2024
Pacific Northwest Corvette Caravan


## Route Book August 22-28, 2024

## Welcome to the 2024 Pacific Northwest Corvette Caravan!

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum.

Hosted every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary.

The Pacific Northwest Caravan is only one of approximately 25 different Caravans from all over the United States heading to Bowling Green. Planning has been underway for the past three plus years by our teams. We hope you have a wonderful experience and enjoy the drive.

The PNW Caravan will simultaneously depart from Sandy, Oregon, and Issaquah, Washington, on the morning of August 22nd. We will have six more days of adventure driving across our beautiful country, and then arriving in Bowling Green on August 28th.

The purpose of this Route Book is not to plan your time minute-by-minute, but to let you know what is happening, where it's happening and when it's happening. It will be your choice to participate or do your own thing. No stress! Whatever you choose to do, this booklet will provide information on the status of the Caravan.

## Objectives:

Very simply said, BE SAFE! Safety is our number one priority. Priority number two is to HAVE FUN, be relaxed, enjoy the drive across our beautiful country and make some new friends. While these objectives seem simple, they won't happen without your commitment.

## Importance/Use of Our Route Book:

Candidly, if you bring it into your motel room and each of you (if two) read it the night before, every night, your Caravan will go much smoother. Second, please, it is worthless in the trunk of your Corvette, somewhere where you cannot find it when on the side of the road. Also, please always have it in your Corvette's cabin right there with you - for most refer to it several times while underway every day. Thank you.

## PNW Caravan Team

None of this Caravan could have been planned without the help of a fabulous team and coordinated efforts over the past several years. A huge THANK YOU goes out to the entire team. John Elegant, our Co-Captain has arranged our kickoff event in Sandy, OR at Dick Hannah Chevrolet and lunch on our first day at McCurley Chevrolet in Pasco. Steve Yabroff and Shaun Hayes have arranged for our kickoff event in Issaquah, WA at Evergreen Chevrolet. Jim and Nancy Garboden have taken on the extremely important task of arranging hotels across the country. Marcie Christenson and Rendall Brushey have coordinated with Corvette Clubs in both Montana and Idaho...attending many car shows and promoting the Caravan.

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## Captains John and Patty Warren

I'm new to the role of PNW Captain but have been on the 2014 and 2019 Caravans in my 2006 C6 convertible. You can follow Patty and me across the USA in our Arctic White C8. You'll know it's us because our Oregon license plate is 4EVR 39... trying to stay young at heart and doing a pretty good job at that!


## Co-Captains John and Ann Elegant

John and Ann have vast experience on past Caravans and Corvettes as they have been on many and have owned many! This will be their $6^{\text {th }}$ NCM Caravan. John's hundreds of hours in making our event happen was helpful X two. He is the co-founder of the MidEngineCorvtteForum, and he and Ann are NCM Lifetime, 26-year members, and annual donors. They reside in St. Helens, Oregon and will be driving their new blue, winged C8 Z06 with a license plate "WRP SPD."


## Oregon Regional Leaders Jim and Nancy Garboden

Jim and Nancy live in Eugene, Oregon, and are members of the Cascade Corvette Club. Jim is Vice President and Nancy is Secretary while also taking on the responsibilities of co-editors of the club newsletter. In addition, they are Lifetime Members of the NCM and NCM Ambassador. Without their hundreds of hours getting us motel rooms, there would not be a PNW Caravan. Thanks so much Jim and Nancy!!!


## Washington Regional Leaders Steve and Jean Yabroff

Steve and Jean are members of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle. He is currently the CMCS liaison to their sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet and has coordinated with them for our 2024 breakfast and send off. Steve also coordinated all the hotel rooms for the night before we will leave in Issaquah. Additionally, he arranged for our embroidered Polo Shirt sales.


## Washington Regional Leaders Shaun and Cheryl Hayes

This is Shaun's first Caravan and I'm so very happy that he has volunteered to help lead and organize the Seattle area. They are job-sharing with Steve and Jean Yabroff. Shaun and Cheryl are also members of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle. Shaun has been our team meeting communications coordinator.


## Idaho Regional Leaders Rendall and Violet Brushey

Rendall has offered to help coordinate and organize Corvette owners in Idaho, which is very much appreciated by our entire team. They live in Eagle, Idaho, and are members of Valley Corvettes of Boise, NCRS, and NCM. They have experience with planning as this will be their second Caravan across the country to the NCM.


## Montana Regional Leader <br> Marcie Christenson

Marcie was born and raised in the Flathead Valley of Montana and knows the area quite well. She is one of the Charter members of the Funseekers Corvette and Yacht Club based out of Whitefish, Montana. She has been actively involved in the club for the past seven years.


## Caravan Logistics

We want to make sure everyone is aware this is your Caravan. Customize it as you wish, or, follow the activities and directions as outlined in the route book. It is your choice to get up early in the morning or sleep in, skip a stop, take a side trip to visit friends or family. The stops and evening events are optional as outlined in the route book. Additionally, the only mandatory driver's meeting will be on day 1 at the kickoff events. Unless there is an urgent need to hold a meeting, we will not have one as we will communicate to you via email.

During the Caravan, please try to be patient. With over 200 Corvettes, there will be times of frustration and lines, but be resilient. This is a memorable occasion, and we are driving the best sports car in the world!

