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SONH CORVETTES
2023 Season Kickoff Event

Looking Ahead!

The saying... **So close you can taste it**, usually can apply to March!

Will Mother Nature bless us with an early and, dare we say, dry spring? Or will she delay our joy by giving winter one final hurrah! We've all lived here long enough to know March can go either way!

For us here at SONHC, this is our most hectic time of the year, as we put the finishing touches on many projects, the season's schedule, our first-ever Scavenger Hunt, and, of course, our Season Kick-Off bash scheduled later this month! It's hard to believe this will be our fourth season of events together, and what an incredible journey it has been!

As we finish up our upcoming season's schedule, we've attempted to keep a good balance between events that are so good they just need to be included each year, along with adding some "We've never done that before" events! This season we're adding in six brand new never before visited destinations!

It's our sincere hope we will see some newer members of the group will come out and join us for your first event. And, if you're a group veteran, we once again get to enjoy your company as you return to your umpteenth event! As with everything we do, we do it for YOU — our incredible group members!

Meet Our Newest Partnering Professional: Banks Chevrolet-GMC-Cadillac!



We are extremely excited to announce a newly-formed alliance with **Banks Chevrolet-GMC-Cadillac** located in Concord, NH. After a long search, we've found the perfect dealership to align our SONHC group with!

The people at the Banks' dealerships are some of the best, most sincere, and honest people you'll find in the automotive industry! We are extremely excited to be working with the entire team at Banks, who all place the same emphasis on the respect and value we place in people.

I'm confident that SONHC and its members will make great Ambassadors in this newly-formed partnership! And in the coming weeks and months, we'll be sharing lots of exciting details about this alliance as we work together on numerous "Corvette" collaborations!

Announcing a Season-Long 5/90 Pot!

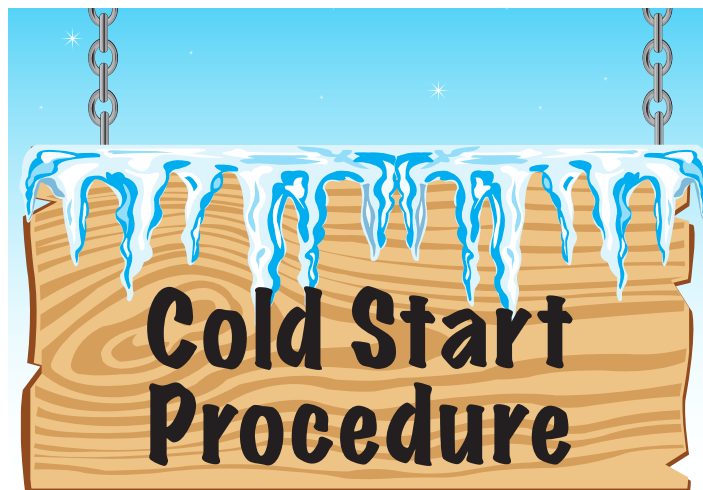
Another fun change we're introducing for our 2024 season is a season-long caravan raffle! We're calling it a 5/90 and not a traditional 50/50 raffle!

Here's how it will work: At every caravan event, anyone who attends can buy a single raffle ticket for just \$5.00. (There will be a 1 ticket limit per person per event.) At each subsequent caravan, any time someone buys another ticket, it will be added into a season-long pot! **The only way you can enter is to attend at least one caravan! No tickets will be**

available outside of the caravan events!

At the end of our season, we will draw the winning numbers and split 90% of the pot! One grand prize winner will walk away with half of the total and the remaining half will be split by the other drawing winners! (The number of other winners will be determined by the size of the pot.) The more caravans you attend and buy a ticket, the better your chances are!

We'll announce the pot sizes after each caravan!



Something that is extremely important, and perhaps not everyone is aware of, is the cold start procedure built into Corvettes. Since the release of the C4 generation, GM engineers have built into every Corvette a procedure called **Flood Clear** and it serves two purposes: one is to clear out all the fuel in the system and allow your car to start; the second, and most relevant to a cold start in the spring, is it can be used to cycle the engine and pump oil up to the top of your engine before starting and avoid a dry start, where all the engine oil is sitting in the oil pan and none at the top of the motor.

Here's how it works.

