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Looking Ahead!

Happy Birthday America! You're looking pretty damn good for 250 plus years old! Here in New England, July is typically the height of the summer car season, with car shows and events being held just about every night and weekend. It's certainly a great time of the year for those of us who enjoy driving our cars and being out and about here! Here at **SONHC** we've still got two-thirds of our caravan season in front of us, with some amazing events and destinations ahead! And, while we're always stoked for hot dogs and BBQs, we're extremely excited to be holding our first-ever **SO ME CORVETTES** caravan event this month! We're taking a trip to the historical Bath, ME area and to visit *The Maine Maritime Museum!* This is the first of many planned destination visits in the beautiful State of Maine!

So, we're inviting everyone to join us, not only for this first-ever SOME event, but to all the SONHC and SOME's remaining 2024 events!

Rick Delano
Group Founder

2024 SONHC Events

- Thursday, July 4th**
***4th of July Parade**
Merrimack, NH
- Friday, July 12th**
Laps for Charity, Road Course
Loudon, NH
- Sunday, July 21st**
Patriot Hall of Fame, Gillette Stadium Tour
Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA
- Saturday, August 3rd**
Open date for rain out reschedule or to add a special event.
Location, TBD
- Friday, August 9th**
Laps for Charity, Oval Course, includes afternoon Car show
Loudon, NH
- Saturday, August 17th**
SONHC Summer Picnic
Location, TBD
- Sunday, August 25th**
Gunstock Mt.
Gilford, NH
- Saturday, August 31st**
Cruise Downtown Manchester Car Show
Elm Street, Manchester
- Monday, September 2nd**
***Labor Day Parade**
Milford, NH
- Sunday, September, 15th**
Kancamagus Cruise
Lincoln, N. Conway
- Friday, September 27th**
***Woodman's of Essex**
Essex, MA.
- Friday, October 11th**
***Parker's Maple Barn Breakfast Run**
Mason, NH
- Sunday, October 20th**
The Publyk House
Bennington, VT
- Saturday, November 9th**
Season Close Out Caravan
Location, TBD
- Monday, November 11th**
***Veterans Day Parade**
Elm, St. Manchester, NH
- Saturday, December 7th**
***Season Closing Celebration**
Location, TBA

***Limited field events**

This schedule has some flexibility to add additional events as they become organized. Check the [Facebook](#) page or [web site](#) for the latest information.



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Visiting NH Veterans Home



This was a truly emotional day for the **SONHC** members who came along on our visit to the *New Hampshire Veterans Home* in Tilton. The opportunity to spend time with many of these veterans was truly a moving experience! To listen to these men and women, many of whom were car fanatics in their youth, talk about their favor-

ite cars made for an incredible day! Our members eagerly took this opportunity to escort each of them around to see both the cars and to talk and spend time with each of them. And while the cars certainly were a hit with the veterans, in the end it was our members who came away with a heightened sense of appreciation

for these very special people. We can't wait to return in the future for another visit with these amazing people we all owe so much too!

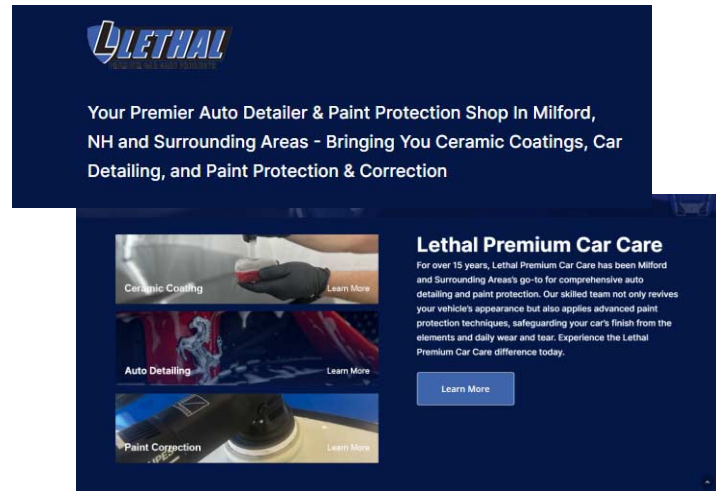
A very special thank you goes out to **Deb Stewart** for organizing and putting this great event together and also for leading our group on this amazingly gratifying and emotional day!





