

April!



This Months Articles

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We're excited to announce our own SONH CORVETTES YouTube channel. Check out all the latest video's from our past caravans to our upcoming ride previews to everything corvette related.

Just search SO NH CORVETTES and subscribe to the page!



When most people think of April their thoughts are of taxes and deadlines! Obviously while Corvette owners pay taxes, our first thoughts even before taxes sometimes is "How soon before I can get my Corvette out of hibernation?" April is one of the transition months that the weather can be tumultuous to say the least. A foot or more of snow can arrive one day and be followed by 70 degree the next day! Is the road salt and sand washed off yet?

Lots of people finish up the car detailing or maintenance in April with anticipation of the great weather ahead! For ride planner's, April is the time to put the finishing detailing on the early season caravan schedule and to reach out to the venues that were closed for the winter season for the summer events. We now get to start to enjoy the fruits of the long winters labor!

With the anticipation of spring arriving soon, its time to announce some of our planned 2022 caravans and events. We're pretty sure all of you are as excited as we are to get back into our cars and start exploring all the great destinations New England has to offer.

We're planning on kicking off our cruise season in May with our first of 20 or more events we have on our planned schedule. We've tried to include a diverse variety of events to hopefully appeal to as many people as possible.

Here is just a early season list of some of the trips we have planned for the upcoming season....

May 2022

Ogunquit ME...We're heading to Maine out of Manchester on our first Sunday caravan for some great early season seafood and the ocean. Leaving SO NH and heading towards Rye Beach and the great RT1A we'll venture north through Portsmouth and continue our scenic coastal route arriving in Ogunquit for some great seafood and a stroll along Marginal way.

As we ramp up our schedule in

June 2022 we'll be heading to

Lexington MA, for a midweek caravan to explore the **Minuteman Trail** full of rich history!

A short trip to **The NHRA New England Nationals** at NE Dragway, Epping NH in early June. All the national stars are here for this three day loud and fast event!

Gillette Stadium A Sunday visit to Patriot's place for a diverse visit to the Home of the greatest NFL Dynasty An afternoon of Shopping and Dining and a visit to the Patriot's Hall of Fame!

Newport RI Always a great trip to the land of the early century Aristocrats and their Mansions, Lunch at Fort Adams with beautiful ocean views all make for a great days journey!

We'll top off the month with a midweek trip to **Newburyport MA** to the Spencer Pierce Farmhouse, an animal lovers paradise!

In **July** we're visiting the **Maine Car Museum** in Arundel ME, A hidden gem right in our back yard!

A mid-week trip to The **Decordova Museum**, Lincoln MA. Home to some of the area's most unique art filled walking trails.

A **Lake Winnepesaukee** Sunday trip around the big lake! We'll hit all the boroughs as we navigate the gorgeous ride all the way around NH's largest lake. We'll stay close to home for a midweek Corvette only night at the **MIFORD**

DRIVE IN theater!

Then we close out July with a couple of trips to the **Bank of NH Pavilion in Guilford NH**, for the Keith Urban and Luke Bryant Converts!

We'll end our early season preview with this one!

In **August** a **CORVETTE SUPER MEET & GREET** the first ever, one day single site gathering of all 37 Corvette clubs from the Six New England States! More details next month

Just a glimpse of some of the early season things we're planning for the 2022 season !

Have an event you'd like to see us add, then drop us a line and we'll look at it.

National Corvette Museum

For many Corvette owners the Holy Grail road trip would be one to the National Corvette Museum adjacent to the Corvette production plant in Bowling Green Kentucky. If you've



been fortunate enough to have visited the museum then you know just how amazing the place is!

Now the museum is so much more than a place to visit, they're involved in so many Corvette activities outside their building that the museum is actually just a portion of what they are.

Corporate GM is very protective of their brand and does not embrace outside entities often if ever. One of the few exceptions is the NCM which not only does GM acknowledge, but work hand in hand to represent the iconic Corvette. Many of the cars at the museum are owned by private donors and have either been loaned on exhibit or donated to the museum for our enjoyment. And GM corporate itself, has added numerous special vehicles to the museum and continues to work hand in hand with the museum. It's a great partnership that benefits everyone!

