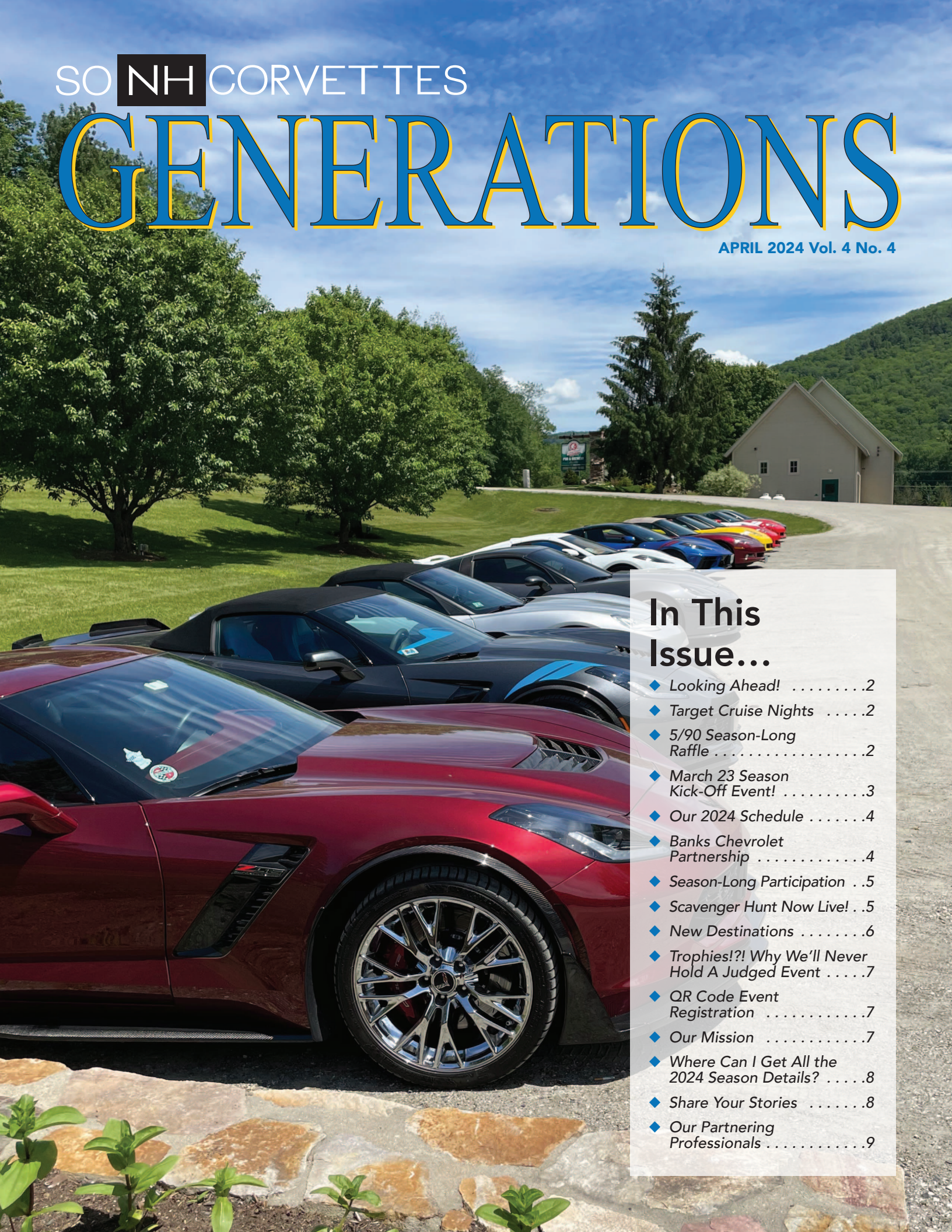


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Looking Ahead!

One of the things I have strong feelings about, is the need for **SONHC** to always be chasing a balance between consistency and change! And while these two words seem to be opposite in meaning, in reality, they go hand-in-hand when it comes to the workings of this group. **Consistency** is having members know what to expect in almost everything we do yet adding a wrinkle or two to always keep things fresh. **Change** is creating a diverse schedule of events and caravans each year, mixing the very best from previous seasons — and introducing new ideas and destinations. And doing it all while staying true to our original intentions of being inclusive and open to anyone who owns a Corvette and wants to come along on any of our journeys!

