

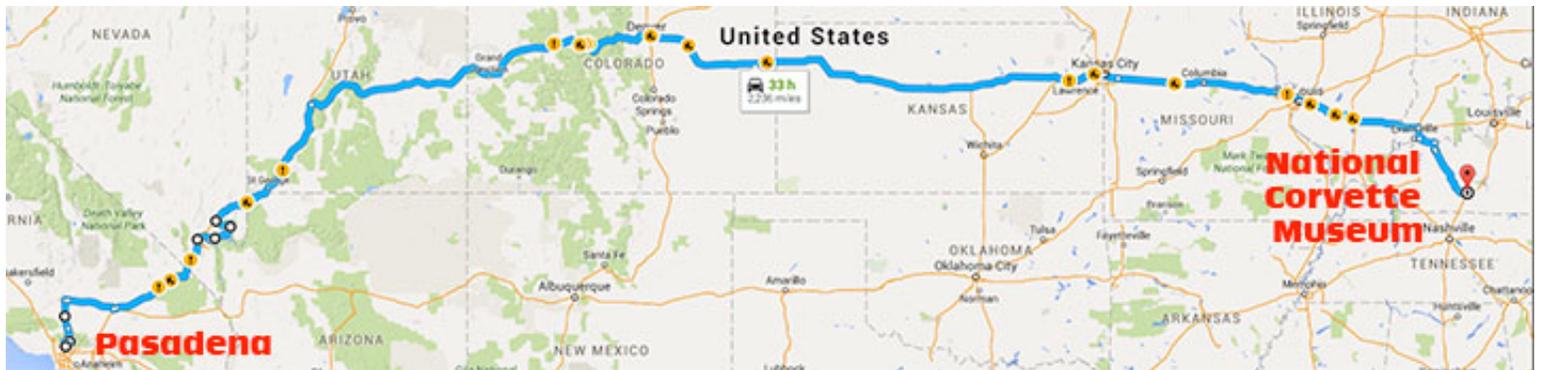


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## Top Story

### It's Caravan Time!



Well...almost. One week from today, three years of planning comes to an end. It will be time to execute those plans. At 9 AM next Thursday, the Southwest Section of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan will leave Pasadena on it's seven-day, 2600-mile trip to the National Corvette Museum. The SW Caravan Organizing Team hopes that all Caravaners enjoy the trip to Bowling Green.

## Other News

### Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate

In previous eNews articles about car preparation, we've warned Caravaners about the high temperatures we'll experience on the first couple of days on the trip as we cross the deserts of eastern California, southern Nevada and southern Utah. Now it's time to talk about people preparation.

The National Weather Service's 6-10-day forecast web page suggests there will be a 60% chance of temperatures **above average** in the desert areas we will drive through on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On PreRun1 and -2, driving through southeastern California southern Nevada and southwestern Utah, we frequently saw 115° on outside air temperature displays and for a short while, on PreRun2, we saw 120°.

While all Caravan cars should have air conditioning, even with that keeping you relatively cool, desert air will be very dry. Plus, you're still going to be out of the car for departure events, photo opportunities, lunch stops, potty breaks and Caravan arrivals. When you're out of the car, it's going to be **freakin' hot**, so keeping hydrated is of paramount importance and, if you break down and are stuck for a while on the side of the road—perish the thought—it might even be a matter of life or death so remember...hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.

Carry plenty of water...bottled water, a gallon jug from you kitchen faucet, your old army canteen, whatever, but bring water! Soft drinks, Red Bull, Monster Energy or cold beer do not quench thirst. Even "thirst quenching drinks", ie: "Gatorade", "Powerade" or "Squencher", don't work that well unless you, also, drink water.

There are other "people cooling" ideas which help, too. Those fan/squirt bottle devices work well as do those little fans you hang around your neck. A more aggressive keep cooling strategy is to soak your T-shirt in water, wring it out and put it back on. You will be amazed at how refreshing that feels.

Remember...wet is good! HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE

## Caravan Night Life

Southwest Caravan "Departure Night" is next Wednesday night at the Westin Pasadena. Caravan registration opens at 6:30 PM. At Registration, you'll pick-up for credentials SWAG for the Museum's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Caravan Route Books will, also, be distributed.

"Departure Night" begins at 7:00. There will be snacks and refreshments. There will be raffles of various prizes. Section Captain Tony Megowan will announce any changes to the route or schedule. Because the SW Organizing Team was unable to raise enough money to make all Caravan events free, "Departure Night" costs \$10.00 per person. Those not paying in advance may pay at the door.

