

October 2023



# The Orange Pits

## OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone. Fall evenings are finally here and the weather is cooling down. The first General Meeting dinner buffet seemed to work very well. We were even able to close the meeting 10 minutes early! I heard from several members who said they thought the service was great and so was the food. The Buffet will differ on a monthly rotation, and the next three months' menus are listed below. We still have some really fun events to look forward to this year, starting with the Halloween Social, followed by the Cambria Getaway, the Fall Festival, and, of course, our Christmas Party. This is a busy, but fun time for our Club. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to make the fun happen.

Leo Mann, President

### GENERAL MEETING FUTURE MENUS:

#2

Caesar Salad Garlic Bread  
Beef lasagna  
Chicken Piccata — rice pilaf  
Pasta prima vera  
Green beans  
Cookies

#4

Taco Salad — chicken or beef  
Shredded Chicken or ground beef Tacos  
Cheese enchiladas  
Chili Verde  
Rice and beans  
Churros

#3

Southwestern Salad  
Cornbread and butter Tri Tip-sauce  
on side  
BBQ chicken breast  
Baked beans mac and cheese  
Roasted potatoes  
Vegetable pasta

**OCTOBER SOCIAL**  
**Tuesday, October 17**



**Come join us while we eat, drink and be scary!!!!**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6 PM**

**Luna Grill Market Place**

**13774 Jamboree Road, Irvine**

**Dress in your favorite costume-PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!**

**If you did not sign up at the meeting please**

**Email Janet: [wuwublu@gmail.com](mailto:wuwublu@gmail.com) or**

**Jane: [corvettejane@att.net](mailto:corvettejane@att.net)**

**By: October 15<sup>th</sup> if you are able to attend.**

**JOKE(S) OF THE MONTH**

**WHY DON'T SKELETONS LIKE HALLOWEEN CANDY?**

**They don't have the stomach for it!**

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A HAPPY COWBOY???**

**A Jolly Rancher**

## **OC VETTES CLUB DUES**

OC Vettes dues were due as of August 1. Couple renewal is \$65 and single membership is \$55. There will be a \$10 late fee added to the dues if they are not paid by October 1. Please pay your dues to Ray Cranston. If you do not plan on renewing your membership, please also let Ray know.

## **OC 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/](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.

## **SEPTEMBER SOCIAL AT CRAFTSMAN**

Great dinner at Craftsman Woodfire Grill in Placentia. Thanks to the Blume's for hosting!







## LIONS DRAGSTRIP MUSEUM TOUR

What a wonderful museum this is! It is huge and in the process of expanding further. OCV toured on September 16. The staff was so wonderful and helpful explaining the displays. The murals on the walls made the presentation of the vignettes so much more authentic. Our President, Leo Mann was even interviewed on camera. The museum took several pictures of our visit there and can be viewed at: [Past Events @Lions Photo Gallery - Lions Automobilia Foundation](#). Lunch was at Rocco's Deli Italiano right around the corner and was delicious! Their Black and White cookies are the originals shipped in from New York!

Many thanks to Steve and Marion Bronston for putting this outing together!! If you did not attend, you missed a fabulous time.



















# **Annual Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run Trip**

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

### **May 1-5, 2024**

This annual club trip will be here before you know it. Planning is underway.

More than 800 vehicles carrying thousands of friends will be joining the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona for a weekend of fun and adventure. Historic Route 66 Fun Run participants from across the globe will meet in Seligman, AZ to travel a 140-mile stretch of Route 66 with events planned in communities along the way. The procession will conclude at the finish line in Topock/Golden Shores. Signup sheets will be available at the General meetings of November 7, December 5, January 2, and February 6.

Reminder: You must register your car for the Fun Run. See the registration form in this newsletter. Make sure your form is marked for Kingman pickup of your registration packet.

All monies and reservations to be collected and confirmed by our General meeting of March 5, 2024.

#### **Tentative Itinerary:**

##### **Wednesday, May 1**

Drive to Las Vegas, lunch at Big B's BBQ in Henderson, attend the Vegas show "Soul of Motown" at the Westgate Hotel and Casino followed by dinner at Benihana Restaurant in the Westgate.

