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October ...A TIME OF REFLECTION & TO GIVE THANKS

There's something about the angle of the sun this time of year that seems to remind us daily of something we know is inevitable, the conclusion of another **SONH CORVETTES** caravan season. But not before, hopefully, October will once again bless us with the spectacular colors of a New England autumn before the cold of winter finally wins out and settles in. And... before we turn the page on 2026, we still have a few more remaining destinations to still explore and enjoy, including one very special stop happening this month in VT. And for me personally, there is no event more special than our annual trip to **Bennington, Vermont**, and our visit to **The Publyk House Restaurant**.

This event has been part of our story almost from the very beginning. In fact, when we first visited **The Publyk House**, it was only our second official **SONHC** event. When we first then met the Publyk House restaurant manager, Kathy Goodrum, on our dry run for our upcoming visit, we both knew almost immediately that we had stumbled onto both someone and something truly special.

Over the years, we have crossed paths with hundreds of people and countless businesses throughout New England. Yet, I honestly can't think of anywhere that compares to what the people of **The Publyk House** have done for our group over the years—and continue to do with each year's return visit!

There is simply something different about this place. The hospitality. The food and the service. But it is most of all, the genuine effort they make every year to ensure that our visit is far more than just another dinner stop on a caravan.

Hence the reason there is a group picture hanging just inside the restaurant's front door, depicting one of our visits. This feeling of admiration is one that extends both ways!

It just feels like home. In many ways, our annual afternoon visit to **The Publyk House** feels less like the final stop on a Corvette adventure and more like a gathering of family as the holidays begin to approach. There is a warmth in that dining room, surrounded by our members and staff, that is difficult to explain unless you've experienced it yourself.

And every year, as I sit there enjoying dinner, I find myself doing something I rarely take the time to do during the rest of the season. I reflect.

I think about where this all started. I think about where we are today. And I think about just how incredible this entire journey has been.

Because the truth is, none of this was supposed to become what it has become. Something that came out of a simple conversation between Sharon and myself back in 2020, who collectively, had no real idea what we were starting, no grand plan for what it might become, and certainly no way of knowing how many lives it would eventually come to touch. Yet, there was simply a voice inside repeating over and over again, "This needs to happen." And somehow, it has.

People have come, and people have gone. With some joining us for a short while and then moving on. Others have been with us for years now, and... there are still others who have been here since the very beginning. Collectively, these are the people and members I think about when I'm sitting at **The Publyk House**. I look around the crowded room and see those familiar faces who have repeatedly placed their trust in what we built and in what we continue to create year after year.

And maybe that's why this particular event affects me the way it does. Because for just a little while, I stop thinking about schedules, routes, destinations, logistics, and everything else that goes into making a season happen.

I simply look around and realize how blessed we are getting the opportunity to have our paths cross with so many amazing individuals who in reality are **SONHC**. And, blessed, that one simple conversation, led us all on this astonishing journey we continue to share together!

And yes, there is still more before we officially close the book on the 2026 season, with more destinations still to visit, more pictures to take, and undoubtedly more memories left to create!

But for me, none will mean more or carry the special emotions of our annual October afternoon spent at **The Publyk House**.

Because somewhere between the Corvettes aligned in the parking lot, the conversations around the tables, the incredible hospitality we are shown, along with the thought that another caravan season will soon be coming to a close... I am reminded once again of just how lucky we are to be a part of this all!

So, on behalf of Sharon and myself, we'd like to take a moment to stop and simply say...A heartfelt **THANK YOU...**To everyone who came out and joined us on our journeys throughout this 2026 season, and to each and every one of you for being such a wonderful part of our amazing Corvette family.

Founding Members

Rick & Sharon Delano

Bennington, VT Publyk House thru the years in Pictures



WE LOOK BACK ON A VERY SPECIAL DAY AND EVENT!

It's hard to believe that it has been now over three years, since members of **SONHC** gathered together for a taping of the **WMUR Channel-9, NH CHRONICLE** TV show episode. One that was dedicated to sharing our **SONHC** club story, it's members affinity with these cars and the history of the Chevrolet Corvette itself! The finished show turned out to be something that members still mention and talk about to this day. Chronicle show host, **Sean McDonald** along with his videographer Fred met up with us first in Milford to tape the opening portion segment, before later catching up with club members in Manchester at a remote Comcast parking area off Canal St. There, the remaining portion of the episode segment were filmed. And, Several of our club members interviews made it into the final production, which originally aired on Channel 9 in early 2024. One of the things that made this such a magical, day, was not only the taping of the show, but the turnout of over 120 members and 60 Corvettes, including ones from all 8 generations! A rare occurrence indeed! For anyone who have never seen the broadcast, or who would like to check it out again...

