

SEASON PREVIEW EDITION

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Event Registrations:

We will be using our SONHC website for all of our event registrations this year. While we will be announcing the events on our Facebook group page and website, Registrations will only be officially accepted thru the registration portal on the www.sonhcorvettes.org website. We also ask to please be patient as we are constantly working on improving the registration process, and working thru the occasional hiccups the forms are giving us!

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April!

As the Calendar turns to April, we as Corvette owners here in the Northeast turn our attention to what is right in front of us! Bringing our cars out of hibernation and once again getting behind the wheel to enjoy them! Winter's here in new England are marathons and even a mild one still makes us endure months of separation anxiety. But with the coming of spring, winter disappears faster than a Mustang in the rear view mirror.

We fired up our 2023 season with last months Kickoff Event and announced our ambitious 2023 caravan and event season! It get's started this month with back to back trips down with to the 88 MPH time Machine Museum in Hubbardston MA. As May approaches we really get going with trips to the Londonderry Aviation museum, Rye Beach, Portsmouth and Anheuser Bush.

The Times.. they are a changing

As those of you whom attended the Season Kickoff event are aware, there's lots of changes afoot for SONHC's 2023 Season. Diversity would be the one word to describe what we have in store for this upcoming season. Different destinations, different days, shorter and more frequent caravans, all to try and appeal to more member participation. Yes, some of the larger and longer events are still on the schedule, but with a few more diverse closer to home destinations mixed in between. We'll also have some surprise's along the way, as we have a few additional events not on the schedule that we'll be announcing in the coming weeks and months.

Also with the launching of our *Partnering Professionals* program and the accompanying group sponsorship, we hope to be able to broaden our groups appeal by offering more benefits to the members. 100% of the sponsorship we receive goes directly back into the group to both offset our administrative costs (yes we have do have expenses) but more importantly, towards improving everyone's experience at our events.

Additionally as the season goes on we'll be talking more and more about the upcoming **National Corvette Museum 2024 caravan** happening next year. We'll begin laying out the plans for any SONHC members that will be attending, and our plans to get those who wish to caravan together down to the official opening night event in Gettysburg, PA.

We hope to see many of you at one or more of our events this upcoming season.

Target Cruise Nights!

Just announced: Scott Scribner's *Target Cruise Nights* will be commencing on April 21st! The biggest and best car show in the Southern New Hampshire area will once again return for this upcoming season! SONHC will once again look to have a strong weekly presence at this great event! For any member that has never attended a SONHC event, the *TCN* show is a great way to come out and get to meet some of your fellow members along with see some pretty impressive machines. The *TCN* is every Friday evening at the Target parking lot on Amherst Street, Nashua from 5-8PM (weather permitting) April thru October. Trust me, you'll find it when you see it!

Ever wanted to have your own car show?.. Here is your chance! Scott is looking for someone to take over this great event and continue what is has now become a weekly area summertime tradition. If you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity, reach out to Scott via e-mail at sssclassiccars@comcast.net to learn all the details. Just remember you'll have some mighty big shoes to fill!



The Season Kickoff Event has officially ushered in our 2023 Caravan and event Season!

Many thanks to all that joined us for our first ever season starting 2023 Season Kickoff Gala as we rolled out the upcoming caravan and event season! Thanks to our **Partnering Professionals** for helping support this fun event. Congratulations to all the evening's door prize & raffle winners! Many thanks to all the group Admins for pulling this event together and in helping MC the nights events!



Our 2023 Schedule of Events

Here is our 2023 listing of scheduled caravans and events

2023 SONHC Schedule of Events

Sunday April 23rd

Back to the Future Caravan (1st Caravan Limit 25 ppl) Hubbardston, MA

Sunday April 30th

Back to the Future Caravan (2nd Caravan limit 25 ppl) Hubbardston, MA

Friday May 12th

Aviation Museum, Londonderry NH

Sunday May 21st

Rt1, Rye Beach Portsmouth NH Caravan

Sunday May 28th

Gate City Spring Fling (Non SONHC Event)* Anheuser Bush, Merrimack NH

Thursday June 8th

Decordova Museum Caravan, Lincoln MA

Friday June 9th

NHIS Laps for Charity (road course)* Loudon NH

Sunday June 18th

Surprise Admins Choice Caravan

Thursday July 13th

NHIS Laps for charity (Oval)*

Monday July 17th

SONHC Golf Outing

Saturday July 22nd

SONHC Summer Outing, Hollis Hill Farms, Fitchburg, MA

Monday August 7th

Tuckaway Restaurant, Raymond NH

Sunday August 20th

Gunstock Mt. Caravan & Alpine Slide, Gilford NH

Saturday September 2nd

Manchester Cruising Downtown, Manchester NH

Sunday September 17th

Kancamagus North Conway

Thursday, October 5th

Woodman's of Essex, Essex MA.

