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*As the Holiday Season is upon us,
we want to take a minute to wish every
SONHC member and their families the
Happiest of Holidays! It is our wish that
everyone enjoy a safe and prosperous
Holiday Season with family and friends.
And while we're all a little old to sit on
Santa's lap, that doesn't mean
we can't ask for some Corvette goodies
under the tree!*

Outdoor Winter Storage



Many Corvette owners enjoy the luxury of having a garage to keep their car tucked away in during the long winter months. However, some of us don't have access to a garage and or choose not to pay storage facility fees. Instead we keep our cars outside during the winter months. And while this may not be a perfect scenario, there are things one can do to minimize the effects the cold can have on our cars, and there is an added bonus that we'll get to later.

You have to remember that when GM designed and built these cars, they used the same mindset that they use in building every single car they manufacture: the ability to withstand the elements. They come with windshield wipers to be driven in the rain, they make snow tires for them to be driven in the winter; the paint is designed to withstand the harshness of the environment: all the same way every GM vehicle is built. So, while we like to think of our cars as being unique and different, from a manufacturing standpoint they're not. So while the 70-degree heated garage is a perfect storage scenario for any car, keeping your Corvette outside isn't considered abuse or blasphemy.

So what can you do to minimize the effects winter can have on your Corvette when stored outside? First, it is recommended that you invest in a good quality outdoor cover, one that is specifically designed to be exposed to the elements. They are relatively inexpensive and will do a great job of protecting your car's exterior finish. (Do not use an indoor cover outdoors, as they are designed

completely different). Second, make sure you have a good coat of wax or paint sealant applied prior to hibernation as this will allow the cover to move over the paint without leaving any marks you'll have to deal with later on in the spring. Next, deal with the potential rodents looking to make a home (same as indoor storage).

The steps you take to minimize this problem are pretty easy and straightforward. Use a deterrent such as a product called Cab Fresh placed both in the cabin and under the hood and around the car. This will make your car an uninviting habitat. (Just remember to remove the product under the hood before starting or driving the car!) Place some stainless steel in your exhaust tips (you can use balled up aluminum foil). These steps should effectively deter your car from becoming an unwanted home.

Fuel storage should be the same as indoor storage. Keep the fuel tanks between half and three quarter full and add a fuel stabilizer. Lastly, start the car every two to three weeks and allow the car to run up to temperature for 30 minutes or so, and when doing it, move it a few inches to keep your tires from flat spotting.

Lastly, if you happen to catch that stretch of beautiful dry weather in winter — take it out and enjoy it, even if it's for just an hour or two! Run it through a brushless car wash and you'll be as good as new.

Our Mission

SO NH CORVETTES was created in the summer of 2020, originally starting as an online Facebook group.

It was our hope that, through the power of social media, we could bring together like-minded people who share the same passion and love for these iconic cars by promoting participation in Corvette caravans traveling throughout New England! As we now have over 900 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every member experience a memorable one!

The Holidays and Your Corvette

When making out your holiday gift wish list don't forget to add the one sitting in your garage to the list! Your Corvette brings you so much joy throughout the year, it certainly deserves a little something under the tree! There's always room for something special to be added for the next cruise season: a new phone holder, a new cover, some new performance goodies... one can never have enough new performance goodies! Check out one of our Partnering Professionals for lots of great Corvette goodies!

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Partnering Professionals

One of the things that changed for our group in 2023 was the addition of outside support by creating *The Partnering Professionals* program. And while this program is still in its very early stages, we will call the program kickoff a success! SONHC garnered the financial support of two major sponsors in 2023, along with several additional companies who joined the program. The financial assistance enabled us to cover the costs of our operations, such as our website hosting costs, our registration processing fees, and additionally provided some of the goodies that were incorporated into the spring kickoff event and at the upcoming celebration event! Ice cream at our summer picnic was also courtesy of our *Partnering Professionals* support. Additionally, some members took advantage of the discounted products (tires through VIP for instance) that were offered as an additional incentive to our SONHC members!