It is on Our **SONHC YouTube** channel!

[SONHC 2023 NH Chronicle Episode](#)



You made that decision to go ahead and purchase that brand new Corvette C8 and now that you have it, you are enjoying every aspect of just how amazing this car truly is. And, there is a pretty good chance you are out putting miles on it every opportunity you can. And, before you know it, you'll learn that it's time for the car's first initial service visit at a dealership at 7500 miles. Which of course you probably already knew and understood as part of your decision before buying one. Like any new car, there is a break in period, and the dealership wants the opportunity to inspect and service the car according to the manufacturer guidelines they have set. And, at 7500 miles, GM wants the transmission to be serviced. As stated in the official guidelines, ***"your very first maintenance schedule for your C8 Corvette will include an oil change an oil filter change and your transmission filter change, all at no cost, that will be done as your first 7500-mile maintenance service on the car."***

This is considered as part of your 3-year/36,000-mile bumper-to-bumper limited warranty and the 5-year/60,000-mile powertrain limited warranty coverage. There are also additional warranties that are listed at the end of this article.

All of which sounds great... As you should be covered for both the short term and long term in most areas to protect both your car and to minimize any out-of-pocket expenses. Yet...

Why are there several instances where new C8 Corvette owners are being charged at the dealerships or even worse, denied warranty coverage completely for things that clearly should have been covered. Much of this is included in the fine print areas of the warranties, and listed under "the responsibility of the car owners". For instance, there have been numerous instances where the cars have gone into the dealership for their initial 7500-mile transmission service, only to learn when arriving they show 8200 miles on the odometer and their service claim under warranty has been denied and were told, they would have to pay out of pocket for that required service due to missing the required service interval window. And, sometimes with that denial, a hefty charge of over a thousand

dollars goes to the owner! Same thing with 3LT dash's delaminating and causing wrinkles to appear! GM has on numerous cases denied craftsmanship as the cause of this happening and point to "For issues like 3LT leather dashboard shrinking or delamination", with owners facing pushback if and when the dealer claims "The damage stems from environmental factors (like excessive sun exposure or normal wear) rather than a clear manufacturing defect".

Sounds eerily similar to the old C7 rim debacle issue GM faced when they denied claim after claim for the faulty defective cracking of the Mexican made rims. Which finally in 2026, GM decided to try and make some instances right by processing some, but not all defective rim claims!

There are several other instances, where C8 owners have had warranty coverage issues denied. And, many times, GM points to "vehicle modifications" as their out. Things as simple as changing out the top intake cover on the LT2 has been cause for warranty denials! It's all there in the very small very fine warranty print. And, as with most people, they never take the time to fully read and comprehend this fine print until it's too late.

So, what should we do when something like this occurs? Well, depending upon the issue severity and willingness to fight the good fight. You are not powerless! You do have certain avenues of recourse. But all come with some required legwork and the time to invest in getting your issue in front of the right person or persons sympathetic to your cause. Warranty departments are like most all customer service departments. They are layered and with each layer comes a higher level of authority and decision-making abilities. Typically, the initial warranty contact person's job is to simply reiterate the denial and the called-out reasoning behind it. Most often you are going to hear the canned answers out of the GM warranty fine print. They are there to deflect you away from the situation, and if they successfully do this to a quarter or even half of the customers, they have fulfilled their role as the initial warranty contact person. Most dealerships have at least one person who is in this specific position, larger dealerships may have several! They are most times, not, the Assistant Service manager or the Service manager himself, but someone who is isolated away from the Service Department itself. GM has had decades of experience in administering warranty work thru the dealerships, and they have become very good at minimizing and mitigating certain warranty issues at the dealership level by empowering them to say no to initial warranty coverage claims. But one of the things that is truly in our favor, is that in each case, regardless of who you first interact with, they have a supervisor that they answer to. And with each climb of the corporate and dealership ladder, you will find someone above them with more authority to help in your cause. And even then, sometimes it is required to get out of the dealership level entirely and land in GM's own corporate warranty administrator hands. And, this is where it can get rather tricky real quick. There are regional and national GM warranty positions scattered throughout the country in charge of their area's warranty's administration and interaction with Chevy dealerships and GM customers. And in most all cases, if convinced of an error, they do have the ability to override any denied claims made back at the dealership level. But don't expect the dealership or even GM itself to just hand over how you find out who these people are! They are hidden in anonymity 100% of the time.... [continued on pg6](#)