##### **Thursday, May 2**

Free day to visit and relax in Vegas.

##### **Friday, May 3**

Travel to Boulder City, NV for lunch at the Boulder Dam Restaurant followed by the drive to Kingman, AZ. Pick up Fun Run registration packets at the Kingman Powerhouse Museum. Staying at Best Western Wayfarers Inn in Kingman. Happy hour in hotel lobby followed by dinner at La Catrina Mexican Restaurant.

##### **Saturday, May 4**

Drive to Seligman, AZ for the start of the Fun Run – 146 miles back to Kingman visiting sites along the way. Dinner at Cracker Barrel followed by dessert back at the hotel lobby.

##### **Sunday, May 5**

Cinco de Mayo sees us visiting Oatman Ghost Town and then off to the finish line.

This event is limited to 40 participants so sign up early. Let us know if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Hosted by Ron and Michael Molendyk

**OC VETTES FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, November 4**  
**3:00 PM**



In lieu of a chili cookoff this year, OC Vettes will be offering a fun fall festival afternoon on November 4 at 3:00 PM. It will be at Bob Burggraf's mancave in Orange (address will be provided later via email). There will be games and entertainment, as well as a catered meal by Blue Agave Southwest Grill. Cost will be \$20 per person for the meal (the club will cover the delivery charge, saving members \$5 per person), and must be paid to Chris Hamel ASAP! Soft drinks will be provided by the Burggrafs. If you would like to bring a dessert, please contact Chris. Volunteers are being sought to help set up and take down tables and chairs. Please contact Dave Hamel to volunteer to help.



## **CORVETTE TECH TIP**

### **Submitted by Richard Sheff**

Greetings, OC Vettes!



I'm "still living the dream." Last month's feature was well received and sans — thank you — any death threats. The only criticism I received was my lack of content for other Corvette generations. That short coming will be addressed in this month's issue. While there will be enhancements included for the "classics," from time to time, most of what is featured will be for the C8. And let it be known to all, I own no stock, have no financial interest in any of the products I endorse, either now or planned for the future.

It's been said that, "when it comes to mods, it's all about looks, speed and power." As a reminder, my goal is to keep the mods covered: simple, affordable and subtle. Subtle rules here. That's how I roll. The "Big Daddy" Roth look, I enjoyed as a kid, does not.

This month's issue introduces my favorite performance enhancement, a drive by wire throttle performance mod, for your C6, C7 and C8. It's the blue tooth throttle controller, made right here in America, by Solar Performance LLC in Daphne, Alabama. And yes, as a 'Bama Alum, I can report with absolute certainty, Alabama is still part of the USA.

When I first saw Solar's throttle controller demonstrated, I had to have one. Before I get started with the review, a little background. GM, in their wisdom, diddled with the accelerator and retarded gas pedal response on all C6, C7 and C8 Corvettes. I'm not sure why they did so, but my guess is it probably has something to do with safety and/or improving the car's



MPG. Whatever GM's reason really doesn't matter. Here's what mattered to me... I've got a smart phone, a smart TV and a smart thermostat in my home. Smart is built into everything I own. With all the "smart" I'm now forced to endure, I don't suffer well any engineered imprecision. Especially if it's built in to my car.

To correct GM's negative throttle response effects, Solar manufactured an electronic device that's Bluetooth capable, inexpensive, easy to install and works as advertised.

Installation's a snap. Takes about 15 minutes. Guys, this is important. Make sure you read the directions. Your *Man Card* will not be confiscated for reading the directions before you begin. Note. There is a recommended waiting period for your key fob's proximity to the vehicle before starting the installation process.

Here are my abridged installation instructions. Remove the one bolt holding down the gas pedal, disconnect the now exposed wiring harness, attach Solar's smart box leads to the male and female ends of the OEM wiring harness and reinstall your gas pedal. Download the Solar app, pair your newly installed device with your phone; then, select a setting to try. Fair warning. Do not road test in "**Ludicrous or Drag Race**" modes while driving on neighborhood streets. There's a reason why the Ludicrous icon is a rocket ship and Drag Race is a flaming wheel. Best selections for local driving are one of the many settings available in either, "Comfort" or "Sport" modes.