Museum History *The museum's quiet beginnings came from one Super Corvette aficionado named Terry McManmon, who envisioned a singular place to hold a Corvette "common library or archive", at the National Corvette Restorers Society convention in 1984. While this notion became an instant hit with others at the convention, garnering funding for such a project proved to be a sizable task. The formation of a "not-for-profit" organization was seen as the only way forward, in a bid to raise necessary money to begin construction.

After receiving word that a Chevrolet press show was to be held at the nearby Bowling Green Assembly Plant, NCM project PR manager Dan Gale, orchestrated a mock Corvette Museum "groundbreaking" ceremony, even though not a single dollar had been raised for the project to proceed forward.

At the ceremony, an elderly **Zora Arkus-Duntov** manned the controls of a bulldozer, which had been outfitted with hand-painted Corvette cutouts. Oddly enough, this ceremony did not even take place at the site where the museum would later be built. In fact, a Wendy's restaurant was built at this site a

short time later.

Despite an exhaustive effort to raise the funds necessary to build the Corvette Museum, cash flow remained in short supply. However, an opportunistically timed financial impact study pertaining to the proposed project would eventually turn the tides. After an early 1990's report indicated that the museum could indeed prove profitable, several Bowling Green banks came together to provide a 6.6 million dollar loan to financially back the National Corvette Restorers Society's efforts.

With funding finally secured, construction began in 1993. At last, the National Corvette Museum opened its doors on September 2, 1994. Ironically, this date fell nearly 10 years to the day from Terry McManmon's initial proposal, which proved to be the catalyst for the NCM as we know it today.

NCM LOGO

Most of us have seen the round NCM brand logo that adorns everything NCM, both at the museum, but also on anything officially museum related. Did you know the NCM emblem was pulled from a file of unused Chevrolet artwork from the 1950s.



As it turns out, the "unused" emblem had been prepared by none other than famed Corvette design team member, Larry Shinoda. This emblem was eventually adopted by the National Corvette Restorers Society, before assuming its current role as the NCM's official logo.

The museum's popularity was a slow building from its early beginnings to its present day flourishment. One of the more ironic things that could have spelled the doom for any other museum actually polarized and increased the NCM's popularity.

On February 12, 2014, in the early morning hours, a massive sinkhole opened up beneath the Skydome portion of the museum. The approximately 30x40 foot hole was caused by the roof of a previously unknown



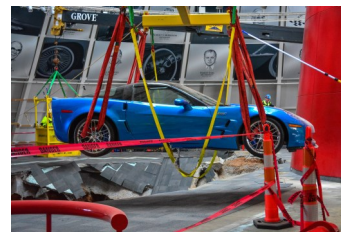
cave beneath the museum collapsing under the weight of the building. Motion sensors within the Skydome alerted employees that something was off, however they weren't prepared to see exactly what had happened! It swallowed up eight unique Chevrolet Corvette models that were on display, resulting in damages and destruction well into the seven figures.

Eight Corvettes fell over 40ft into the sinkhole, with five sustaining severe damage.

Among these five were a 1984 PPG Indy



Car World Series Pace Car, a one-off 1993 ZR-1 Spyder, a 1993 40th Anniversary coupe, a 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06, and a 2009 C6 Convertible; which was the 1.5 millionth Chevrolet Corvette produced. Despite GM's initial pledge to do so, none of these cars were able to be fully restored after being removed from the sinkhole. However three of the Chevrolet Corvettes that fell into the hole were able to be saved however. The first car to be rescued was the 2009 C6 Corvette ZR1 Prototype known as Blue Devil. Despite falling from a significant



height, the car was actually able to drive out of the Skydome under its own power after being pulled out. General Motors then took the car back from the NCM, and restored it to its former glory.

GM also repaired the one millionth Chevrolet Corvette, a 1992 model finished in white



over red leather. It had sustained quite a bit more damage than the ZR1, but the automaker wasn't ready to let another milestone car go that easy. The original body panels were restored in places that they could be, right on down to the secret signatures left by factory workers back in 1992!

NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK

In 2013 and just prior to the floor collapse the NCM built the NCM motor park, setting



adjacent to the museum, so Corvette owners could actually track their car while visiting the



museum.

The museum prospered for many years after the floor collapse, when adversity once again struck in December of 2021. A EF2 level tornado struck the area, devastating Bowling Green, damaging both the Corvette Assembly plant and the adjacent NCM motorsports park along with destroying numerous area businesses and homes that resulted in the death of 17 people.

