

**FEBRUARY 2024**



# **The Orange Pits**

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

Happy February everyone! I hope everyone was able to stay dry during a very wet January.

The Board is pleased to announce that there are some exciting events and trips in the works. One of the events is a tour of Warner Brothers Studios. You should have received an email asking for preference of dates. Please respond to Tony Siragusa ASAP. Two trips are also being discussed, one being a four-day trip to the Yosemite, Sequoia area in California. The other trip being discussed is a trip to Page, Arizona. Again, this would be a multi-day trip. As yet, no dates or details are available. If you have any info to add or would like to participate in the planning of these trips, please let me know.

Another weekend trip to Palm Desert has been discussed. We would meet at the Inn at Deep Canyon for relaxation and fun. Again, no dates available yet. We are also reviewing different venues for the annual Christmas Party.

The Board welcomes all ideas and suggestions, and we thank you for the wonderful response so far.

The Route 66 Fun Run is just around the corner, and the 2024 Caravan will be here before we know it! Hope to see you at the February Social.

Leo Mann  
President, OC Vettes

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

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

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<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 11	Super Bowl LVIII	
<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco at Alice Willard's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
Feb 19	President's Day	Feb 10
<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>OCV February Social at Newport Rib Company, Costa Mesa</i>	<i>Leo and Donna Mann</i>
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>March 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>March 12</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco at Sue Walker's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	
<i>March 19</i>	<i>OCV March Social at Mr. D's Diner, Placentia</i>	<i>Ray and Ellie Cranston</i>
<i>March 26</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>April 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	Corvette Pirates Cruise	
April 18-20	Gambler's Classic in Laughlin (SOLD OUT)	
April 27	Women's Motorfest at the Marconi	
<i>May 1-5</i>	<i>Route 66 Fun Run</i>	<i>Ron and Michael Molendyk</i>
June 2	Steve McQueen Car and Motorcycle Show	
June 2	Huntington Beach Concourse d'Elegance	
June 30	National Corvette Day at the Marconi	
<i>Aug 29-31</i>	<i>Corvette Caravan in Bowling Green</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>



# FEBRUARY SOCIAL at NEWPORT RIB COMPANY

The February social will be February 20 at 6:00 p.m., and will be hosted by Leo and Donna Mann at Newport Rib Company, 2196 Harbor Boulevard, Costa Mesa.

Newport/Naples Rib Company, founded in 1984, is family-owned and operated by the Ursini family. The original location was located on Newport Blvd and was founded by patriarch Fran Ursini. Naples Rib Company, located in the Belmont Shores area of Long Beach, acquired in 1992 was the second Rib Company location. After the 55 freeway was extended into Costa Mesa in 1999, Newport Rib Company purchased the property at its current location on Harbor Blvd. Today, Fran's sons John and Dave Ursini operate the restaurants with the assistance of their sister Laura.



**JANUARY SOCIAL  
at  
ROMA D'ITALIA**









## INTERESTING TRIVIA

### THE SANDWICH

The most popular food served in the U.S. may just be the sandwich. On any given day, 47% of Americans will eat a sandwich, with about half for lunch and a third for dinner. That is 300 million sandwiches every day! In restaurants, sandwiches are ordered more frequently than any other type of entrée. The most popular sandwiches are cold cuts. Grilled sandwiches are another favorite. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, meanwhile, account for just 6 percent of sandwiches consumed by adults.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
<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				
<b>MAR</b>		<b>MAR</b>			
1	Monique Harvey			Bill & Teri Kupper	24
4	Ellie Cranston			Bob & Cecil Blattenburg	15
15	Dave Tally			Kevin Donnelly	3
22	Bob Blattenburg			George & Sarah McDaniel	2
25	Richard Thompson			Daryl & Valerie Martin	1



# CORVETTES AT LEGOLAND

Pictures from Michael Dix



## JOKE(S) OF THE MONTH

**Why did the skeleton break up with her boyfriend on Valentine's Day?**

**She realized his heart wasn't in it!**

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**Who can drive all their customers away and still make money?**