Here's what the manufacturer has to say:

- Controls pedal sensitivity from your smart phone or the supplied, wired-in hand held control unit
- Increases the sensation of acceleration. Here's a bit of irony, during my road test, the Solar throttle controller even had me looking for the Jesus bar
- Complements performance Throttle Bodies
- Plug-and-play mod
- Warranty safe
- Easy installation

I love this thing. I think you will too. It really woke-up my Vette's performance without doing anything more than attaching 2 electrical connectors under my gas pedal.

Cost from Solar, about \$200. For me, it was worth every penny. Buckle up, select your mode and enjoy your Vette's new found, pucker power rating.

That's it for now. More next month.

Safe travels.

Richard Sheff

## SWAP AND SELL

This is a new section to our newsletter. This is to be an informative and helpful section that is not limited to your Corvette. If you have Corvette parts to sell or seeking parts, this is your place. If you have a car to sell or looking for a car, this is your place. If you have a refrigerator, sofa or other household item to sell or looking for, this is your place. If you have a service to offer or can recommend someone or a business for a service, this is your place. Contact Conda if you would like something to be included in this section.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
<b>OCT</b>		<b>OCT</b>			
8	Richard Scheff	10	Daryl & Valerie Martin	John & Dorothy Treece	23
11	Donna Mann	19	Lisa & David Tally	Hank Grampre	9
14	Frank Reese	27	Jane & Jerry Wheeler	Karen Goettsch	2
20	Rochelle Carpenter				
27	Elle Jeppesen				
27	Betsy Slauson				
<b>NOV</b>		<b>NOV</b>			
1	Larry Ward	<b>28</b>	John & Dorothy Treece	Jan Hartzog	25
5	Carol Thompson			Ron & Val Molendyk	18
15	Cecil Blattenberg			Janet Walsh	18
17	Lynda Fox			Fred & Sue Fossek	15
17	Alice Willard			Brian & Margaret Hoien	12
18	Gary Oedekerker			Mickey & Sue Lookman	12
18	Art Rosen			Richard Sheff	4
				Michael & Doris Dix	3

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
*OCV Events in Blue and Italic.*  
**For more info contact Leo Mann at 714-323-3599**

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<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	
<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>OCV October Social-Luna Grill Irvine</i>	<i>Janet Cherry/Jane Wheeler</i>
Oct 21	Marconi Museum Heels & Wheels – Women Only 9-11 AM	
Oct 21	Las Vegas Corvette Association Car Show	
<i>Oct 25-28</i>	<i>Cambria Trip</i>	<i>Manns, Cranstons, Wards</i>
Nov 4	Marconi Museum Toy Drive	
<i>Nov 4</i>	<i>OC Vettes Fall Festival</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Chris Hamel</i>
<i>Nov 7</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>Nov 14</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ Conda Takanabe's /Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
<i>Nov 21</i>	<b>NO SOCIAL IN NOVEMBER</b>	
Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving!	
<i>Nov 28</i>	<b>NO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER</b>	
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>OCV Christmas Party, Alta Vista Country Club</i>	<i>Ray and Ellie Cranston</i>
<i>Dec 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>
Dec 7	HAPPY HANUKKAH!!	
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ Sue Walker's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
<i>Dec 19</i>	<b>NO SOCIAL IN DECEMBER</b>	<i>Nov 21</i>
Dec 25	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!!</b>	
<i>Dec 26</i>	<b>NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER</b>	
<i>Jan 2</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>
April 6, 2024	Corvette Pirates Cruise	



# **CAMBRIA GETAWAY**

## **October 25-28, 2023**



### **CAMBRIA CRUISERS MEETING LOCATIONS**

#### **From Brea:**

FROM COCO'S BREA PARKING LOT RIGHT TURN ONTO 57 FREEWAY NORTH  
57 N. AND 60 MERGE SO MOVE TO RIGHT LANE. 57 N. EXITS ON THE RIGHT  
57 N. TO 210 WEST.