**YOUR WARRANTY CLAIM
DOESN'T HAVE
TO BE DENIED.**

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You will only gain access to them through call centers who will pass on your information to the appropriate people to sludge your way thru the process. Your initial objective should be nothing more than to get to that “someone” who is in authority to plead your case to call you back! ... But this is where your legwork can get rather intense and must result in you being 100% accurate. Whenever, you are communicating with anyone at either the dealership level or even at the corporate level from your very first initial being told your warranty claim has been denied. You must in every case, ask for the name of that person including their title, their immediate position’s supervisor, and their exact title. You must document all of it and create a timeline with all names, titles, the date and time of each and every conversation and or email and always specifically demand at each level in writing their reasoning behind their denial decision as you chase this process up the corporate ladder. This process will be repeated time and time again until you arrive with someone who will realize you are not going to go away until the matter is resolved somewhat in your favor. This will require patience, a calmness on your part and you can never allow frustration to enter into any of these conversations, beyond stating simply that the process itself is a very frustrating one as a loyal GM customer! Also be prepared to talk about the specific issue in hand, the reoccurrence of the issue that you are aware of happening in larger quantities across the region or country than they are first willing to admit. (Trust me, they know all the specifics of what the dealerships are seeing for reoccurring warranty issues) if you are willing to undertake these step by step, there will at some point in time someone you will encounter that will try and work with you for some sort of at least a partial resolution. And, back to the dealership level for just a second.

We live in a world dedicated around and through social media. And one of the biggest things that dealerships both look at and monitor each day is the [Google Reviews](#) they receive from their service customers. In all dealerships, there is a department that does nothing but monitors and addresses [Google Reviews](#)! Send in a review with less than three stars and I guarantee someone from that dealership is not only going to try and contact you, but they will also try and convince you somehow, someway to up your review to 5 stars for them. It’s a way of life for them at this point, as they can ill afford to even have one single negative [Google Review](#) with their name associated with it. There have been numerous studies conducted that in summary, state that one negative one-or two-star reviews costs car dealership on average \$7,000 in lost revenue for each one they receive! This can give you a point of leverage as the consumer! It is up to you to decide when to use this *potential tool* to your advantage, but a good word of advice is to not leave an initial review until your situation is beyond the walls of the dealership and into hands of the corporate side as you continue your fight to get the resolution you are looking for. One final word to summarize this whole situation to try to get better results. Leave emotion completely out and keep the process on the level they will understand, that this is a business situation and not a personal one. Even though in really it is extremely personal to you! Don’t give up with the initial denial, keep digging, find the next rung up on the ladder and go as far as is needed to get satisfaction. As, it is out there, just multiple layers deep!



Here are a couple of important phone numbers to keep, in order to access both, GM & the Chevrolets Field Warranty Service teams : **GM 1-866-636-2273 & Chevrolet 1-800-222-1020**

Another great resource everyone should be aware of and keep handy, is the site you can use to see all the warranty claims for any particular GM vehicle, including yours! : [GM individual vehicle warranty support site.](#)

2026 Chevrolet Corvette New Car Factory Standard Warranty

Bumper-to-Bumper Limited Warranty: 3 years or 36,000 miles (whichever comes first) covering most vehicle components and repairs for material or workmanship defects, plus roadside towing to the nearest authorized dealer.

Powertrain Limited Warranty: 5 years or 60,000 miles covering major components like the engine, transmission, and drive systems.

Corrosion & Rust-Through Protection: 3 years/36,000 miles for general corrosion, and 6 years/100,000 miles for rust-through perforation on body panels.

Electric/Hybrid Components (ZR1X & GSX): Covered for 8 years or 100,000 miles if applicable to the specific propulsion battery/components.

First Maintenance Visit: Includes a covered first maintenance service (such as an oil change, multi-point inspection, and tire rotation) specifically tailored for Corvettes within the first 24 months.

Roadside Assistance: 5 years or 60,000 miles of 24/7 assistance, including flat changes, jump starts, fuel delivery, and lockouts.