This month's **GENERATIONS** is dedicated to everything about our 2024 season, including all the new elements we're introducing this year! Our goal is to always be different from other Corvette clubs. And we believe we are! You'll never see us hold required monthly meetings, host events that hand out trophies (see the trophy article below), or charge membership dues! It's not who we are! As long as I remain involved with **SONHC**, these things will always remain something that other clubs can offer, but never here at **SONHC**!

Our 2024 season is now officially under way, with the **March 23rd Kick-Off Event!** And speaking of that event, on a personal note I want to publicly acknowledge and thank SONHC Co-founder Sharon Delano for all her efforts in both planning and pulling together this year's amazing night! Since January, Sharon has worked on every element of the evening, which wouldn't have happened without her energy and vision! We're looking forward to hopefully having our best season ever!

Rick Delano
Group Founder

Target Cruise Nights

April 12th is the official first **Target Cruise Night in Nashua**. As we mentioned before, this year there will be a new host to the event, Mr. R.C. Tringale. SONHC member Scott Scribner has stepped away from being the great host of this hugely popular event. We're confident that, while the show may have a different look, it will continue to be the go-to weekly gathering spot for car enthusiasts and Corvette owners alike! This show is also a great way for newer members to come out and meet other group members in a very casual and relaxed atmosphere.

We hope to see many of you there on opening night and each Friday during the year!



5/90 Season-Long Raffle

At each of our 2024 caravan events, attending caravan members will be able to each purchase a single \$5 raffle ticket (max total is \$10 per couple). Each purchased ticket will be entered into a season-long pot, with winning tickets being drawn at the season-ending celebration. 90% of the pot is being returned to the winners with the remaining 10% going towards the Scavenger Hunt winners' pot!



March 23 Season Kick-Off Event!

Before we share some of the excitement from the **Season Kick-Off Event**, I first need to apologize to those members who wanted to attend and were not able to due to the limited capacity of the venue! Starting next season, our spring Kick-off event will not have seating limits. Anyone who wishes to attend will be afforded the opportunity to come out and join us. With that said, here are a few highlights and pictures from the 2024 Season Kick-Off Event!

Wow! What an event! Even Mother Nature's worst weather night of the year couldn't keep most of our members from turning out and making this year's **Kick-Off Event** such a great night! In fact, several members traveled well over two plus hours just to be a part of the night's festivities!

There are so many people and organizations to thank for making the night such a success! Special thanks to all our **Partnering Professionals** and to the local businesses that provided some incredible give-aways and door prizes! And a very special thanks to all our great admins, DJ D.o.C. Paul Bettinger, The Puritan Conference Center for being our host and last, but certainly not least, Ms. Sharon Delano for all the planning and organizing that went into the event! You can see more pictures from the night on our website. www.sonhcorvettes.org/

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Our 2024 Season Schedule

We've waited a long time to introduce our full schedule. It's our hope everyone finds something on the schedule that excites them and makes them want to join us. Event registrations this year again can be accessed through our SONHC website www.sonhcorvettes.org/event-registrations! There are several events that are now open to register to attend!

2024 SONHC Schedule			
Sunday, April 21st *Back to the Future Caravan (1st Caravan) Hubbardston, MA	Friday Night, June 7th New England Dragway Epping, NH	Sunday, July 21st Patriot Hall of Fame, Gillette Stadium tour Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA	Sunday, September, 15th Kancamagus Cruise, Lincoln, N. Conway,
Sunday, April 28th *Back to the Future Caravan (2nd Caravan) Hubbardston, MA	Saturday, June 15th Back to the Beach, Parade & Car show. Old Orchard Beach, ME	Saturday, August 3rd Open date for rain out reschedule or to add a special event.	Friday, September 27th *Woodman's of Essex Essex, MA.
Friday, May 3rd Laps for charity, Road Course Loudon, NH	Thursday, June 20th Laps for charity, Oval Course, (NASCAR WEEKEND) Loudon, NH	Friday, August 9th Laps for charity, Oval Course, includes afternoon Car show, Loudon, NH	Friday, October 11th *Parkers Maple Barn, Breakfast run. Mason, NH
Saturday, May 18th Portland Me, Portland Headlight	Sunday, June 30th Quechee Gorge, King Aurthur Norwich, VT	Saturday, August 17th SONHC summer picnic. Location, TBD	Sunday, October 20th The Publyk House Bennington, VT.
Monday, May 27th *Memorial Day, parade location TBD	Thursday, July 4th *4 th of July parade Merrimack, NH	Sunday, August 25th Gunstock Mt. Laconia, NH	Saturday, November 9th Season close out caravan location, TBD
Thursday, May 30th *Wright Museum of WWII Wolfeboro, NH	Saturday July 7th Ladies only Cruise Bedrock gardens, Lee, NH	Saturday, August 31st Cruise downtown Manchester car show Elm Street, Manchester	Monday, November 11th *Veterans Day Parade Elm, St. Manchester, NH
Saturday June 2nd Cruise in for a Cause ALS Fundraiser Acton, MA	Friday, July 12th Laps for charity, Road Course Loudon, NH	Monday, September 2nd *Labor Day parade Milford, NH	Saturday, December 7th *Season Closing Celebration location, TBA
* Asterisk depict Limited field events			