While the production plant has since reopened and the NCM motor park along with the entire BG area is continuing to rebuild! If past history is any indicator, the plant, museum, motor park, and the town itself will return bigger and better than ever!

So if you happen to attend an event and you see the NCM emblem, (yes they attend many events outside the museum) or visit the museum in person, take a second and thank them for all they do for us and our amazing cars!

* NCM historical data provided by Josh Boyd, who is an ASE certified, career automotive technician with an intense passion for all things of mechanical and a long time resident of the Bowling Green Kentucky area.

What we Do

Introducing a section in the newsletter called What we Do!. Showcasing companies who's products enhance and add to our rides !

If you're a open hood kind of guy or gal, then this product might interest you. Beautiful embroidered hood liner insulation emblems for the C5 & C6 gens. They are super high quality and come with new hood liner retaining clips. They are available in a variety of styles and come with 3m adhesive on the back and



are ready to mount.

The product is super high quality and will enhance your engine compartment easily and quickly

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This is not a shameful self plug... but more of a Did you know ... SO NH CORVETTES has a fleet account set up at all 65 VIP locations through out New England! What this means is everyone can get discounted pricing on all their products and services for our cars. (discount can apply to every family vehicle). From Mobil1 oil changes to Michelin and Continental Tires, by mentioning our SO NH CORVETTE account you'll receive a discount on most every purchase. In addition if you sign up for their e-mail notifications, they'll let you know when the State Inspections are free! (In NH a \$45 value, Veterans always receive free State inspections with valid military ID) In addition, every dollar spent earns loyalty rewards that can be turned into additional savings going forward! VIP has ASE certified . Techs who can perform all the work! They are locally owned and operated. www.vipauto.com



Corvettes are in most everyone's eyes, the ultimate American made sports car the past seventy years. GM has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in developing and utilizing unique parts and components just for the Corvette to give it the incredible unmatched performance and styling it has! But one area that has always been considered average at best is in the audio department. While almost every part that goes into a Corvette is unique to the car, the same radio that went into a Chevy Cruze made its way into the Corvette! Its never really been a priority with GM.

Well for some time now there's a company that can give you the very best in audio for your Corvette. Crutchfield audio has been around since the mid 70's and provides a full menu of the latest components to bring your cars audio up to match the rest of the cars performance. Head units, speakers, amplifiers, navigation units, anything audio, they handle. So why Crutchfield? many companies sell radios, but what sets them apart is they know these cars and they make all the needed components to make plug and play a real thing.

When you go to their website and start looking around, the very first thing you'll do is select your year make and model. And as you select desired components, before they'll let you check out, they'll tell you all the little things you will need to make your installation easy and complete! They also include specific model unique step by step instructions to guide you thru completion. If your car has steering wheel audio controls, they'll include the pieces needed to incorporate the controls into your new unit. Have a Bose factory system, then the pieces needed to work with them are there as well. Most everyone has either an iPhone or Android and when selecting your radio unit, they'll tell you which ones work with either or even both. There menus are easy to navigate and their pricing is inline with other companies pricing. I would recommend if you're considering a audio upgrade to check them out!



DID YOU KNOW.. If you drive your car year round here in the Northeast, the valve stem cap you have on your tires matters. Because of the salt used on the roads, you always want to use a rubber or plastic valve stem cap. If you use a metal cap, you will get oxidization build up between the cap and the TPMS (tire pressure monitoring valve) on your wheel and the end of the pressure valve will fail. And since the sensors aren't cheap, you'll be looking at a \$300 plus bill to replace them. There are many stylish plastic caps available for peanuts. The old adage, An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.. definitely applies here



Recipes

Best Corn on the Cob you'll ever have.. On your

INGREDIENTS

6-8 Un husked Corn
2 cans or bottles of beer
Salt
butter

Directions

Fill a good size pail halfway with water. Put the un husked corn into the bucket with the handle end of the husk facing up. Add a couple of cans or bottles of beer (brand doesn't matter) and let it set for a few hours. (the longer the better) Heat your grille to med/high temperature, and add the corn still in the husks to the grill. Keep turning them until they become good and char'd on the outside (not burnt) You can either remove them when you're ready to serve, or reduce the heat on the grill to very low until the other portion of your meal is cooked. Husk them outside over a trash barrel as its messy. Salt and butter to taste and enjoy



INGREDIENTS

4 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken parts (legs, thighs, wings, breasts)
Salt
Extra virgin olive oil or vegetable oil
1 cup barbecue sauce, store-bought or homemade

Best BBQ Chicken on the grill

Directions: The secret to grilling chicken is cooking it a lower temperatures and for a longer time. Bone in pieces always make the best choice, as they tend to not dry out due to the length of cooking.

