

NORTHWEST NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN 2009

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Kansas/ Missouri/Nebraska caravan: Carl Ballinger

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Please thank these many hard working contributors who have made this a great caravan in spite of the tough economy! Remember everyone involved is a volunteer! Enjoy this trip because only one out of 30,000 people have this opportunity!

SAFETY: The Caravan Top 10 Rules for the Road

1. Drive courteously and defensively
2. Choose a caravan buddy in case of breakdowns. Plan on catching up at the next stop. Do not blindly follow the corvette in front of you. Others may be pulling off for food or

fuel. Driving in small groups of 3-10 cars provides added safety, enjoyment and avoids the complications of long lines of cars. You can use your own FRS channel for communication.

3. Read this Manual before the event. Pay attention at the drivers meetings. There can be road closures etc. We will try to alert you to hazards ahead.
4. Event Captains and Leaders are not responsible for your actions so please be courteous on the road. Your actions reflect on the whole Corvette community!
5. Do not follow the corvette ahead of you too close and be aware of your car's speed. Caravans have a tendency to "RUBBER BAND" rapidly and unexpectedly. You can suddenly find yourself very close to the car ahead. Do not accelerate rapidly in a long line of cars or you could be meeting the car ahead unexpectedly and unpleasantly.
6. Caravanning in a manner that impedes the flow of traffic is illegal. Allow other cars to move through or across the caravan.
7. On 4 lane highways stay in the same lane as the Caravan and use the other lane to pass only and let other traffic go by. Remember that truckers are out there to earn a living so make sure they can get by. Drive right and pass left!
8. If the Caravan's speed is too slow leave the caravan and go on ahead at your own pace.
9. The National Corvette Caravan is not a race. We recommend you obey the law. If you drive irresponsibly, you accept the consequences. The National Corvette Caravan does not post bail. Remember all the law enforcement people know we are coming and will be watching. DRIVING UNSAFELY WILL RESULT IN US ASKING YOU TO LEAVE THE CARAVAN
10. Our goal is you arriving safely at our destinations: Drive Defensively.

Shirts: These will be available the NCM.

Flags/ Window Clings and Window Wraps: We will have a limited supply for sale at stops.

SATURDAY AUGUST 29- DAY1:

SEATTLE: Meet at Lee Johnson Chevrolet 11845 NE 85st. Kirkland, WA. (Highway 908) (This leg 280 miles) One block east on left. Be there by 6:15 AM! Leave 7:15 AM. Chris VonRavensberg or John Thomas will lead. We will go back on Hwy 908 to I-405 South and get on I-90 East. There will be a brief stop at the Indian John Hill Rest Stop which is 2-3 mile past exit 84 (Cle Elum). We then get off at Exit 110 to I-82/East and 97 South. For those needing fuel or food there are multiple locations From Yakima to Sunnyside (exits 30-67). There are not many stops available after this until our lunch stop in Pendleton, OR (exit 209). I-82 crosses the Columbia River and we get on I-84 East to Pendleton Exit 209 which is 30 miles. Consider a bathroom break at the rest stop past Hermiston to avoid a big wait in Pendleton.

Sandy, OR: Meet at Suburban Chevrolet 36936 Hwy 26. (This leg 215 miles) Directions to Suburban Chevrolet: From the South Take I-5 to I-205 to hwy 212 East (turn right onto Hwy212). Take Hwy 212 to Hwy 26 (Mt Hood Hwy). Turn right off Hwy 212 onto Hwy 26. It is about 18 miles from I-205 to Sandy. From North Take I-5 south to I-205 South/ East to Hwy 212. Turn left onto Hwy 212 and follow to Hwy 26 (turn right onto Hwy 26). Be at Suburban Chevrolet by 700AM. We leave at 745AM. Bob Gunderman will lead. We depart East on Hwy 26 to Hwy 35 north on a scenic drive around Mt. Hood. Feel free to stop for photos (especially at 9.5 miles and 52 miles from the start!) The route goes straight to I-84 where we get on at exit 64 (right) and go east to Exit 209 where we get off in Pendleton. We will pick several cars in Hood River also. Everyone should stop at one of the rest stops on I-84 (100 miles east of Hood River and just past Hermiston -120 miles). There will be a long wait at Gilbert Chevrolet for a bathroom.

