



*2014 NCM National Corvette Caravan*

# 2014 Gulf States Region Caravan

(SE TX, LA, MS, AL, NW FL)

## Newsletter

August 23-27, 2014 Gulf States Region Festivities & Caravan  
August 28-30, 2014 NCM 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Celebration

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**Congratulations, the 2014 Gulf States Region Caravan is almost double the size of the 2009 Gulf States Caravan and we still have 8 months to go – Thank you!**

### **2014 Gulf States Region Caravan Regional Major Sponsor:**

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## **Gulf States Region Caravan - 8 months to go!**

**If you have not registered for the Caravan, it's not too late. Visit our webpage for the registration process and follow the instructions steps – the Gulf States Region webpage link is:**  
[www.corvettecaravan.com/tx-la-ms-al/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/tx-la-ms-al/)

### **Consider this.....**

If you are trying to decide whether or not to participate in the 2014 Gulf States Region Corvette Caravan, you need to check out the agenda on the Gulf States Region Caravan webpage (use the link above). **This is going to be the most incredible Caravan the Gulf States Region has ever experienced.**

Never has there been so much planning and creativity going into providing festivities and activities for the participants of the Gulf States Region Corvette Caravan.

The bold move of taking the Caravan into downtown New Orleans for an “on your own” night in New Orleans (the Caravan will be escorted, by the police, in and out of New Orleans), then an incredible evening of socializing, dinner and professional entertainment in Dothan, plus the activities that are being planned for the Gulf States Region Caravan Headquarters, in Birmingham, have never been attempted before and has taken a lot of work by some very special people.

For those who want to “caravan on your own”, we say have a safe and enjoyable trip, but the point we make is this:

**You can caravan to the NCM anytime with your club and friends, but a National Corvette Caravan, where we caravan as ONE, only comes once every five years.**

**We would love to see you on the 2014 Gulf States Region Caravan!**

### **An incredible night has been planned in Dothan, AL**

George Heneveld, Alabama & NW Florida Regional Leader, has planned a spectacular evening for all the Gulf States Region Caravan participants in Dothan, AL. **You will not want to miss this evening social!**

Socializing, dinner and entertainment will make for an incredible evening. In addition to a fabulous dinner, George has contracted with the following acts to provide professional entertainment for all of the Gulf States Region participants.

- **The Legends**, with Ronnie “The Hat” Robinson as their front man and lead vocalist, has performed with acts such as Percy Sledge, Clarence Carter, The Temptations, The Drifters and many more.
- **John Yates**, his ventriloquism began when he was eight years old and he has performed at concerts, banquets and other venues ever since.
- **J.J. Justice**, mind reading, comedy and mystery entertainment for all.

Providing this kind of evening is expensive and we will ask that you help us defray the cost of the meal. We will be asking for a **\$10 per person contribution**, which will be collected at the door. This is a small contribution for such a wonderful evening and it is much less expensive than going out to dinner on your own.

**This is going to be an evening to remember!**

## **Birmingham Headquarters Activities Planned**

Dennis Hopkins, Birmingham Local Leader, and Team Corvette of Birmingham Host Committee are now finalizing several activities that Gulf States Region Caravan Participants, who have decided not to participate in the Talladega Superspeedway Event, will have to choose from on Tuesday.

Activities will include a Corvette Shine & Show (along with a day's worth of activities) at the Hoover Metropolitan Stadium in Hoover, AL, a visit to the Barbers Motorsports Museum, shopping at Brookwood Village Mall, the Villages at Mountain Brook, Downtown Homewood or The Shops of Grand River. Also, there are numerous Education & Historical activities such as the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the Birmingham Zoo that you may visit.

## **Talladega Superspeedway Track Activities are being finalized**

We are waiting for the Talladega Superspeedway to finalize their 2014 calendar. As soon as we receive word, which should be after the first of the year, it will be announced to everyone.

A full day at Talladega Superspeedway will include laps, on the Talladega Superspeedway track, entrance to the Talladega Superspeedway Museum and shopping in the Talladega Superspeedway Gift Shop. There will a small cost per Corvette, which will cover track laps and museum admission for up to two people.

**Participation in the Talladega Superspeedway Event will require pre-registration. Registration details will be posted when they are finalized.**

## **Hotel Rooms in Bowling Green, KY for 2014**

**Hotel Rooms are beginning to open up in Bowling Green**

Keep up to date with the Corvette Caravan 2014 Bowling Green, KY Lodging Information by following this link:

[www.vettecaravan2014.com](http://www.vettecaravan2014.com)

### **A word from the 2014 NCM National Corvette Caravan Chairman**

“For all of you inquiring about hotel rooms in Bowling Green during the 20th Anniversary Celebration next year, I can now let you know that the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau has established a website showing those hotels that have rooms available. The site is new and the amount of information is in the beginning stages but now you have somewhere to go to look for rooms. The BGC&VB will maintain this page and update as they receive inputs from the hotels. As time progresses we know that cancellations will be occurring and when they do, the hotel will provide the information for this page. The good folk there deserve our sincere thanks and gratitude for taking on this task and making every effort to ensure we have a great event. Please do not call them for information as this site was established to cut down on the contacts with both them, the NCM, and myself. The URL is [\\_www.vettecaravan2014.com\\_](http://www.vettecaravan2014.com) (<http://www.vettecaravan2014.com>).”

Paul Mariano

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