One of the things we will be working on during the winter down time is soliciting 2024 sponsorships. As our group continues to grow, so do our costs, so we will once again be on the search for more companies that believe in our group and its members. Part of the program we're always looking at is to add services that can directly benefit our members, by offering direct product discounts and/or prioritized services.



2024 — A Look Ahead

As we round the corner towards the new calendar year and look ahead to our 2024 cruise season, it's never too early to start to think about some new concepts, ideas, and fresh destinations for 2024! One of the new things we have planned for 2024 will be the introduction of a season long scavenger hunt. And while all the specifics of this fun event will be announced at our Season Kick-Off event in March, we're introducing this somewhat unique program now, so members can get excited about participating in this fun drive-your-car-on-your-own-event! Think of it as New Hampshire being your backyard, and we're going to hide clues to help you find hidden treasures in your yard!

At next season's yearend celebration we'll be awarding prizes to the top teams in searching for and finding these hidden treasures during the season!

Additionally, another area we will look to expand our participation in will be specialty events, such as working with outside entities to help support events, including senior home visits and drive-by's, supporting blood drives, and participating in other group's charitable fundraising events! Besides, the only people that may like Corvette gatherings more than the



participants is the people who get to enjoy seeing them!

If anyone has a cause or event they'd like to see us possibly participate in, drop us a quick e-mail and we'll look into it!



2023 Corvette Production Numbers

2023 was an historic year with regards to Corvettes being built at the Bowling Green production plant! For only the third time in the 70-year history of Corvette production, 50,000 Corvettes were turned out for a model year! 1979 and 1984 were the only other years. To be exact, this year they built 53,348 Corvettes!

What makes this number even more remarkable is the fact that, back in 2020 when the C8 was first introduced, only 20,000 cars were produced. In a little more than three years, Corvette production has almost tripled! Keep in mind that GM has also introduced more model variants (Z06, right-hand drive overseas variants, E-Ray) during the past three years, and they're still getting cranked out at record numbers! This is a remarkable accomplishment and a tribute to GM's production line efficiency and time management!



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<https://sonhcorvettes.org/>



Option Code Deciphering

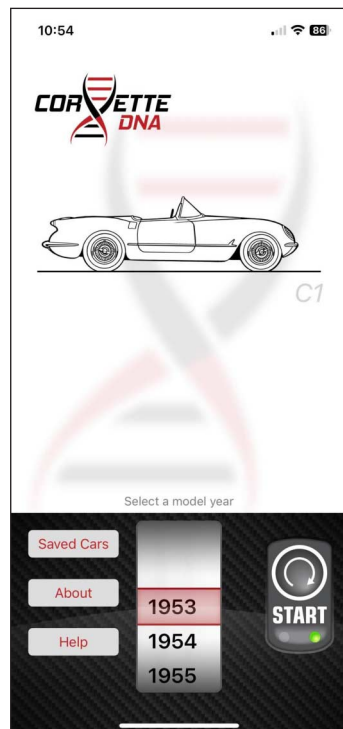
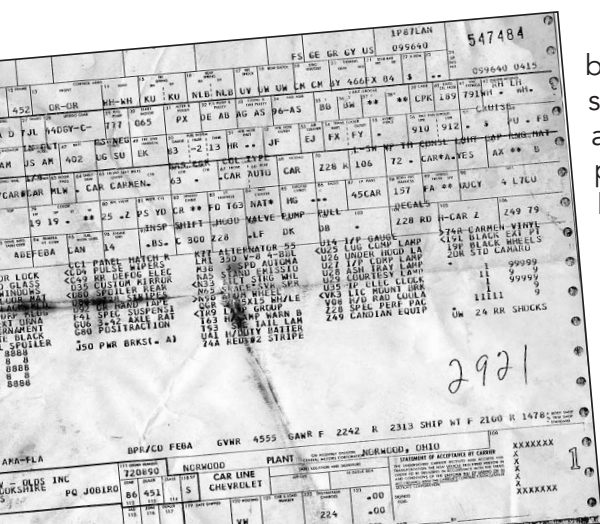
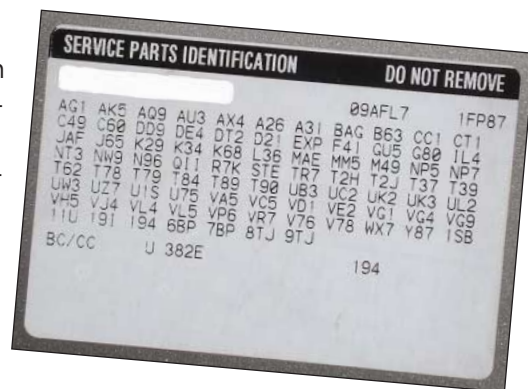
Anyone who has been around Corvettes for even a short period of time should know what 1LT, Z51, Z07, ZR1 mean. You might even have some of these codes and their meaning committed to memory!

