

**JANUARY 2024**



# **The Orange Pits**

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## **OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy 2024 to All! Last year our Club was very active. OC Vettes had many outings and overnight trips which allowed us to drive our beautiful cars and spend fun, quality time together.

At the January 2nd, 2024 meeting I announced that, so far, we had two upcoming events tentatively scheduled. Unfortunately, the JPL excursion had to be cancelled. Ron and Micheal Molendyk have the Route 66 trip scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to go but have not signed up, please let Ron know or sign up at the February 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Ron will close the sign-up sheet on the 6<sup>th</sup> to be able to make final reservations for the Las Vegas Show, transportation from the hotel to the show, and dinner reservations. He also has to finalize reservations for the Fun Run events in Kingman Arizona.

The Board has had a few really good suggestions for future trips or events, but again, I'm asking that we think about places we would like to drive, or things to do where we can, as a Club, participate and enjoy, and that includes our monthly socials. Your Board members are available to help but we need your input. Remember, the Club is only going to be as good as the effort each of us puts into it. Let's all work together to make 2024 a fun, memorable year.

Leo Mann  
President, OCVettes

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### *OCV Events in Blue and Italic.*

**For more info contact Leo Mann at 714-323-3599**

DATE	EVENT	HOST
Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	
<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>
<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ Lynda Fox's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day	Feb 10
<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>OCV January Social-Roma D'Italia Tustin</i>	<i>Dave and Lisa Tally</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>Feb 6</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>
Feb 10	Corvette of Choice Valentine Extravaganza (see flyer)	
Feb 11	Super Bowl LVIII	
<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ Alice Willard's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
Feb 19	President's Day	Feb 10
<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>OCV February Social (TBD)</i>	
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>March/April</i>	<i>Trip to JPL in Pasadena Date TBD</i>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
April 6, 2024	Corvette Pirates Cruise	
<i>May 1-5</i>	<i>Route 66 Fun Run</i>	<i>Ron and Michael Molendyk</i>
<i>Aug 29-31</i>	<i>Corvette Caravan in Bowling Green</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>



# JANUARY SOCIAL at ROMA D'ITALIA

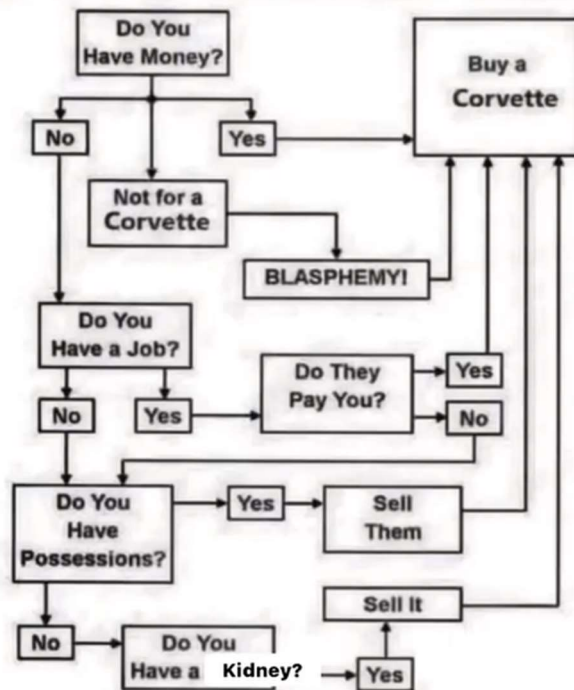
The January social on January 16 at 6:00 p.m. will be hosted by Dave and Lisa Tally at Roma D'Italia, 611 El Camino Real, Tustin.

Roma D'Italia is Tustin's first and original family-owned Italian restaurant that has been proud to be serving since 1961, where experience makes the difference! The Dominic Corea family of Roma D'Italia presents a "Slice of Italian Heaven" daily. The recipes of Nina Corea still prevail. Daughters Tina and Teresa put them all together with fun, finesse and expertise of a family in the business for 60 years.



