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### 2-yr, 8-mo Until the '24 Caravan

Is it, like...too soon to start thinking about the 2024 National Corvette Caravan? Not for the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team (SCOT). Through experience, your Organizing Team knows it takes 2 ½ to 3 years to plan and organize an event the size of the Southwest Corvette Caravan. SCOT has begun the early planning stage of the Southwest Section's part of the World's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan. If you're going on the Caravan, save these dates: August 22 through August 28 2024.

### The Team

In late July of last year, the National Corvette Museum announced the appointment of Frank Sancineto as National Chair—we like to call him "Admiral"—for the '24 Caravan. Sancineto has a great deal of National Corvette experience having been the South Carolina Section Captain in 2019, 2014, 2009 and 2003.

On 1AUG2021 Frank Sancineto announced the appointment of Bill Herold as Captain for the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan. Bill was a Participant in the 2019 National Caravan. He resides in Thousand Oaks, California owns a 2014 Stingray Premiere Edition Convertible and is a member of Red Line Corvettes in Thousand Oaks. Capt. Herold is the Corvette Products Specialist for premium luggage manufacturer and 2019 Southwest Caravan Sponsor, Club Glove.

"I am grateful to our 'Caravan Admiral,' Frank Sancineto, for the opportunity to lead the Southwest Section," Bill Herold states. "I have a great group of Corvette Caravan veterans serving on this Team. The Southwest Section has a long history of great events and happy Caravaners. My top priority is to carry on that tradition."

Returning to SCOT for the 2024 Caravan is 2019's Section Captain, Tony Megowan. For the 2024 he will serve as a Caravan Commander. Tony is a key member of the Team



Discussing plans for 2024 at a recent Cars and Coffee, left-to-right, are: Capt. Bill Herold, Cmdr Tony Megowan and Cmdr Hib Halverson. Image: Carl Sheffer.

because, as he did in 2014 and 2019, he will Direct the Southwest Section's "Route Book Project." Tony's Wife, Paula, is also a "Caravan Commander" serving as the Section's CFO. The Megowans live in Ventura CA, own a 2016 Z51 Coupe and are members of Corvette Club Santa Barbara.

Captain Herold reappointed Hib Halverson a Caravan Commander and the Section's Executive Officer. Halverson has 18 years experience with the National Corvette Caravan having been Section Captain in 2003, 2009 and 2014, as well as, Section XO in 2019. He and Wife, Sandy, reside in Goleta CA. They own several Corvettes and are members of Corvette Club Santa Barbara.

## Other News

### The Route

The 2024 Southwest Caravan will take a modified version of the route used it used in 2019. Parts of the '24 trip have not been finalized yet, but several changes from 2019 are either under consideration or have been approved pending a pre-run by Organizing Team members.

One alteration may be a longer drive on CA State Route 2 after departure from the Los Angeles area. The '19 Caravan toured part of famed "Angeles Crest Highway" and, because SR2 runs through the scenery in the San Gabriel Mountains north of L.A., Capt. Herold has decided to run the entire length of Angeles Crest, from its junction with I-210 in La Canada to its northeastern terminus at SR138 in Phelan, southwest of Victorville.



August 22, 2019: The Southwest Corvette Caravan on Angeles Crest Highway. Image: Sandy Halverson.

Additional change is planned in the Las Vegas area. Fiesta Henderson, the hotel property used in 2019, did not survive the economic upheaval caused by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and is now

closed. SCOT will likely move the Southwest Caravan's first overnight to "The M Resort Casino Spa" south of the Vegas Strip, at the junction of Nevada State Route 164 and I-15.

On the second day, rather than driving along the western shore of Lake Mead and through Nevada's "Valley of Fire" state park, the Organizing Team is in discussions with the Spring Mountain Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club, home of the famed Ron Fellows Performance Driving School which does its classes with Corvettes.



The tentative plan is a stop at Spring Mountain where Caravaners will get a briefing on what the school offers Corvette owners followed by lunch and a parade lap around the track.

On the 2019 Caravan, we spent Night-Two in St. George Utah. In 2024, we'll go a bit farther north and stay in Cedar City. The city of 35,000 is located at 5800-ft. on the western edge of the Markagunt Plateau. Its cooler climate will be a welcome change after two days of driving across the Mojave Desert.