210 W. TO 134 WEST

134 WEST TO 101 NORTH TO VENTURA

101 N. TO KANAN ROAD, EXIT 36, AGOURA HILLS

1ST POTTY STOP. (15 MINUTES)

McDONALDS ON THE RIGHT

SEVERAL OTHER FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF  
THE FREEWAY

LINE UP BEHIND McDONALDS ON CANWOOD STREET

TURN LEFT ONTO KANAN ROAD

RIGHT TURN ONTO THE 101 N. FREEWAY. (DO NOT TURN ONTO THE  
FRONTAGE ROAD BEFORE THE FREEWAY)

CONTINUE ON THE 101 N. TO BUELTON, EXIT HWY 246. (EXIT 140 A)

LUNCH STOP

RIGHT TURN TO THE HITCHING POST.

406 E HWY. 246, BUELTON

WE WILL BE LEAVING THE RESTAURANT PROMPTLY AT 1:30PM.

EXIT LEFT ONTO HWY 246 TO THE 101 N. FREEWAY ENTRANCE

RIGHT TURN ONTO FREEWAY RAMP

CONTINUE ON 101 N. TO EXIT 203B TOWARD MORRO BAY/HEARST CASTLE  
MERGE ONTO CA 1 NORTH/TORO ST.  
TURN RIGHT ONTO SANTA ROSA ST.

2ND POTTY STOP/GAS REFILL  
TWO GAS STATIONS AT SANTA ROSA AND OAK, SPEEDWAY EXPRESS AND  
CONSERV FUEL. PICK ONE AND GAS UP.

MEET IN THE PARKING LOT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO PARK

EXIT PARKING LOT. TURN RIGHT ONTO SANTA ROSA. WHICH BECOMES HIGHWAY  
1.

FOLLOW HIGHWAY 1 ALL THE WAY TO CAMBRIA. ENJOY THE SCENERY ALONG  
THE WAY.

TURN RIGHT ONTO MAIN STREET FOLLOW MAIN TO BURTON. LOOK FOR  
SCARECROWS!

TURN LEFT ONTO BURTON AND FOLLOW BURTON UP, BEAR RIGHT TO CAMBRIA  
PINES LODGE. (2905 BURTON DRIVE) CHECK IN!

### **From Long Beach:**

FROM DENNY'S PARKING LOT (2860 N Bellflower Blvd Long Beach - **EXIT 26B** off 405  
N) meet **7:30** am leave **8:00** am

LEFT TURN ONTO N BELLFLOWER BLVD

RIGHT LANE ONTO 405 N

405 N TO 101 N **EXIT 63 B** (Esti 40 miles)

101 N. TO KANAN ROAD, **EXIT 36**, AGOURA HILLS (esti 18 miles)

1ST POTTY STOP. (15 MINUTES)

McDONALD'S ON THE RIGHT (29161 Canwood St Agoura Hills)

SEVERAL OTHER FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS ARE ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE FREEWAY

LINE UP BEHIND McDONALD'S ON CANWOOD STREET

TURN LEFT ONTO KANAN ROAD

RIGHT TURN ONTO THE 101 N. FREEWAY (Esti 104 miles) (DO NOT TURN  
ONTO THE FRONTAGE ROAD BEFORE THE FREEWAY)

CONTINUE ON THE 101 N. TO BUELTON, EXIT HWY 246 = (**EXIT 140 A**)

LUNCH STOP

RIGHT TURN TO THE HITCHING POST.

406 E HWY. 246, BUELTON

WE WILL BE LEAVING THE RESTAURANT PROMPLY AT 1:30PM.

EXIT LEFT ONTO HWY 246 TO THE 101 N. FREEWAY ENTRANCE  
RIGHT TURN ONTO FREEWAY RAMP

CONTINUE ON 101 N. TO **EXIT 203B** TOWARD MORRO BAY/HEARST CASTLE  
MERGE ONTO CA 1 NORTH/TORO ST.

TURN RIGHT ONTO SANTA ROSA ST.

2ND POTTY STOP/GAS REFILL (Esti 64 miles from last stop)  
TWO GAS STATIONS AT SANTA ROSA AND OAK, SPEEDWAY  
EXPRESS (3 Santa Rosa St San Luis Obispo) AND CONSERV FUEL. PICK ONE AND  
GAS UP.