**Taxi Drivers**

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**I went to the Club last night and saw a BIG woman dancing on a table. I said "Good legs."**

**The girl giggled and said, "Do you really think so?"**

**I said, "Definitely! Most tables would have collapsed by now."**

**Cost me six stitches, but when you're 89, who cares?**

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Submitted by Janet Cherry

### BRUNSWICK STEW



#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 3 medium diced potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups frozen baby lima beans
- 2 cups frozen corn kernels
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt, more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, more to taste
- 4 shredded, cooked chicken breasts
- Mix ingredients in crock pot
- Cook 4-5 hours -- enjoy
- Cornbread for serving, optional
- Coleslaw, for serving, optional

## 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!

You own a Corvette. You fit the vehicle's demographic (over 55 years of age) and you belong to a Corvette club. Regardless of the generation owned, you're interested in your Vette's performance, safety and its aesthetic. As an enthusiast like me, you can't leave well enough alone. You're always trying to improve upon your ride's OEM features. Posers aside, that's what "Vette Heads" do, and that's what defines who we are.

Monthly "*Tech Tips*" will continue to focus primarily on the C 8. While you may not own one of these mid-engine marvels now, there could be one in your future. Availability is up. Prices are down, and let's face it... the C 8 is beautiful, performs like no other and, the most important consideration of all, you want one.

This month's pair of tech tips features an appearance enhancement, and a safety "must have," for either a C 7 or C 8. Both are reasonably priced and each works really well.

Let's begin with the C 8's aesthetic. "Sure, your Vette is fast. What's even more important — is how it looks going fast." While GM's Gen 8 styling is damn near perfect, the desire to make your ride a little more art than car is an itch that always seems to need scratching. To refine the interior of my 2023 Stingray, and to make it appear a little more upscale, I installed a 3 piece faux (fake) carbon fiber dash overlay from Crosselec, that's sold on Amazon. The overlay covers the OEM, brushed aluminum, trim pieces that run along the dashboard, door to door. Price for carbon fiber, about \$300. The "faux" carbon fiber (ABS plastic) is a beautifully executed facsimile of the real thing that can be had for only \$89. The ABS trim was a breeze to install. It fits nicely, matches the OEM carbon fiber pattern and gives my dash that upgraded, 5 star, custom appearance I wanted. The ABS dash strips have been riding my dash for over a year and they continue to look brand new. If you purchase the Crosselec trim liners, make sure you do a test fit first. Then, to assure good adhesion and to make sure each piece fits properly, I also recommend heating each section with a hair dryer before installation. Enjoy.



The next Vette enhancement for consideration is jacking pucks. Every Corvette owner remembers Pearl Harbor, September 11, their wedding anniversary (or divorce) and the sad day a C 8 fell from a dealer's car lift. Jacking pucks, now marketed as dummy insurance, will give you peace of mind every time your car goes in for service. The pucks fit both C 7 and C 8's. Once secured to the lifting points under your car, the "puck family" will help prevent this horror story from becoming your own during a future service visit. Just screw the pucks into the proper slots on the bottom of your Vette and you're good. Cost for a set of four on Amazon, about \$30 USD.



That's all for now. Look for more tips in next month's *Orange Pits*.  
That's how we roll.  
Safe travels, everyone.



# SWAP AND SELL

For Sale '32 FORD DEUCE COUPE  
\$32,000 for OCV Members







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**OC VETTES**  
**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**  
**February 6, 2024**  
**Santa Ana Elks Lodge**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Ron Molendyk, Secretary Carol Thompson, Treasurer Ray Cranston, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. There were 36 members in attendance.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2024, moved for approval by Jerry Wheeler and seconded by Nancy Ward. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports
  - A. Board of Directors
    - i. President: Leo Mann – No report.
    - ii. Vice President: Ron Molendyk – No report.
    - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson – No report.
    - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston – Ray passed out the Treasurer’s statement.
    - v. Director: Steve Bronston – No report.
  - B. Appointed Positions
    - i. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman. Absent.
    - ii. Membership: Donna Mann. There was one new member, Derek Tally, and one visitor, Patrick O’Keefe. Patrick owns a 2023 C8.
    - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler. No report.
    - iv. Member News: Jane Wheeler. Bernie DeMarkey will be having back surgery next Tues. and will be out for a while recovering. We wish him a speedy recovery.
    - v. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedeker. Absent.
    - vi. Website: Steve Bronston. Steve is still looking for member photos to post to the web site.
    - vii. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Articles for the newsletter are due by next Monday.
    - viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.