Our *Partnering Professionals* program is one we are very proud of. To be able to bring so many quality product and service providers to our group has been a very gratifying and rewarding venture! As our circle of PP providers slowly grows, one of the first criteria any company must pass to be added to our PP program is: do they bring something special to our members' experience! Can they offer a product or service that can benefit our members directly and one that our members would be interested in?

Well, we are now very excited to announce and welcome **Lethal Car Care** into our circle of *Partnering Professionals* businesses! This company absolutely gets check marks next to every criteria to make it into our program! **Lethal Car Care** is a local business with something to offer just about every member who is interested in the appearance and protection of their cars! George, the company's founder, along with his team of car enthusiasts will provide the highest level



of detailing and protective services for those who want it done by professionals. From PPF (Paint Protective Services) to paint correction to having your car detailed, Lethal Car Care is your go-to home for everything to make your car look and feel truly amazing! Additionally, they also carry a full line of the highest quality car care products for the do-it-yourselfers. We are very excited to be partnering with **Lethal Car Care** and you're going to hear a lot more about this great company in the coming weeks and months!

SOME CORVETTES

First Caravan Event!

As previously mentioned, we are very excited to announce the first **SO ME CORVETTES** caravan event scheduled later this month! On July 28th the **SOME C** group will travel from the Portland, ME area up to the *Bath Maritime Museum* for a lunch visit on the banks of the Kennebec River and then travel on over to the beautiful and secluded Popham Beach area! (Did You Know: Popham Beach was the backdrop for the movie "Message in a Bottle" starring Paul Newman, Robyn Wright Penn, and Kevin Costner?)

Members of both **SOME C** and **SONHC** are invited to come along on this first of many future adventures around the vast and beautiful State of Maine!



Wow! What a June!

Seven events — nine if you count the two rained-out events — over a 30-day period in late May through June! We've never attempted such a vigorous schedule and, to no one's surprise, members turned out in full for these incredible adventures and caravans! From the previously-mentioned *NH Veterans Home* visit to our visit to the *Portland Head Light*, to the *ALS fundraiser*, to our first visit to the *Back to the Beach Corvette car show*, to our visit to the *Wright Museum, Laps for Charity*, and finishing up the month with our visit to the *Airfield Café* — all led up to quite a month for sure! And July is going to be another exciting month of journeys, starting off with the *4th of July Parade* in Merrimack and ending with our trip to *Patriot Place* in Foxborough, MA. We hope you'll consider joining us on one or more of our adventures!



Sunday, July 31: Patriot Place

Something we've always wanted to plan has been to visit one of New England's favorite team's home. Well, this July, we're finally heading down to **Patriot Place** in Foxborough, MA for a day visit to this mega complex for a day of food, fun, and a visit to the **New England Patriots Hall of Fame**. Plus we'll take a tour of Gillette Stadium, which includes the newly-renovated **Gillette Stadium Lighthouse**! And, with Tom Brady's recent induction into the Patriots Hall of Fame, July makes for the perfect time for our visit!



C7 Transmission Issues

For those who have a C7 auto, there seems to be an issue that continues to rear its ugly head: the dreaded transmission shudder. An unacceptable and troubling issue that, for many, GM has refused to take care of under warranty and instead is calling it a maintenance issue! Cars with 15,000 miles and less are experiencing this issue of vibration and inconsistent shifting. And the troubling part is that GM knows the why behind this issue, yet — so far — for many they have refused to step up and take care of it under warranty. Moisture in the transmission is the cause and the remedy, while pretty straight forward, is an expensive one! The transmission fluid must be flushed several times to get the moisture out of both the transmission itself and the accompanying defective fluid. Some members have paid upwards of \$1,100 to have this problem fixed. C'mon GM! You can do better!





SONH CORVETTES

Car Show

Bring your Classic Car, or Hot Rod! Car Clubs are welcomed!

\$10.00 per car donation

On the grounds of New Hampshire Motor Speedway

Friday August 9th
2:00-5:00 PM

1122 NH-106, Loudon, NH 03307

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
\$5 DONATION



Sponsored by:



Food Trucks, music, raffles & a 50/50 drawing



All proceeds go directly to the Children's Speedway Charities

Join us after the show for the Laps for Charity event on the NHIS track

August Laps for Charity and SONHC Car Show!