Spokane: Meet at Camp Chevrolet 101 E. Montgomery. (This leg 210 miles) Grant Oberg will lead. Take Exit 281 off I-90 and head north. Turn right one block to Camp Chevrolet. Be there by 700 AM. We leave at 800 AM and return to I-90. We take I-90 West to Hwy 395 at Ritzville. Ritzville may be the best rest stop along the route. Take hwy 395 to I-82 south. Stay together here since the route is tricky. We take I-82 to I-84 East 30 mile to Pendleton Exit 209. Everyone should stop at the rest stop just past Hermiston if a bathroom break is needed.

LUNCH IN PENDLETON: We get off exit 209 and turn right straight up the hill about 2 miles until you see Gilbert Chevrolet. We will have an area to park. Gilbert Chevrolet is sponsoring a free Barbecue. Thank them!!

PENDELTON to BOISE MUNICIPAL PARK: (This leg is about 240 miles) Time Zone change! We leave Pendleton by 130PM. Get back on I-84 east. We go to Idaho EXIT 3 where we get off. (It is about 190 miles to Exit 3) This is a great hilly curvy stretch of I-84 from just before LaGrande to Baker City area! There are almost no services from Baker City to Ontario OR. Get your gas/ rest stop in by Baker City if needed.

Once we cross into Idaho we get off promptly at EXIT3 and will GATHER our group together!

Take Exit 3. Turn right onto US 95 South to Parma. Go about 2 miles where we will stop and regroup along the highway which is sparsely traveled with a very wide shoulder. We will meet up with Valley Corvettes Club members who will escort groups of 10-20 cars to the Dinner stop at Municipal Park in Boise.

The rest of the route if lost: Take hwy 95, 20, 26 straight through Parma and Notus to Caldwell (33 miles) and get back on I-84 (right) to Boise. Get in far left lane of I-84 and exit left to I-184 City Center which goes to central Boise and empties onto a city street (West

Myrtle St.). (WATCH YOUR SPEED). Get in 2ND LEFT LANE and stay there. This lane becomes left turn only lane at Walnut. Go through 7 lights including Broadway streets (7th light). Stay in 2nd left lane and when this lane becomes a left turn lane, take the left turn at light to Walnut. The park is on the right. Turn right at the entrance. Go to the back of the park where the picnic is next to the Boise River. FAIRLY RELIABLE BOB'S and Valley Corvettes are going all out to welcome us. Personally thank him and the Valley Corvette's member who made this possible

Municipal Park to the DoubleTree Hotel:

Turn left out of Municipal Park Turn right at stop sign. Turn right at signal light, STAY IN RIGHT LANE. STAY IN YOUR LANE WHICH BECOMES THE SECOND RIGHT LANE after crossing Broadway Blvd. GO STRAIGHT THROUGH Back onto I-184. Take 1st exit - US 20, 26 WEST/ GARDEN CITY/ FAIRGROUNDS.

DOUBLETREE RIVERSIDE INN is immediately on your right at the bottom of the ramp. There are many gas stations straight ahead on Chinden Blvd.

SUNDAY DAY 2, August 30: Drivers meeting at 630 AM. We leave at 700 AM

From the front of the hotel turn left.

At the signal light turn right.

Immediately go to the far left lane

On ramp to I-184 is on your left (no intersection) before the top of the hill.

(If you miss it go straight ahead to Curtis Rd., turn left at Curtis, I-184 on ramp is at first signal on Curtis on your right.) On I-84 take the middle lanes to the split (bear to the middle right), (exit 0) to I-84 EAST / TWIN FALLS

Boise to Jerome: Brunch Stop: (This leg is about 175 miles)

From I-84 East take Exit 165 Idaho 25 / JEROME, Turn Left.

Go straight to CITY PARK Approx 1 mi.

There is a SHELL gas station on the corner next to the park. Turn right on Lincoln (the traffic light) and go south approx 2 mi. for Chevron.