V. Past Events

- A. January 16 Club Social at Roma D'Italia, 611 El Camino Real, Tustin.
  - i. It was hosted by Dave and Lisa Tally.
  - ii. Turnout was great and everyone enjoyed the evening,

VI. Future Events

- A. February 13<sup>th</sup> Bunco at Alice Willard's. Poker at Bob's Man Cave.
- B. February 20 at 6:00 PM, Club Social at Newport Rib Company, 2196 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa.

- i. Hosted by Leo and Donna Mann.

C. 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 was available at tonight's General Meeting. Ron will still accept additional members on the trip, but he has to firm up numbers ASAP so contact Ron now if you are planning to attend. Ron needs a count so he can confirm restaurant reservations, show tickets and transportation.
  - iii. Hotels and venues have been confirmed. Contact Ron for info.
  - iv. The Las Vegas show is Soul of Motown and the cost for the show and shuttle is \$90pp due at the next meeting. Payment is non-refundable.

D. 2024 Holiday Party Discussion

- i. Ray Cranston said there are 3 options for the Christmas party this year.
    - I. The club can repeat the same party as last year with the same menu and drink options. Since the club no longer has fundraisers, members would have to pay the entire cost of the evening. The cost would be \$145per person with a minimum attendance of 60 people. If 65 people attend, the cost would drop to \$135pp.
      - I. Pros: The party has been held there the last 2 years and everyone loves the venue.
      - II. Cons: Last year we did not get enough members to attend, and the club had to subsidize the outstanding cost. Sign-ups and

non-refundable payment would have to be made in advance to confirm we can meet the attendance numbers.

- II. The club can hold the same type of party as a luncheon on a Thursday afternoon. With no dance floor and no wine service, the cost would be \$80pp with the same minimum attendance requirement. A pay bar would be available.
    - I. Pros: Members would not have to drive at night. The cost would be closer to last year.
    - II. Cons: The party has to be held during the week since the country club has its own events on the weekends. Any members who work might have difficulty getting time off.
  - III. The club could hold a party at Bob Burggraf's Mancave. Food could be catered by a restaurant. Bob generously offered to let us use his building like we did for the Fall Festival. The cost would probably be about \$40-50pp.
    - I. Pro: The cost would be affordable.
    - II. Con: The Mancave doesn't have the same dressy ambience as the country club.
  - ii. Ray took a vote to see interest in the 3 options. The first and third options got the most votes.
  - iii. Members suggested that we try to book a restaurant such as Orange Hills or Orange County Mining Company like we have in the past. We could have a brunch. Ray said that any member can check on any restaurant they're interested in and report back on their findings.
  - iv. Dave Hamel volunteered to put together a music program and act as DJ regardless of where we hold the event. He generously offered to do it free of charge.
- E. Possible future events
- i. Tony Siragusa said that he is looking into several possible trips and events.
    - I. A 5-day trip to Yosemite and Sequoia National Park
    - II. A day trip to Griffith Park Observatory
    - III. A visit to Warner Bros. Studios
    - IV. A trip up Highway 395 to Mammoth with a stop in Bishop

