

January 2023

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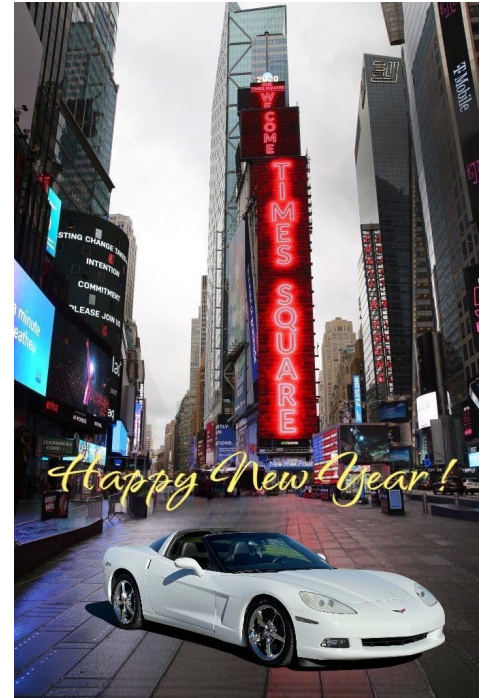
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## Be Aware!

There seems to be a scam going on at Amazon! I ordered my wife some expensive jewelry for the holiday's and today my package arrived and it was full of Corvette parts..

## January 2023 !

As the calendar now tells us, 2022 is in the rear view mirror, and what a year it was! At SONH CORVETTES we had a great fun filled year full of caravans, events and gatherings. Our group membership continues to grow at an astounding rate, which tells us that there's a whole lot of Corvette owners that love to get out and drive their cars! As 2023 slowly comes into focus, we're once again going to emphasize our events around visiting some amazing destinations, Some of which you may never had heard of or visited! Yes there will be a few familiar holdover caravans from the past as they are truly just too good to not do again, but equally exciting is the many new destinations and places we'll be visiting in 2023. Overcoming some of the challenges that larger group rides present is our focus for the dormant season at hand. Better communications, venues that are large enough to cater to our needs are just a couple of the things we're devoting our time and energy to improving on. So as the calendar states we're slowly inching towards the 2023 caravan season, we know you all are chomping at the bit to once again get out and participate in the long Corvette precessions that we all love so much. We sincerely thank you all for being part of this group and look forward to providing you with some exciting and new events in 2023!



## 2023 What's in store

2023 is here! We're already hard at it, planning for our upcoming caravan and event season. We're excited about the new season, one that is going to be more diverse and hopefully better than ever! Change is always hard to except, but the alternative to change is to become stale and boring, as there is a fine line between tradition and staleness. And while a great event should be celebrated annually, mixing in new ideas, and concepts is the key to keeping everything fresh and exciting. That's our goal for 2023 and beyond.

## Traveling down to the 2024 NCM Caravan

As time never stands still, and 2024 looms ever closer by the day! We'll begin to plan for those group members who are attending and wish to caravan down.to the kickoff night in Gettysburg PA on Friday August 24th.

A whole team of people much brighter and better than myself are taking care of the event from a New England and National perspective. Our sole focus will be to get us to opening night! In 2023 we'll begin to lay out our travel route, timeline and hotel accommodations for all who wish to join us. It's going to be an epic event and the ultimate caravan! And it will be here before we know it!

## Destinations Aboard

We're truly blessed to live here in New England, where we can enjoy the mountains, the ocean and everything in between and all within an hours drive of each other!

Culturally, there is such diversity at almost every turn, from numerous historical landmarks to world famous museums to great National Park's!

So in 2023 we're going to be visiting some of these great destinations as we set out to diversify some of our caravans and include events and visits on our excursions ! Here are just some of the possibilities for 2023

Bill Shea's "Back to the Future" Museum, Hubbardston MA \*

K1 go cart racing Braintree MA\*

Woodman's in Essex NHIS Loudon NH Track

Aviation Museum Londonderry NH\*

Decordova outdoor Museum Lincoln MA \*

Spencer Pierce Farmhouse Newburyport MA

Maine Car museum Arundel ME. \*

Throttle car club Scarborough ME \*

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Concord NH \*

Fan Pier Long Wharf Boston MA.

Rye Beach to Portsmouth NH (Lobster & Steamers Cruise)\*

Minuteman Trail, Lexington MA

JFK Library Columbia Point Dorchester MA\*

Tuckaway Tavern, Raymond NH

New England Dragway

Nashoba Winery Tour at Vintor's Knoll \*

Bretton Woods Chair lift & Zip Line\*

Mt Sunapee Chair Lift or Boat Cruise\*

Kancamagus Hwy, North Conway NH

Bennington VT

\* Signifies a entry fee event



This is where it all started! SO NH CORVETTES was created in this humble little corner! And much of what we do continues to be conceived, planned and organized from here!. It's amazing what a laptop and schedule notebook can accomplish! I'm here many mornings between 4 and 5AM working on something SONHC related, be it the monthly newsletter, answering e-mails and updating our website. Always with a full cup of Java in hand of course.