OUR PARTNERING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

As our caravan season draws to a close, we would be remiss if we did not stop and say thank you to all our wonderful *Partnering Professionals*, each one, our contributing club sponsors and to call each of them out by name. One of the things we hold most sacred is our interaction and relationships with these companies. Many of which have now been here with us for several continuous seasons! One of our original goals of introducing this program, was for us to be able to align ourselves with some of the best companies in each respective category. Something we feel we have accomplished in all cases. As our PP companies are all considered to be at the top of their respective fields by both reputation, and also in the very best quality, craftsmanship, and services they provide to our members. Something we think all our participating members would all agree on! So on behalf of all our over 2,000 members, *We say thank you to each for their continuous and unwavering support!*



Since 2023 our go to supplier of everything tires, alignments and so much more! **VIP Tires & Service** has 77 locations throughout New England and our agreement is in place at every one of their locations! They offer the lowest tire prices in the industry to our club members, and not only for our beloved Corvettes, but for all our family vehicles as well. Just mention our club or give them our club phone number and your discount will automatically be applied!

So, we thank VIP Tires & Service for always continuously being there for our members needs!



One that at first glance, you might question, well why does an asset protection company support a local Corvette club? And in reality the answer is as obvious as any club sponsor we have. Our Corvettes are an investment, and a hefty one at that. Protecting that asset along with all the others in a household, including our very homes and other assets we need protection for!

Lyle and his team have worked really hard at providing our members with the customized coverages and protections we all want and desire....and do it all while saving members hundreds and thousands each year for the coverages. All with the added convenience and quality of having a local agent at the ready, one phone call away.

We are honored for the relationship we have with **HPM Insurance** and proudly state that our club is protected by the very best in the industry. **So, Thank you HPM Insurance for being one of our Pillars of Rock!**



Another club sponsor, that many of our members find a distinct need for, especially now as we head towards the cold winter months ahead! Cold Weather vehicle storage! And if you have ever had the opportunity to visit either of their two NH facilities, you already know that they do it right. Offering state of the art security and protection, along with the piece of mind, knowing our Corvettes and all our other seasonal type vehicles and boats are in their perfect care. **So, we Thank Vault Motor Storage for being there for all our members during our cold winter needs!**



We all love performance! After all, isn't that one of the reasons we all own Corvettes? Few Cars can match what the Corvette offers straight from the factory, when it comes to overall performance numbers. But, what about for those who crave even more. Well, Thanks to our partners at *The Horsepower Farm*, we're never forced to settle. As these guys are the true experts when it comes to tapping into all the extra HP that can be increased! From full dyno services, to the latest in bolt on mods, to full factory supported Supercharger additions, when it comes to increasing our car's output, there are none better.

So, we thank the Horsepower Farm for making all our smiles a little bigger when we push that throttle and also for being such a valued PP 2026 club member!



It's a pretty cool thing when we get to interact with people and businesses that just seem to get it. Brad and the entire team at **Ron's Toy Shop** fit squarely into this category! They are car people thru and thru! If it rolls, they're know about how to make it roll even better! They also happen to have one of best Corvette Technicians in the entire state of NH on their staff. Something that many of our members are already fully aware of and take advantage of at every available turn. We are so thrilled to have our relationship with these guys, as they are also some of the most accommodating car guys in the business.

So, Thank you Ron's Toy Shop for always being there for our members and for their 2026 club's support

Portsmouth Chevrolet



This is one we are hopefully just getting started with. One of the biggest challenges we have faced in finding the right, so called “Mother Ship” Chevrolet dealership! Choosing the right one, where everything fits perfectly in place on both sides of the isle is challenging! Where we are able to have a go to home for our members to utilize when it comes to purchasing their next new Corvette or other GM vehicle, to also have the required and optional factory service work to be performed by a GM qualified factory trained technicians. As we close our 2026, we are thrilled to have had Portsmouth Chevrolet on board in this position, and one we will hopefully be expanding upon for the 2027 season as well!

So, we Thank Portsmouth Chevrolet for all their 2026 club contributions and support!

Two of our oldest PP program club sponsors are two that sometimes fall under the radar. Yet, they are here every day of the year for our members benefit!

American Muscle and Ecklers are two of the most prominent and well respected names in the Corvette parts and accessories aftermarket online business. And as a result of their merger in 2025, they now offer all Corvette generation owners the very best in replacement parts and pieces across all 8 generations.

So, in 2026, we again thank them for their unwavering and continuous club support!

<https://www.americanmuscle.com/chevy-corvette-accessories->

And finally, we need to extend a very special and heartfelt THANK YOU to our friends at the **National Corvette Museum** for their continued support of SONHC, & now our SOME C clubs year after year. There is something to be said about an organization that gives you its word—and then not only stands behind that word, but continually finds ways to exceed expectations.