# JOKE(S) OF THE MONTH

What do you call a temper tantrum that a snowman throws in January?  
A MELTDOWN



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Submitted by The Internet

### SLOW COOKER BEEF BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP



#### Ingredients

- 1 (3 pound) beef chuck roast
- ½ cup barley
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables
- 4 cups water
- 1 (28 ounce) can chopped stewed tomatoes
- 4 cubes beef bouillon cube
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper, or more to taste
- salt to taste

#### Directions

1. Place chuck roast in a slow cooker. Cook on High until tender, 4 to 5 hours. Add barley and bay leaf during the last hour of cooking.
2. Remove meat; chop into bite-size pieces. Discard bay leaf. Set beef, broth, and barley aside.
3. Heat oil in a large stock pot over medium-high heat. Sauté carrots, celery, onion, and frozen mixed vegetables until tender, 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Add water, stewed tomatoes, beef bouillon cubes, sugar, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and beef-barley-broth mixture. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer 10 to 20 minutes.
5. Season with salt and pepper before serving.
6. Serve with hearty bread.

## **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.



## **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

# CORVETTE TECH TIPS

## Submitted by Richard Sheff

Greetings, OC Vettes!



In this issue of *Tech Tips*, you'll be introduced to a "must have" enhancement for your C8's cooling system and, as a bonus, a quick trick to make your factory wheels look much more slick.

We begin with grill guards. These small screens are designed to protect your radiator condensers from damage by road debris. Unlike older Vette cooling systems, the radiator fins on your Gen 8 ride are unnecessarily exposed to damage every time you get on the road.

Here's the fix. Grill guards. They fit in front of each radiator condenser and are secured by zip ties, screws or double sided tape. They're easy to install and very effective. Grill guards can cost as little as \$20 for a "cut them yourself" pair, or more than \$400 for a GM licensed product. Make installation a DIY project. Once you have access to the underside of your vehicle, installation is easy. Just slide them in front of the radiator's cooling fins and zip tie, screw or glue them in place.

To keep my C8's cooling system factory fresh and working at peak efficiency, I made this the first modification to my new (2023) Stingray.

My option: a pair of Radiator Grill Store's aluminum grill guards for \$119. Installation took about 2 hours. The end result was as expected- good design, OEM appearance and, after more than a year of use, they have proven to be trouble free and very effective. Better still, there should be no warranty issues since grill guards can be purchased as an approved GM accessory. The image below will help you understand the importance of installing grill guards on your C8.





**No Protection**



**Radiator Guard Installed**

There's no doubt about it. The C8 is one of the most beautiful cars on the road. Even so, there's room to transform your roadster (or HTC) into road art by enhancing its appearance. This next tip deals with wheel aesthetics. For me, the C 8's factory wheels are about as exciting as vanilla ice cream. They're cast aluminum, heavy, and their design could use improvement. If I had my "druthers," and an extra few thousand USD\$, I'd be riding on something much more functional and visually appealing. That said, what to do if you don't have a few grand lying around to blow on a set of new wheels? Do what I did. Get out your can of spray paint and get busy.

My wheels are painted OEM silver and have the factory CORVETTE lettering stamped down one "spoke." I taped off the "spoke" lettering and sprayed them black. My ride is black; so I chose black. The overspray was removed with a rag dampened with acetone. The result: subtle and nice. The contrast between the black paint and the silver wheels is perfect. Cost. About 30 minutes of time and four bucks for a can of black paint. Look at the image closely. Like I said, the change is subtle.



That's another wrap.

"I'll be back." Take your Vette "from bland to grand." Look for more Tips in next month's issue of, *The Orange Pit*.

That's how we roll.

Safe travels & happy New Year, everyone.

## SWAP AND SELL

For Sale 2009 ZR1 Corvette \$75,000



1. The 274th of 1,414 ZR1's Produced.
2. Sold to General Motors.
3. Shipped to Milford Proving Ground in Michigan.
4. 3ZR Preferred Equipment Group.
5. 51,000 miles.
6. Brey Kraus harness bar with 5-point should harness.
7. Clear 3M on front end and rear quarter panels.
8. Hard wired for Valentine One radar detector.
9. Dashtronics module to project radar on Heads Up Display.
10. Sunset Orange exhaust controller to open and close exhaust with visor garage door opener.
11. Oil analysis reports for all oil changes.
12. New Michelin Super Sport run flats.
13. New Tire Pressure Sensors.
14. Front end alignment changed from -1.7 negative camber to -.9 so tires don't wear out on inside edge.

