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The Orange Pits

OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. Well, this is my very first President's Message! The first thing I want to do is to thank Conda for all her years of service on the OC VETTES Board. She has left some BIG shoes to fill! Don't worry, she will still be working very hard for the Club as our Newsletter Editor. I would also like to thank all of you for having the confidence in me and the new Board to keep our Club going strong and active through the next year. The Board welcomes all member input for new ideas for trips, socials, etc. Plans are already in the works for new day trips as well as overnight trips. Remember, all Board meetings are open to all Club members. Your 2023-24 OC VETTES Board looks forward to an awesome year.

Leo Mann, President
OC VETTES



Past President, Conda Takanabe passing the gavel to President Leo Mann.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi all! I have now “officially” stepped into the position of Newsletter Editor. Carol Thompson left HUGE shoes to fill, so please be patient while I work my way through trial and error on layouts, etcetera.

I would like to start some new columns to be included in the newsletter each month: Recipe (or two or three) of the Month, Joke of the Month (I know we have some pretty good jokesters in OCV), and Tech Tips. If you would like to share any of the above, please let me know so they can be included in the next month's newsletter, and you will be given credit for your submission. I would like to have the info the week of the general meeting if possible. You can contact me via phone or email: 714-595-1070 and btakanabe@msn.com.

AUGUST SOCIAL-WOOD RANCH

8022 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim Hills, CA 92808

DESSERT AT BARB'S AFTER DINNER



All American BBQ

AND

Barb Hall has graciously offered to open her home to OCV for dessert after dinner at Wood Ranch. Her address is 20611 Deodar Drive, Yorba Linda, which is just a few miles from the restaurant. Thanks Barb!!

MORE SEGERSTROM PHOTOS





DRIVE ON THE EDGE PHOTOS JULY 15





MORE 4TH OF JULY PHOTOS
(We were so busy eating the good food after the parade
at the Mann's, we forgot to take pictures there)







UPCOMING EVENT
LIONS DRAG STRIP MUSEUM
SEPTEMBER 16



LIONS DRAG STRIP



The Lions Automobilia Foundation and Museum was founded in December 2019 by Southern California businessman and car enthusiast, Rick Lorenzen. It's nearly 100,000 sq. ft. facility includes galleries featuring Southern California's infamous car culture and motorsports history. The experience begins as visitors walk in thru a 1960's speed shop with genuine parts hanging off the walls and then enter the Main Street Gallery lined with classics automobiles parked in front of a 1950's diner. The visitor experience has been described as mind-blowing, as each gallery reveals the human experience with the automobile. Lions is more than just a museum. The Lions Automobilia Foundation takes preserving automotive history to the next level with its onsite restoration facility. As visitors walk through the galleries, they will find that many of the vehicles on display were restored by the Lions Team.

Steven Bronston is hosting this event. We have pre-purchased 25 tickets to get the reduced rate of \$11.00 but can add more if we need to. They've also provided on-site preferred parking for us but possibly not all of our cars will fit, first to reply will get priority parking. Please reply back to me how many will be going. Family members and friends are welcome also. Do not send any money at this time. It looks like we'll be passing on their offer of the box lunches, so I'll

do research on some local restaurants and let you know later. I'll send out emails with a list of attendees. Contact Steve if you have any questions (work: 714-572-6072; cell: 714-458-1675).

Below is a link to an episode of the "Gearz" cable TV show where they featured the history of Lions Drag Strip and the museum. The entire video is about 25 minutes long, but the Lions share (pun intended) is only about the first 10 or 12 minutes, turn off after that if you so decide. It shows the interior of the museum along with some of the race cars, street cars, and some custom cars. I believe they also have the largest collection of Willys cars under one roof.

<https://staceydavid.com/gearztv/episodes/s17/s17ep8>

BAKERSFIELD/BUCK OWENS CRYSTAL PALACE
August 26-27

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 3001 Buck Owens Boulevard, Bakersfield. 661-395-9800. Room rates: Single King: \$130.99. Double Queens: \$140.99 plus tax and deposit. Our contact at the hotel is Jasmine Luna.

If you would like to attend and have not signed up, please let Ron Molendyk know ASAP.