## During the drive:

We will not be able to stay together; it's just not possible with as many Corvettes as we have. Maintain a safe distance from the Corvette in front or you will experience a yo-yo effect during the Caravan. If you are driving and a "tin car" wants to get in front of you, let it. Think of the story they can tell that night about how they were part of a Corvette Caravan!

Don't arbitrarily follow the person in front of you; unless it is one of the Captains or Leaders. There may be a Corvette in front of you that is not part of the Caravan and if you follow them, you could end up in North Dakota! With that, use your GPS as much as possible.

## Rest Stops:

When our Caravan participants stop at a rest stop, please try to park in the areas that will give truckers and other passenger cars space also. Be respectful and try to give the truckers enough space to park closer...they move products all over America that we need! At the rest stops, please be patient...it is inevitable there will be a line at the restrooms and people will want to look at the Corvettes, talk about them and ask questions. They will all ask..."Where are all of you going"?

## Schedule:

The Caravan schedule is arranged by day with the general schedule. Below it has more verbiage with additional items for the evening or more specific route information.
Please familiarize yourself with the book prior to the trip and again each day.

## GPS Technology:

Most of our Corvettes have GPS and most phones have Google Maps . Please familiarize yourself with how to use these features before the Caravan. You may decide
to take a different route on any given day and the use of GPS will be helpful. Pay close attention to road signs and directions!


## Communications:

Communications will be done through evening email messages, if needed. Should anything change for the day, it will be in bold font. This will allow you the ability to skim the email and if nothing has changed, nothing will be bold. There will also be any notes of construction or possible adverse weather for the day.

## State Highway Patrol - Local Police:

Be aware the State Highway Patrol and local police officers will know we are coming! To reduce any opportunities for a stop, we will be traveling two to four miles over the speed limit and setting cruise control. For the areas where the speed limit is $75-80$, don't think you will get away with five over; you won't for very long. In previous Caravans we have had individuals receive tickets for five over. Travel at speeds you are comfortable with and don't get caught up with a Mustang or another Corvette when it flies by you on the freeway; it's just not worth it!

## Travel Partner/Groups:

Make sure you have a travel partner or group. This group will be helpful should you have a mechanical failure or get lost. Exchange numbers with those people you trust so
you can feel more confident during the travels and let them know if you will be leaving the group for a side trip or stop. Also, John Warren can be reached for anything major but know we cannot stop the Caravan should you break down. If you do breakdown, it will be your responsibility to contact roadside assistance for your Corvette. Should you not be able to continue with the Caravan, you are responsible to call and cancel the remainder of your hotel stays.

## Maintenance:

To ensure you have an uneventful trip, please review the provided maintenance list. We all know our Corvettes have limited space so if you plan to bring tools, talk to your smaller group of participants, and divide up the tools. That way, not everyone has a set of wrenches and a socket set but each together has more tools than one Corvette could carry.

## Fuel Stops:

Plan ahead for your gas stops. We have requested by day that you fill up the night before and before or after lunch so don't wait until you are flying on "E" because that will only cause more stress for you.

## Annual Park Pass:

If you have a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, bring it with you as we will be visiting a few national parks along the way.

## Electronic Route Book Locations:

This route book will be available on the PNW download page:
https://2024pnwcaravan.com/downloads

## Car Wash Stations:

Most of us like to keep our Corvettes clean. I have negotiated with most of the hotels to have available a Corvette wash station. Bring your own bucket and supplies to wash your Corvette if you choose. If a secondary hotel does not have one, the Host hotel will.

## Pictures:

Be sure to take lots of pictures and for those of you who are well connected, share them on social media during the trip!

## Don't Forget These Basic Items

Regardless of the type of Corvette you are driving, they are all limited in luggage space. However, there are some things that you might really regret not bringing. Here are some items that should have or at least consider bringing.

## Items you must have:

Driver's license (unexpired)
Corvette's license tags and registration (unexpired)
Wallet/purse with money and credit cards
Key fobs (with fresh batteries) along with Corvette and house keys
Insurance cards/information (Corvette and medical)
Medications
Route Book
NCM/PNW Lanyard and tickets for events
Hotel Confirmation numbers for ease at check in

## Items that you should have:

National Park Passes
Comfortable driving shoes and walking shoes
Sunglasses and prescription glasses (duplicate pairs)
Sunscreen and hats/caps
Insect repellant
First Aid kit

## 2024 PNW Caravan Route



## QUICK VIEW OF THE PNW CARAVAN ROUTE

Day 1 - August 22 - Oregon/Washington to Spokane Valley, WA
We will simultaneously depart Issaquah, WA, and Sandy, OR, after breakfast provided by the local Chevy dealerships, with our only driver's meeting of the trip. We will merge Caravans in Pasco, WA for lunch at McCurley Chevrolet. After lunch we will drive to Spokane Valley, WA, for the first night.

Day 2 - August 23 - Spokane Valley, WA, to Butte, MT
Depart Spokane Valley heading east on I-90 to Exit 101 at Missoula, MT, where we will have lunch at Missoula Chevrolet. After lunch we will head east again on I-90 to Exit 127A or 127B (depending on your hotel) in Butte for the second night.

Day 3 - August 24 -- Option A. - Butte, MT, to Cody, WY
Depart Butte heading east on I-90 to Exit 434 at Laurel, MT, with lunch at Laurel Chevrolet. Continue to US-212 S to Red Lodge, MT. Then continue on US-212 S to Beartooth Hwy, to the junction of WY-296 (Chief Joseph Hwy). Take WY-296 to WY-120 S to Cody.