- ii. Members are encouraged to submit ideas for trips and events. The Board will work with anyone who has a suggestion.
- VII. Member Forum
  - A. Jerry Wheeler's C8 Z06 was declared a total loss by the insurance company so he has ordered a Seawolf Gray 20224 C8 convertible.
- VIII. Next Board Meeting is February 27 at 6:30 PM at Keno's in Anaheim Hills.
- IX. Next General Meeting is Tuesday March 5 at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by February 28.
- X. Badge Fines \$1.00 were paid to Ray Cranston.
- XI. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf. 50/50 drawing of \$70 was won by Ellie Cranston. Patrick O'Keefe, Valerie Martin, Derek Tally, and Nancy Ward also won prizes.
- XII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:22 by Vicky Siragusa, seconded by Ray Cranston. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Thompson, Secretary



Cable Airport – Upland, California

## **Wings 'N Wheels Car Show – San Bernardino County, California**

**Dates:** Monthly – Every Second Sunday

**Location:** Cable Airport, 1749 W. 13th Street,  
Upland, California 91786

**Starts:** 8 AM

**Ends:** 10 AM

**Admission:** Free

**Vehicle Registration:** Free



# Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance Registration Form

Fill in the information for the appropriate day(s) **and sign the Liability Release.** Please print legibly.

## Saturday

Choose a class from the Saturday Class list :

If you do not want to be judged, check the box below:

Display Only

**Walk In Admission \$10**

**\*SATURDAY Pre Reg Show**

**Automobile Entry \$40**

**Motorcycle Entry \$25**

**\*SUNDAY Pre Reg Show**

**Automobile Entry \$50**

**Motorcycle Entry \$25**

**Bicycle \$15**

Make checks payable to:  
Huntington Beach Concours

Be sure to include your check!

*Mail to:*

Ken Thomas  
3222 Fairman St.  
Lakewood, CA. 90712

## Sunday

Choose a class from the Sunday Class list :

How would you like it judged? Check one:

- Concours (90+ pts)  
 Street or Race  
 Display Only—do not judge

Confirmation cards will be sent beginning May 1st. If your entry is not confirmed within 10 days of your mailing please contact us.

**Liability Release:** Entrant intending to enter and participate in the annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance event, held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 and Sunday, June 4, 2023, at Huntington Beach Central Park; does hereby: (1) release the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance, Inc., the City of Huntington Beach, inclusive of directors, staff, volunteers and agents from any liability arising out of said event; (2) release all other contestants and officials from any and all liability arising out of said event; (3) warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules and regulations; (4) give permission to use enclosed photographs and photos taken at the day of the event and information of entrant's automobile(s) and motorcycle(s) for publication and program inclusion; (5) understands that vehicles are to remain on the field until 2:00 pm on Saturday and 4:00 pm on Sunday. I have read the above, and accept the terms and conditions (both must sign)

**On-Line Entries Must be Received and Paid for by 12:00pm May 26th, 2023**

## Saturday, June 3 Rod & Custom Show

### About You:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### About your Car, Truck, or Motorcycle:

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Interior Color \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Description and history \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday, June 4 Concours d'Elegance

### About You:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### About your Car, Truck, or Motorcycle:

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Interior Color \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Description and history \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability Release All Entrants must sign the release**

Owner (print name)

Owner Signature / Date

Exhibitor (print name)

Exhibitors Signature / Date

**Mail in Entry must be received by Friday, May 26th**

- ☐ Saturday is Rod and Custom Show
- ☐ Sunday is the Concours Show

\* Class winners from Saturday are given free entry to the show on Sunday.

### Rules of Entry

The Committee reserves the right to accept or deny entry. All entrants will be notified of acceptance or denial. Cars must be placed by 8:00 am. All cars must remain in position on the field until 2:00 P.M. on Saturday and 3:00 P.M. on Sunday. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Descriptive signs and displays for car and motorcycle entries are allowed, but must be secured to avoid damage to people and property **NO CANOPIES** of any type are allowed. City ordinance prohibits alcoholic beverages in the park. Entry fees are non-refundable. Classes may be combined or modified depending on entries received.