Banks Chevrolet Partnership

As announced last month, **SO NH CORVETTES** and **Banks Chevrolet** in Concord, NH has formed a new alliance and partnership. We're proud to now call Bank's Chevrolet our official home! This amazing dealership does it right! From their incredible facility to all the people behind the marquee, we're truly honored to be partnering with them and look forward to our members enjoying some of the unique benefits this venture will offer! **Kevin Mathis**, a long time **SONHC** member and fellow Corvette owner is our

go-to Sales Representative at Bank's! Kevin has the Corvette experience and knowledge to help any member get

into their new C8! Here a just a couple of quick points on Bank's and why this is such a great partnership with **SONHC**:

- Bank's always sells at MSRP, regardless of vehicle and they never add markups to their pricing.
- Bank's is the number 11 volume dealership in the country! They sell a ton of vehicles each month!
- They have a 70-bay state-of-the-art service shop, employing over 50 GM certified and factory trained technicians, including 10 ASE World Class Tech's and, yes, an ASE World Class Corvette technician!
- They are eager to turn Bank's into a Corvette destination, and we're looking forward to collaborating with them on many Corvette projects and events!



Season-Long Participation

Here's how it will work. Each of our caravans will have an assigned points value that will be rewarded for everyone who both registers and then attends the start of each event. These points will vary dependent on the length and type of event. We will keep track of everyone's participation and at the end of the year award those with the highest season-long point totals! And those who participate in the Season-Long Scavenger Hunt will also gain additional points that will be added into your season totals as well!

Now... if you register for a specific event and do not cancel your reservation at least a day prior to the scheduled event, not only will you not be credited the points for that event, you will have those points *deducted* from your season's total.

Example: A Caravan to Hampton Beach originating from Manchester. Total points for someone who reg-

isters and then arrives at the starting point would be **100 points!** If someone were to register but not cancel 24 hours prior to the event would be a "No Show" and they would **lose 100 points** towards their season-long point total.

Why are we doing this? A couple of reasons. We understand that sometimes things come up at the last minute that keep members from participating in an event they have committed to attending. One of the frustrating things we seem to always encounter on the day of the event is several "No Shows."

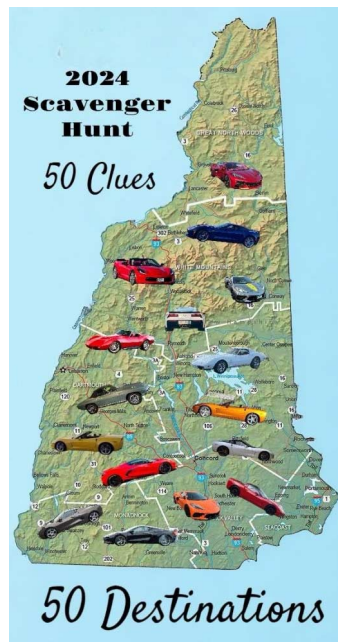
Why would we care? After all, this is supposed to be a fun diversion.

Well, in most all cases we have committed to the venues (restaurants and destinations) we are visiting a certain number of participants. In many cases, because of the size of our group, special accommodations are made in order for them to fit our group into their location. When we arrive with less, it can be an inconvenience for them. Being able to provide an accurate headcount is important to our ability to possibly return in the future and it also speaks to the reputation of our group!

Secondly, and more importantly, we wanted to come up with a way to reward members who consistently come out and support what we do! Now, for those who are only able to commit to just a few events, all is not lost. If you attend at least one caravan and receive points for that event, you'll be added into an end-of-season lottery drawing that will make you eligible to receive one of the same awards as the top participating teams at the end of the season!

Scavenger Hunt Now Live!

50 clues, 50 destinations! We are excited to be adding this unique and challenging element to this season. Teams and individuals will be able to chase and find the correct destinations by utilizing the provided clues! Once there, provide evidence in the form of pictures to prove that you have found and visited these sometimes-wacky destinations! One of the best things about the scavenger hunt is you can do this on your day and time of choosing! No commitment to have to be at a specific day and time for an event. You can do it alone or choose to do it with other members of the group. This one is all on your own! The rules, destination clues, and score-card are all on our **SONHC** website. This event is now live and runs through October 31st. We will be awarding the top scoring teams at our season ending celebration in December!



