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October Opening

Statement ... *October always brings a mix of emotions! We realize that all too soon our driving season will be over and behind us... Yet, we do still get to enjoy a few great events in both October and early November, before being forced to retire the cars for that long winter nap! Our 2025 season has been a challenging one for sure with many rainouts and rescheduled events early on for both clubs! Yet we were able to manage to get out and enjoy some amazing destinations and fun events over the summer season. Now as the fall portion of the schedule is upon us, and begin to close out the cruise year, we hope you'll consider coming out and joining us on one of the remaining 2025 events! One such trip in particular, our Bennington event this month is by far and away one of the most enjoyable cruises all season long! Yes, it's merely a road trip to a restaurant, but It's one last chance to enjoy the wonderful back roads of NH and Vermont, And that restaurant? Well, it is so much more than just another restaurant! It's like an opportunity for a long gone visit back to our grandparent's house when we ushered in the holiday season that soon will arrive!*

There is simply no place quite like the Publyk House in Bennington, VT!

So, as we wind down our cruise season, we wish to take this moment and personally thank each and every one of you who've come along and joined us out on events this year! We never lose sight of the amazing support you continue to show for our SONHC & SOME C clubs!

Rick Delano
Group Founder

OUR SEPTEMBER EVENTS!

To many, one of the most beautiful months of the year is September! Long gone are the BBQ's, pool parties and the late setting sun of summer! Replaced now by the cool mornings, clean crisp autumn air and accompanying early sunsets! As we ushered in the early weeks of fall, September turned out to be truly a month of memorable events! Starting with the first ever **SONHC** sunset cruise that honestly turned it out to be one of the best events ever in our club's history and one that raised the question, why it took us so long to decide to hold one! Just a perfect early evening cruise experience we will surely look to repeat in the future! Followed up by the 5th and final Laps For Charity event of

2025, this time on the much-anticipated oval course! And finally, we closed out September with our 5th annual trip across the Kancamagus Hwy! this year bringing 72 beautiful SONHC & SOME C Corvettes together on just a post card picture-perfect day. All in All, a great month of events!



Earlier this month, The New Hampshire Motor Speedway announced a brand new program for the upcoming 2026 season with the proceeds going to directly benefit the *Speedway Children's Charities* through the Laps For Charity NH Chapter!

A new walkway is to be constructed on the grounds of **NHMS** made up from individual personalized participation bricks!

SONHC through it's members participation has continuously supported each of the Laps For Charity events going all the way back to 2022, is excited to announce we have started a campaign to add our name to one of the larger sized brick on this soon to be constructed walkway!

We're asking members to contribute just a few dollars each, towards getting our club's name permanently etched into this new to be constructed walkway!

Here is the link if you'd like to help us reach our goal:

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/charitable-contributions>



A LOOK BACK...

We love parades! We enjoy being a part of them and always truly feel honored and privileged when we get asked to participate in them. We also love honoring our veterans! No one segment of people do we hold in higher regards than the veterans who also happen to be members of our groups. But really all veterans! So, it is truly befitting that our final event each season is our participation in the Manchester NH Veterans Day parade in November! Such a fitting way to close out the years schedule by helping to honor those who have answered the call to duty to serve! Our Veterans Day parade precession is always led by our group veterans, with their cars out in front, and it is an honor to have them lead us into the long dormant winter months ahead!



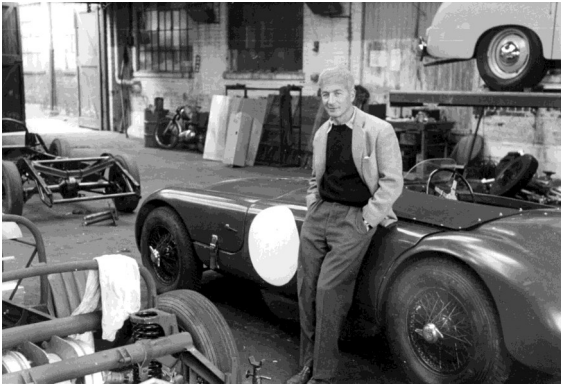
Our Mission:

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 Corvette caravans traveling throughout New England! As we now have over 1,800 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every member experience a memorable one!