*If you park your other vehicle in the parking lots around the library, please pay the parking fee, the city has been known to ticket.*

## Class Lists for Saturday and Sunday (cont'd on next page)

### Saturday Rod & Custom Classes

- Class 01 1900–1931 Open & Closed Car
- Class 02 1932–1938 Open & Closed Car
- Class 03 1939–1948 Open & Closed Car
- Class 04 1949–1959 Open & Closed Car
- Class 05 1960–1967 Open & Closed Car
- Class 06 1968–1975 Open & Closed Car
- Class 07 1900–1939 Truck
- Class 08 1940–1957 Truck
- Class 09 1958–1975 Truck
- Class 10 1976–1995 Open & closed Car & Truck
- Class 11 1996–2017 Open & closed Car & Truck
- Class 12 Special Interest
- Class 13 Lead Sled
- Class 14 Woody
- Class 15 Rat Rods
- Class 16 Youth owned –High School
- Class 17 Youth owned -- College

### Saturday Motorcycle Classes

- Class 21 Café
- Class 22 Chopper
- Class 23 Bobber
- Class 24 Trike
- Class 25 Unclassifiable
- Class 26 Sidecar
- Class 27 Race/Drag
- Class 28 Daily Rider

**Judged Classes**—Best of Show (“Donut Derelicts Award Saluting Rick Finn.”), 1st and 2nd place plus People’s Choice, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, Celebrity’s Choice.

### Sunday Concours D’Elegance Classes

#### Marque class: Corvette

- 01A Corvette 1953 to 1967
- 01B Corvette 1968 to 2004
- 01C Corvette 2005 on

#### Marque Class: Jaguar

- 02A Jaguar Sports Cars
- 02B Jaguar Saloons

#### Support Classes:

#### Reserved for Corvette

- 03A, 03B, 03C

#### RROC-SOCAL ROLLS ROYCE / Bentley

- 04A Pre-War Thru 1954
- 04B Rolls Royce, Bentley 1955 thru Silver Cloud III, Bentley S3 Silver Shadow, Bentley T to 1990
- 04C Rolls Royce, Bentley 1991 on

### BMW

- 05A BMW: All cars thru New Class, 1600 & 2002
- 05B BMW: E9 coupes, E3, E12, E21 & E23
- 05C BMW: E24, E28, E30, E31, E32, E34, E36
- 05D BMW: E38, E39, E46 and Newer
- 25A British Sports Cars under 3 Litres
- 25B British Sports Cars over 3 litres
- 25C British Saloons

### Alfa Romeo

- 06A Alfa Romeo Open
- 06B Alfa Romeo Closed
- 06C Alfa Romeo Sedan

### Thunderbird

- 07 Thunderbirds

### Lincoln

- 08 Lincoln All years thru 2017

### Packard / Studebaker

- 09A Packard
- 09B Studebaker

### Pontiac / Oakland

- 10 Pontiac and Oakland

### Standard Classes

- 13 American Classics Pre-War thru 1931
- 14 American Classics 1932 to 1942
- 15 American Classics 1945 to 1960
- 16 American Classics 1961 to 1970
- 17 American Classics 1971 to 2011
- 18 American Muscle Cars 1960 to 1972
- 19 Saleen Automobiles
- 20A Ferrari Front Engine V12 to 1998
- 20B Ferrari Mid-engine V6, V8, V12
- 20C Ferrari 1999 to Present Front Engine Cars
- 21 Italian Classics, other than Ferrari & Alfa Romeo
- 22 European Classics
- 23 Reserved for Jaguar
- 24 MG

- 26 German Classics thru 2017
- 27 Mercedes Classics thru 2017
- 28 Porsche All years
- 29 French Classics thru 2017
- 31 Japanese Classics thru 2017 (no mini trucks)
- 32 Datsun & Nissan Sports Cars
- 33 Toyota & Lexus Sports Cars
- 34 De Tomaso Pantera
- 35 Competition Race Cars
- 36 Replica / Kit Cars All Years
- 37 Pre-war Hot Rods & Street Machines to 1970
- 40 Special Interest Automobiles
- 41 Youth High School & College Owned Automobiles
- 42 Preservation Automobiles thru 1982 (please call for information)
- 43 Classic Minis 1959 to 2000
- 44A New Technology: Hybrid Electric
- 44B New Technology All Electric
- 44C New Technology Alternative Fuels
- 45 Vintage Trailer & Busses