Contact Joe Orrico [wb6hro@twc.co](mailto:wb6hro@twc.co) 949-500-8024

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
<b>JAN</b>		<b>JAN</b>			
2	Conda Takanabe	3	Larry and Nancy Ward	Bernie & Stephanie DeMarkey	25
4	Jane Wheeler			Barbara Hall	18
12	Ron Molendyk			Bob and Deb Van Der Upwich	12
15	Ruth Nichols			Art Rosen	7
20	Bill Kupper			Dave & Lisa Tally	1
23	Michael Molendyk				
24	Henry Walker				
27	Mark Shearer				
31	Masako Burggraf				
<b>FEB</b>		<b>FEB</b>			
2	Sue Walker	13	Mickey & Sue Lookman	Ray & Ellie Cranston	43
4	Hank Grampre	14	Ray & Ellie Cranston	Betsy Slauson	28
5	George McDaniel			Lynda Fox	25
8	Tim Elder			Leo & Donna Mann	13
8	Ferris Worden			Dave & Chris Hamel	5
16	Ray Cranston			Ivan & Ruth Nichols	5
17	Bernie DeMarkey			Mike & Lori Blume	4
21	Mike Blume			Tim Elder	4
22	Fred Fossek				
28	Rosemary Shearer				

**OC VETTES**  
**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**  
**January 2, 2024**  
**Santa Ana Elks Lodge**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Ron Molendyk, Secretary Carol Thompson, Treasurer Ray Cranston, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. There were 47 members in attendance. There were no visitors.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2023, moved for approval by Nancy Ward and seconded by Vicky Siragusa. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports -
  - A. Board of Directors
    - i. President: Leo Mann – Leo encouraged members to plan trips and activities for 2024 and to host the remaining Socials that are open for the year.
    - ii. Vice President: Ron Molendyk
    - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson
    - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston – Ray passed out the Treasurer’s statement.
    - v. Director: Steve Bronston – Steve will help any members who want to plan trips. He mentioned there has been some interest in a trip to Zimmermans and a return trip to Lyon’s Museum.
  - B. Appointed Positions
    - i. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman. The NCCC will be mailing out plastic membership cards by the end of January.
    - ii. Membership: Donna Mann. No report.
    - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler. Information has come out about a problem with an improper seal on C8’s that is causing oil leaks. If your car starts to have the problem, dealers will repair it.
    - iv. Member News: Jane Wheeler. No report.
    - v. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedeker. No report.

- vi. Website: Steve Bronston. Issues with the website have been corrected. There are still a lot of Corvette photos missing from the website. Steve suggested members contact Bernie DeMarkey to set up photo appointments.
  - vii. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda took an informal poll to see how many members read the newsletter and most members raised their hands. Articles for the newsletter need to be sent to Conda by early next week. She encouraged members to submit jokes and recipes.
  - viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
- V. Past Events
- A. 2023 was a year of wonderful fun club outings and events.
- VI. Future Events
- A. January 9<sup>th</sup> Bunco at Lynda Fox's. Poker at Bob's Man Cave.
  - B. January 16 at 6:00 PM, Club Social at Roma D'Italia, 611 El Camino Real, Tustin.
    - i. Hosted by Dave and Lisa Tally.
    - ii. There are a few parking places available in front of the restaurant. There is more parking across the street.
    - iii. Five entrees will be available: Lasagna, Spaghetti with meatballs or meat sauce, Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Sorentino, and Penne Pasta Fresco. Salad and bread are included. Drinks and desserts are extra.
  - C. OCV trip to Jet Propulsion Laboratory, March or Apr. Bernie is still working on dates.
    - i. Over 20 members said they are interested in attending.
    - ii. ID will be required prior to the event for security clearance.
    - iii. Please contact Bernie if you are interested in attending. Sign-up sheet available.
    - iv. The tour will last about 2 hours.
  - D. Route 66 Fun Run 2024, May 1-5.
    - i. Limited to 40 attendees. Twenty-three members have signed up. There is still room available if members are interested in going.
    - ii. Sign-up sheet available at tonight's General Meeting, Sign-ups will continue until February. Please sign up now if you are planning to attend. Ron needs an idea of how many will attend so he can plan restaurant reservations, show tickets and transportation.