Despite having played such a huge pivotal role in the early development of the Chevrolet Corvette...Zora Arkus-Duntov only owned one Corvette his entire life! And, actually that one Corvette was a gift, given to him by Chevrolet upon his retirement! A 1974 Big Block 454 Stingray! One might think that someone of his stature and direct involvement in the car's development would have possessed several over his long and illustrious career. But he didn't! And as it turned out, he didn't need to. As his position within the company gained him access to any GM vehicle including many Corvettes, both production and experimental to use as daily drivers! Why buy when you can simply borrow! His one personally owned Corvette has been recently retouched by the Corvette Museum, not restored because they wanted to preserve many of the unique and historical attributes of the car to Zora when he last owned it. After a frame off refresh, done by the Museum restoration department, the car now currently resides on display in the Bowling Green National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame exhibit.

But Did You Know... Duntov's story was one that almost never got written... Chevrolet almost lost Duntov numerous times in his early years at GM to Porsche, who Duntov had already had a great relationship with. He had Successfully raced Porphes in the mid-1950s having secured two class wins in Lemans while piloting Porche 550 Spiders.

This coupled with the fact that at the time GM had completely pulled out of all competitive racing, it left Duntov on having to decide a future between the two



companies. Or did it? As we're all well aware, Duntov's career at GM began to take hold, and he began to work in earnest on upgrading the Corvette's performance, he was also at the same time continuing to work with Porsche engineers in Germany on issues they were having on their new model 356 street car. The work he was doing for them was considered unofficial, but the engineering fixes that he provided, solved several big issues on their new 356 model, and included addressing the huge issue of oversteer that plagued the car and was considered so instrumental to the future success of the car, they offered to give him one for free! However, he declined... as he knew he couldn't very well be driving around Detroit employed by Chevrolet developing

performance upgrades on the Corvette, all the while seen driving a new Porsche!

But it was through his direct involvement with Porsche and convincing them to add a front sway bar to all the new Porphes, based off his engineering tests he provided Porsche with, while still employed at Chevrolet, that gave their cars the much-needed improvement in the handling characteristics that would later go on to become legendary. And, this relationship with Porsche continued on for many of the same years he was at Chevrolet busy adding the performance bite to the early year Corvettes!

Was a Porsche 356 **Zo6** perhaps closer to happening than anyone may have ever realized!



2026 SONHC & SOMEC CALENDARS

SONHC & SOMEC Corvettes, publishes an annual 12-month Calendar each year, chalked full of club members cars all shown in beautiful backdrop settings! And the time has arrived for us to put together our 2026 calendars! These beautiful colorful calendars are available to order with the 12 member Corvettes that we've chosen, or... You also can customize them by adding in your favorite personalized ones from your own collection of pictures! These double bound coiled wall calendars are super high quality and make a great addition to any office or home wall! Personalized Photo submissions end this month and the calendars will be available to order starting on November 1st... arriving in plenty of time to make them the perfect Holiday Gift... even if it's to yourself! All the details can be found on our websites!



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July SO MECORVETTES 2026						
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OUR UPCOMING MAKE-A-WISH CAMPAIGN!

*Next month, starting November 1st, we kick off our annual **Make-A-Wish** fundraising campaign! One of only two that as a club, we annually support! this cause is very special to us for numerous reasons! But, none bigger than being able to directly help bring a bit of joy, even for a short period of time to those families that are affected by so many devastating diseases. Through our great **Partnering Professionals** relationship with **VIP Tires and Service**, once again this year, every dollar donated by our members will be matched dollar for dollar by **VIP**, doubling our overall final club contribution! Look for the announcement later this month as we kick off the 2025 **Make-A-Wish** campaign!*



OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW HAMPSHIRE

On our September Kanc caravan as we were heading home, I was fortunate enough to catch a glimpse in my rear-view mirror of the beautiful Crawford Notch Mountain range of as we journeyed over towards Franconia Notch! The beautiful colors of fall were beginning to show signs of change on the mountains behind me, that soon will be blossoming into the full array of fall colors everyone loves. It was a picture-perfect moment, and one that caused me to pause and reflect on just how fortunate we all are to live or spend time in this amazingly beautiful state! As we continued the journey down through Franconia Notch, the surrounding mountains just simply take one's breath away! The sheer rock formations that dominate the range are as humbling as anything one will ever see! The water falls at the top of these notch mountains that under a normal rain season would carry the water to the forests below, in this current drought still show the beauty of the rock formations that the water has carved into them over the thousands of years past!

I reveled in the fact that here, we are so fortunate to have these beautiful mountain ranges in our back yards... And yet... just a short drive away, we also have the beauty of the rugged NH coastline to behold and enjoy, and in between, lie some of the most beautiful crystal clear lakes anywhere in the world! All within a short enjoyable drive so close together! In reality, few states can come close to matching the diversity and magical beauty that NH offers!



Finding discontinued Parts on E-Bay

For anyone who happens to own an C7 and earlier generation, and who may have run into the situation where a particular part has been discontinued by GM and is not showing as available anywhere through the normal parts supplier channels... There is still one resource available that perhaps might bail you out! But only with some due diligence on your end.



E-Bay Motors! A multibillion dollar a year business that can under the right circumstances be your savior and help you get that much needed illusive discontinued part. But this process does come with potential pitfalls! The statement that knowledge is power is ever so true when it comes to browsing and eventually purchasing car parts through E-Bay. You'll need to possess much more item information than the seller will potentially list! Understanding that many of the sellers listing items for sale, probably doesn't know the many exact specifics of everything that they have listed. Many times, the information they provide on a listing is nothing more than info they themselves have pulled from Google or some other on-line resource... and may or may not contain complete accurate information.

But by you doing your homework and possessing as much specific information about the part you need (exact year, specific model, GM original part numbers) beforehand can lead to not having a bevy of frustrations, returned orders or even worse out of pocket expenses, and all ending without addressing your need!



*There are some great sources available for you to be able to learn about the specifics of your vehicle and there is no better place to start than manufacturer itself. **GMParts.com** can be a great resource for not only items still available, but it also can also provide you with the original GM part numbers on the many discontinued ones as well! You can also browse **ACDelco.com** as another, to find the often-discontinued electrical parts on your car. In both cases, you are*

able to provide your vehicle VIN number and the system will often return with the exact part number you're looking to find! Also, the GM Support center website exists as another available resource that might be able to help you out in determining your exact part number you require. And, having the correct part number is almost vital when shopping on E-Bay!

*Next it is recommended that you only buy from a super reliable party that has nothing but excellent seller ratings and customer reviews, offers buyer friendly terms (Some sort of return policy is a must) and is willing to answer any specific questions you might ask. Once you have found the right seller, and determined their item listed to be the correct part you need... **do not procrastinate!**...*

Communicate with the seller, address any concerns you might have and buy the part and get your need addressed. And remember... Chances are, if you're looking for that specific discontinued part, there are numerous other Corvette owners out there also looking for the exact same piece you need!

T-Tops and Targa Top's ...Squeaks and Groans.

Whether you are a T-roof fan, a targa top fan or a full-blown convertible fan, the saying that... Variety is the spice of life... certainly can be applied here. All three of these designs bring Corvette owners the ability to enjoy open air driving and, in many ways, allow us to feel better connected with our outdoor surroundings! Fact is, for most all Corvette owners the ability to enjoy top-down therapy has been something that has been there since the very beginning. The 1953 Corvette was after all a convertible! And, unless you happen to own a C5 or C6 Z06 or ZR1 (What a problem to have) Corvettes have always offered some sort of optional open-air cockpit design.

Now for those of us who happen to own older cars, with age comes normal wear and tear! T-roofs, targa tops and even convertibles don't fit quite as tight or work as well as they once did when new. Perhaps a water leak, or some undesirable squeaks and groans that have now become a bit more than just slightly annoying!