The exciting event begins on **Friday, August 9** with a visit to the **New England Racing Museum** and moves on to an afternoon car show on the grounds of **NHMS** with cars of all types, makes, and models. In addition — yes, there's more — many of our **Partnering Professionals** will be there as well as food vendors. Then, last but certainly not least, we top off the day and evening with some fun time out on the NHMS track and participate in the final **Laps for Charity** event of the season! We're opening this up to all the area car clubs to come and participate. We also welcome the public to come view the event! We're hoping for a great turn out with all proceeds going directly to benefit the **Children's Charity Network!**

5/90 Raffle Update!

We are excited to announce that, as of the middle of June, our 5/90 raffle pot is already close to \$800! And remember, all of it is going to go back to our members at end of the year at our Season-ending Celebration event!



Our Mission

SONH 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!

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Michelin & VIP Tires



Several members with both C6's and C7 GS have had their Michelin tires replaced with the all-new *Michelin Pilot Sport A/S4s* and the reviews have been outstanding. These *Michelin A/s4s* give members who live here in New England, with its wide range of seasonal temperatures, the ability to drive their cars in the cooler temps of Spring and Fall without any performance compromises! They have a slightly different tread pattern and compound than the OEM equipped Pilot Sports. And while they are expensive, as a member of **SONHC**, through our PP member **VIP Tires**, our members get the lowest pricing available on these tires period! They also provide the best ride available for any run flat tire all year around! The latest version of their long-running Michelin A/S tire is by far their best version of the tire yet. These tires have up to 29% higher tread than other manufacturers to provide a longer tread life and the tire compounds do an excellent job in providing some of the best year-round gripping power, as well as gives some of the shortest braking distance performance of any Michelin tire on the Corvettes. They are available in a wide range of sizes to fit multiple generations of Corvettes!

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**. Each month one of our groups' Admins will have an article on the subject of their choice (we hope!). It can be anything from receipts to destinations to their experiences as group leaders!

VIP Tires continues to be the very best option as the place to get not only these tires, but also any brand and tire! So far in 2024, over 40 members have chosen **VIP Tires** to replace their Corvette and every day car's tires, and have saved thousands of dollars in the process!

**SEND US YOUR STORIES
AND
PHOTOS.**

GO ONLINE:

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Thank you, Mark Hensley, *SOME Corvettes Administrator Extraordinaire*, for posting these Fun Facts on the *SOME Corvettes Facebook page*. There is so much history surrounding these beautiful cars.

Corvette Fun Facts — C1 (1953–1962)

1. Debut and Limited Production: The C1 Corvette made its debut in 1953 at the General Motors Motordrama event in New York City. The very first production Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan in June of that year. Only 300 units were produced initially.



2. Solid-Axle Design:

The C1 is often referred to as the “solid-axle” generation because it featured a solid rear axle. Independent rear suspension didn’t appear until the 1963 Sting Ray model.

3. Polo White and Red Interior: The initial batch of C1 Corvettes came in the iconic Polo White exterior color with black canvas soft tops. All of them had a striking red interior.



4. Six-Cylinder Engine: In its early years, the C1 Corvette was only available as a convertible and featured a six-cylinder engine. An eight-cylinder engine was added in 1955, along with a three-speed manual gearbox.

5. Optional Hardtop: Starting in 1956, an optional hardtop was offered for the C1 Corvette, providing additional versatility for drivers.

6. Harley Earl’s Influence: Harley Earl, head of GM’s Styling Section, was a sports car enthusiast and recognized the popularity of European sports cars among GIs returning from World War II. This inspired the creation of the Corvette.

7. 150 Horsepower I6 Engine: The first C1 Corvettes were powered by a 150-horsepower 3.9L inline-six engine paired with a two-speed automatic transmission.

8. Mixed Reviews and Sales: Initial reviews of the C1 Corvette were mixed, and sales fell short of expectations. However, Chevrolet made necessary improvements to keep the program alive.

9. Nine-Year Production Run: The C1 Corvette remained in production for nine years until it was replaced by the second-generation Corvette (C2) in 1962.

10. Historic Auction Sale: In March 2021, the most expensive C1 Corvette in the United States was sold by Barrett-Jackson for \$825,000, making it a sought-after collector’s item.

Corvette Fun Facts — C3 (1968–1982)

1. Stingray Name: The Stingray name, which had been used for the 1963–67 C2 generation, returned for the C3 but as a single word (“Stingray”) for the 1969–76 model years.

2. Factory Sunroof: The C3 was the first Corvette to feature a factory-installed sunroof, allowing drivers to enjoy open-air driving with ease.

3. Built Entirely in St. Louis: The C3 was the first Corvette to be entirely built in St. Louis, Missouri, where it was assembled from 1968 to 1982 when production moved to Bowling Green Kentucky.