Day 3 - August 24 - Option B. - Butte, MT, to Cody, WY Depart Butte heading east on I-90 to Exit 434 at Laurel, with lunch at Laurel Chevrolet. Continue to US-212 S to Red Lodge, MT. Then take MT-308 to Belfry, MT. Head south on MT-72, which will become WY-120 in Wyoming, to Cody.

Day 4 -- August 25 - Cody, WY, to Cheyenne, WY
Depart Cody on WY-120 south to Thermopolis, WY. South on US-20 to Shoshoni, WY, then east on US-26 to Casper, WY, where we will have lunch at the local fairgrounds arranged by Corvettes of Central Wyoming. Food to be provided by food trucks. After lunch, depart Casper on I-25 south to Cheyenne. Dinner in Cheyenne at the Little America Hotel and Resort banquet hall, included as part of your PNW Caravan fee.

Day 5 - August 26 - Cheyenne, WY, to Lincoln, NE
Depart Cheyenne after breakfast provided by Tyrell Chevrolet at their dealership [2142 West Lincoln Way, phone (307) 634-2540]. Leaving Tyrell Chevrolet east on I-80 for 222 miles to North Platte, NE, and on to Kearney, NE. An optional event planned by the Pacific Central Caravan is for lunch and a tour of The Archway. From Kearney on I-80 east to Lincoln for approximately 131 miles. Another optional event is planned by the Pacific Central Caravan for dinner in the "Haymarket District" in downtown Lincoln.

Day 6 - August 27 - Lincoln, NE, to Columbia, MO Depart your hotel after breakfast and drive I-80 east to Lincoln and The Museum of American Speed for a private tour of their 200,000 sq. ft facility (at 599 Oakcreek Drive, Lincoln). The entire Caravan will leave from the Museum's parking lot and head to Columbia. An optional dinner in Columbia is being planned by the Pacific Central Caravan.

Day 7 - August 28 - Columbia, MO, through Indiana, to Bowling Green, KY Depart Columbia to St. Louis, MO. Lunch on your own. Depart St. Louis on I-64 east. Continue east on I-64 and enter Indiana. About 18 miles past Lynnville, IN, take I-64 Exit 57A. Turn south to US-231 S. Leave Indiana when crossing the Ohio River and continue on US-231 S in Kentucky. At Maceo US-231 S merges with US-60 S. Continue on US-60 S, then take Exit 17 to I-165 S to Bowling Green.

# Thursday, August 22, 2024 <br> Day 1 Starting in Sandy 

Sandy, OR, to Pasco, WA, (223 miles) to Spokane Valley, WA (137 miles) Approximately 360 miles total

| 6:00AM | Arrive Dick Hannah Chevrolet, 36936 US-26, Sandy, OR |
| :--- | :--- |
| 6:30 | Registration/credential/lanyards |
| 6:30-7:00 | Breakfast |
| 7:00A | Required Driver AND Passenger safety meeting/travel info |
| 7:30-7:45 | Restrooms and departure staging |
| 7:45 SHARP | Departure heading to McCurley Integrity Chevrolet in Pasco, WA |



Note: This is the only day on our entire Caravan where you need to be at a specific early morning location at a specific time. After this day, you may get up early or create your own travel plans and leave as you wish. Remember...we're trying to make this a relaxed Caravan.

- Right turn out of the Dick Hannah parking lot onto US-26
- We will be driving around the south side of Mount Hood, then turning north onto Rt. 35 to Hood River (proceeding north on the east side of Mount Hood.
- I-84 is about one hour, depending on speed. (There are three public rest room stops at businesses, for those who wish before we get to l-84 A Hood River)
- Once at I-84, take the right angled ramp called "I-84 E/Columbia River Hwy" toward The Dalles.

Note: There is a major rest area 11 minutes east after we enter I-84 where historically most stop for their first break.

- Drive 162 miles east on I-84
- Take Exit 179 toward Hermiston/Umatilla onto I-82 (McNary Hwy). Drive 11.1 miles
- Continue on I-82W (Thomas S "Tom" Foley Memorial Hwy). Drive 19.5 miles
- Take Exit 113 toward Kennewick/I-82/Pasco onto US-395N (Foley Memorial Hwy). Drive 2 miles
- Continue on Foley Memorial Hwy/US-395N for 4.9 miles
- Take the exit toward Court St. Drive 0.2 miles
- Turn left onto West Court St. Drive 0.3 miles
- Turn left on North Autoplex Way. Drive 0.1 miles and enter McCurley Integrity Chevrolet parking lot, at 1325 Autoplex Way, Pasco.

Lunch provided by McCurley Integrity Chevrolet! Please wear your lanyards for free lunch at the dealership)



Please gas up prior to or right after lunch before departing for Spokane Valley.