MEET IN THE PARKING LOT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO PARK  
EXIT PARKING LOT. TURN RIGHT ONTO SANTA ROSA. WHICH BECOMES HIGHWAY  
1.

FOLLOW HIGHWAY 1 ALL THE WAY TO CAMBRIA. (Esti 33 miles)  
ENJOY THE SCENERY ALONG THE WAY.

TURN RIGHT ONTO MAIN STREET FOLLOW MAIN TO BURTON. LOOK  
FOR SCARECROWS!

TURN LEFT ONTO BURTON AND FOLLOW BURTON UP, BEAR RIGHT TO CAMBRIA  
PINES LODGE. CHECK IN! (2905 Burton Dr. Cambria)

## **Cambria Cruisers Schedule**

Day 1: October 25, 2023

Please have breakfast before we leave. There will be no time to grab  
breakfast or coffee at the potty stops. Bring your fully charged handheld  
radio.

We need to know your travel plan. If you did not sign up at the September or  
October meeting, please contact Donna Mann or Nancy Ward to let us know  
if you will be travelling with the Brea or the 405 group, or if you will be  
travelling solo. Detailed driving instructions will be provided at both group  
starting points.

Caravanning though LA is difficult, if not impossible, so we will not try to keep  
everyone together. For those who manage to stay together, there will be a  
potty stop at the Kanan Road exit in Agoura Hills. We will be using all the  
fast-food places on both sides of the exit. No time to grab coffee or food.  
Then we will meet up behind McDonalds to caravan to our lunch stop.  
We will all meet up at Hitching Post 2 at 406 E Hwy 246 in Buellton for lunch.

Estimated arrival time is between 12:30-1;00. We have outdoor seating, weather permitting. There is a large parking area. You may order and enjoy lunch as you arrive. We will leave the restaurant promptly at 1:30.

There will be a stop for gas, etc. in San Luis Obispo. There are 2 gas stations side by side and a large park. After you gas up, we will meet at the park to caravan to Cambria Pines Lodge.

After you check in you will have free time to explore the grounds or relax. There is no group dinner. We recommend you enjoy either the Lodge's restaurant or bar food. The bar serves good food and has entertainment every evening. We suggest you call the restaurant and make a reservation for your group several days in advance of our trip. The town of Cambria is very close if you choose to drive in and dine at one of the many nice restaurants. APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS: We don't have a designated place or time. However, feel free to bring something if you wish and we'll find an opportunity to enjoy sharing.

Day 2: October 26, 2023

Enjoy the complimentary breakfast at the Lodge.

11 AM: Meet at the front of the hotel for a scenic drive through Cambria and then on up the coast to Ragged Point.

1 PM: Lunch at Ragged Point. Parking will be in front of the restaurant on the grass. If it's too wet, they will park us elsewhere.

After lunch we will cruise back down to Cambria. There are 2 sections to the town. Park wherever you like and explore the town on your own. Enjoy the scarecrows.

Spend the afternoon as you choose.

There is no group dinner. Lots of good choices in Cambria.

Day 3: October 27, 2023

Free Day: Enjoy breakfast at the Lodge or try one of the many breakfast places in Cambria.

Make reservations before the trip and explore Hearst Castle. We hear they have made the tours even better than ever, so if you have been, you may want to go again.



Paso Robles is nearby and there are many wineries offering tours and tastings along the way. Some wineries offer lunch.

2:30-5:30 Cambria Farmers Market. Veteran's Hall Parking Lot, 1000 Main Street. Seasonal quality produce and prepared foods. No trinkets or crafts.

Enjoy the pool and beautiful gardens at Cambria Pines Lodge.

There is no group dinner.

In the evening you may enjoy attending Sensorio, Field of Light, the solar light show in Paso Robles. Check out the website for more information and to order tickets. Please purchase tickets in advance to guarantee admission. We highly recommend this event.

Day 4: October 27, 2023

Time to go home.

Breakfast at the Lodge and travel home at your leisure.  
Travel Safe.

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.