Sunday October 15th

Bennington VT Public House Caravan

Saturday November 11th

First Annual Toy Drive & last official caravan of the season, Location TBD

Full Field Event * Limited Field Event * Notates a non SONHC organized event

Additionally in conjunction with our *Partnering Professionals* we'll be adding two **SONHC member's only** car shows this upcoming season. In April we'll announce the dates and location of these spring and fall weekend day events!

Our *Partnering Professionals* page

These companies are here for you, We ask that you in kind support them and take advantage of some of the exclusive SONHC member specials they're offering!

Our 2023 Season long Sponsor



Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that we will for the first time have our very own **SONH CORVETTES** calendar available for the upcoming 2024 calendar year! In conjunction with our *Partnering Professionals*, our calendar will feature SONHC member cars each month along with some of our best caravan pictures. If you'd like to have your car featured, send us your best Corvette picture and we'll choose from some of the best to add to the calendar! Deadline for submission is July 2023



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Did you know? For the SONHC members who have signed up to attend the *National Corvette Museum 2024 Caravan* in August of next year and wish to caravan down together to the opening night event in Gettysburg PA. August 23rd. The official start to the caravan event. We are putting together a caravan route to take us out of New England all the way down to the opening night festivities. Details and caravan registration of our route will be announced as we get towards the end of this years summer. You will not be alone if you choose, as we will lead you on this journey together to the start of this once in a lifetime event!

In the mean time, please remember to check out the National Corvette Museum 2024 Caravan NE chapter to see the latest news about some of this years upcoming events leading up to the main event!



SONH Corvette - Group Riding Guidelines

GENERAL

When arriving at the morning starting location, please have a full tank of gas and an empty bladder then be ready to have some serious fun! At least two members of the caravan (the lead and tail gunner) will have two-way radios.

We recommend everyone have and use two-way radios, the Midland GTX-1000AZ (Amazon \$39.99) and optionally you can purchase the cigarette light adapter separately. If you **don't** have a radio, it's helpful if you provide your cell phone number to your lead & tail gunner in the event you need to pull over and leave the group or get separated from the group. If you **do** have a radio, please keep conversational chatter to a minimum so that announcements and warnings by the leader/tail gunner can be broadcast in a timely manner.

Absolutely no passing other members of the Caravan while in route unless it's for safety reasons. If you feel the need to get around a car in front of you, use one of our stops (bio or lunch) to get in line ahead of that car as we get back on route.

Maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you **BUT do not fall too far behind** either. 3 car lengths on the back roads and maybe 4 or 5 lengths on the highway are safe distances but most importantly it keeps us riding as one group. And also helps to reduce the accordion effect for the people in the back of the group, if you've been back there you know what I mean. Never ride over your head, if you have a concern about the ride, speak to your ride leader at the next stop.

If your car is a manual and you tend to down shift to stop, during any caravan/group ride tap your brake pedal a couple times so the person behind you knows you're slowing down or stopping. This goes a long way in preventing rear end collisions, it's just like using your turn signal to let people behind you know you're turning. Rear end collisions are the number 1 cause of accidents in group rides.

Speaking of turn signals, the use of turn signals is required during caravans. Your turn signal notifies the car behind you and the car behind you and so on, the group is turning.

STAY ALERT

Again, the most common accident in a caravan is the rear-end collision. Please don't let yourself get too distracted, we're going to be traveling through some beautiful roads and countryside, do your best to stay focused on your driving.

If you have a passenger, have that person act as your navigator to assist with directions, caravan related cell phone use, two-way radio use, etc.

As the driver, your primary job is to drive your car with minimal distractions keeping you, your passenger and those cars around you safe.

Not only watch just the car directly in front of you, but also watch 4-5 cars ahead of you. This gives you a better reaction time to avoid an accident, know when the group is taking a turn or coming to a stop sign.

DRIVING IN TOWN

Obey traffic signs, no running stop lights or blocking intersections.

In town:

when we encounter traffic lights, if there are 2 open lanes so we can line up side by side, use both lanes going in our direction. This can allow more of us to make the next green light. If we're in just 1 lane keep the distance to the car in front of you tight when stopped at the light. When turning green, again keep the distance tight in an effort to get all the cars through the light.

If we get split up, we will re-group where possible. We will try to pull over on the side of the road, but this is not always possible on some of the roads we'll be traveling. When available we'll get off the road into a parking lot to re-group. If we pull over in a small parking lot, be kind to those behind you and do your best to double or triple up or pull off to the side of the lot so everyone can exit the road and park safely in the parking lot. Just another reason to have quality two-way radios in your car. If we get split-up the leader or tail gunner can communicate to those stuck at a light where the group is.

**Lastly, stay safe by following these simple guidelines and
have fun!**

We'll do the rest!