1. Push and hold the gas pedal to the floor.
2. Push and hold your left foot on either the brake pedal in an auto or the clutch on a stick.

3. Turn the key to the on position, keeping your gas pedal to the floor for 10–15 seconds and push the start button. The car will turn over (but will not start) and begin to move the oil throughout the engine before starting.
4. Stop pushing the start button or turning the key, remove your foot from the gas pedal, and then cycle through just like you would normally start the car! That's it!

Check for "hitchhikers" in your cabin air filter.

Another item that should get some attention when you first bring your car out of hibernation is your cabin air filter. Inspecting it is a sure-fire way to know if you've had critters making a home inside your car over the winter (see photo above, right).

When Are My SONHC Dues Due?

The answer is *never!* SO NH CORVETTES does not ask for or collect member dues! We never have!

Way back when we first started this group, we first decided that, if we were going to create a Corvette group, one of our first rules would be based off the premise of inclusion. It was THE driving force behind starting this group! That no matter who you were, as long as you owned a Corvette, regardless of year or condition, you could come and have a home here with us. Besides, in many cases at our events our participating members do incur



expenses, be it gas, food, tolls or sometimes admissions to the venues! We just feel it wouldn't be right to ask for dues to be able to participate in events that, most of the time, require members to also spend more money on!

And while we do have expenses to administer the group, that's what our *Partnering Professionals* provide: The ability to cover our monthly and yearly expenses without having to pass these expenses along to our members! They also give us the ability to cover the costs of other fun things during the season!

It's In The Details!

Another right of spring's arrival is the anticipation (or dread, for some) to get the car looking like it just left the showroom floor! There are so many options available when it comes to detailing your Corvette. If you have a reliable detailer you trust, then it's as simple as making the phone call to schedule your service. And if you're someone who does it yourself, you probably already know what products you're going to use from previously tried and true methods.

But if you are a first-time Corvette owner and unsure of what products and procedures to use, the mountains of information can be both confusing and overwhelming. So, here's just a few simple suggestions that may help you cut through the confusion and get your car looking its best.

1. Take your time. Detailing a car isn't a quick process. The end result will be a direct reflection of the time and effort you put into the process. If you elect to use just a spray detailer often your car will look like, well, you used a spray detailer! While it sounds like a great option, in reality, there is no substitute for doing a multi-layer detail. Without first doing some paint prep before applying any top layers, you basically are trapping in all the dirt and environmental fall-

out into the paint! Not very conducive to getting that high luster shine you're after!

2. A good first rule of thumb is to always clay your paint whenever you're adding a new polish and final coat. This process utilizes a clay bar (shaped like a bar of soap) and a lube which helps get the clearcoat layers pristine to accept any new polish or top coat protection. It's straight forward and simple. It removes much of the clear coat's contaminants and gives you a great starting point to apply the later polish and protection layers.

**Paint correction is another option, but be aware that it's an expensive option, with detailing companies charging hundreds if not thousands of dollars for this service alone.*

3. Always use name brand products! There are numerous companies that specialize in paint protection and shine, and many have been around for years!!

Maguires, Adam's, Griot's, Chemical Guy's, and Turtle Wax are just a few! While there are many new companies popping up all the time, advertising on Facebook, YouTube, and other social media sites telling you their product is revolutionary, these products are usually sold in very small quantities and require you to purchase multiple bottles. They may, in fact, be a cutting-edge revolutionary product, but in reality, its probably just a smaller-sized



product that's available from a known manufacturer.

4. Always try each product in a very small paint surface area before proceeding to do the whole paint area. This is a sure way to ensure a finished product you'll be happy with.

5. Do your research before starting. Are you going to use a ceramic or organic-based top coat product. If you are going to use a manmade ceramic top coat, be cautious as the term "ceramic coating" is one of the most used and often misleading sales pitches a product will have. Basically, a true ceramic coating is made up of polymers made up of silica. The size of the molecules in the polymers (round beads) is what can determine the quality of the product. Some companies just add in some silica and call it ceramic! Also remember, good old Carnuba wax is always a good option that will provide your car's paint with the protection it needs. You just have to be prepared to re-apply it a couple of times each year!