JULY SOCIAL-MORENO'S RESTAURANT





CAR PHOTOS FOR THE WEBSITE

As Summer Rolls in it is time to detail the Corvette and get it ready for taking those beautiful So. California drives we all enjoy so much. It is also time to have your Corvette photographed for the website if you have not done so in the past. For those of you who are new to the club, we would like to put your Corvette on our website. You can submit your favorite picture of your Corvette or you can contact me and I will photograph your Corvette for you. If I photograph your Corvette, you will be given a photo CD with the best images that have been retouched and are ready for printing.

Call me at 714-981-5875 and we can discuss this further and set up a time to meet.

Bernie DeMarkey

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	
Aug		Aug		Aug		Years
3	Bob Burggraf	3	Mike & Lori Blume		Henry & Sue Walker	7
4	Tronya Nelson	12	Steve & Marion Bronston		John & Patti Patun	1
8	Lisa Tally	13	Leo & Donna Mann			
15	Patti Patun	28	Ron & Val Molendyk			
20	Jim Lundal					
21	Lori Blume					
22	John Azze					
23	Jaye Brown					
28	Ruth Worden					
Sept		Sept		Sept		
3	Margaret Hoiem	2	Bob & Debb Van der Upwich		Richard & Carol Thompson	21
4	Judy Lundal	11	John & Patti Patun		Mike Stought	17
4	Val Molendyk	15	Henry & Sue Walker		Mark & Rosemary Shearer	11
4	Bob Van der Upwich	19	Matt & Pat Beucler		Michael & Michelle Molendyk	10
9	Michelle Molendyk	21	Richard & Carol Thompson		Jerry & Jane Wheeler	9
14	Stephanie DeMarkey	25	Jim & Judy Lundal		Ferris & Ruth Worden	6
17	Mike Stought					
26	Valerie Martin					
27	Vicky Siragusa					

O C Vettes Club Apparel

OCV clothing and hats can be ordered from Land's End. To start, view products online at: https://business.landsend.com/store/oc_vettes/. Decide on the merchandise you want to purchase. The official OCV color is royal blue, and the typical club shirt is a button front polo shirt. As you place your order, you will be able to add the club logo to your purchase. Select the logo color that works best with your shirt. If you need assistance in ordering just call 1-800-587-1541 between Monday and Friday from 7AM to 7 PM CT. Their friendly staff is waiting to help you with your order.

MARRIED BLISS

On August 5, Tim Elder and Patty Keith were married. Tim married “the girl next door” for real. Many years of happiness to both of you! (Tim and Patty will be joining us at the Lions Museum outing!)



CORVETTES AND COFFEE AT THE MARCONI

On August 5, Leo Mann, Janet Cherry and Steve Bronston attended the Corvettes and Coffee event at the Marconi. Here, the red, white and blue are lined up. Thanks for representing OCV!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCV Events in Blue and Italic. For more info contact Leo Mann at (714) 970-7746

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<i>August 1</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Elected President</i>
<i>August 15</i>	<i>OCV August Social-Wood Ranch, Anaheim Hills & Dessert at Barb's after Dinner</i>	<i>Barb Hall</i>
August 19	Corvette Super Sports Car Show	
<i>August 22</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Keno's Restaurant, 5750 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>August 26-27</i>	<i>Trip to Bakersfield/Buck Owens Crystal Palace</i>	<i>Ron Molendyk/Betsy Slauson</i>
<i>August 27</i>	<i>Santa Ana Elks Lodge Car Show</i>	
Sept 4	Labor Day	
<i>Sept 5</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>Sept 12</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ Donna Mann's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
<i>Sept 16</i>	<i>Trip to Lyons Dragstrip Museum</i>	<i>Steve Bronston</i>
<i>Sept 19</i>	<i>OCV September Social-Craftsman Pizza, Placentia</i>	<i>Mike & Lori Blume</i>
<i>Sept 26</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Keno's Restaurant, 5750 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
Sept 30	Santa Clarita Valley CC Car Show	
<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
Oct 14	American Legion Corvette Car Show-Midway City	
Oct 21	Las Vegas Corvette Association Car Show	
<i>Oct 25-28</i>	<i>Cambria Trip</i>	<i>Manns, Cranstons, Wards</i>
Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving!	
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>OCV Christmas Party, Alta Vista Country Club</i>	<i>Ray and Ellie Cranston</i>
August 6, 2024	Corvette Pirates Cruise	

Cambria Getaway

October 25-28, 2023



Hi Club Members!