Prepare the grill: Prepare one side of your grill for high, direct heat. If you are using charcoal or wood, make sure there is a cool side to the grill where there are few to no coals.

Sear the chicken, then move to the cool side of the grill:

Lay the chicken pieces skin side down on the hottest side of the grill in order to sear the skin side well. Grill uncovered for 5-10 minutes, depending on how hot the grill is (you do not want the chicken to burn).

Once you have a good sear on one side, turn the chicken pieces over and move them to the cooler side of the grill.

If you are using a gas grill, maintain the flame on only one side of the grill, and move the chicken pieces to the cooler side, not directly over the flame. Reduce the temp to low or medium low (between 250°F and 275°F, no more than 300°F). Cover the grill and cook undisturbed for 20-30 minutes.

Turn the chicken pieces over and baste them with your favorite barbecue sauce. Cover the grill again and allow to cook for another 15-20 minutes.

Repeat, turning the chicken pieces over, basting them with sauce, covering, and cooking for another 10-30 minutes.



Tip: The timing will depend on your grill set-up, the size of your chicken pieces, and how cold your chicken pieces are to start with! If you're grilling smaller pieces of chicken on a charcoal grill, they may be done much earlier. The goal is to maintain a low enough grill temp so that the chicken cooks "low and slow."

The chicken is done when the internal temperature of the chicken pieces are 160°F for breasts and 170°F for thighs, when tested with a meat thermometer.

Or if you insert the tip of a knife into the middle of the thickest piece and the juices run clear, the chicken is done.

If it isn't done, turn the pieces over and continue to cook at a low temperature.

If you want, you can finish with a sear on the hot side of the grill. To do this, put the pieces, skin side down, on the hot side of the grill. Allow them to sear and blacken slightly for a minute or two.

Use a clean brush to paint the cooked chicken with more barbecue sauce and serve!

Note: You can par boil the chicken before cooking on the grill if you are nervous about having undercooked chicken. But the best way is to salt, baste with oil and throw them right straight onto the grill!

Member Profile

This month we're featuring member's profile
Tim Burke.

Name: **Tim Burke**

SO NH CORVETTE MEMBER SINCE: **November, 2021**

Location: **Nashua** State: **NH**

If Retired, Occupation prior: **VP Software Engineering - Red Hat**

Current Year & Model: **2019 Grand Sport** Color: **Torch Red**

How many Corvettes have you owned? **3 Owner since (year) 2014**

Years owned (list each Year) **2012 2017 2019**

What do you love most about your current model: **Large trunk accommodates hiking**

Least favorite thing about it: **Infotainment screen is an ugly hack**

Your first car growing up was a: **71 Ford Galaxy 500**

What is your dream year and model Corvette: **65 split window restomod**

Can you describe what it was that attracted you to the Corvette? Was there something earlier on in your life that made you fall in love with the car?

(True story) A friend called me in middle of night asking him to clear stuff out of his house because it was burning down. We got out his 2007 red Corvette and many household belongings. He asked me to take care of his car for a year+ while the house was being rebuilt. Hooked ever since.

Where was your favorite place or location that you've taken your current or a past Corvette to?

Hiking in the White Mountains. It's the only Vette I've ever seen with White Mountain National Forest parking sticker.



Thanks to Tim for taking the time to share his Corvette story!

We hope to see Tim and his beautiful 2019 GS on one of our caravans this coming summer

We've almost made it through another long New England winter, Just a few more weeks and we'll be back outside enjoying our beautiful rides and getting together traveling in caravan to beautiful destinations. For those, who have joined us in the past it will be great to once again be together.

If you haven't had the opportunity to come along yet, we hope you take the open invitation to join us! We know it can be intimidating to meet people for the first time!

We've all been there ! But I assure you, You'll not find a better group of people that are as welcoming as this group is!