6. Lastly, one surefire way to determine which products you may want to consider using is to **ask a fellow Corvette owner whose car always looks amazing**, which products they use! Believe me when I say that someone who's car looks amazing, will often be very happy to share their secrets with you!



National Corvette Museum Membership!

If you are not currently a **National Corvette Museum** member, we encourage you to consider joining the museum. It costs less than a single family's night out! NCM is a non-profit organization solely dedicated to the car we all love! And the benefits of membership are pretty incredible!

-  **Membership card, NCM member lapel pin.**
-  **Free Museum admission!**
-  **Discount on NCM sponsored events.**
-  **Annual subscription to America's Sports Car magazine!**
-  **A 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalog.**
-  **10% off NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club initiation fee.**
-  **Discounts on car rentals and hotels**
-  **20% discount on CARFAX reports.**
-  **Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos!**



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!



Tires

Did you know that SONHC has an exclusive discount program in place with our *Partnering Professionals* member **VIP Tires & Service** that saves you a ton of money when purchasing your next set of Corvette (or any vehicle) tires! This program allows members to purchase any make of tires at rock bottom prices! In fact, the pricing **VIP Tires** extends to any **SONHC** member is below that of the biggest online retailer, Tire Rack prices! They also keep in-stock tires for every generation Corvette, exclusively for our **SONHC** members!



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://sonh-corvettes.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!

2024 Schedule

As we get ready to announce our complete 2024 season schedule later this month, here's a glimpse of what to expect. There are events already scheduled on the calendar in 2024 that take us from April through December. When we release our full schedule later this month, it will include a total of 26 events, including six brand-new destinations! You can find what's already scheduled on our website at www.sonhcorvettes.org/calendar-of-events.

Registration will open up for our events beginning at the end of this month!

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2024 CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED EVENTS			
We're already putting together our 2024 Schedule of Event's. When the schedule is finished, we're looking to have between 22-25 exclusive SONHC Events! Check back for updates as we add events to our calendar			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Our Mission Membership Application Season Kick-Off Event! SONHC Merchandise Partnering Professionals Monthly Newsletters 	<p>Wed Feb 21st</p>	<p>Encore Casino Metal Car Caravan</p> <p>Join us for an afternoon of "Try your luck at Boston's Encore Casino! We'll meet in Nashua and caravan down together for some fun, food and ...</p> <p>+ Event Details</p>	<p>10:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Encore Boston Harbor 1 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149, United States</p>
	<p>Sat Mar 23rd</p>	<p>SO NH CORVETTES Season Kick-off event</p> <p>Our SONHC 2024 season Kick-off event Gala! Join us for a great evening of food, entertainment and door prizes along with a few surprises! We...</p>	<p>5:00 PM - 10:00 PM</p> <p>245 Hooksett rd, Manchester</p>



Boomers

Corvette owners love to personalize their Corvettes! Whether it's adding a cranking audio system, to having backup and forward cameras to both see and record our surroundings to getting our windows tinted. We now have available one company that can supply everyone with the latest in car gadgetry and get it installed professionally, the right way!

Boomers, located in Merrimack, NH, has a state-of-the-art shop dedicated to customizing your Corvette! From adding performance products to the latest in electronics, if you can think of it, it's probably available through them to help you make your car unique to you. Their website lists lots of products to browse, including a list of all the services they can provide! We encourage you to check them out! www.nh-car-audio.com or giving them a call 603-889-9799.



Vette Vues

We encourage everyone to check out a publication that's been around since 1972! Discover the world of Corvettes with **Vette Vues Magazine**, the go-to publication for Corvette enthusiasts worldwide! Explore classic, vintage, and the latest C1 through C8 models. It is packed with expert features, reviews, event info, and more. They publish a monthly newsletter (available both as a on-line download or in magazine format subscription) with great articles about every generation. Definitely comes in handy during the long months of winter for a way to get your Corvette Fix! For more information, go to <https://vette-vues.com>.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SONHCORVETTES, GO TO:
<https://sonhcorvettes.org/>

Our Partnering Professionals

We wish to thank each and every one of our Partnering Professionals companies that continue to believe in what we do and who we are. They have chosen to be a part of our SO NH CORVETTES group. They continue to make commitments to be here for us at every opportunity. As always, we ask our members to support these business as they continue to support us!

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