The Manns, Cranstons, and Wards have planned an OC VETTES trip to Cambria Pines Lodge in beautiful Cambria, California. We will leave the morning of Wednesday, October 25th to drive to where the "pines meet the sea". We will enjoy three nights at the Lodge, returning home on Saturday, October 28th. On our way up the coast, we plan to stop in Buellton for lunch at the Hitching Post. (We will also be making "comfort stops" along the way.)

October is the month Cambria puts on their "Scarecrow Festival" and contest. The local businesses, etc. compete to create the most creative "Scarecrows" and display them all over the quaint little town. We have planned a "cruise" thru town as well as along Moonstone Beach and up Highway 46 to enjoy the views. We might stop at a winery or two we find along our way.

The Cambria Pines Lodge is a destination to be enjoyed as well. Nestled atop a hill, there are wonderous gardens, a spa, pool, lounge, and a restaurant/dining room. Each room has its own fireplace. A hot buffet breakfast, (included), is served every morning in the dining room.

Fifteen (15) rooms are blocked for our Club members (more will be available if needed). There are several types of rooms available at our discounted rate. Rates range from \$169.15 to \$237.15 plus 12% tax. Since this is a popular time at the Lodge, reservations should be made by September 10th. Make your reservation by calling Cambria Pines Lodge, (805) 927-4200. PLEASE USE THE OCVETTES CODE #9626556.

Any questions please call Donna Mann (714) 323-3555, or Nancy Ward (714) 300-3794. Please let one of us know when you've made your reservations.

TECH TIP



Taking Better photos of your car is very easy and rewarding.

We all love our Corvettes and with the cell phone we all carry we can take really great photos. The cameras in our phones are very, very, good and with the built-in software, the results can be surprising.

So here are couple of tips:

1. Clean your Camera Lens
2. Whenever possible, have the sun behind you.
3. Look Closely at the Background for things that do not Look Good
4. Turn your park lights on
5. Turn your 4 Way flashers
6. Roll your windows down
7. Put your sun visors up (both)
8. If you are taking a picture from the $\frac{3}{4}$ Driver side turn your wheels slightly to the right
9. Get down on one knee to take the pictures, a lower perspective changes everything.

Happy shooting and remember the wave!!
Bernie DeMarkey

WALKING GROUP



This photo captures some of our Poker buddies getting in that much needed exercise, trying to keep those boyish bodies in shape. We were joined this lovely day by guests, Cecil and Nancy who also enjoyed our walk at Dana Point Harbor.

The guys walk about every week and at different locations to keep things interesting. To be fair to all participants, some locations are closer to their homes. Our walks run between 2-3 miles depending on the location. No walk is ever complete without a stop at a local coffee shop for some much needed energy building. Today was no exception and the harbor location was a big bonus.

Walking with this bunch of "esteemed gentleman" creates lively and varied topics of conversation which are enjoyed by all, the time just flies by. There are 3-4 members missing from this photo plus my dog Max who has become the unofficial mascot who loves those coffee shop visits.

One of the many perks enjoyed by a number of OC Vettes members.

OC VETTES
Minutes of General Meeting
August 1, 2023
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Bernie DeMarkey, Secretary Carol Thompson, Treasurer Ray Cranston, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. There were 46 members in attendance, along with two visitors: Rick Valentini and Monique Harvey. They drive a 2023 C8.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for July 5, 2023, moved for approval by Janet Cherry and seconded by Mickey Lookman. Minutes approved.
- IV. Reports - None
 - A. Board of Directors
 - i. President: Conda Takanabe
 - ii. Vice President: Leo Mann
 - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson
 - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston
 - v. Director: Bernie DeMarkey
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - i. Membership: Donna Mann. Two visitors tonight.
 - ii. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman. No report.
 - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler. Absent.
 - iv. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerker. No report.
 - v. Website: Steve Bronston will be taking over this position.
 - vi. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. New columns are being added to the newsletter. There will be a column for recipes, one for jokes, and one for car problems and resolutions. Members are encouraged to submit articles for all three.
 - vii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
 - viii. Member News: Jane Wheeler. Absent.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Election results.
 - i. President – Leo Mann
 - ii. Vice President - Bernie DeMarkey
 - iii. Treasurer – Ray Cranston
 - iv. Secretary – Carol Thompson
 - v. Director – Steve Bronston
 - B. Committee Appointed Positions.
 - i. Membership - Donna Mann
 - ii. NCCC Governor - Mickey Lookman
 - iii. National Corvette Museum - Jerry Wheeler
 - iv. Apparel – Gary Oedekerker
 - v. Website - Steve Bronston
 - vi. Newsletter - Conda Takanabe