That, to us, is the true measure of an organizations quality. Over the years, the **NCM** has demonstrated that their commitment goes far beyond simply being the home of the Corvette. It is a commitment to the people, the clubs, and the communities that make the Corvette experience and lifestyle what it is. The NCM embodies what we believe a national organization should strive to be: committed, supportive, appreciative of all Corvette clubs, and genuinely connected to the people who live the Corvette lifestyle.

And perhaps most importantly, they understand something that is at the very heart of everything we do...

Being a Corvette enthusiast isn't simply about the car sitting in your garage. It's about the people we all meet along our Journey's, and the ensuing friendships these cars directly help build, along with all the ensuing memories that get created over each and every mile shared together!

For that understanding, and for everything you continue to do for our clubs, and for all clubs like ours and for Corvette enthusiasts everywhere...

We...Thank you, National Corvette Museum!



As we soon will start to turn our attention to the upcoming 2027 season, we will once again begin the process of aligning both of our clubs (yes in 2027 we will be launching a **SOME C PP program**) with our fantastic sponsors and club aligned companies. It is our hope that not only will all our amazing 2026 companies elect to return, but we will also be introducing even more additional service categories into our programs. As it is these companies through their generous support, that enables us to be able to give back to so many of our charitable causes each year!

If you know of a company who's ideals, reputation and services would be a good partner fit, then please reach out to us and make us aware of them and we'll take it from there!

A SEPTEMBER RECAP

Well... September certainly was one for the record books. And not necessarily in a good way. When you end up cancelling multiple events across both club's, due to Mother Nature, including the biggest event of the entire season, it causes pause! As, the caravan across the Kanc is so much more than just another event! It's in reality, our Signature Event of the season, and one that we had been so blessed to have been able to enjoy gloriously beautiful weather on since the very first one! And up until 2026, each of them were cloudless picture-perfect days! Well, that streak certainly came to a close as this year's ride was just not meant to be!

And, as if that was not enough, Mother Nature decided to return in another foul mood towards the month's conclusion, with an early nasty 4 day N'Easter forcing more angst and even more event cancellations & postponements!

Yet, despite all the disappointment of the non-conductive Corvette weather, September still allowed us to sneak in and enjoy a mix of both some of our now traditional and new events in both NH and in Maine!

Our *Cruising Downtown Manchester Car show* and our *Milford Labor Day Parade*, both came off perfectly, sans less the 5-minute downpour we all experienced Saturday in Manchester, members still got to enjoy a couple of beautiful days and events together.

And as far as the new events go. Our **SOME**C club sponsored Grammy Rose "Acton Open" *mini golf tournament* was one of the true highlights of the entire season for both clubs. Getting behind and supporting this organization is one that conveys significant meaning to us all, as we hold what they do in the highest regard. Which is literally saving the lives of canines from all across our country! So, this one will now join into the yearly rotation of SOME events we include each season!

Our **SONHC** *Texas Road House Car show* turned out to be another new surprisingly fun event as a whopping **24 SONHC** cars turned out to support the restaurants efforts to help and support the *Concord Police department's growing K9 unit!* Followed shortly after by the first ever Sunday held *Laps For Charity event...* which turned out to also be a mixed bag weather bag, with some of us getting to enjoy dry laps while others were forced to run them in the rain...

We, closed out the month with more disappointment, as both of our **SONHC** *Sunset Cruise* and our **SOME**C *Owls Head Museum* visits also fell victim to the end of the month weather related problems forcing us to make the agonizing decision of cancelling one and rescheduling the other!



October and Beyond

If you read my opening statement about October, you already know just how special we hold this month and its accompanying events. Yes, our **Publyk House** visit sets at the top, but is by no means the only exciting destination we have in store for October, in fact we kick off the month with our annual seafood lovers' pilgrimage down to Essex MA and a visit to the home of the original Fried Clam.

Woodman's of Essex!

We start off that day's lunch cruise with a visit over to the astonishing **Crane Castle Estate** in nearby Ipswich for a visit to enjoy both the exterior grounds and inside of this incredible turn of the century estate!

And shortly before our **Publyk House** visit, we continue with another October tradition. Our annual breakfast pilgrimage over to **Parkers Maple Barn** for a wonderful old New England style breakfast experience. And, our **SOMEK** neighbors to the north will soon make plans for the close of their 2026 caravan season, with their annual fall foliage trip up into the mountains of Maine and NH along with a planned return visit down the coast and a stop at the Hobbs restaurant!