## SONHC Monthly members ONLY Corvette car show

Many of us love attending the Target Cruise Night car show every Friday night in Nashua, hosted by one of our own group member Scott Scribner.

Fact is Target Cruise night has been around longer than SONHC has existed and many of our earliest members met through attending this very show. Scott does an amazing job of keeping things organized and well run and we will continue to support and attend his great event and hope all members do as well!

In 2023 we're going to be holding our very own members only Corvette car show each Month!

We're certainly not looking to compete with the TCN show, but to supplement it, by getting more group members together on the one day of the month. It will give us more time to get to know some of the members who can't make it to Target.

## A 2022 Look Back...

Some of our 2022 caravan destinations ..



Kick off Event... Ogunquit ME



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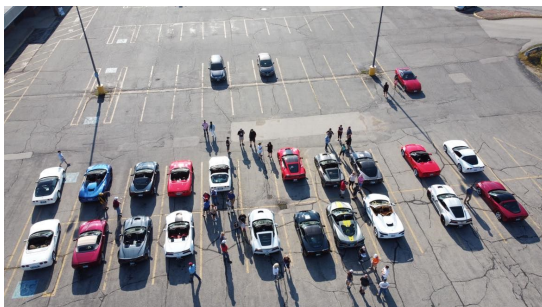
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Return to the Kanc



Bennington VT.



VT Country Store



**Nothin to see here!**



Where the hell we going again



Our group's oldest Member



I have plenty of E85 for todays ride



Makes me want to dive right in



I just heard, we're heading for Ice Cream



An Admin offering member greetings!

**My dam Inspection Sticas due**

In the State of NH, as with all New England States, we're required to have our vehicles inspected each year. In NH it's by the end of the registered owners birthday month. If you were born in January then you have until January 31 to get your vehicle both registered and inspected for the following year.

The inspection must be performed at a licensed and State authorized repair facility and conducted by a state certified inspection technician.

The inspection process is divided into two separate sides. One being the vehicle safety portion, which partially includes things such as tires, brakes, lights, wipers, body integrity and more. The second half involves the emission portion of the inspection, where the State's computer plugs into your vehicle's OBD2 port and checks the engine, fuel and exhaust system components to ensure the vehicle is operating properly and within the EPA's emission standards. This is where the dreaded "Check Engine" light comes into play. If your car's emission system is not working properly, then the onboard ECM (Engine control Module Computer) will turn on the check engine light, notifying you that something is amiss. It can be caused by a multitude of reasons, from a simple loose gas cap to a bad Oxygen sensor, to a bad battery, to any number of other failed component causes.

Sometimes its an easy fix and sometimes it's a headache of major proportions diagnosing the root cause. If your check engine light is on, chances are you will fail the emission side of the inspection!

**But there is good news..** Anyone who's vehicle is 20 years or older, gets to skip the emission side of the inspection! The safety side of the inspection is the only side that you need to pass in order to receive a inspection sticker!

**And there's more....** For those of us that have newer cars less than 20 years old, in NH you can pass your safety side and fail the emission side and you will still get your sticker.. But with a catch! The sticker you receive will be good for only 60 days (or until the end of the second month) allowing you time to address whatever is the cause for the emission side failure.

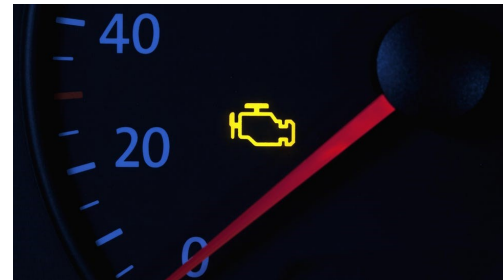
**Best Practice..** In NH you are allowed to get your vehicle inspected up to three months prior to your birth month, with the sticker being good for 15 months!

Also in NH if you fail your inspection, you are not issued a failed sticker or any type of temporary sticker, and your old sticker will not be removed, therefore if there is an issue you then will have three months to address whatever the cause of the failure is and remain legal!

Be careful with modifications, as they can sometimes be a sticky proposition as the State licensed inspector has at his or her discretion the ability to fail any modification they deem to be unsafe, excessive or beyond the original factory build. Here are the top three reasons I see vehicles fail State inspections

**1. Window Tint.** Seems like this changes from year to year as to what the state allows for aftermarket tint. But the regulations are very strict and are measured by a light meter. Currently it is set at 30% on the front side windows, meaning the side windows must only block 30% of the light. The new regulation does not allow any windshield tint below the top 6" of the windshield!

**2. Cat Delete's.** Modifying the exhaust is legal as long as you are not removing the catalytic converters and replacing them with straight pipes,



sometimes called "Test Pipes" additionally the exhaust sound has limits on the decimal levels acceptable and can be failed for excessive exhaust sound.

**3. Lights.** Be aware if the car has a light on it, it must work and cannot be of a different color than the factory original. An example is your side marker light must be amber or yellow in the front and red in the back. No other colors are considered legal.

Headlights must be within brightness limits and the color cannot be anything other than a shade of white.

That's it for January! Thanks for reading and if you have an idea for an article you'd like to see, drop us a note at

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