- vii. Member News - Jane Wheeler
 - viii. 50/50 – Misako Burggraf
 - ix. Homecomings – Conda Takanabe
- VI. New Business
- A. Club Membership Dues are due as of August 1, 2023.
 - i. Dues are \$65 for a couple or \$55 for a single membership.
 - ii. Checks should be made payable to OCVETTES and can be given to or mailed to Ray Cranston.
- VII. Past Events
- A. Angeles Crest Drive
 - i. Event was held on July 15. Bernie and Stephanie hosted the drive from La Canada to Wrightwood along the Angeles Crest Highway.
 - B. July Social at Morenos
 - i. Leo and Donna Mann hosted the dinner held at Morenos on Chapman in Orange. Almost 30 people attended. Everyone enjoyed the food and the night.
- VIII. Future Events
- A. August 8 Bunco is hosted by Misako Burggraf. Poker is at Bob Burggraaf's Mancave.
 - B. The August Social
 - i. August Social will be held at 6PM on August 15 at Wood Ranch, 8022 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road in Anaheim Hills. It is hosted by Barb Hall. Barb is offering dessert at her home after dinner. She lives at 20611 Deodar Dr in Yorba Linda.
 - C. Buck Owens' Crystal Palace August 26 – 27.
 - i. It is hosted by Ron Molendyk. The group will leave from Dennys at 10 AM.
 - D. Lion's Raceway Museum. September 16.
 - i. Steve Bronston hosting the trip to Dominguez Hills. Tickets are \$11 per person.
 - ii. The group will have lunch out after touring the museum.
 - E. September Social
 - i. September Social will be held on September 19 at Craftsman Wood Fired Pizza in Placentia and hosted by Mike and Lori Blume
 - F. Cambria Trip October 25-28
 - i. Donna Mann said that 18 rooms were booked, but there are a few more available. If you decide to attend, please let Donna, Ellie Cranston or Nancy Ward know so you can be added to the list.
 - G. Christmas Party December 3.
 - H. Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Trip to Palm Springs
 - i. Being planned by Steve Bronston, still looking for a good date.
 - I. Corvette Caravan August-September 2024. The basic itinerary has been scheduled. There is a sign-up sheet for interested members. The National Corvette Museum will send out hotel info when it's time to book rooms.
 - J. Other
 - i. Corvettes and Coffee at the Marconi August 5, 2023
 - I. Fundraiser for kids' charity, donuts and coffee provided, \$10 pp
 - ii. Santa Ana Elks Lodge Charity Car Show August 27, 2023

- IX. Member Forum – Ray Cranston had an issue with his 2012 C6. His ABS service light comes on. There is a connector on the steering column. When he moved the steering column in and out, it turned the light off. So far, so good.
- X. Next Board Meeting is August 22 at 6:30 PM at Keno’s in Anaheim Hills.
- XI. Next General Meeting is Tuesday September 5 at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
- XII. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by August 28.
- XIII. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf 50/50 drawing of \$75 was won by Alice Ward. Mark Shearer, Donna Mann, Bill Kupper, Ivan Nichols, Henry Walker, and Stephanie Junkin also won prizes.
- XIV. Badge Fines \$1.00 to Ray Cranston.
- XV. Motion to Adjourn by at 7:14 by Tony Siragusa, seconded by Ray Cranston. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Thompson, Secretary



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Top Story

PreRun5

The Southwest Organizing Team has moved the Caravan's third overnight stop on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from Grand Junction, Colorado to Glenwood Springs CO. This change was made after a planned, two-hour side trip to Arches National Park in the afternoon of Day Three proved impossible to arrange. Section Captain Bill Herold's decision to move the overnight stop 90 miles farther east will shorten the drive on Day Four by two hours.