All in preparation for the close of both club's caravan seasons taking place in early November!

Our SONHC & SOMEK canopy Tent update!

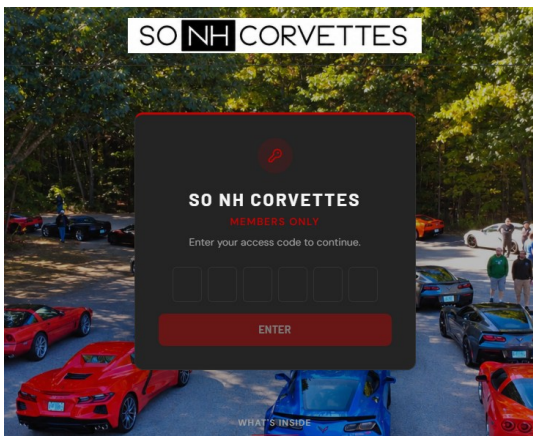
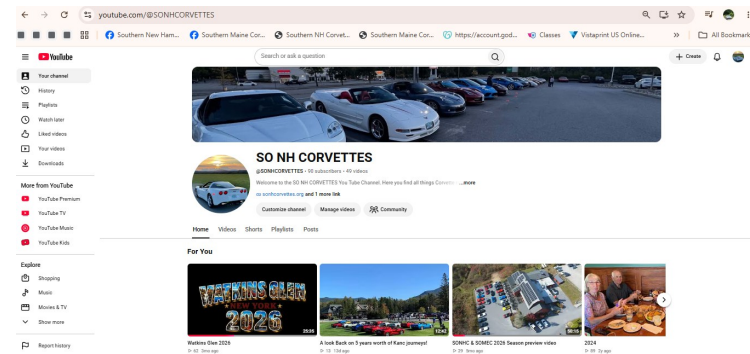
It didn't take long for us to realize the benefit of having our own club personalized Canopy tent setup at the very first event it was set up at. **The Cruising Downtown car show** held last month in Manchester, NH! On a day that the weather was a mix between sun and clouds, that included a brief but rather intense 5-minute downpour, which brought members and show Gowers alike, quickly scrambling under the cover of our canopy to avoid being drenched by the passing shower! From just this alone, we consider its initial deployment a huge success. Now obviously we didn't take this plunge to avoid rain, since we normally wouldn't be out in the rain with our cars exposed on purpose to begin with, however it did also provide us with a great member recruiting tool as well, as we registered up over a dozen Corvette owners as new members who stopped by to see what we're all about! It also provided a great conversation starter at the **"Acton Open"** Mini-Golf tournament at the **Grammy Rose** campus in Acton ME. By simply turning it around, and showcasing SO ME CORVETTES in front, this also enabled us to recruit a couple of newly joined members, along with also providing the much-needed shade on the perfectly cloudless sun filled day. And, at our highly successful **Texas Road House car show**, it again provided a shaded centralized gathering area for our members, who btw... also held it down from being blowing away in the rather gusty winds! Fo the day!



Did you know...SONHC has its own YouTube Channel

We are all about lineage and history here... We draw great pride in both our past lineage, and our club's brief short history! And, while we don't have 25 or 50 years of club history to look back at or draw upon. What we do have, is almost 6 full years of jam-packed event seasons. And on our YouTube channel, we chronicle some of our past adventures and events, for everyone's viewing enjoyment.

<https://www.youtube.com/@SONHCORVETTES>



The latest on our SONHC App progress!

Our App, is inching ever so close to nearing completion and is on schedule to be finished and completed on time for the release of our 2027 season. And, while we were disappointed, we didn't receive any volunteer members with iPhones helping us give the app betta version a try this season. We're still progressing forward and have now begun the process of integrating all the app information over to our SONHC & SOMEK websites, with a newly created private members page, to exclusively to be available only to registered **SONHC & SOMEK** members access. Upon completion of this integration, everything about how we broadcast our events, register for any event, and track individual members history will all change. And, we believe for the better! More on this to come as we work towards rolling out this new integration for all our members in 2027!

C9 Rumors are starting to heat up... or are they!