### Motorcycles & Bicycles

#### Marque Class: BMW

- 50A Twins
- 50B Singles
- 50C Side Cars
- 50D Customs
- 50E Unrestored Original

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**Standard Classes Motorcycles & Bicycles**

- 51 American to 1970
- 52 American 1971 to Present
- 53 British
- 54 European
- 55 Nimbus
- 56 Japanese
- 57 Competition, On & Off Road
- 58 Radical Custom
- 59 Trikes, Radical & Mild Customs
- 60 Special Interest & New Technology
- 61 Bicycles

# VIP LUNCHEON TICKET ORDER

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

11:-00am to 1:00pm \_\_\_\_\_ : How many VIP Luncheon ticket(s) @ \$30.00 per ticket?  
 Sunday, June 4, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Include check payable to Huntington Beach Concours*

VIP Lunch Tickets: \$30.00 per person. Please submit with payment before May 30, 2023.

Join us for the VIP Luncheon. This is a catered menu, with tables, chairs, and tablecloths. A delightful place to look out over the show. Sign-up early as the luncheon sells out quickly. VIP Luncheon ticket proceeds are donated to and directly benefit the Children's Resource Center at the Library and are tax-deductible.

\*When you register a vehicle, 2 free entry passes are included. Driver +1 guest.

Tickets may be purchased at Luncheon based on availability at that time.

- VIP Luncheon tickets are not included in or as part of the Concours entrant fee, nor the \$10.00 spectator admission fee to the Event. Tickets are valid only on June 4; Tickets will be sold on a "first come, first-served" basis. Space is limited.
- Pick-up / Redeem tickets at the Luncheon VIP Tent inside the Concours event on Sunday, June 4, 2023 11:00 AM.

Vehicle Reg: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Entry Tickets: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 VIP Luncheon: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 T-Shirt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Include check for total made payable to*

## EVENT T-SHIRT/POLO ORDER

T-shirt \$20.00 / Polo \$30.00. Shirts ordered will be available for pick-up at the Concours Ticket booth.

I have marked the quantity and sizes. I have enclosed payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Tshirt					
Polo					\$35

**Mail to:**

Mail this order form and your check to:  
 Ken Thomas 3222 Fairman St. Lakewood, CA. 90712



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## Top Story Captain's Comments

This issue of eNews leads off with a message originally sent January 9th to the 155 Southwest Caravan registrants. The eNews staff decided to reproduce it for the wider SW Caravan community, so, without further ado, Section Captain Bill Herold...

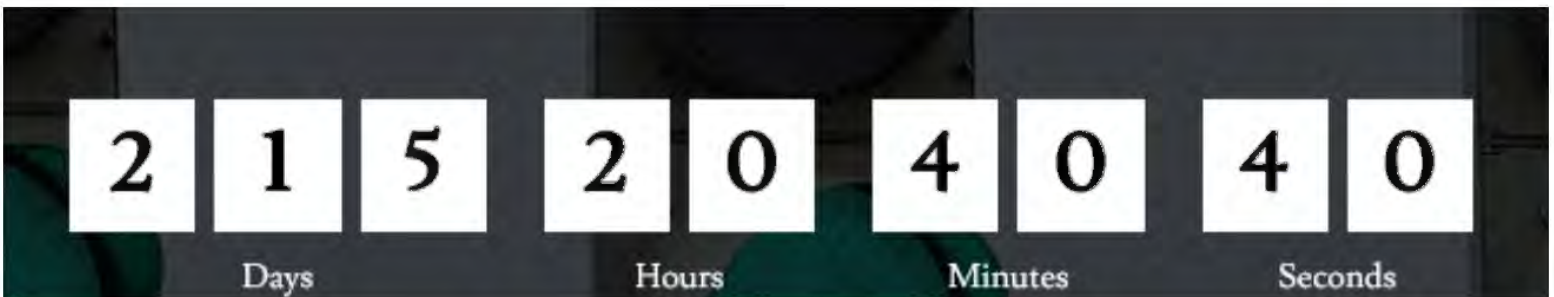
*Hi Everyone,*

*I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and welcomed the new year in your own special way. My wife, Vi, and I had both our adult children back home and enjoyed spending time with them.*