The 2024 Caravan will be the first time the Southwest Section visits Glenwood Springs. With any new location for an overnight stop, the Southwest Organizing Team does at least one and often two prerun trips to survey hotel properties, assess food service, checkout entertainment and find a suitable location to stage the Caravan prior to the next morning's departure.



PreRun5's first stop was the high desert metropolis of Neenach for restrooms and munchies. Neenach is on SR138, 15 miles east of I-5. If you're east on 138 and you blink. You'll miss it. Image eNews Staff.

PreRun5 was a five-day trip over May 4-8 to Glenwood Springs. Family obligations prevented Section Captain Bill Herold from making the trip. The Team's six Caravan Commanders, Tony Megowan, Paula Megowan, Doug Campbell, Loretta Campbell, Lawrence Pittman and Hib Halverson visited Glenwood Springs. Sandy Halverson served as eNews Staff Photographer and Rosemary Pitman was along to keep everyone on good behavior. Fortunately, she was successful.

The PreRun5's four Corvettes left Ventura on 4MAY and drove to Cedar City Utah. The next day, they followed the Caravan's 2024 route from Cedar City, north on Interstate 15 and then east on I-70 to Glenwood Springs.

Glenwood Springs is a scenic, historic, resort town located at the confluence of the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers. It is most famous for the Glenwood Hot Springs Pool and the Iron Mountain Hot Springs. Rich with history and culture, Glenwood Springs has a vibrant dining scene, lots of boutique shopping, scenic golf courses, a variety of outdoor activities available, and is a great town for the Caravan's "Overnight3".



Two of our favorite road signs on I-15 and I-40 in Utah. Image: eNews Staff



So, what do you think? Were we obeying those signs? Image: eNews Staff

Old West history buffs frequent Glenwood Springs because the graves of Doc Holiday and Kid Curry are in its Linwood Cemetery. There is an [entire page on the Visit Glenwood website](#) about Doc Holiday who suffered from tuberculosis and spent his last days in Glenwood Springs.

The first PreRun5 activity took place Friday afternoon, May 5. Caravan XO Hib Halverson and Commander Tony Megowan had a meet-and-greet with Chief Joseph Deras of the Glenwood Springs Police Department. They put the Chief's mind at ease about having 250 Corvettes driving the streets of his city on a Saturday night. They also discussed the PD's availability for traffic

control on Sunday, August 25, 2024 to expedite the Caravan's drive from the staging location in the west part of town to eastbound Interstate 70 onramp.



Shortly after we crossed into Colorado on I-70. Cmd. Doug Campbell leads Cmd. Tony Megowan and Cmd. Lawrence Pitman. Image eNews Staff.

The following morning, the PreRun5 group had breakfast with Lisa Langer the Director of Tourism for "Visit Glenwood Springs" which is part of the Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association.



PreRun5 Breakfast meeting at the Glenwood Springs Village Inn. L to R: Cmd. Pitman, Rosemary Pitman, Cmd. Campbell x2, Tourism Director Linda Langer of "Visit Glenwood Springs" and XO Halverson. Image: eNews Staff

The Organizing Team received a list of hotel properties supplied by Visit Glenwood Springs. The Campbells and Lawrence Pittman visited several hotel properties that could meet the Caravan's needs and met with their management. The Halversons and the Megowans, and later joined by Cmd. Pitman visited three prospective locations at which to stage the Caravan for departure on the morning of the Day Four of the trip. Glenwood Springs has two shopping malls and a community center, each with parking lots of adequate size for Caravan staging. XO Halverson has picked one of the three locations and will be working to arrange its use for the Caravan.

Another reason we moved Overnight3 to Glenwood Springs is that it's the gateway to scenic Glenwood Canyon. We'll drive I-70 through the Canyon first thing in the morning of our fourth day on the road and that will make for a great way to begin the most scenic day of the trip.