- iii. Members can also just participate in the Las Vegas part of the trip and skip the Fun Run if they choose to do so.
  - iv. Hotels and venues are being confirmed. Ron will have price information at the next meeting. Returning members with last year's info can go ahead and book hotel rooms now if they want to.
- VII. Member Forum
  - A. In the December 2023 newsletter, Richard Sheff mentioned Panoramic Door Mirrors that can be purchased to increase rear view visibility and eliminate the blind spot in C8's. Dave Tally reported that San Diego Designs LLC offers those mirrors as well as many other useful gadgets for Corvettes. Check their website.
  - B. Dave Tally bought a 2024 white Z06. He sold his old Corvette to his son.
- VIII. Next Board Meeting is January 23 at 6:30 PM at Keno's in Anaheim Hills.
- IX. Next General Meeting is Tuesday February 6 at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by January 30.
- X. Badge Fines \$1.00 were paid to Ray Cranston.
- XI. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf. 50/50 drawing of \$90 was won by Mike Blume. Mickey Lookman, Henry Walker and George McDaniel also won prizes.
- XII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:09 by Carol Thompson, seconded by Ray Cranston. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Thompson, Secretary

# Corvette of Choice

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

## *Our Valentine Extravaganza*

**Place: Hawthorne Community Center**

**3901 El Segundo Blvd. Hawthorne, CA 90250**

*Date: February 10, 2024*

*Time : Doors open at 7:00pm - 12:00am*

*Tickets: \$40.00 in Advance/ \$50.00 at the door*

*Live: DJ, Raffle 50/50*

*Cash Bar, 360 Photo Booth*

**\*FREE PARKING**







# eNews

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## Top Stories

### Registrations Top 150

Just before deadline, Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews that upwards of 140 Caravaners have registered for the Southwest Corvette Caravan. In a short email, Captain Bill Herold wrote to Southwest Caravan Organizing Team Members, "At 140+ now. Looking for 150 cars by New Years! It's going to be a great Caravan!"



Departure staging in Pasadena on Day One of the 2019 Caravan. Imagine two more rows of cars in 2024

Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, on the Organizing Team since 2002, told us, "That we already have more than 140 cars points at a record-breaking caravan section next year. Since the 2003 trip, Caravan numbers have floated around 190 cars, but Captain Herold and I hope for 225-250 cars in 2024."

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

## Night Five Fun

We'll end the fifth day of the 2024 Caravan on the west side of Kansas City near the junction of I-70 and I-435. The "Legends Area" is an entertainment complex anchored by "Legends Outlets Kansas City" a super-regional shopping mall. Besides the Outlets, the area includes Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile oval home of NASCAR Cup races, Children's Mercy Park, home of KC's major league soccer team "Sporting Kansas City", Legends Field, home of the "Kansas City Monarchs" minor league baseball team, the Hollywood Casino and a plethora of restaurants and hotels.

After we check into our hotels, we'll all meet in the Budweiser Brew House on the east corner of Children's Mercy Park. A casual buffet dinner will be served. Expectedly, Budweiser products will be available along with other beers and wine and a no-host bar.

Steve Garrett, host of the *Corvette Today* podcast and President of the Corvette Club of Kansas City will anchor our after-dinner program. Multitalented Garrett also does weekend radio shows at KC's powerhouse classic rock station, "101 The Fox" and has been stadium announcer for ice hockey in Kansas City for over 30 years.

It's a little too soon to know what Garrett's presentation will cover but you can bet it will mostly be America's Sports Car with maybe a little rock'n'roll history and hockey trivia thrown in.



"Corvette Today" podcaster Steve Garrett

## Other News

### PreRun 6

In eNews10, we announced that, due to a conflict between our Caravan and a major cycling event arriving the same day, the second overnight stop would move from Cedar City UT about 53 miles east to Bryce Canyon City UT.

This change required significant modification in part of Day-Two's drive to roads that were unfamiliar to the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team, so it was time for another prerun trip.

In eNews10, we announced Ruby's Inn at Bryce Canyon UT would be our Night Two lodging. PreRun6 took place in late September. Leading PreRun6 was Section Captain, Bill Herold and his Wife Viola. Also on the trip were Commanders Doug and Loretta Campbell. Section XO Hib Halverson, recovering from bronchitis, sat out PreRun6 in California.