Jerome, ID to Salt Lake UT: (This leg is about 250 miles)

Get gas in Idaho ((Burley, Rupert area or first exit at Tremonton, UT) since we will not stop between the rest stop in Utah and the Miller Sports Park. See flyer from SNAKE RIVER CORVETTE CLUB below. We leave the park East on Main st. to Hwy 93. Follow Hwy 93 past the interchange and across the Perrine Bridge to the visitor's center on the right on Fillmore Street after we cross the bridge. After we get back on I-84 East we continue to Utah where we join I-15 south in Tremonton, UT 30 miles North of Ogden. There is a REST STOP here where we will meet the Utah corvette group that will escort us to Miller Motorsports Park. I would ask those that are NOT going to the Motorsport Park to group at the far end of the rest stop so the Utah Corvette representatives can take you to the Airport Salt Lake Hilton.

To Miller Motor Sports Park we take I-15 (I-84) south to I-80 west and go 26 miles to exit 99 (Hwy36) go left (south) 3 miles, turn right on Hwy138 and go 5 miles then turn left on Sheep lane and go 2 miles to the park.

(We go by the Airport Hilton- Exit 114). From Miller Motorsports Park we back track (Sheep lane then right on Hwy 138 then left on Hwy 36 then right on I-80 East). Get off exit 114 turn left onto Wright Brothers drive. Take first left at Wiley Park way and go straight to the Hilton. Those coming from North straight to the Hilton get off Exit 114 and turn right on Wright Brothers Drive and then first left on Wiley Park Way to the Hilton. (Flyer and Map from the Utah group enclosed.)

AGENDA: Miller Motor Sports

- 2:00pm - 3:00pm: Arrival of caravan's
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm: Stage in the Midway, Waiver, hand out information packets & Tickets
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm Watch the cart races
- 5:00pm: Driver's Meeting to discuss Track Photos & Parade Laps
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm Enter Track and set up for group photo
- 6:00pm – 6:15pm: Begin Parade Laps
- 6:15pm – 6:45pm: Parade Laps
- 6:45pm Direct to Midway to park
- 6:45pm – 7:30pm: Dinner in Legends Hall, Club House Lounge, and South Club House Tent
- 7:30pm: Museum tours for those who want to
- 8:00pm – 8:15pm: Departure

DAY 3 Monday August 31

Route from Salt Lake City, Utah to Grand Jct., Colorado (this is approx 290 miles)

Exit Hilton west parking lot head east on Wiley Post Way, turn right (south) at light on to Wright Brothers Drive. This will put us on I-80 east. Proceed east on I-80 and exit right (south) on to I-215 (approx. 3 miles). **(If by chance you miss this turn off proceed east to I-15 and go south on I-15 follow signs that say to Las Vegas...you will catch up with us at the end of the SLC valley)** We will exit off I-215 at Exit 12 and head south towards Las Vegas/Price/Manti on I-15. Approximately 41 miles south on I-15 we will take exit 258 (Price/Manti) Highway 6 & 89 stay in the right lane. We will follow 6 & 89 & 6 & 191 to our gas stop in Wellington, Utah. From Wellington we continue south on hwy 6 to just west of Green River, Utah where we enter I-70 and head east to our lunch in Grand Jct., Colorado. In Grand Jct. we will exit off I-70 at 24 Road and proceed to the Mesa Mall. There will be a ton of food choices here. We will have food coupons also!

GRAND JUNCTION TO AURORA SPORTS PARK(Denver): (This is approx 270 miles)

We get back on I-70 East. There should be a professional crew to film our cars in Glenwood Springs Canyon (about 90 miles East). The plan now is to have professional crew take pictures of your cars one at a time as they enter the rest stop about mile 121 at the Grizzly Creek rest area. We want to make sure there is no back up of traffic on the interstate. If traffic backs up you will need to skip this opportunity. If everyone leaves for Denver in small groups, not all together, this will work well. These pictures will be available for purchase with details available at our lunch stop. They will have photo examples and prices there. Also feel free to stop at any of the scenic towns along the way! We continue to Denver to the Aurora Sports Park which east of Denver. We take exit 286 and go South (right) 1 mile on Tower road and turn left onto Colfax road. The sport Park is on the right at the next

light. BBQ starts at 500 PM and goes to 830 PM(cost is \$10 but is the same great food as last time). There is a t-shirt available either ahead of time (order before Aug 20) or some available onsite. Below is their link for the shirt.