**OC VETTES  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
October 3, 2023  
Santa Ana Elks Lodge**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Ron Molendyk, Secretary Carol Thompson, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. There were 46 members in attendance. There were two visitors: Burggraf's cousin, Steve Burggraf, visiting from Minnesota and a friend of Bob's, Bob Numcheck.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2023, moved for approval by Jerry Wheeler and seconded by Janet Cherry. Minutes approved.
- IV. Reports - None
  - A. Board of Directors
    - i. President: Leo Mann
    - ii. Vice President: Ron Molendyk

- iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson
  - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston - absent
  - v. Director: Steve Bronston
- B. Appointed Positions
- i. Membership: Donna Mann. No report.
  - ii. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman. No report.
  - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler. Discussed the UAW strike and its potential impact on Corvette availability.
  - iv. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerck. Reviewed suggested club apparel for new members. Gary said it is possible to order a set of two coffee mugs with the club logo on them, but they have a minimum order of 30. He asked for a showing of hands of members who would be interested in purchasing mugs. Enough members showed interest so he will order them. The cost is \$7.50 per mug.
  - v. Website: Steve Bronston. Seventy cars were photographed for the web site. So far, only 20 have had photos selected and posted on the site. If you have not posted a photo, please look through the photos sent by Bernie DeMarkey and choose the photo you like, then send the ID number of the photo to Bernie.
  - vi. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Articles for the newsletter need to be sent to Conda by early next week.
  - vii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
  - viii. Member News: Jane Wheeler. Val Molendyk took a fall and broke her nose and her shoulder. Stephanie and Bernie are home with COVID. It's not serious, but they are quarantining themselves.
- V. Old Business
- A. Club Membership dues to be paid to Ray Cranston
    - i. 77 members are now paid
    - ii. A \$10 fine will be charged soon for late renewal.
- VI. New Business
- A. New dinner format for General Meetings
    - i. From limited menu to alternating buffets. There are 4 menus that will rotate monthly. Everyone agreed the food variety was good.
- VII. Past Events
- A. Lion's Raceway Museum. September 16.
    - i. Steve Bronston hosted the trip. 25 people attended. The displays were great, murals added a lot to the museum interest. Over 50 Willy's on display.
    - ii. Murals are being updated, so Steve will plan another trip back in the spring.
  - B. September 19 Social at Craftsman Wood Fired Pizza in Placentia. Hosted by Mike and Lori Blume.
    - i. 28 people attended.
    - ii. The food and service were great.
  - C. September 22 and September 29 Homecomings
    - i. 7 cars were used at the first event, 6 were used at the second
    - ii. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.
    - iii. Hope to hear from one more school.

## VIII. Future Events

- A. October 10 Bunco is hosted by Jane Wheeler. Poker is at Bob Burggraaf's Mancave.
  - B. October Social October 17 at Luna Grill
    - i. Located at the Marketplace in Irvine, 13774 Jamboree Rd.
    - ii. Wear Halloween attire, prizes for best costume.
    - iii. Hosted by Janet Cherry and Jane Wheeler.
  - C. Cambria Getaway October 25-28
    - i. Group can meet at one of two locations to travel north; one in Brea at the 57 and Imperial Highway and one in west county off 405 frwy. Janet Cherry will lead the West County group.
    - ii. Eat breakfast before you leave. The group will meet up at the Hitching Post in Buellton for lunch at 12:30. Goody bags will be distributed at lunch in Buellton. The group will leave for Cambria at 1:30.
    - iii. The hotel has a nice dinner place. If you want to eat there the first night, it is recommended that you make reservations in advance.
    - iv. Lots of time over the trip to do things on your own. On Thurs the only official meeting is at Ragged Point for lunch. Friday and Saturday you're on your own.
  - D. Fall Festival November 4 at 3PM.
    - i. To be held at Bob's Mancave, 735 West Taft in Orange.
    - ii. Food, games, corn hole tournament.
    - iii. Food will be \$20 per person from Blue Agave Southwestern Grill in Yorba Linda. The club will pay for food delivery and setup. Payment is due by the Oct 17 Social at Luna Grill.
    - iv. Members will bring their own drinks and dessert. Contact Chris Hamel to bring dessert.
    - v. The group helping with table setup should be at the Mancave at 1PM.
  - E. Christmas Party December 3 at 5PM at Alta Vista Country Club.
    - i. Hosted by Ray and Ellie Cranston.
    - ii. Alta Vista Country Club, 777 E. Alta Vista St. Placentia.
    - iii. \$85 per person is due at the Nov 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.
    - iv. The entrees are sirloin or salmon. There will be a hosted bar and wine with dinner.
    - v. We will collect gifts for Toys 4 Tots again this year, so bring along one or more unwrapped gifts to donate.
    - vi. There will be an ornament gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped ornament worth approximately \$5.
  - F. Route 66 Fun Run 2024, May 1-5.
    - i. Limited to 40 attendees. Sign-up sheet available at the Nov General Meeting, Sign-ups will continue until February 2024.
    - ii. More information will follow in the newsletter.
  - G. Corvette Caravan August 21-September 1, 2024.
    - i. There is a sign-up sheet for interested members.
    - ii. Call Janet Cherry with questions .
  - H. Other
- IX. Member Forum – Dave Hamel purchased a 2018 C7 Grand Sport from Premier. His 2013 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary C6 is for sale for \$34,500. Contact Dave for more information.
- X. Next Board Meeting is October 24 at 6:30 PM at Keno's in Anaheim Hills.