Construction of I-70 in the Canyon began in 1980 and was completed in 1992. The 12.5-miles that runs through Glenwood Canyon. was the last part of the "Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways," aka "the Interstate Highway System," to be built and it was the most expensive—in today's money it cost \$75,000,000 per mile or just under \$1,000,000,000...that's billion with a "b".



Still Snow on Mountains in Early May

6MAY2023 XO Halverson, Cmd. Pitman and wife Rosemary at the Glenwood Springs Mall surveying its parking lot for use as a Caravan staging area on the fourth day of the '24 Caravan. Image: eNews Staff.



7MAY2023. With its mission complete, the PreRun5 group headed back to California departing Glenwood Spring in a pouring rain. Image: eNews Staff

Other News

Primary Lead Car

In early June, Section Captain Bill Herold and his Wife Viola picked up their Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic, 2023 Z06 Hardtop Convertible in a National Corvette Museum Delivery. The Herold's '23 C8 will be the Primary Lead Car for the Southwest Section of the 2024 National Corvette Caravan. Mike Furman at Chrisswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg Maryland sold the car to the Herolds at MSRP. Chrisswell is one of the rare Chevy stores selling Z06es at MSRP...like all Chevrolet dealers should be doing, we might add!



Bill and Vi at the National Corvette Museum on 2JUN2023 after taking delivery of their Z06. Image: NCM

After a Museum Delivery some new owners ship their cars home, but not the Herolds. The Corvette True Believers they are, Bill and Vi broke-in their C8 Z06 with a six-day adventure back to California. Zigzagging their way across the midwest and southwest they visited relatives in St. Louis MO, Lincoln NB, Denver CO and Prescott AZ on their 2860-mile, cross-country, shake-down trip.

Upon return the first thing Captain Herold did was take the car to eNews sponsor Ghost Shield Film to have paint protection film (PPF) applied to the front end, the front of the mirrors and the rocker panels. Ghost Shield sells exclusively Xpel brand PPF which is a 9-mil film with a 10-year warranty.

XPEL is an American company that has been manufacturing PPF since 2000. Ghost Shield, one of the top PPF installers in the greater Los Angeles area, is staffed with XPEL factory-trained installers. XPEL's PPF is a high-quality multi-layered polyurethane material resistant to scratches, chips, and fading and Ghost Shield has the installation skills to match. XPEL Ultimate Plus is the most popular and advanced paint protection film on the market. It features an unparalleled high gloss finish and improved impact protection. Ultimate Plus features an elastomeric polyurethane that will self-heal light scratches & swirl marks with a light heat application to the film's surface. It is the best choice for car owners who want the best possible protection for their car's paint and who are willing to pay for it. For more information on XPEL PPF installed by Ghost Shield see the eNews sponsor information at the end of the eNews text.

Final Version of the Southwest Logo Released

The 3rd design of the new Southwest Caravan logo has just been released. It differs from the 2nd design, shown at the top of this issue of eNews in that the names of all our overnight stops were added around the edge of the logo.

The new logo was approved by Section Captain Bill Herold last month. It will be used on small static cling stickers, large adhesive-backed door stickers, window-mounted flags, T-shirts and hats. All that merch will be available in the near future.

It will appear in future issues of the Southwest Caravan eNews once

the graphic designer makes high-resolution copies of the artwork available.



Corvettes in Cape 24

Starting with the 2014 Caravan, Southwest and other Caravan Sections have joined together on Day Six of the Caravan in Cape Girardeau Missouri for "Corvettes in Cape." It's an event honoring the National Corvette Caravan and America's Sports Car. "Corvettes in Cape" is staged by a partnership of Visit Cape, Inc. and the Corvette Club of Southeast Missouri.

Corvettes in Cape takes place on Tuesday afternoon and evening, August 27. Four Caravan Sections will be present: Captain Ed Onley's Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Section, Captain Holt Davis' Arizona/New Mexico Section, Captains Dana and George Meyer's Missouri/Kansas Section and our Southwest Section.

Visit Cape, Inc. and Corvettes of SE MO close Main Street, that runs a block west of the Mississippi River in downtown Cape Girardeau, to stage a Shine and Show for Corvette Caravan cars. Not only is there a Corvette show but there will be venues for live music, a beer garden, and a number of choices for food service.