Despite *Apple* denying all the previous rumors about a new *Apple iPhone* folding screen model coming out! On September 9th Guess what happened? Apple released a new iPhone model with a folding screen! Deny Deny... then release! In this day and age where information is at the forefront of everything else in our society, rumors often catch up with reality and sometimes long before it was intended to be shared. However, it appears the pending Corvette C9 doesn't fall into this category, at least as of yet! As, GM is doing everything in their power to keep under wraps what this next generation Corvette will look like and what in reality it actually will turn out to be. Now for any product manufacturer, regardless of what the item is, they must walk a fine line between throwing out just enough info to keep the general public's interest in what's coming next and then also guard against too many specifics of what it will actually be, making its release somewhat anti climatic! The design of the C9 falls directly into this path. GM wants to tease to help extend the hype, yet not share as much as anything beyond words as to what it is actually is going to turn out to be. They are still actively busy telling us just how amazing the latest variant of the current C8 continues to be. But GM also need to continue selling new cars and to also build excitement for what's coming next down the road! And, some of their hype comes from all the GM experimental design studio releases of their interpretation of what future Corvettes could possibly look like... yet to most experts not even closely resemble what will be coming next! So, what can we surmise as fact today: Well in reality not much beyond the words of GM and Chevrolet upper executive's statements. We know the C9 will still be an ICE powered car. We know the car will remain a mid-engine design and that hybrid power will play some sort of role, either perhaps right from the beginning, or down the line with other model variants. But beyond this... a whole lot of nothing else!

But, one of the things we all have going for us who want to know what the C9 will entail and look like long before GM wants to actually show us is. The inevitability that with each new model's release, that has to happen, is the real-world heavily camouflage testing across the streets, towns and cities opening up the test car design to exposed spying eyes. And with this, comes the opportunity to view and speculate as much about what this new model will be shaped like and even offer some more clues into what the final design actually will end up being.

Arriving at this step also signifies that the actual design of the Corvette has advanced beyond concept and initial design and GM now has a pretty good idea of what the final production car is going to be. And, if past recent history is any indication, this camouflage step is something that normally occurs since the release of the C5 generation about 2 years prior to the beginning of actual model production.

Also interestingly enough, there is a very recent non-confirmed rumor a visitor to the Bowling Green Plant saw a heavily camouflaged new sports car appearing different to the C8 shape, setting in a secluded parking section just outside a plant door. Call me skeptical, but why would a new C9 camo covered test car be anywhere near the production plant as all design and testing occurs far away at secluded heavily guarded private sites and not anywhere near production plants. But I digress...

So, here are my predictions. One I have been saying for quite some time now and continue to believe. We will in early 2027 begin to see heavily camouflaged test cars out and about, being put thru the initial field tests on its way to a late 2028 as an early 2029 model release. Also, some of my other predictions for the future C9. I believe GM will do everything in their power to remove weight from the chassis of the upcoming final C9 model. They've gotten just about as much horsepower out of these cars as needed, and one of the other easy (relative term) things they can do to continue to increase the new model performance from the already insane C8 is to lighten its overall weight. I look for the C9 base model to come in weighing in under 3400 lbs. I also believe they will be softening up the sharpness of the current C8 body lines to help bring it back into the Corvettes traditional smoother overall curvy appearance. Yes, perhaps to include some of the softer concept design body lines we've all seen out of their design studios. HP will be in the 575-580 range. One other interesting thing that GM continues to talk about, yet not specific to the Corvette is their now patented active *Magnetorheological (MR) Adaptive Spring setup*, where they utilize the same past electronic shocks adjustment technology, but now apply it to the suspension springs themselves. Something straight out of GM's racing design handbook. And if this is something they are ready to introduce, where else but on the new C9 would it first appear? All in all, some pretty secret Squirrel stuff is absolutely all happening right now today, behind some heavily guarded secret hanger location! And, no matter how much we all learn between now and the official release date, we already know, we are still going to be blown away when it eventually comes to fruition.



Did you know...In 1967, (yes some of us, were born prior to 67)

In 1967, at Chevrolet with Zora Arkus Duntov at the helm as director of the GM Performance Division, Chevrolet built a Corvette which was available with what was called the **L88** option. It featured a big block 427 that GM actually discouraged people from buying. The reason... It came with too much power! Rated originally from GM at 420 HP, in reality the horsepower was closer to 550 HP, making this car an absolute monster straight from the factory! But, it didn't come cheap, adding in an additional whopping \$1500 on top of the Corvettes base price of \$4,300. In all, Chevrolet sold only 20 of these track ready cars, with most all going to racing teams. Today, these cars sit high at the top of the most desired and wanted Corvettes ever produced, fetching 8 figure sales prices when they rarely ever arrive for sale at auction!