<http://www.corvettecaravan.com/co/downloads/ParticipantTshirtOrderForm.pdf>

Aurora Sports Park to the Comfort Inn: We turn left out of the sports complex onto Colfax Avenue then go East past Tower Road to Airport Blvd. Turn Right (North) on Airport Road. Go North 1.5 miles to East 32nd Ave. Turn right at the last light before I-70. The Comfort Inn is at 16921 East 32nd Ave.

Day 4, Tuesday September 1: (approx 590 miles to our hotel) Time Zone Change!

We leave the Comfort Inn and turn Left onto Airport road from East 32nd then Left on Colfax to the Aurora Sports Park on Tuesday morning. The park will open at 6:00 AM and we will have pancakes and other breakfast items ready by 7:00 AM. Coffee & Juice will also be included. Chris Cakes of Colorado will be doing the cooking and you will be pleased at what you get for your \$6.00. The City of Aurora Parks Department has assured me that they will have the sprinklers turned off.

We will plan on departing about 8:30 AM for Kansas City, Missouri. You are on your own for lunch as Kansas is a very large state with lots of little towns along the way, but no large ones in the area where a lunch stop would fall. Hays, KS is the first town of any size at exit 159- US 183. This is 310 miles from Denver! This has been the best and only location with a good food selection. Most food is within 1-2 miles south of I-70. Lots of gas stations also. We will not get there until about 100 PM. Consider snacks for the trip.

For those who have never been there, a stop at Cabelas sporting goods is an eye opener! You can also spend some time if you want to avoid the Kansas City rush hour! Cabelas is North at exit 410-- 110th street (same exit as the Kansas Speedway). This is 250 miles from Hayes. Cabelas directions:
Traveling on I-70, take Exit #12, I-435 North. Continue north on I-435 approximately 1/2 mile and take Exit #13B, State Avenue West. From off ramp, continue west on State Avenue for approximately 1/2 mile to first stoplight. Turn right at stoplight onto Village West Parkway. Go one block to next stoplight and turn right onto Cabela Drive

Note there is a toll road from Topeka to Kansas City outskirts. Also for those stopping at Cabelas there is food in Topeka, KS at exit 356 South or at Lawrence, KS on the turnpike at exits 202 and 209. Our hotel is at the far East end of Kansas about 35 miles from Cabelas. We take I-70 straight through to I-670 (for a short stretch) and back to I-70 east to Missouri.

We get off in Blue springs Exit 20 for the HAMPTON INN Blue Springs, MO. Get off Exit 20, turn right at exit and go 1 block to South Outer Road. Turn Right onto South Outer Road. Our Hotel is 1/2 mile down the road at 900 NW South Outer Road.

DAY 5, Wednesday September 2: Approx 210 miles to lunch, approx 125 miles lunch to Effingham

We will depart Blue Springs from I-70, exit 21 (next exit east from the Hampton Inn). The departure will be on the south side of I-70 where there is a Home Depot / Wal-Mart parking lot. Take exit 21 and

go south to the first stop light - a very short distance. At the stop light the Home Depot / Wal-Mart parking lot will be on the right. Departure time is 9:00 AM. Be there at 830. Since these businesses will be open, they have requested we park away from the buildings toward the road.

We will travel across Missouri with a lunch stop in the St. Louis area at the St. Louis Mills Mall on I-370. This is just before St Charles and St. Louis. To get there we will take the I-370 exit north (exit 224) and travel to the St. Louis Mills Mall (exit 11 on I-370). We should be arriving around 12:00 noon. There are many places to eat at the Mall and fuel is in the vicinity but not at the Mall. We are planning a 1:30 PM departure from the east side of the mall area near the Sears Outlet Store and the old Circuit City Store - you can still see the outline of the old Circuit City sign on the building. We will depart the Mall and travel east on I-370 to I-270 around the north side of St Louis area to I-70 and then on toward Mid-America Motorworks (www.mamotorworks.com) in Effingham, IL.

Our planned arrival time in Effingham, IL. is 3:00-3:30 PM. It would be a good idea to check into your motel first before going to Mid-America as Mid-America has a full late afternoon and evening planned for us at their facility.

Hampton Inn Effingham, IL directions:

Interstate I-57 and I-70 take Exit 160 onto Keller Drive. Head east on Keller Drive and the hotel is next to Lonestar on Hampton Drive.

When you leave your motel after check-in, travel East on I-70 to the Highway 45 exit (exit 162). From this exit you will travel north on Highway 45 for a little over 1 mile. Mid-America will have people on the right side of the road to direct you to a parking spot.