This event is free to the public and draws Corvette owners and enthusiasts from all over southeastern Missouri and southwestern Indiana who come to see all the Caravan cars and to partake in the food and entertainment.

Please, Help us-Be a Caravan Patron

The National Corvette Museum, which sanctions the National Corvette Caravan, does not fund Caravan Sections. It is up to each Section Captain and his or her team to raise the money necessary to put on their events. The Southwest Section relies on sponsorship, Route Book advertising, and registration fees to fund most of its activities. Generous Caravaners also have a tradition of chipping in to help the Organizing Team put on the event.

Want to show your support for the Southwest Section of the Caravan in a special way? Become a "Southwest Caravan Patron". Each person donating \$100 or more to the Southwest Caravan Organizing becomes a "Patron" and will be listed on a page in the front of the Southwest Caravan [Route Book Donations from Southwest Caravan Patrons](#). At this point obtaining major sponsorships, selling advertising, and significant income from Registrations is still ongoing. The Organizing Team is

relying on money lent to it by its members to fund its work, so until then...we need all the help we can get.

Those interested in the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team's Patron Program should contact Section XO Halverson at the email address or phone number listed in the "Information" section below.

The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team thanks our Patrons:

Janet Cherry	Roy and Carolyn Burgener	Tony and Paula Megowan
Doug and Loretta Campbell	Craig and Laura Kerezman	Bill and Viola Herold
Harvey and Jane Price	Mark and Justine Vanderwy	Hib and Sandy Halverson

The Return of the Blankee Benefit

Starting with the 2014 Caravan, the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team has commissioned commemorative "stadium blankets" displaying the Southwest Corvette Caravan logo and some text. For the 2014 and 2019 Caravans, when a Southwest Caravaner made a donation of a certain amount, that person received a Southwest Caravan Stadium Blanket.

At an Organizing Team meeting on 28 June, Section Captain Bill Herold, who has been researching 2024 blankets for several months, showed a prototype of a '24 stadium blanket and directed the Team to reestablish the popular "Blankee Benefit" program for the 2024 Caravan.

For the 2024 Blanket, the Southwest Organizing Team has switched vendors to Integrated Impressions of Laguna Nigel. Our Stadium Blankets will be 50 by 60 inches. They are fur lined with the logo and text applied by dye sublimation. They have no border with graphics and text being "full bleed".

The Organizing Team is rolling the "Blankee Benefit" into the existing "Caravan Patron Program." A Caravaners "ticket" into the Blankee Benefit is a minimum \$100.00 donation. Any Southwest Caravaner who donates \$100 or more becomes a "Caravan Patron" and gets a Southwest Corvette Caravan Stadium Blanket. All existing Caravan Patrons will receive blankets once we receive them from the supplying vendor.



This is the first prototype of the 2024 Stadium Blanket. The production version that Caravan Patrons will receive will look like the logo above except all the overnight stops will be listed around the logo edges. Image: Integrated Impressions

Caravan Registration Information.

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. So far, many Caravaners have done just that. Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews just before deadline, Section CFO Paula Megowan told the eNews that 44 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Caravan.

"My tenure on the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team goes back to 2002," Section XO Hib Halverson told the eNews. "For the four Caravans I've worked on previously, we never had any idea of the response until the Caravan's national registration opened two months before the Caravan began. That we already have 44 cars confirmed for the Caravan 14 months before we leave is amazing. Right now, the Organizing Team is a bit strapped for cash so, on behalf of Captain Herold and the rest of the Team, thanks to all who have registered early!"

As announced in eNews6, the SW Caravan costs \$100. Going to fee-based registration was a difficult decision for the Caravan Organizing Team because the previous SW Caravans did not charge a fee. Both the 2014 and 2019 Southwest Caravans lost money. Since the National Corvette Museum does not financially backstop any of Caravan Section, Section Captains take all the financial risk. The Section Captains for 2014 and 2019 both paid significant financial shortfalls after the two events concluded.

One of Captain Bill Herold's first policy decisions for the 2024 Caravan was the Section was going to charge per car. At an Organizing Team Meeting in mid-January, the fee was set at \$100.00.

Registration is accomplished the "old-fashioned" way. SW Caravaners will complete a Registration Form and mail that and a check for \$100 to Commander Paula Megowan, the Section's CFO.