*Here we are in 2024 and the National Caravan is less than eight months away.*



Bill and Viola Herold on PreRun 3 in April 2022



*We have 161 Corvettes registered for the Southwest Caravan and, at this pace, we're on track to hit 200 - 250 Corvettes by the time Aug. 22, 2024 comes around and we meet in Pasadena. If you have Corvette friends or club members that have not signed up for this incredible experience you encourage them to sign up now!*

*I hope all registered Southwest Caravanners have taken advantage of the hotel room blocks at each overnight stop. If you registered, CFO Paula Megowan emailed you a confirmation and a spread-*

sheet of all the hotels for each of your seven stops including Bowling Green (BG). Be sure to check with BG hotels because many of them have 3- or 4-night minimums.

I still have 25 rooms left at the TRU by Hilton in Bowling Green. They all have King beds and run \$219 per night. If you want one email me directly and I will put your name on a list that will be submitted to the hotel this spring when they will finalize your booking.

I have one other hotel in BG that is doing the same thing and it is the Embassy Suites, which is the nicest and newest hotel in Bowling Green. I have only one King Suite room and four double Queen Suite rooms left. They run \$375 per night. Email me ASAP if you want one of these rooms.

Your Southwest Caravan Organizing Team is here for you. We want all our Caravanners to have a wonderful experience during our trip to BG this August. This Team of 10 has 2 1/2 years of planning under our belts. We are doing our best to ensure you have the trip of a lifetime!

Captain Bill and Vi Herold

## Other News

### NCM 30th Anniversary

Some Caravanners ask: what's happening once we get to Bowling Green?

You'll get to experience the 30th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum's 1994 opening. Caravanners who are also registered for the 30th Anniversary Celebration will enjoy three days of activities in and around the Museum, special presentations, raffles, and more! NCM will utilize shuttle buses to transport participants around the campus and parking lots.

Parking will be available at the Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park. Handicap parking spaces will be located in all lots and available on a first come first served basis. Handicap parking at the Motorsports Park and in the Museum's grass areas will be immediately adjacent to shuttle pickup and drop-off.

Events at the 30th Celebration are listed on the National Caravan site. More events will be added between now and early August, so visit that page frequently.

### 30th Anniversary Events, Seminars and Presentations

Friday Night Banquets

Saturday Night 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday Night Farewell Concert. Artist and Location TBA

Medium Speed "Touring" laps at the NCM Motorsports Park

Corvette Accessory and Parts Vendors

Wine and Bourbon Tastings

Seminars and presentations by:

Bowling Green Assembly Plant

GM's Corvette Team

Michelin

Mobil 1

Special Displays and Exhibits

Corvette Technical Sessions with GM's Paul Koerner

Product Demonstrations by Corvette Store Partners

Demonstration Drives and Walk-Arounds

Special presentations by Museum staff on significant artifacts exclusive to the Museum's collection.

To enjoy all these activities over the three days, you must register for the NCM's event, in addition to your Southwest Caravan registration. Currently, the Southwest Caravan registrant list and the NCM Anniversary Celebration registrant list don't match with fewer Caravanners signed up for the Anniversary event. To register for that, [click here](#). Online registration closes August 5th: \$50 for NCM Lifetime Members; \$60 for NCM Members; \$85 for Non-Members. Onsite registration will be available during the event but will cost \$10 more.



Lisa Klokonteger and John Fitzpatrick

## Corvette Wedding at the M

Two of our Caranners, San Luis Obispo residents, Lisa Klokonteger and John Fitzpatrick, got engaged a year ago. They will tie the knot in a "Corvette Shotgun Wedding Ceremony" at the M Resort on Thursday evening 22nd after we all check in to our rooms. Lisa and John will sit in their 2004 LeMans Commemorative Convertible while the Officiant conducts the ceremony—are they hardcore Corvetters or what? In an email to Section Captain Bill Herold proposing this idea, Lisa said "The car will be decorated for the ceremony. We will park it in the middle of some Corvettes. Our ceremony will be brief. We would love some Caravanners to come witness our nuptials, maybe form a ring around the car."