Thursday, August 22, 2024 Day 1

## Starting in Issaquah

Issaquah, Washington to Pasco (211 miles) to Spokane Valley, WA (137 miles) Approximately 348 miles total

| 5:30-5:45A | Arrive Evergreen Chevrolet 1601 18th Avenue NW |
| :--- | :--- |
| $6: 00$ | Registration/credentials/lanyards |
| $6: 15-7: 15$ | Breakfast |
| 7:20 | Required Driver's and safety meeting/travel info |
| 7:45-8:00 | Restrooms and departure staging |
| 8:00-8:15 | Departure heading to McCurley Integrity Chevrolet in Pasco, WA |



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211 miles from Evergreen Chevrolet to McCurley Integrity Chevrolet, Pasco, WA

- Depart Evergreen Chevrolet turning right (south) on 18th Avenue NW. ... 0.2 miles
- Turn left on NW Gilman Blvd.
- Turn left on 17th Avenue NW ... Drive 0.1 miles
- Continue to the onramp of I-90 East (about 0.5 miles)
- Merge onto l-90 East. Drive 94 miles
- Take Exit 110 for I-82 E/US-97S toward Yakima ... Drive 1.1 miles
- Continue onto I-82 E. ... Drive 101 miles
- Take Exit 102 for I-182E/US-12E toward Richland/Pasco ... Drive 1.3 miles
- Continue onto I-182E/US-12 E. Drive 11.5 miles
- Take exit for US-395S toward Kennewick/Pendleton ... Drive 0.5 miles
- Continue onto US-395S ... Drive 0.1 miles
- Take the Court St. exit ... Drive 0.3 miles
- Turn right onto West Court St. ... Drive 0.1 miles
- Turn left onto Rd 32/Autoplex Way

Lunch provided by McCurley Integrity Chevrolet at 1325 Autoplex Way, Pasco


Please gas up prior to or right after lunch before departing for Spokane Valley.

# Thursday, August 22, 2024 Day 1 Continued Pasco to Spokane Valley, WA 

- Turn north onto North Autoplex Way for 0.1 miles
- Take right on West Court St. ... Drive 0.3 miles
- Take left ramp onto US-395 N toward Walla Walla/Spokane ... Drive 0.3 miles
- Take right angled exit toward I-182/US-12/US-395/Spokane/Walla Walla onto I-182 E ... Drive 1.9 miles
- Take Exit 14 toward Spokane onto US-395 ... Drive 73.7 miles
- Take the exit onto I-90 (Foley Memorial Hwy) ... Drive 71 miles
- Once in Spokane Valley, everyone takes Exit 291 at Sullivan Rd.

There are no group dinners planned for Day 1 in the evening hours.


| Mirabeau Park Hotel (Host) | 1100 North Sullivan Rd. | (509) 924-9000 |
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| Hampton Inn | 16148 East Indiana Rd. | (509) 928-6900 |

Possible stops you might want to check out along our way on Day 1.

- Country Mercantile 232 Crestlock Rd., Pasco (509) 545-2192 www.countrymercantile.com
- Spokane Riverfront Park 507 N. Howard St.
www.visitspokane.com

Friday, August 23, 2024
Day 2
Spokane Valley, WA, to Missoula, MT, to Butte, MT
Spokane Valley to Missoula (195 miles) to Butte (122 miles)
Approximately 316 miles
Note: We will change time zones today, going into the Mountain Time Zone.

- From your hotel, proceed to I-90 E. ... Drive 193 miles.
- Take Exit 101 from I-90 E for North Reserve St./US-93 S/I-90 BL W) toward Hamilton.
- Drive approximately 0.5 miles to turn right on "Expressway" (that's the street name).
- Missoula Chevrolet will be on your immediate left; address is 3663 North Reserve St.

Missoula Chevrolet and Hellgate Corvette Club will provide lunch and parking.


## After lunch at Missoula Chevrolet:

- Head north from Missoula Chevrolet toward "Expressway" (that's the street name).
- Turn right onto "Expressway"
- Turn left onto North Reserve St./I-90 BL W (short for "I-90 Business Loop West")
- Turn right to merge onto I-90 E ... Drive 119 miles to Butte, Mt.


There are no group dinners planned for Day 2 in the evening hours.

Today we are simply putting miles on our Corvettes heading East/Southeast. Tune into Sirius/XM Radio to some of my favorite channels! 16- Blend, 27-Bridge, 311Yacht Rock-58-Prime Country

Possible stops you might want to check out along the way on Day 2.

- Wallace, ID I-90, Exit 61. Cute little town to drive through!
- St. Regis Travel Center, I-90 Exit 33. Convenient rest stop with a huge gift shop. Limited parking
- Old Montana Prison \& Auto Museum. 1104 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT.
- Berkeley Pit Mine. There is a viewing stand to see this mine. Butte, MT. Check to determine if it's open before driving there.
- Our Lady of the Rockies. Butte, MT Visible from most of Butte

| Copper King Hotel | 4655 Harrison Ave. | $(406)$ 533-6960 |
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| Best Western Plus | 2900 Harrison Ave. | $(406) 494-3500$ |
| Fairfield Inn | 2340 Cornell Ave. | $(406) 494-3000$ |
| Comfort Inn | 2777 Harrison Ave. | $(406) 494-8850$ |
| LaQuinta Inn | 1 Holiday Park Drive | $(406) 494-6999$ |

Saturday, August 24, 2024
Butte, MT, to Cody, WY, via the Beartooth Hwy

Butte to Laurel, MT (211 miles), to Red Lodge, MT (45 miles), to the Beartooth Hwy ( 96 miles), to Cody ( 17 miles) ... 369 total miles

- From your hotel, drive to I-90 E
- Follow I-90 E to Laurel. ... Drive 209 miles
- Take Exit 434 from I-90 E
- Merge onto US-310 W to Laurel Chevrolet. ... Drive 0.5 miles
- Drive to 202 SE 4th St.