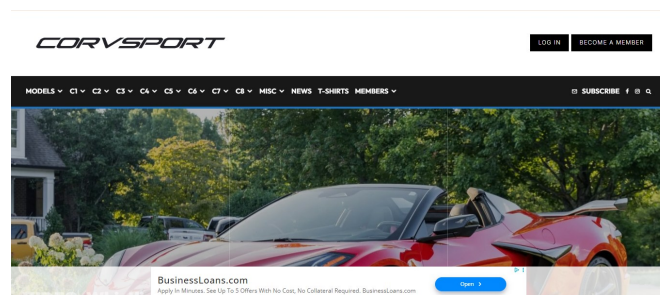


First, the Good: And there is a lot of it! I start off my review, by saying that this is one very large site encompassing information relative to all 8 generations and everything else Corvette related! All, nicely separated by the ability to choose which individual gen you want to focus on. And each sub page does have a ton of both archived articles along with the most recent updates, and all generation specific. You literally can accomplish pretty much anything you would want, relative to finding certain information about a specific year's production. From cross checking VIN numbers to hearing the historical The content alone can be overwhelming and should you plunder into the depths of the site, you will quickly realize just how much information is all available at your fingertips.

Now the somewhat bad: More annoying pop-up ads! The site is absolutely canvased with them! You click on a page or an article, and it sends them all your way! And, not just one or two, but literally blocks of them at a time! You will spend more time just clicking off the ads than browsing the articles. Now there is a remedy to remove them all. An annual subscription. Sign up as a paid member and they all go away! The cost of a yearly subscription is a somewhat paltry **\$35**, and honestly if you plan on using the site as it was intended, a full resource for everything Corvette, it is well worth the investment even if to just eliminate all the annoying ads! And, like all sites today, they do collect browser cookies and there is an optional opt out for anything beyond them collecting just basic visitor information! Also, In either case, paid or unpaid, you will also receive a daily email, that you will need to go in and unsubscribe to stop should they come to annoy you.

So, my summation of the CORVSPORT website is I rate it **4.4 out of 5!** And should you subscribe as a paid member, that would go up to a **4.7** as the site truly accomplishing one of its goals of being a complete Corvette reference source without any annoying pop-up ads! In either case, I do recommend you all to check out their site!

<https://www.corvsport.com>



One more... Did you know

If you happen to be the owner of a Corvette C7, did you know, that not only do you have a secret storage compartment behind your Nav/Radio unit. (The button is just to the left of the head unit) But you also have the ability to lock this storage area out to anyone and everyone with one inputted secret four digit passcode! As part of the Valet lock out feature the car comes standard with, inside that owner accessible menu on the digital screen, You can set an access code to both lock and also unlock the storage area behind the head unit. This cool Valet feature also does several other things, such as locking out the radio settings, locks all other storage areas of the car and also turns on the optional Performance Data Recorder (PDR) system, (If your Corvette happens to be equipped with it). In the Valet Mode setting, this system automatically starts recording video, audio, vehicle speed, and RPM whenever the ignition is on, allowing you to review footage later.

New Members Section

As our club membership size continues to expand at an incredible pace! We remind everyone that we never try and hound, or constantly ask over and over for anyone to ever come out and join us on any of our events, beyond simply broadcasting an open invitation to all club member! To both old and new members alike!

But with that said, if you are at least thinking about joining us on one event this entire season.

That one event, that you do not want to miss is coming up in just a couple of weeks. Our sixth annual trek out to Bennington VT area and our stop at The Publyk House Restaurant that sits high on the hill overlooking the beautiful Battle Memorial Monument and the Walloomsac River valley below!

And our combination back road and main road journey over from our starting point to our ultimate Publyk House destination is just one of the reasons this journey sets apart from all our other caravans of the season.

The combination of the time of the year with beautiful fall foliage, and the incredible views looking down to the valley below all make this event, one that is hard to top each season!



Our Season-Long *Partnering Professionals*



As we come to the close of another caravan season, We want to send out a very sincere and special thank you to George and his entire crew at Lethal Premium Car Care!

Who have continuously supported our club and many of its members over the past three seasons. And while we say good bye for the upcoming 2027 season, we would be remiss if we didn't take a moment and thank them for all that they have contributed to our SONHC club and for all the beautiful members cars they have had a hand in caring for.

*We wish nothing but the very best for the entire Lethal Premium Car Care Team going forward!
Along with a sincere... Thank you from SONHC!*



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