At the end of this issue of eNews is a fillable .pdf into which you can enter data using your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Then will print the last page of this eNews then mail the finished form with your check to Paula Megowan who will email you back a confirmation.

Remember, the \$100 Southwest Registration Fee is in addition to the Corvette Museum's fee for the National Caravan. While NCM has yet to announce the fee, Section Captain Bill Herold has said that he anticipates it will be between \$35 and \$50.

Where to Get More Caravan Information

We have a [page on the National Caravan website](#). We, also, have this 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 and simply type "subscribe" in the subject field, then type your name in the body of the email. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/919416625640194>. Finally, email or call any member of Caravan Leadership with questions.

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2024 Southwest Corvette Caravan Registration Form

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Owner Address			
Owner City		Owner State	Zip Code
Corvette Year	Model Coupe or Conv., Stingray, ZO6, Grand Sport, ZR1, etc.	Color	License No.
Owner Email Address			
Second Participant Name			Unisex T-shirt size
Second Participant Email Address			

Shirt sizes are: S, M, L, XL and 2XL.

Key in your information to this form and then print it.

Make a check to **"Southwest Corvette Caravan"** for \$100.00

Mail the form and the check to:

Paula Megowan
 CFO Southwest Corvette Caravan
 7511 Wilson St
 Ventura CA 93003

ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW

NCCC Sanctioned – WC-326-001



Saturday, August 19, 2023

CORVETTES ONLY car show hosted by **CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS**. Net proceeds will benefit our local charities.

Car show will be held at the **BUENA PARK ELKS LODGE**, 7212 Melrose Street, Buena Park, CA 90621

SHOW HOURS are 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Arrival and parking begins at 8:00AM

REGISTRATION is only \$35 until August 5th; \$40 after that day, including day of registration

RAFFLE PRIZES will be available during show hours, with **AWARDS** handed out at 1:30pm

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Any questions? Please call or email Tony Schavone (chairman) at 562-900-1222 or tschavone@yahoo.com

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

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MODEL YEAR/GENERATION _____ please circle: STOCK or MODIFIED

As a participant in "All Corvette Car Show", the undersigned agrees to hold harmless CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS, Connell Chevrolet, and the Buena Park Elks Lodge from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims of any kind that may be suffered by/from any entrant to his person or property. Non NCCC members are not covered by NCCC Insurance.

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Saturday, September 30th

(3:00pm – 9:00pm) Rain or Shine

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more info at: scvcc.org/car-show/



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Pre-order 50/50 tickets, 10 for \$5.00 (\$1.00 each at show)**

Please complete this form, detach and mail along with a check made payable to "SCVCC" to:

**Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club
PO Box 800943
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Please print clearly

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14582 Beach Blvd.
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Open to American Cars & Trucks

Saturday, October 14, 2023

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Rain or Shine Check-in 8:00am

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Corvettes C1-C8
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to first 50
entries

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10x10

\$50.00

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Registration: \$35. Before October 6, 2023. After October 6, 2023, and day of show \$40.

Make check payable to CSC and Mail Registration to:

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Question's email:

info@corvettesofsocial.com
or call
(714) 585-2948

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The undersigned desires to enter and participate in the American Legion Post 555 All American Car Show and Shine at the American Legion Post 555, 14582 Beach Blvd, Midway City, CA and does hereby tender his/her application. In consideration of this application the undersigned does hereby 1) Release the American Legion and Corvettes of Southern California and all respective staff, volunteers and agents from any and all liability arising from the event; 2) Release all other participating business facilities and participants from any and all liability from event; 3) Give permission to use any photographs or information obtained prior to and at the event for publication advertising and video filming of the event and 4) Agree to have vehicle liability insurance required by the State of California DMV CVC 16020 Section 9a. I have read and accepted the terms and conditions:

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O C Vettes is a club of individuals who appreciate driving Chevrolet Corvettes and enjoy socializing with fellow Corvette owners. Currently, OCV has over 100 members who enjoy a varied calendar of events. Car shows, day trips, overnight trips, extended trips or other events are usually scheduled each month. Membership is open to anyone interested in Corvettes. More information is available on our Web site at www.ocvettes.com.

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