The 2024 Caravan will travel over some of the 2019 route but some of the '24 will cover new ground. When the Organizing Team preruns a new route, there are always new sights. During PreRun6, about 3 ½ miles east of U.S. 89 on Utah SR12, we "discovered" this cool arch that Caravaners will drive through on the second day of our trip. Image: Cmd. Doug Campbell.

A key objective of PreRun6 was to visit Ruby's Inn for a site inspection.



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

After spending a night there, Captain Bill Herold sent Halverson a short email. "This place rocks!" he said. "It has spacious parking spots with ample spaces throughout the complex. It has comfortable rooms in a park-like setting with beautiful views. There's a large gift shop. There are two restaurants on the property as well as a third restaurant within walking distance. There are several gas stations all within a block or two of the property."

The other important PreRun6 task was to drive the 75 miles from I-15 in Cedar City to Ruby's Inn which we'll do at the end of Day Two. Then finally, prerun the drive from Ruby's Inn, 108 miles north through the Dixie National Forest to I-70 east which we'll do in the morning of Day Three.

## 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 and sometimes that's not even enough. The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team also relies on generous Caravaners who 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 Team becomes a "Patron" and will be listed in each issue of eNews as well as on a page in the front of the [Southwest Caravan Route Book](#). Additionally, all Caravan Patrons receive one of the Southwest Caravan blankets discussed below.

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  
Harvey and Jane Price  
Matt and Lark Stevens  
Mary Hall

Roy and Carolyn Burgener  
Craig and Laura Kerezman  
Mark Vanderwyk/Justine Cleak  
John and Gail Lercel  
John and Susan Beard

Tony and Paula Megowan  
Bill and Viola Herold  
Hib and Sandy Halverson  
Bruce and Gina Coleman  
Joanne Mattingly

Lawrence and Rosemary Pittman  
Peter and Melinda Walenceus  
Stephen and Maria Hudson  
Jim and Kathy Carr  
Joe and Julia Smith  
Craig and Micky Gill  
mike and Joann Holpuch

Lynn Thompson  
Greg and Madonna Bowlay  
Mickey Lookman  
Paul and Carol Hannah  
Dennis Trammel  
Larry and Pam Fortmuller  
Lisa Klockenteger

Mike Holpuch  
Roberta Degener  
Don and Jeanne Allen  
John and Pam Waschbusch  
Steve and Susan Royce  
Susan and David Pratt

## 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 people donated to benefit the Southwest Caravan, they received a Blanket.

Integrated Impressions of Laguna Nigel will supply the 2024 Blankets. They are 50 by 60 inches, borderless, fur-lined with the logo and text applied by dye sublimation printing.



2024 Caravan Stadium Blanket. Image: Cmd. Tony Megowan

As reported in eNews9, the Organizing Team is combining the "Blankee Benefit" with the existing "Caravan Patron Program." Any Southwest Caravaner who donates \$100 or more becomes a "Caravan Patron" and gets a Southwest Corvette Caravan Stadium Blanket.

## 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.

## Southwest Caravan Organizing Team Members

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## Caravan Registration Information.

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. So far, over a 142 Caravaners have done just that.

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. Instituting our own registration, gave us a way to track the size of the Caravan before the start of NCM registration. Nine months out, we have 142 cars. Wow. 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, Section Captains take all the financial risk. The Section Captains for 2014 and 2019 both covered significant financial shortfalls out-of-pocket 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.

Southwest Caravan 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 address at the bottom of the registration form.

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 registration fee for the 30th Anniversary Celebration. The Museum will be offering both pre-event and on-site registration. Pre-event fees are: \$50 for Lifetime Members; \$60 for Members; \$85 for Non-Members. Onsite fees are: \$60 for Lifetime Members; \$70 for Members; \$95 for Non-Members.

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Yeoman L. Sharke, Editor



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# 2024 Southwest Corvette Caravan Registration Form

Corvette Owner Name			Unisex T-shirt size
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  
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O C Vettes (OCV) is a Corvette club based in Orange County, California. OCV is a non-profit organization affiliated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). OCV is an active supporter of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

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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