Lunch provided by Laurel Chevrolet. 202 SE 4th St. (406) 530-1924


- From Laurel Chevrolet take US-212 S (cross over I-90) to Red Lodge, MT. ... Drive 45 miles.

- Continue on US-212, which becomes known as the Beartooth Hwy. ... 50 miles
- Drive to junction with WY-296 (Chief Joseph Hwy)
- Take WY-296 to WY-120. ... Drive 46 miles.

Wyoming Highway WY-296 is a 45.96-mile long scenic highway in northern Park County. Highway WY-296 begins its western end at US-212 (Beartooth Highway) fourteen miles southeast of Cooke City, Montana. WY-296 travels southeasterly as it winds through the Shoshone National Forest and through the Absaroka Mountains and then passes through Dead Indian Pass. After almost 46 miles, WY-296 reaches its eastern end at Wyoming Highway WY-120, 17 miles north of Cody.

- At junction WY-120, turn right and drive to Cody. ... Drive 17 miles.

Shown below is a picture of a portion of the Beartooth Pass. The Pass is a switchback upward in elevation climb, from 5,555 feet at Red Lodge, to over 9,000 feet. It is a wide, very well-maintained two-lane blacktop road, and has scenic turnouts. Beware of occasional rocks! There are turnouts along the way, the most impressive called "VistaPoint," sixteen miles up. Vista Point can accommodate perhaps 20 vehicles, and it will be busy, in addition to the Caravan participants. Vista Point comes quickly from both directions, just around a sharp, sharp, corner. Parts of the Pass drive have no cell phone service.


Finding the Beartooth Pass ... When passing through Red Lodge, MT, at the south end of town, there is a big green Dinosaur at a Sinclair fuel station. Those electing to drive the Pass, go straight ahead on US-212. For convertible Corvettes, a sweatshirt or jacket is advisable up the Pass.

Bypassing the Beartooth Pass ... Those folks preferring to not go up the Pass on US-212, see the following Red Lodge "Fuel information," section, and the next section titled "Alternate Route leaving from Red Lodge."

Fuel information ... There are two sizable gas stations at the north entrance to Red Lodge, MT ... one with 12 pumps, the other with $18+$ pumps, and both with premium gas. However, the "big green Dinosaur" Sinclair fuel station mentioned above, at the south end of town, is the only station with non-ethanol premium, and it has only four pumps. Address: 1022 Adams Avenue S, Red Lodge, MT.

There is NO GAS between Red Lodge and Cody!!! If in doubt about your fuel, fill up with gas in Laurel, MT, before or after lunch.

While driving in Wyoming, the speed limit IS the speed limit. Don't get a ticket!

| Holiday Inn | 1701 Sheridan Ave. | $(307) 587-5555$ |
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| Comfort Inn | 1601 Sheridan Ave. | $(307) 587-5556$ |
| Buffalo Bill Village (Gifts) | 1701 Sheridan Ave. | $(307) 587-5544$ |

## Butte, MT to Cody, WY <br> Alternate Route leaving from Red Lodge, MT

## Butte to Laurel, MT ( 211 miles) to Red Lodge, MT ( 45 miles) to Cody ( 63 miles) 319 total miles

- Proceed from the center of Red Lodge on US-212 ... Drive 1 mile
- Turn left on Montana Highway MT-308. ... Drive 14 miles
- Turn right onto MT-72 S. (Entering Wyoming) ... Drive 10.5 miles
- Continue onto Wyoming Highway WY-120 E to Cody. ... Drive 37 miles
- Turn right on 16th St and drive to US-14 Alternate Route/Sheridan Ave. ... 0.4 miles

You already noticed below we have an alternative route. Why? Some might not like hairpin mountain curves, sharp edge-of-road drop-offs (though gorgeous scenery) and similar... There is a reason the Beartooth Highway is considered THE most scenic route in America. It is a GREAT Corvette road, but why we have provided a choice for all.



## Possible stops you might want to check out along the way on Day 3.

- Greycliff Mill. As seen on HGTV, small market, bakery, and cheese cave. Take Exit 377, cross under l-90 and turn right. Continue east for a couple of miles on the north side of I-90. Turn right again, cross under the freeway at the market/lodge. To return to l-90 East, reverse the directions and go back to Exit 377.
Address: 11 Greycliff Creek Ln., Greycliff, MT
- Buffalo Bill Center of the West Museum. 720 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY

There are no group dinners planned for Day 3 in the evening hours. Enjoy Cody!

# Sunday, August 25, 2024 <br> Day 4 <br> Cody to Casper, WY, to Cheyenne, WY 

Cody to Casper ( $\mathbf{2 1 6}$ miles) to Cheyenne ( 177 miles) ... 393 total miles

- Starting from Sheridan Ave. Sheridan Ave turns slightly right and becomes US-14 E/US-16 E/US-20 E/17th St. ... Drive 2.1 miles
- Turn right onto WY-120 E (signs for Meeteetse/Thermopolis) ... Drive 82 miles
- In Thermopolis, turn right on US-20 E.
- Follow US-20 E/US-20 Business to Mills ... Drive 127 miles
- In Mills, turn right on WY-258 E/Wyoming Blvd SW ... Drive 1.4 miles
- Turn left onto Fairgrounds Rd. and follow this road to the Central Wyoming Fair \& Rodeo building and parking lot ...Address: 1700 Fairgrounds Rd., Casper, WY

Lunch will be at the Fairgrounds, arranged by Corvettes of Central Wyoming. Food trucks will be available and arranged by the Corvette Club.


