT** Need To Be Present To Win

Includes Free Shipping To Your Home Address – Raffle For Empty Tool Box

Fundraising Raffles Benefiting the National Corvette Museum, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit

The rollaway was supplied by Sonic Tools which is a sponsor of Corvette Racing in the 2018 season. The box has the Corvette Racing, Jake and Sonic logos on the drawers and on the back has a large Jake graphic. Tools and the towel roll shown in the image above are not included with the rollaway to be raffled. Tickets are ten bucks each or three for \$25 and can be ordered Tony Megowan by emailing him at tmegowan@outlook.com or calling him at (805) 659-5056.



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Southwest Corvette Caravan Hotel List

When booking, use group name **exactly** as listed

Locations and Dates

rooms not blocked at hotel properties

are first come/first serve

Pasadena CA

21 Aug 2019

Westin Pasadena

191 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena CA 91101 (626) 792-2727

Breakfast NOT Included

Group Name: **National Corvette Caravan - Southwest Section**

Henderson NV

22 Aug 2019

Fiesta Henderson Hotel Casino

777 W. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson Nevada 89015 (702) 558-7000

Breakfast Included

Group Code: **RCINCC9**

<https://rooms.sclv.com/cgi-bin/lansaweb?PROCFUN+RN+RESNET+RES+funcparms+UP%28A2560%29;:RCINCC9;::::?/>

Sunset Station

1301 West Sunset Road, Henderson NV 89014 (702) 547-7777

Breakfast Included

Group Code: **SCICOV9**

St George UT

23 Aug 2019

Hampton Inn & Suites

1250 W. SunRiver Parkway, St George, UT 84790 (435) 656-9900

Breakfast Included

Group Name: **South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG**

Abby Inn Best Western

1129 S. Bluff St, St Georg UT 84770 (435) 652-1234

Breakfast Included

Group Name: **South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG**

Grand Junction CO

24 Aug 2019

Holiday Inn & Suites Airport

2751 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction CO 81506 (970) 424-5888

Breakfast Included

Group Name: **South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG**

Doubletree by Hilton

743 Horizon Dr., Grand Junctio CO 81506 (970) 241-8888

Breakfast Included

Use the web link listed below to make your reservations

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/G/GJTDTDT-SWC-20190824/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: **South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG**

Fairfield Inn & Suites Grand Junction

225 Main St Grand Junction, CO 81501 (970) 242-2525

Breakfast Included

Group Name: **South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG**

www.marriott.com/GJTFI

Online group booking code for one queen bed: **CORCORA**

Online group booking code for two queens: **CORCORB**

Hampton Inn

205 Main St, Grand Junction CO 81501 800-Hampton

Breakfast included

Group Name: **South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG**

Colby/Goodland/

25 Aug 2019

Burlington KS

Hampton Inn Colby

1000 East Willow Drive, Colby KS 67701 (785) 460-2333

Breakfast included

Comfort Inn Colby

2225 South Range Ave, Colby KS 67701 (785) 462-3833

Breakfast Included

Rooms blocked per city	Rooms at property	Rooms Remaining	Room Cost + Tax	Room Type
200	200	118.00	\$289.00	Run of House
200	150	15	\$101.15	King
	50	27	\$113.69 \$170.69	King Petite King
200	120	17	\$124.00	Run of House
	80	24	\$124.00	Run of House
240	100	15	\$129.00	Run of House
	80	80	\$129.00	Run of House
	20	20	\$130.00	DBL Q / King
	20	17	\$130.00	DBL Q / King

Super 8 by Wyndham Colby
1040 Zelfer Avenue, Colby, KS 67701 (785) 462-8248
Breakfast Included

Days Inn by Wyndham Colby
1925 South Range, Colby KS 67701 (785) 462-8691
Breakfast Included

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Holiday Inn Express Goodland 40 17 \$130.00 2 Queen
2631 Enterprise Rd, Goodland KS 67735 (785) 890-9060 \$125.00 King
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Super 8 by Wyndham Goodland
2520 Commerce Road, Goodland, KS 67735 (785) 890-7566
Breakfast Included

Americas Best Value Inn - Goodland
830 West US Highway 24, Goodland, KS (855) 680-3239
Breakfast Included

FairField Inn & Suites 60 43 \$129.00 Run of House
526 S. Lincoln St., Burlington CO 80807 (719) 346-7094
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Kansas City MO 26 Aug 2019

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Holiday Inn & Suites Airport 60 10 \$129.00 2 Q / King
9550 N. Polo Dr., Kansas City MO 64153 (816) 923-4100
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Home 2 by Hilton Airport 45 43 \$135.00 2 Q / King
9500 NW Polo Dr, Kansas City MO 64153 (816) 923-4100
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Holiday Inn & Suites Grandview 50 25 \$117.00 Run of House
12801 S. US 71, Grandview MO 64030 (816) 268-5858
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Courtyard KC Airport 50 50 \$99.00 2 Q / King
7901 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City MO 64153 (816) 891-7500
Breakfast included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Cape Girardeau MO 27 Aug 2019

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Auburn Place 75 33 \$84.00 Run of House
3265 William St, Cape Girardeau MO 63703 (573) 651-4486
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Drury Plaza Hotel Cape Girardeau 70 48 \$140.00 2 Q / King
3351 Percy Dr., Cape Girardeau MO 63701 (573) 334-7151
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Drury Inn & Suites Cape Girardeau 30 30 \$130.00 2 Q / King
3303 Campster Dr., Cape Girardeau MO 63701 (573) 339-9500
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Drury Inn & Suites Jackson MO 30 27 \$100.00 2 Q / King
225 Drury Lane, Jackson MO 63755 (573) 243-9200
Breakfast Included
Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Holiday Inn & Suites 40 14
3253 William St, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 (573) 334-4491
Breakfast Included

Bowling Green/ 28 Aug-1 Sept 2019 Cave City/Horse Cave KY

Clarion Inn & Suites 35 15 \$210.00 2 Queens
4700 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green KY 42104 (270) 282-7130
Breakfast Included

Group Name: South West 2019 Corvette Caravan STG

Group account no. 3460947

Three-night minimum at this hotel.

Super 8 by Wyndham Cave City

1009 Doyle Ave, Cave City Kentucky 42127 (270) 282-7746

Breakfast Included

Comfort Inn & Suites Cave City

819 Sanders St., Cave City KY 42127 (270) 773-3335

Breakfast Included

Quality Inn & Suites Horse Cave

425 Flint Ridge Rd., Horse Cave KY 42749 (270) 786-2165

Breakfast Included

Red Roof Inn & Suites Cave City

807 Mammoth Cave St., Cave City KY 42127 (270) 773-3121

Breakfast Included

Baymont by Wyndham Cave City

799 Mammoth Cave St., Cave City KY 42127 (270) 775-4560

Breakfast Included