New Destinations



One of the fun things we get to do over the long winter months is look at potential new places we've never taken the group to before! And while we've

visited numerous exciting and fun destinations in the past, there are always new possibilities out there to consider adding to our calendar! For a place to make it onto our event schedule, certain criteria must be met:

- ◆ Is the destination conducive to hosting a large group of cars and people?
- ◆ Is there adequate parking? (Always one of the first considerations.)
- ◆ Caravan length? (Another big consideration!) There are many great places to visit in New England that are more than 3 hours away. Visiting them would most likely result in a ten-hour or longer day!
- ◆ Is there an attraction that would interest the group?



- ◆ Is the attraction affordable, such as the cost for a museum or park?
- ◆ Are there locations on our route that will accommodate our pit-stops?
- ◆ Are the roads conducive to making for an enjoyable trip?
- ◆ Is there an available restaurant that can handle a large group and is interested in being our host?
- ◆ Is there a location that we could picnic at?

For a location to make onto our schedule, the majority, if not all, of these questions must be answered with a yes!

In 2024, we're happy to say we were able to add six new destinations! 88 MPH museum, Hubbardston, MA (2023 rain out); Portland, ME; Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA; Wright Museum, Wolfeboro, NH; The Back to the Beach Parade, Old Orchard Beach, ME; New England Dragway, Epping NH; and finally, Parkers Maple Barn, in Mason, NH!

As we jump ahead to 2025, we'll be looking at adding a couple of overnight caravans to the schedule!



Trophies!?! Why We'll Never Hold A Judged Event!

What is the meaning behind a trophy? It's a word whose origins date back to the 1500s. The word itself was translated to English from the phrase "A prize of war" — a way of recognizing someone for achieving something significant. And there's certainly a lot of recognition being handed out, as the trophy business is a 3 billion dollar a year industry! Trophies are handed out for everything and anything! Which brings me to the real subject in hand, trophies! Pun intended.

Car show trophies — and why you'll never see a SO NH CORVETTES event that involves us judging and handing out trophies.

We live in a world of opinions, judgement calls, political incorrectness, and numerous other uncertainties. And judging and choosing car show trophy winners certainly falls into the category of subjectiveness. Trophies typically create lots of emotions, both good and bad! The good usually comes from the party that happens to be on the receiving end of the trophy. The bad is from literally everyone else! And those "bad" feelings usually form a list a mile long as to why. The judge was biased, the judge was the

winner's second cousin from their third marriage, the judging was already predetermined who was going to win. My car always looks better than the winner, but Bob the judge always liked Tom better so I had no chance!



In other words, judging is full of subjectiveness, and often does nothing but cause bad feelings and undermines the very purpose of handing out awards! While they work well for some clubs, they don't for ours!

You already have your trophy: your Corvette! You've already got the ultimate award! No matter what the condition or cleanliness, it's your pride and joy!



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QR Code Event Registration

We're attempting to go high tech! One of the more difficult tasks we have, I say "we," I mean Sharon, who gets to everyone and signs them in the morning of an event, so we

know who has attended. With some events having over 75 people, this is both a daunting and overwhelming task for just one person. Now, with the introduction of the season-long points program, it's imperative we get everyone included on the morning of the event without exception. A way we are going to do this (here comes the techy part), is when anyone registers for a particular event, the confirmation e-mail you receive back will contain a QR code. It will be unique to just you (both of you if you are attending as a couple). All you need to do is keep the registration confirmation e-mail (or take a picture of the QR code and keep it on your phone) and on the morning of the event simply show us the e-mail, we'll

scan the QR code and, just like that, you'll be registered as attending along with awarding the points for that day's event automatically into your season-long points account.

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 1,100 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every member experience a memorable one!

Where Can I Get All the 2024 Season Details?

Everything 2024 season-related can be found and accessed through our website: www.sonhcorvettes.org. The upcoming schedule, registration for events, our scavenger hunt, along with the latest details on all that is new for 2024 can be found here. We encourage everyone to go and check it out!



Share Your Stories

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.

And while you're sharing and if you're an Admin, don't forget the new GENERATIONS section called **The Admin's Corner**. Beginning in January 2024, each month one of our groups' Admins will have an article on the subject of their choice. It can be anything from receipts to destinations to their experiences as group leaders!

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