Possible stops you might want to check out in Casper

- Tate Geological Museum 2332 Lisco Dr.
- Fort Casper Museum and Historic Site 4001 Fort Casper Road



## Leaving the Fairgrounds and heading to Cheyenne

- Head south on Fairgrounds Rd. toward West Fairside Rd.
- Turn right onto West Fairside Rd. ... Drive 0.1 mile
- Turn right onto WY-258 W ... Drive 0.4 miles
- Turn right onto West 13th St. ... Drive 0.6 miles
- Turn left onto King Blvd. ... Drive 1.3 miles
- Turn left onto WY-220 E/North Poplar St. ... Drive 0.9 miles
- Turn right to merge onto I-25 S toward Cheyenne ... Drive 177 miles
- Take Exit 8D and merge onto l-80 Eastbound for all hotels, except Little America Hotel
- Take Exit 362 to the Fox Farm Road hotels
- From I-25, take Exit 9 to Little America Hotel and Resort

| Little America Hotel and Resort | 2800 West Lincolnway | $(800)$ 235-6396 |
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| Comfort Inn \& Suites | 201 W. Fox Farm Rd. | $(307) 514-6051$ |
| Tru by Hilton | 423 W. Fox Farm Rd. | $(307) 222-3600$ |
| SpringHill Suites by Marriott | 416 W. Fox Farm Rd. | $(307) 635-0006$ |



Possible stops that you might want to check out in Cheyenne.

- National Historic Trails Interpretive Center 1501 North Poplar St.
- Cheyenne Depot Museum 121 Wes15th St.
- Wyoming State Museum 2301 Central Ave.
- Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum 4610 Carey Ave.
- Messenger's Old West Museum 616 Crook Ave.

A very nice Taco Dinner is scheduled from 5:30-6:45PM in the Banquet Hall at Little America Hotel and Resort. The dinner is included as part of your PNW Caravan Registration fee. Make sure to bring your dinner tickets to enter the banquet hall.

There will be a short break after dinner for those that want to head back to their hotel. After the break, there will be a talk given by John Elegant discussing Corvette news and updates. John plans to talk for about 45 minutes to an hour. His Corvette discussions are always very interesting and filled with fun facts and information!

## Monday, August 26, 2024 <br> Day 5 <br> Cheyenne, WY to Lincoln, NE

Cheyenne to Kearney, NE (317 miles) to Lincoln, NE (131 miles) ... 448 total miles
Note: We will change time zones today, going into the Central Time Zone.

## Breakfast at Tyrrell Chevrolet at 8:00AM

- From your individual hotels, please drive to Tyrrell Chevrolet, 2142 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY ... (307) 634-2540

- From Tyrrell Chevrolet, enter I-80 E from I-80 BL (Business Loop)/Lincolnway and I-180 S/I-25 BL ... Drive 2.8 miles
- Follow I-80 E to Nebraska Highway NE-10 in Kearney. Take Exit 275 from I-80 E ... Drive 315 miles.
- Drive to East 1st St. for 0.8 miles to the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument


The Archway Monument is a "must stop," whether you have lunch there or not. It's time to stretch your legs!


- From the Archway Monument to Lincoln, get on I-80 E ... Drive 1.2 miles
- Follow I-80 E to US-77 S/Homestead Expressway in Lincoln. ... Drive 121 miles
- We are staying at six different hotels in Lincoln, so from I-80 you should navigate to your own hotel.

There are no group dinners planned for Day 5 in the evening hours.


| The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker | 333 South 13th St. | (402) 474-7474 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Holiday Inn Exp \& Suites Airport | 1101 West Commerce Way | (402) 464-0588 |
| Hampton Inn | 1055 West Bond St. | (402) 474-6465 |
| Fairfield Inn \& Suites Airport | 1000 West Bond St. | (402) 413-9003 |
| The Scarlet, Lincoln, Hotel | 2101 Transformation Dr. | (531) 300-6300 |
| Hampton Inn \& Suites | 7343 Husker Circle | (402) 435-4600 |

There are multiple sites you may want to check out on Day 5.
In North Platte, NE

- Golden Spike Tower (World's largest R/R yard) 1249 North Homestead Rd. ... (308) 532-9920
- Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park Museum 2921 Scouts Rest Ranch Rd. ... (308) 535-8035
- Cody Park Railroad Museum 1400 North Jeffers St. ... (308) 535-6719


## In Gothenburg, NE

- Original Pony Express Station Museum 510 15th St. ... (308) 537-9876 Note: This museum may be closed; please call before visiting.


## In Kearney, NE

- Great Platte River Road Archway Museum 3060 East 1st St. ... (308) 237-1000
- Classic Car Collection Museum (in Cabela's) 3600 US-30 B ... (308) 234-1964


## In Lincoln, NE

- Historic Haymarket District 335 North 8th St. B
- Fun to view ... a Giant Paper Airplane...alongside the road at 3101 NW 12th St. ... near the airport in Lincoln. Just a drive by--no parking.