- XI. Next General Meeting is Tuesday November 7 at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
- XII. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by November 5.
- XIII. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf. 50/50 drawing of \$75 was won by Bob Burggraf's friend, Bob Numcheck. Donna Mann and Jane Wheeler also won a prize.
- XIV. Badge Fines \$1.00 to Ray Cranston.
- XV. Motion to Adjourn at 7:12 by Jerry Wheeler, seconded by Janet Cherry. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Thompson, Secretary



For Office Use Only	Fun Run # _____
	Payment Type _____
	Kingman Pick Up _____

**35th Annual Route 66 Fun Run  
Registration Form  
May 3 – May 5, 2024**

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 VEHICLE YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLUB AFFILIATION (for awards purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE \$66.00 PER VEHICLE** (After April 1, 2024 - \$75.00)  
*Registration includes a goodie bag with 1 t-shirt, dash plaque, Show-N-Shine Car Show, Award Ceremony, commemorative license plate, and more. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$23.*  
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## Top Story

### Caravan Route Changes Again

Several months ago, the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team learned that a major cycling event was coming to Cedar City UT on the same weekend the Southwest Section of the Caravan stops there on Friday, 23 August 2024. Section Captain, Bill Herold, and the Organizing Team's lodging specialist, Commander Lawrence Pittman, were concerned this event and the Caravan would conflict.

While the city had enough hotel rooms for both, the cycling event draws thousands of participants and spectators dwarfing our Caravan Section. That was likely to make food service on Friday night and Saturday morning difficult and perhaps impractical. In addition, Section XO, Hib Halverson, advised the Team that the cycling event's registration location and starting point will interfere with the Caravan departure from its staging area at the University of Southern Utah and would, also, preclude the plan for a police-escorted "parade" westbound on Main St. to Interstate 15.

At an Organizing Team meeting in late June, after a review of the Cedar City situation, members of the Team supported moving Overnight2 from Cedar City to Bryce Canyon City. Captain Bill Herold decided that was the new location for Overnight2.

Most of the city is taken up by Ruby's Inn a 108-year old resort which will be the location of the Southwest Section's second night on the road. In 1916, Reuben "Ruby" Syrett came to the wilds of



One of the three Best Western hotels that make up the Ruby's Inn complex. Image: Ruby's Inn



Southern Utah. He built a ranch near the present Ruby's Inn. Shortly after his arrival, a nearby rancher told him about Bryce Canyon. Ruby and his family visited the canyon rim and were so impressed by its spectacular scenery that they spread word of the canyon's beauty and began hosting visitors. By 1919, the State of Utah's permitted Syrett to build a lodge, the "Tourist Rest," near the the canyon. In 1923, Bryce Canyon became a National Monument and Ruby Syrett moved "Tourist



Ruby's Inn circa mid-1930: Image Ruby's Inn

Rest" to his ranch renaming it "Ruby's Inn". The U.S. Post Office established service there and still serves the area from that location. The reputation of Ruby's Inn grew after Bryce became a National Park in 1928. Eventually, Ruby's became an expansive resort with three hotels, an RV park and campground, and vacation rentals. At Ruby's Inn, there is access to all kinds of outdoor sports and, of course, Bryce Canyon National Park.