"An Evening of Corvettes and Constellations" takes place at the Airline History Museum in Kansas City on Monday night 26 August. This will be a sit down dinner in the Museum next to the Caravan Lead Car, other Corvettes and a classic TWA Lockheed Constellation. Food service will be catered by World famous "Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Cue." After dinner there will be a 45-min program. Speakers will be Section Captain, Tony Megowan, and Section Commander, Hib Halverson. Cost of the dinner is \$35.00 per person. Those who did not purchase advanced tickets may pay at the door. At this event, **only water will be served. Beer or wine is allowed but Caravaners must bring their own. NO HARD LIQUOR.**

"Corvettes in Cape" takes place Tuesday evening, 27 August in Cape Girardeau. It's the largest event of the Southwest Caravan with as many as 650 Corvettes from five Caravan Sections. It's organized by Corvettes of Southeastern Missouri and the Cape Girardeau Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Besides 1300 Caravaners, the event will draw people from parts of four states.



The City of Cape Girardeau is going to close three streets in the downtown area next to the Mississippi River and both

26 August 2014. The first "Corvettes in Cape" drew four Caravan Sections with about 500 Corvettes. People came from all over the Cape G area to see the show. Image: Sandy Halverson.

Caravan Corvettes and Vettes from clubs in the area will be on display. There will be two beer gardens each with a live band. There will be food trucks and, if that's not enough, there are several restaurants within walking distance.

Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Section Captain, Ike Dodrill, is organizing a banquet on Wednesday evening 28 Augusts at Mariah's on 8th Ave. in downtown Bowling Green to celebrate the End of the Caravan. It starts at 6:00 PM and costs 30 bucks per person. With 180 tickets already sold, this event is shaping up to be a heck of a party. It is said the guests of honor will be Charles Owens, President of The Corvette Club of Hawaii, and the other 12 members of his club who shipped their cars to Long Beach and are running the Caravan. If you want tickets for Mariah's, contact Captain Dodrill for advance-only sales at: 405-833-4077 or [dad4077@cox.net](mailto:dad4077@cox.net)



Informed sources have told the eNews that former Section Captains Tuna Dobbins and Hib Halverson will, also, attend, but have been warned about repeating alleged beer-induced antics which reportedly took place at a previous soiree during the 2014 Caravan. Not surprisingly, both men did not return calls from the eNews asking for comment.

24 August 2014. This photo, obtained by the eNews from an anonymous source, shows Former Captains Dobbins and Halverson at a Caravan party at Amarillo TX during the '14 trip. Are they having way too much fun? You be the judge

## Reserved Parking

Right at post time for this eNews, Section Commander Doug Rosa, the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team's lodging consultant and local leader for Utah, announced that reserved parking for Caravan cars will be available at the following hotel properties during the first part of the trip: Hampton Inn and Best Western in St. George, UT and at the Holiday Inn in Grand Junction CO.

## You Can Drive the Lead Car

A tradition begun for the 2014 Caravan is the "Lead Car Raffle". The winning ticket holder gets to lead the Southwest Caravan out of the Pasadena Elk's Lodge parking lot and on the first 40-miles of the trip to the junction of Sierra Highway and State Route 14, just outside Palmdale.



22 August 2014, Caravaner, Jerry Sloan, leads the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan out of Auto Club Speedway in Fontana. Sloan won the "Be the Lead Car to Barstow" raffle the night before the Caravan departed. Image: Sandy Halverson

"Be the Lead Car to Palmdale" raffle tickets will be sold during the Departure Night Event at the Westin Pasadena next Wednesday and will cost \$5.00 each. The proceeds go to the SW Caravan Organizing Team to cover costs of putting on events during the trip.

## Caravan Leadership

For most of the trip, the Lead Car will be Section Captain Tony Megowan's Long Beach Red, C7 Coupe. The back-up Lead Car is Section XO Hib Halverson's Yellow, C7 Coupe. When either of those is leading, they will be marked as "Lead Car" visible from the rear. It is, also, possible that cars belonging to other members of the SW Organizing Team may be temporary Lead Cars.

## Radios

The Caravan radio channel is GMRS Ch16 with no tone. For the few who do not have GMRS or FRS radios and use CB, one of the Caravan Leadership cars will have a CB and it will be set to Ch10. Caravan leaders will use the call sign "Sierra Whiskey." They are assigned as follows:

- Sierra Whiskey 1: Capt. Tony Megowan
- Sierra Whiskey 2: XO Cmdr. Hib Halverson
- Sierra Whiskey 3: Cmdr. Doug Rosa (SWUtah)
- Sierra Whiskey 4: Cmdr. Doug Glenore (Inland Empire/OC)
- Sierra Whiskey 5: Lt. Rich Long (Hawaii)

## NCM needs Volunteers

The NCM is always in need of volunteers during large events such as the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Volunteer duties are many and varied. Southwest Caravaners interested in volunteering at the NCM during the 25th Anniversary event should contact John Fort [volunteeratncm@gmail.com](mailto:volunteeratncm@gmail.com) for information about signing up to volunteer.

## This Gonna Be the Last Time

This might be the last issue of the 2019 Southwest Section eNews. The eNews Staff would like to thank our two sponsors, Zip Products Corvette Parts and Club Glove Corvette Luggage, for making the eNews possible for the last three years.

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