# Tuesday, August 27, 2024 

Day 6
Lincoln, NE, to Columbia, MO
Lincoln to St. Joseph, NE (149 miles), to Columbia, MO (189 miles) ... 338 miles

- From your hotels, drive to a private early morning tour of the Museum of American Speed, located at 599 Oakcreek Dr. After touring the museum, we will depart from the Museum parking lot.


We have planned for a two-hour private tour of the Museum of American Speed.
For the maximum viewing experience, please plan to arrive at the Museum at 7AM.

They are opening early specifically for the Pacific Northwest Caravan. Free coffee will be provided by the Museum staff. Within the past year, the Museum has almost doubled in size with many new exhibits. This is one of the nicest automotive museums in the United States! You will not be disappointed!
www.museumofamericanspeed.org
Entrance into the Museum is included in your PNW Caravan Registration fee. Please be certain you have your tickets for entrance.


- Leaving the Museum parking lot, head east on Oakcreek Dr. toward Westgate Blvd.
- Turn right on Westgate Blvd. (the first cross street) ... Drive 0.1 mile
- Turn right onto Sun Valley Rd. ... Drive 0.3 miles
- Turn right onto US-6 W/West "O" St. ... Drive 1.1 miles
- Continue straight and stay on West "O" St. ... Drive 0.4 miles
- Turn left to merge onto US-77 S/Homestead Fwy. ... Drive 9 miles
- Slight left onto NE-2 E (Entering lowa) ... Drive 49 miles
- Continue onto lowa Highway IA-2 E ... 2.9 miles
- Turn right to merge onto I-29 S toward Kansas City ... Drive 88.3 miles (Entering Missouri)

Lunch in St. Joseph is a good place to stop, stretch your legs, and take a break. Lunch plans are on your own, so please plan accordingly. Our route takes us around Kansas City, but if you want to go there, feel free to do so...then on to Columbia on I-70 E.

- Regardless of where you have lunch, either drive to Exit 46A on I-29 or start your drive on US-36 E heading towards Macon, Missouri.
- Continue on US-36 E to Macon. ... Drive 131 miles
- Turn right onto US-63 S to Columbia near I-70.
- Our hotels are on both the north and south sides of I-70.

| Hilton Garden Inn | 3300 Vandiver Drive | (573) 814-5464 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Holiday Inn Exp. \& Suites | 1402 Cinnamon Hill Lane | (573) 442-8034 |
| Hampton Inn | 3410 Clark Lane | (573) 886-9392 |

Possible stops that you might want to check out along the way today.

- Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trails 100 Valmont Dr., Nebraska City, NE
- Nebraska City Museum of Firefighting 1320 Central Ave, Nebraska City
- Pony Express National Museum 914 Penn St., St. Joseph, MO
- Harry S. Truman Museum 500 West US-24, Independence, MO (just outside of Kansas City)
- Warm Springs Ranch (Home of the Budweiser Clydesdales) Boonville, MO.

There are no group dinners planned for Day 6 in the evening hours.
Enjoy Columbia, MO. It's our last night before we arrive at Bowling Green! Yahoo!!!

# Wednesday, August 28, 2024 <br> Day 7 Columbia, MO, to Bowling Green, KY 

Columbia to St. Louis, MO (125 miles), to Bowling Green, KY (278 miles) ... 403 total miles

- From your hotels, proceed to I-70 E toward St. Louis ... Drive 122 miles.
- Use the right 2 lanes to take the exit toward I-55 N/I-64 E/Illinois ... Drive 0.2 miles
- Continue onto I-70 E ... Drive 2.6 miles
- Take Exit 3 to merge onto I-64 E toward Louisville
- Keep left to stay on I-64 E
- There is no planned lunch stop. You are on your own ... however, Mt. Vernon might be a good place to stop and stretch your legs for lunch.
(There are number routes to Bowling Green, but this route has been used in the past to avoid congestion)
- From St. Louis on I-64 E, merge onto I-57 S/I-64 E Exit 73 approximately 75 miles
- South on I-57S/I-64E, then continue on I-64E, follow signs for Louisville
- Continue East on I-64 to Exit 57A in Indiana
- Turn South on US-231 to Maceo
- At Maceo, US-231 merges with US-60.
- US-60 south to Owensboro, Kentucky
- From I-57/I-64 to Owensboro, KY ... Approximately 150 miles
- Take Exit 17, merge onto I-165 S (William Natcher Parkway) toward Bowling Green
- Continue onto l-165 to l-65 ... Drive 70 miles
(Note: Do NOT take the first Bowling Green exit on I-165)
- As Captains and leaders of the PNW Caravan, we have a couple of thoughts regarding where to go upon arrival in BG...to your hotels or to the NCM?

Around $5,000+$ Corvettes will be arriving during the day and there are only two one-lane-each-way entrance roads to the NCM. In the past this has caused very heavy congestion at the NCM, resulting in hour-long (or longer) delays.

After a long drive from Columbia, going to the NCM upon arrival in BG will be crowded and possibly a very frustrating way to begin what should be the experience of a lifetime. The people who have seen the NCM before may very well go straight to their hotels and visit the following morning with a fresh start.

However ...
... if this is your first time traveling to the NCM ... the experience of being there on the last day of your Caravan drive might also be part of the excitement for which you've been waiting.

We're just trying to give you a heads-up ... the choice is yours!