Mike and his crew will provide us with tours of their facility including Mikes Museum (self guided) which includes many one of a kind Corvettes and a great collection of Corvette memorabilia. The entire facility will be open for our Caravan to enjoy as long as caravan participants are there. There will be a chicken dinner offered to Caravan participants for a nominal cost of \$8.00. I am told Effingham is noted for two things - Mid-America and Neimerg's Chicken. This Chicken meal includes all the trimmings including potatoes, salad, veggies, etc. The "Naked Sissies" band will provide us with entertainment starting at 7:00PM for the rest of the evening. I am told this band is not really "naked" and they are an interactive band where you can join in with the group if you play one of the instruments or of you just want to sing along. Sounds like a fun evening of entertainment for everyone.

Mike is offering a 10% discount on all purchases as well as some limited installations on certain items. "Goodie bags" and a car wash area will be available to all participants. This will also be the first opportunity to "build a mat" where you can have floor mats built to your own specifications.

Day6, Thursday September 3 Approx 165 miles to lunch, approx 105 miles lunch to the NCM!

Mid-America has invited us to a free Continental breakfast Thurs. AM, Sept. 3, from 7:00 - 8:30AM. After this Continental breakfast we will depart from Mid-America at 8:30 AM to our final destination at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

From Effingham, our route will take us south on I-57 through Mt. Vernon, IL, where we will pick up I-64. We will travel I-64 east toward Evansville, IN. In Indiana we will take exit 29A and travel south on I-164 where we will exit at 7A (Lloyd Expressway) around 1100 AM. There are many places to eat and fuel up at this exit for the remainder of the trip. After lunch we will gather together at this exit and have a police escort to Bowling Green leaving around 1230 PM. Our police escort will take us from Evansville on I-164 to HWY 41 south across the Ohio River to Henderson, KY then take the Audubon parkway East (about 6 miles inside Kentucky) to Owensboro and then exit to Bowling Green (exit 7) onto the Natcher Parkway and then get on I-65 North. Our planned arrival time (EXIT 28) at the NCM is 230 PM!!!

We will get off exit 28 and stay in the LEFT lane for a left turn onto Corvette Drive and will drive past the NCM/ Corvette Café around the new logo circle where we will be videotaped as we drive by! Everyone MUST stay in their lane so we can get everyone off the interstate as quickly as possible. The caravan will then go to the remote parking sites where air conditioned shuttles will take us to the museum. It is important that everyone must follow the car in front of them for the trip getting off the highway at the NCM. Many caravans will arrive around the same time and we have safety our first priority, therefore everyone must proceed as directed to the remote parking areas.

There are way more cars than parking spots at the NCM so remote parking will be necessary for this event. Plan accordingly. Even Lifetime member like me will have to shuttle or walk. It will be a great time to meet new corvette enthusiasts.

Videographers;

If anyone would like to video tape our trip and make this available to the NCM who will compile a video disc like last time let me know. You will get your tape/disc/chip back. Also I would love a copy disc of anyone's photos since I never get to see or photograph what you do.

BOB GUNDERMAN

Northwest Caravan captain



NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN MID-MORNING SNACK STOP

SUNDAY AUGUST 30 JEROME, IDAHO CITY PARK

SPONSORED BY THE SNAKE RIVER CORVETTE CLUB

Welcome to the Magic Valley!

From I 84 take freeway exit #168 and follow signs to downtown Jerome. The City Park is located on E Main Street. The Snake River Corvette Club will be there to meet and greet you and give directions for parking around the park.

Will be serving a mid morning snack of muffins, fruit, yogurt and milk. The restroom facilities are limited, so please take advantage of freeway rest stops, fueling stations and mini-quick marts!

When leaving the City Park travel east on Main Street to Highway 93. The Flying J truck stop is located at the interchange of 93 and I 84.

For those wanting to sight see just a bit we suggest a terrific view of the incredible Snake River Canyon. Just follow Highway 93 past the interchange and across the Perrine Bridge to the Visitor's Center located just to the right after crossing the bridge. Turn right on Fillmore Street, right after the Outback Steak house to the Visitor's Center. This is an easy return back to I 84 and is only 3-4 miles for a spectacular view!!!!!!!!!!