## Caravan Merch

We have lots of merch that registered Caravaners can buy...hats, flags, and two sizes of static cling stickers. All are available from Section Captain Bill Herold. Contact Capt. Herold at the email address or phone number listed in the information section below.



## PreRun 7

In the weeks before the posting of this issue of the eNews the Organizing Team needed to meet with the sales staff at the M Resort concerning the parking lot we will use for Caravan staging on the morning of 23AUG2024. Additionally, Day Two of the trip will include an event we are having at the School of Performance Driving at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch along with a longer drive after we were forced to move the Day Two overnight from Cedar City UT to Bryce Canyon City UT.

Because of the tight schedule, we want all Caravanners to stop for gas on Thursday afternoon before proceeding to the M Resort.

There will be no time to do that Friday morning. To that end, the Team sent XO Halverson to Henderson to tie up loose ends in a meeting with the M sales staff and to locate fuel stops that are easy in/easy out and have the capacity to fuel a lot of cars at one time.

We found the perfect gas stop just off I-15 in quirky, Jean NV, about a dozen miles southwest of the M. The town's official population is 0 because it's all zoned commercial, has no residents and, right now, its only casino is vacant. "Terrible's Road House Chevron" is 55,000 sqft. and 96 gas pumps—it could fuel almost half the entire Southwest Caravan at one time. It's the World's largest Chevron and will be the strongly recommended final fuel stop on Day One of the Caravan.

Finally, PreRun 7 explored an alternate route from a recommended fuel stop to the M in Henderson.



OMG...metal car on a PreRun?! Well...ok. XO Halverson's rare '16 ATS-V 6-spd coupe, the "Blue BMW Buster," has a 464hp twin-turbo V6, track suspension and an eLSD, so it's kinda-sorta like a Corvette. Image Sandy Halverson

## Southwest Caravan Registration Information

In eNews7 we asked 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, that 161 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Caravan.

As announced in eNews6, the Southwest 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 backstop any of a Caravan Section's finances, 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 2023, 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. You 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.

## Help us Out-Be a Caravan Patron

The National Corvette Museum does not fund Caravan Sections. Section Captains and their teams raise the money necessary to pay expenses and put on events. The Southwest Section relies on sponsorship, Route Book advertising, and registration fees to fund some of its activities. Generous Caravaners also have a tradition of chipping in to fund the event and that makes up the difference.

Show your support for the Southwest Section of the Caravan by becoming a "Southwest Caravan Patron". Everyone donating \$100 or more to the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team becomes a "Patron" and will be listed on a page in the front of the Southwest Caravan Route Book. At this point obtaining major sponsorships, selling advertising, and significant income from Registrations has yet to ramp up and the Organizing Team is still relying on money lent to it by its members, so we need all the help we can get.

Those interested in the 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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## 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. For the 2014 and 2019 Caravans, if a Southwest Caravaner donated, that person received a Stadium Blanket.



At an Organizing Team meeting on 28 June, Section Captain Bill Herold showed a prototype of a '24 stadium blanket and directed the Team to reestablish the popular "Blankee Benefit" program. 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".

This is the 2024 Caravan Stadium Blanket. Image: Cmdr. Tony Megowan



The Organizing Team is rolling the "Blankee Benefit" into the existing "Caravan Patron Program." A Caravaners "ticket" into the Blankee Benefit is the minimum \$100.00 donation discussed above. Any Southwest Caravaner who donates \$100 or more becomes a "Caravan Patron" and gets a Southwest Corvette Caravan Stadium Blanket.

## 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 want to start getting it, send an 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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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  
CFO Southwest Corvette Caravan  
7511 Wilson St  
Ventura CA 93003**



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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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