Possible stops you might want to check out along the way today.
St. Louis, MO

- Gateway Arch National Park, 11 North 4th St.
- Gateway Arch Visitor Center, 11 North 4th St. ... public parking services are available along North 4th St. and along Pine St.
- Museum at the Gateway St. Louis ... located underground, beneath the Gateway Arch ... admission is free

| Drury Inn \& Suites (BG) | 3250 Scottsville Rd. | (270) 842-7100 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fairfield Inn \& Suites (BG) | 1832 Cave Mill Rd. | Arranged by Garboden's |
| Comfort Suites of BG | 1211 Kenilwood Way | $(270)$ 632-0045 |
| La Quinta by Wyndham (BG) | 1953 Mel Browning St. | $(270) 783-0083$ |
| Holiday Inn Express (Franklin) | 85 Neha Dr. | $(270) 586-7626$ |
| SpringHill Suites (Franklin) | 5629 Nashville Rd. | $(270) 598-5757$ |
| Hampton Inn (Franklin) | 4010 Nashville Rd. | $(270) 598-8001$ |



## National Corvette Museum Information

## Event Parking:

The National Corvette Museum offers a variety of reserved and general parking options for Caravan Participants.

Parking will be available in the areas outlined on the map (below). There will be shuttle busses running from the NCM Motorsports Park to the NCM, so if you plan on parking at the Motorsports Park, you can pick up the bus there. All of the lots will have shuttles running constantly.


## Pre-trip Checklist for your Corvette.

It is highly recommended this pre-trip checklist be completed two months before the Caravan starts. If you or your Tech/Mechanic find any issues, there will still be time to order parts and get your Corvette fixed in a relaxed, non-stressful manner.

Even if you are doing the inspection yourself: Check to ensure that your driver's license, vehicle tags, and insurance do not expire during your trip. To reduce Law Enforcement "visits" you might consider (if required) your front license plate is properly attached.

1. Wiper blades: Replace wiper blades unless you are positive the sun's UV rays have not worn your wipers out. We will get rain-soaked at times.
2.Tires: Plan this trip knowing you have adequate tread for a minimum 5,000-mile trip. Check inside and outside sidewalls for "bubbles" or gashes. If your Corvette is +6 -years old and has the original tires - even if they have excellent tread - consider replacing them. If applicable, check your spare tire's pressure.
3.Brakes: Check brake wear, for we are going over 5,000 miles, including over the Rocky Mountains.
4.Fluids: Check your oil level and - if not changed out with your engine oil filter recently nor within the last year - get them changed. Get the rest of your fluids checked/topped off, also including transmission and differential fluids.
5.Windshield: if cracked, replace it.
6.Lights: Walk around and perform a "light check" by turning on ALL the lights and making sure they work, especially your brake lights and turn signal lights.
7.Check your heat/air conditioning system in both heating and cooling modes. Check your lights one last time, just before we start out.
8.Coolant: Check your coolant anti-freeze level for proper coolant ratio. This is critical to keep your Corvette's engine cool in hot weather, in which we will be driving.
2. Filters: Check/replace your main engine air filter and, if present, your cabin air filter.
10.Water pump \& engine hoses: Check/inspect your water pump carefully for slight underside leakage; check your engine hoses for cracking, especially if you have an older Corvette. Replace items, if in doubt.
11.Engine belts: Visually check engine belts for cracking and/or proper tension.
12.Leaks: Check for fluid leaks with the engine running by using a flashlight and/or raising the hood. Look for oil or other fluids dripping, or "air hissing" sounds. Next day, check again for fluid underneath the Corvette.
3. Radiator cap: If you are driving an older Corvette, have your cap pressure tested.
4. Battery: If your battery is $4+$ years old, at a bare minimum have it tested. If the battery does not pass the tests, replace it.
15.Horn: Does the horn sound as it should?
5. Key fobs: Check your two key fobs for proper operation. Bring both fobs with you in case you lose or damage one. Change your key fob battery if it is two years old or more.
17.OnStar®: If your vehicle is equipped with OnStar®, activate in case of emergency and/or you MIGHT choose to activate a monthly plan to cover during the trip. If you have a newer Corvette, activate the "My Chevrolet App."
18.AAA: Consider signing up for AAA (or equivalent) with its towing insurance.
19.Pack a flashlight or "miner's" light with new batteries. Keep one within the Corvette cabin.
20.Tools: Determine which of the following additional road trip tools/equipment you might wish to pack, e.g., a few tools, duct tape, bright safety vest(s) for doing "outside inspection/repairs," small tire pump, tire gauge. If traveling with a "safety buddy," each of you split pack some. If you stop at the side of the road, everyone put on their safety vests first.
21.Corvette cleaning: Clean windows inside and out. Carry windshield cleaning fluid and microfiber towels - for we can hit "bug storms." Recommend you wash/wax or equivalent surface treat your Corvette before we leave, for easier subsequent bug removal.
22.Detailing: Pack a Corvette detailing and/or washing kit if you want to clean your Corvette on route. Most of our hotels will have wash stations for use in the evenings or mornings. Griots Garage has a great collapsible bucket to reduce used space.
23.Recommendation: Hide $\$ 200$ and a valid credit card within your Corvette in case your wallet/purse is lost/stolen.
24.Phone charging: Do you have phone charging cable(s) inside your Corvette?

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