What started with tent houses and food service, today provides all the resort benefits needed to make a stay in the Bryce Canyon area a trip to remember. The same western hospitality and friendly service pioneered by Ruby Syrett is provided by his grand- and great-grandchildren who will cheerfully welcome the Southwest Corvette Caravan to Ruby's Inn about a year from now.

As this issue of eNews is posting, Section Captain, Bill Herold, and members of the Organizing Team are on PreRun6 to Ruby's Inn to survey the facilities. We'll have a full report on PreRun6 in the next eNews.

## **Other News**

### **Registrations Top 100**

Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews just before deadline that 106 Caravaners have registered their cars for the Southwest Corvette Caravan. "I had dinner with John Warren (Captain for Pacific Northwest Section) this past Wednesday," Captain Bill Herold said, "and he told me that he has been overwhelmed by the numbers signing up for his Section."

Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, on the Organizing Team since 2002, said to eNews editors, "I've been doing this for over 20 years and never in the run-up to the last four Caravans have so many people registered so soon. That we already have 106 cars may mean we might be a

record-breaking Caravan Section a year from now." Halverson went on to say that since the 2003 trip, Caravan numbers have floated at 180-200 cars, but that 225-250 cars is possible for the 2024.

For those who have not yet registered for the Southwest Corvette Caravan, registration information is at the end of this issue of the Southwest Section eNews

## Local Leader Resigns

Gail Carson resigned her position with the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team effective September first. Previously a Caravan Lieutenant and co-local leader for the San Diego area, Carson has decided to join Holt Davis' Arizona/Net Mexico Section. Captain Bill Herold told the eNews, "On behalf of the Organizing Team, I thank Gail for her service and wish her safe travels with the AZ/NM Section next year." Section XO, Hib Halverson, who manages relations with Caravan local leaders said, "I'm sorry to see Gail go and echo Bill's comments."

## Capt. Herold Visits Supercar Sunday

Supercar Sunday is held almost every weekend in the main parking lot at Pierce College in Woodland Hills. Back on 3SEP, Section Captain, Bill Herold, showed his '23 ZO6 Convertible and set up a Caravan information display.



At left, the Organizing Team's pop-up banner. At right, Capt. Herold's very blue ZO6. Image Bill Herold

Dustin Troyan is the event's organizer and has been putting on Supercar Sunday for a number of years. He is a "real car guy" and spends much of his time doing various car-related events as well as fundraising for needy causes. While Supercar Sunday drew 150 or so Corvettes back in early September, Troyan's flagship event is the annual "Toy Drive" held in early December. In 2023 Troyan will stage the 19th Toy Drive. This event always has a huge turnout of car enthusiasts donating toys.

## 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 Niguel. 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 2024 Caravan Stadium Blanket. Image: Integrated Impressions

## Help us Out-Be a Caravan Patron

The National Corvette Museum, which sanctions the National Corvette Caravan, does not fund Caravan Sections. It is up to each Caravan Section's organizing 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. Additionally, all Caravan Patrons receive one of the Southwest Caravan blankets discussed above. 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

Doug and Loretta Campbell

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Mary Hall

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Roy and Carolyn Burgener

Craig and Laura Kerezman

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John and Gail Lercel

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Tony and Paula Megowan

Bill and Viola Herold

Hib and Sandy Halverson

Bruce and Gina Coleman

Joanne Mattingly

## Caravan Information Sources

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](mailto: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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## Caravan Registration Information.

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. So far, over a hundred 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 106 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Caravan.

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 had 44 cars confirmed for the Caravan 14 months before we leave was amazing. Now, 11 months out, we have 106. Wow. At this point, 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 Caravan Section, the Captains take all the financial risk. The Section Captains for 2014 and 2019 both paid significant financial shortfalls after the two events concluded. Consequently, 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 print the last page of this eNews and 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.

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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](http://www.ocvettes.com).

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