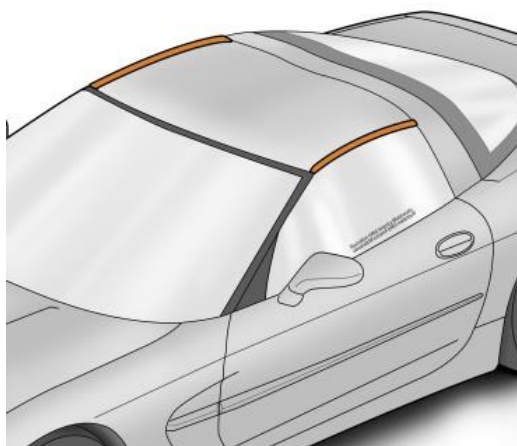
But the good news is with most all of these age-related issues, there are remedy's to be had that can directly address these problems! Fixes that will bring them back to like new condition! Sometimes it's nothing more than applying a lubricant to the roof pins to quiet them down. Sometimes its will require a bit more effort!

But, be weary as this is one project that can't just turn out simply OK! It must be done correctly or its all for not! Often, it's the rubber moldings themselves that are the cause of the leaks, squeaks and loose-fitting tops that happen with age. The Dried up, ripped and often cracked rubber moldings many times need replacement to correct these issues. Just like the rubber on your tires, atmospheric elements over time erode the rubber, drying them out and greatly reducing their flexibility!

And while there are several aftermarket companies that can sell you these replacement rubber moldings directly, be cautious as many times they are not anywhere close to an exact fit or the quality of the original OEM pieces. they are either loose fitting, need to be trimmed or even cut right out the box to fit! And, the manufacturing tolerances let's just say leave a lot to be desired when it comes to fit! If you are going to tackle this project yourself, do not cheap out here, and only use products from a reputable company! The Price will be a good indicator to the quality you are going to get. High quality moldings are expensive and do not come cheap!

Better yet, forgo this do it yourself project and consider having this replacement process performed by the professionals who have lots and lots of experience in repairing Corvette roofs and know where to go to get the highest quality moldings to use!

Perhaps give one of our Partnering Professionals who specialize in Corvettes a call and get this issue addressed over the coming winter months!



New Members Page:

As we continue to grow and as we welcome new members into our Corvette family each month, something we try and never ever lose sight of is, the overwhelming and sometimes intimidating sensation it can be, for anyone who is joining on their first event. Pulling into a lot full of beautiful Corvettes and people standing around together can for sure be an unsettling moment! But we want to constantly reassure everyone, that as soon as you park and exit your car, you will be surrounded by people who are as inviting and welcoming as anywhere possible and within the first minute, will make you feel right at home! Just don't be insulted if the first thing you are asked is something about your Corvette. After all we are first and foremost a Corvette club at heart!



A lot of time and energy goes into all that we create and put forward for members to be able to enjoy! From creating a place where Corvette owners have a home in sharing the love and passion for these incredible cars together! To fostering an environment where the incredible gift of new and lifelong friendships is able to happen!

But none of what we do would be possible if not for the dedication and the work put in by our incredible Admin team! When you join us on one of our caravan events, many times you'll see their participation as Ride leaders or cabooses! But behind the scenes, they all play vital roles in so much more! And...none more important than in being here to support our members!

As new members, we think it's important for you to know who your group leadership teams is. Each are here to make you feel welcomed, and to make each of your experiences a fun and memorable one! And... They are all some pretty remarkable people to get to know and spend a little some time to talk with!



SONHC & SOME Group Founders:
Rick & Sharon Delano



Admins: Dick & Vicki Lemire



Admins: John & Suzanne Hodgkins



Admin: Pete Langlois



SOME Group leaders: Mark & Whitney Hensley

Our Season-Long *Partnering Professionals*

We wish to acknowledge and thank each of these incredible companies who have signed on to join with us for our 2025 season! We ask that you



Thanks for reading our April GENERATIONS