On Day-Three, as it did in 2019, the Caravan will continue north on I-15 then turn east on I-40, however, because the Caravan will start an hour farther north, the Organizing Team is considering a "side trip" through Arches National Park near Moab, Utah. After that, the Caravan will proceed to our third overnight stop in Grand Junction, Colorado.

On Day-Four Caravaners will see spectacular scenery as the Southwest Section crosses the Rocky Mountains and the Continental Divide. We'll go over 10,662-ft Vail Pass and, 25-miles later, through the Eisenhower Tunnel. At 1.7-miles, It's the longest mountain tunnel (1.7-miles) and the highest point (11,158-feet) on the Interstate Highway System. Caravaners will continue on I-40 down the slopes of the Front Range, through Denver to overnight in either Goodland and Colby, Kansas.

Day-Five will, also, use the same route as in 2019, from Goodland and Colby to Kansas City Missouri. "KC" was the site of the 2019's Airline History Museum Dinner, an event which was well-received by Caravaners. Plans for Night-Five on the 2024 are TBA.

The sixth-day of the Southwest Corvette Caravan will take us to Cape Girardeau, Missouri and the "Corvettes in Cape" event. Staged by Cape G's Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Corvette Club of Southeastern Missouri, in 2014 and 2019, Corvettes in Cape drew the SW Section as well as the Missouri/Kansas and Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Sections.

## Sandy's Cape G Scrapbook



A pair of C7 ZR1s at Corvettes in Cape in 2019. Foreground: Back-Up Lead Car for the Southwest Section. Background: Lead Car for the Pacific Central Section. Image: Sandy Halverson.



Corvettes in Cape drew non-caravaners from all over the region. This Missouri C1 owner drove to Cape G. to see the Caravan Corvettes. Image: Sandy Halverson



At Cape G., a good time was had by all, including "Las Tres Amigas" (Brenda Coronel, Barbara LoMonaco and Lark Stevens) of Corvette Club Santa Barbara. Image: Sandy Halverson.



Since 2014 the best part of Corvettes in Cape is the massive Corvette "Shine-and-Show". The City of Cape Girardeau closes Main Street in its river-front downtown area. In 2019, nearly 800 Corvettes, parked on both sides of the street, were involved. Image: Sandy Halverson

For this celebration of America's Sports Car, the City of Cape Girardeau closes some of the streets in its riverfront area for a huge "shine-and-show" for the many hundred of Vettes. In addition to the incredible four-wheeled eye candy, there was live music, beer gardens and a wide-variety of food service. This giant Corvette party not only draws 1600 or so Caravaners, but it pulls in general public from around the area who come for the food, entertainment and, of course...all the Corvettes.

The last day of the Caravan, the Southwest Section will make the comparatively short drive to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky arriving on the First Day of the NCM's annual Labor Day Celebration which commemorates the opening of the Museum back in 1994.

## Sponsors

A Caravan section the size of Southwest depends on supportive sponsors to enable the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team to stage an event pleasing to its Caravaners. The first sponsor to step-up to help the Southwest Section put on its 2024 Caravan was Zip Products. Since 2009, the Corvette parts and accessories vendor has sponsored the Southwest Caravan eNews and has advertised in the Southwest Section's Route Book. "The Organizing Team has appreciated Zip Products' support over the years," Section Captain Bill Herold states. "The support Zip's President, David Walker, gives our Caravan Section is invaluable in the early stages of Caravan planning.

Former Section Captain Hib Halverson said a number of years ago that sponsorship is the "...mother's milk of Caravan planning. It's a great way to get a Corvette-related product or brand in front of a captive audience of 400-or so Corvette owners and enthusiasts."

The Southwest Section offers sponsorship opportunities with its page on the National Caravan web site, with its eNews and with the 2024 Southwest Section Route Book. For information on sponsorship opportunities contact Captain Bill Herold [swcaravancaptain@gmail.com](mailto:swcaravancaptain@gmail.com) 805 420 7490

## More Information

We are a little less than three years out from the 2024 Caravan, so there are aspects of the Southwest Section's activities which SCOT is not ready to reveal or are not on our radar as yet, but one thing we do have, even this early in the process, are ways to communicate with our Caravaners who've been with us in the past and prospective new Caravaners.

First, we have a page on the National Caravan web site. We, also, have the Southwest Caravan eNews, a tradition going back to 2003. If you are not an eNews subscriber and want to start getting it, send email to [SWeNews@netmotive.net](mailto:SWeNews@netmotive.net) and simply type "subscribe" in the body of the email.

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