Did you know the list of these three letters and number combinations is in the **thousands!** They're called **RPOs** (Regular Production Options) and, as your car rolls down the assembly line being built in Bowling Green, there is a computerized build sheet program filled with hundreds of three combination codes assigned to each car. From the seat belt color combination to the center cap style on your wheels to everything in between, these program codes tell the computers which individual components and parts to have at the ready at a particular point in the assembly line and also tells the line workers how to build the car.

RPO's have been around since the 1970s and, at one point in time, line workers read printed sheets and, yes, some cars were built with the wrong options! Today, the process is

completely automated and as soon as the Corvette serial number is scanned by a computer, the appropriate components are at the ready to be used in building the car. This process also allows every model variant to be built on the same assembly line without any special provisions. A Z06 might be followed by a E-Ray, in front of a Stingray followed by a right-hand drive car being built for overseas! And all are assembled correctly and to the spec the car was sold to be. It really is a remarkable process with the precision of the finest orchestras in the world!

What if you want to know which options your car was built with? There are many ways to find each and every option your car has. There are websites that will tell you exactly what options your car was built with by adding your serial number! There's even a cool app that you can install on your phone that will tell you all the RPOs (even the little ones) and the associated cost with each one. Inside your glove box you will find a list of the RPO option sheet. Just take a picture of your options sheet, and use the app to find out all the neat little details that tell the story of your car's production! The app is called **Corvette DNA** and is available in both the Apple and Android stores for download. And it's free!



Members' Generosity

As we prepare for our season-ending celebration this month, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge and thank the many members for their generosity in contributing donations to help with our Season's End Celebration event. While we are proud to state that SONHC has never required or solicited yearly dues to become a member, the recent generosity shown by our members is truly overwhelming!

We hope everyone who is attending our year-end celebration enjoys the event and a profound thanks for your support in helping us pull this together!



SONHC Calendar

One of the many SONHC additions during the 2023 season is our attempt at making our first very own calendar, comprised solely of member's cars! Due to arrive in early December, they will make a great addition to any office, den or garage and can help ease the passage of the long days of winter!

They also make a great gift to yourself — or any of your Corvette friends!



Introducing a new GENERATIONS section called *The Admin's Corner*. Beginning in January 2024, each month one of our groups' Admins will have an article on a subject of their choice. It can be anything from receipts to destinations to their experiences as group leaders!



Members' Page

Each month we hope to share some of the interesting and exciting things that are going on with some of our SONHC members. After all, it's the members who really are SONHC. If you have a story you'd like to share, go to: <https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories> and submit it.

Our Partnering Professionals

We wish to thank each and every one of our Partnering Professionals companies that continue to believe in what we do and who we are. They have chosen to be a part of our SO NH CORVETTES group. They continue to make commitments to be here for us at every opportunity. As always, we ask our members to support these business as they continue to support us!

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