4. Rear Window Defroster: It introduced the rear window defroster feature, enhancing visibility during colder weather.

5. Four Round Tail Lights: The C3 was the first Corvette to sport four round tail lights, a design element that became iconic for this generation.

6. Angular and Muscular Design: Departing from its predecessors, the C3 featured a more angular and muscular appearance, earning it the nickname “Coke bottle” design.

7. T-Top Removable Roof Panels: The C3 introduced T-top removable roof panels, giving drivers the option to enjoy the open-air experience.

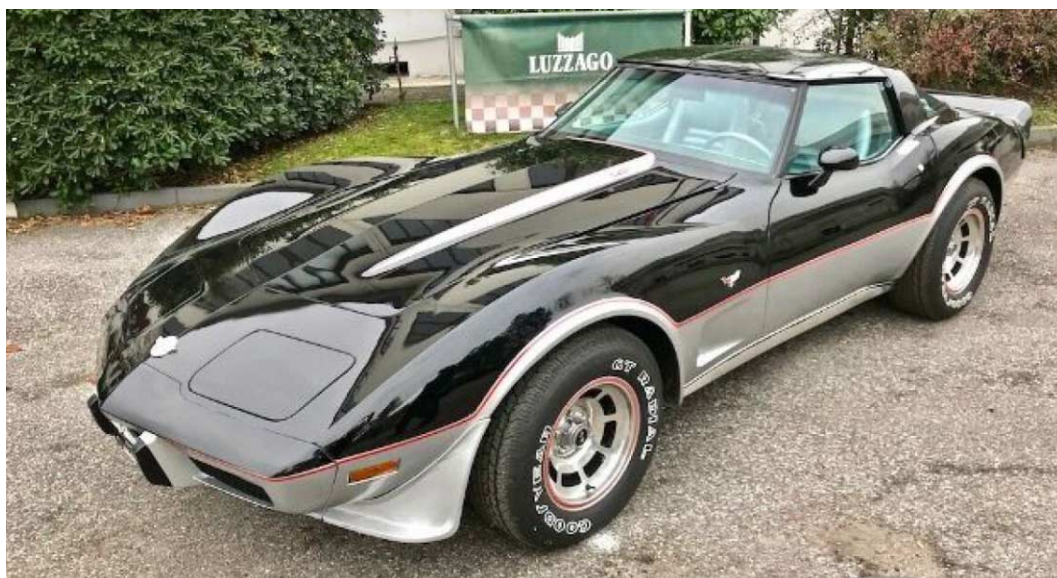
8. Continuation of Chassis Components: While the body and interior were new, the chassis components (including fully independent suspension and four-wheel



disc brakes) were carried over from the previous generation.

9. Multiple Engine Options: The C3 offered various engine choices, including small-block V8s, big-block V8s, and high-performance options like the L88.

10. Sales Records: The C3 set new sales records, with 53,807 units produced for the 1979 model year.



Season-Long Points Update!

As announced at the 2024 Season Kick-Off event, this year we've added a season-long points system for all our event participants who come out and join us on our journeys. As we close out our first portion of this year's event schedule, we want to announce our Season Long points leaders heading into July.



Congratulations to these members who are leading in points so far!

Here are the top 5 points leaders through the BTTB event on June 15th

1. Scott & Cindy Santos **425 points!**
2. Paul & Alyse Bettenger **400 points!**
3. A three-way tie: **375 points!**
 - Frank & Donna Asselin
 - Ron & Denise Cote
 - Denis & Denise Ouellette
4. John & Suzanne Hodgkins **350 points!**

5. A two-way tie: **325 points!**

- Dana DelleCroce
- Mark Whitney (SOMEK)

As you can see the race is tight, with only a few points (or just a single event) separating the top seven members! For those who haven't come out and joined us yet, there is plenty of time to catch up as we still have **14 scheduled events** remaining on the calendar! Points are awarded for the members who first register and then come along on each of our scheduled events! See our SONHC website for all the season long ride point event details.



Our Partnering Professionals

A special note on one of our Partnering Professionals sponsors: We have heard great responses from several SONHC members who have reached out to **HPM Insurance** regarding their asset protection needs and they have, in fact, switched their entire household coverage over to HPM Insurance! We encourage everyone to reach out to Lyle and his team at HPM Insurance to see what they can do for you! Their contact information can be found on our website on our *Professional Partners* page!

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