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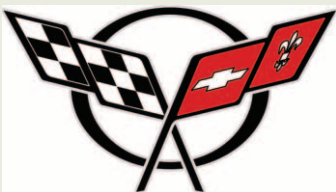
Looking Ahead!

"May" I get your attention please! The caravan and car show season is finally back and in full swing! After a long winter respite, soap buckets and garden hoses are adorning driveways at every turn, getting cars cleaned up and shined and ready to roll! **Target Cruise Night** is back! **The Candia Car Show** is back! And here at **SONHC**, we're back on the road chasing some amazing destinations and events! Our first full month of events takes us to some exciting new destinations! It's our sincere hope you'll consider coming out and joining us on one or more of our excursions!

Rick Delano
Group Founder

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2024 SONHC Events

- Friday, May 3rd**
Laps for Charity, Road Course
Loudon, NH
- Saturday, May 18th**
Portland, ME, Portland Head Light
Portland, ME
- Monday, May 27th**
*Memorial Day Parade
location TBD
- Thursday, May 30th**
*Wright Museum of WWII
Wolfeboro, NH
- Saturday, June 2nd**
Cruise in for a Cause ALS Fundraiser
Acton, MA
- Friday Night, June 7th**
New England Dragway
Epping, NH
- Saturday, June 15th**
Back to the Beach, Parade & Car Show
Old Orchard Beach, ME
- Thursday, June 20th**
Laps for Charity, Oval Course, (NAS-CAR Weekend)
Loudon, NH
- Sunday, June 30th**
Quechee Gorge, King Aurthur Flour
Norwich, VT
- Thursday, July 4th**
*4th of July Parade
Merrimack, NH
- Saturday, June 8th**
*"Ladies Only" Cruise
Bedrock Gardens, Lee 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.

88 MPH TIME MACHINE MUSEUM

One of the best analogies I can come up with when describing the **88MPH Time Machine Museum** is: Have you ever agreed to go to a movie with a friend and the movie your friend wants to see is something you're thinking, well, I guess. It's probably going to be just an OK movie...? And then the movie just blows you away to the point you must go see it again and again!

That's a great description of what **Bill & Patrick Shea's** incredible museum is! This hidden gem of a place is right in our

backyard in Hubbardston, MA. (Just south of Gardner, MA for those who, like me, had never heard of Hubbardston before.) And to say there are a few unique and interesting things to see is beyond an understatement. Their property is stuffed with more Hollywood movie memorabilia, props, and vehicles than any other place outside of Hollywood itself! If you're a fan of the *Back To The Future* movie trilogy, *Jurassic Park*, *Bullet*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, and several other iconic Hollywood blockbuster movies,

this place needs to be on your bucket list of places to visit! No less than **5 DeLorean's** grace this beautiful property, including some of the actual cars used in the BTTF films! There's the **1940 Packard** from the Enchanted Under the Sea dance scene where Biff gets clocked by Marty's father! And then there is Marty's actual beautiful black Toyota 4x4 pickup truck from the movie that has an incredible story way beyond just appearing in the movie! Remember the iconic scene in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* when the **Ferrari**

goes out the back of the garage? Well, you guessed it, that very Ferrari is here on display! And, yes there's one very amazing Corvette in the collection! If it sounds like I'm giving away the farm by telling you what's on display, nothing could be further from the truth! There is so much more to see, I could never describe in it all — you just must see it! Plus, the back stories museum creator and curator **Bill Shea** and his son **Patrick** share on so many of the items make this a truly memorable experience!



Full Throttle Corvettes

We are super excited to be announcing the addition of another dedicated Corvette parts supplier to our stable of *Partnering Professionals!* **Full Throttle Corvettes** is an absolute gold mine for those who happen to own an earlier Gen Corvette! With Father Time making it more and more difficult to find some of the pieces for these earlier-series cars, **Full Throttle Corvettes** is now your go-to place! If they don't have it, they'll try and find it, and sometimes even build it — and do it at very reasonable pricing! Hopefully, **Full Throttle Corvette** will be your go-to supplier for your hard-to-find Corvette parts!

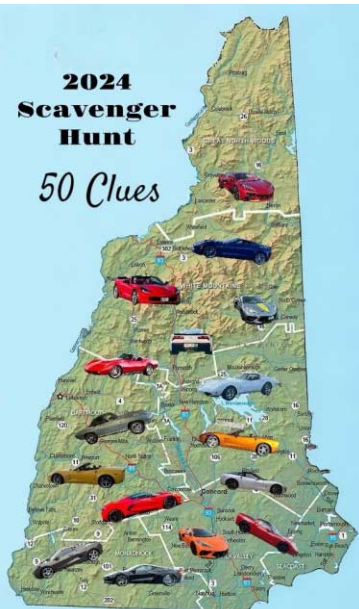


SONHC Merchandise Store is Getting a Facelift!

We know that our SONHC merchandise store hasn't been the most enjoyable experience when shopping for the latest SONHC garb! Order bugs, lack of pertinent information, and other quirks has made shopping feel more like a chore than a fun experience! We're setting out to change the store to one that is far more user friendly and befitting of our members. A completely redesigned storefront is in the works and should be arriving sometime in early summer, filled with more new products, better product descriptions, and provide an overall easier-to-use experience!

2024 Scavenger Hunt

50 Clues



50 Destinations

Scavenger Hunt Search is On!

To say the Scavenger Hunt challenge has been accepted might be the understatement of the season! **Over 55 Teams** have signed up to chase and, hopefully, find all 50 of the correct destinations in the state. And even though the Scavenger Hunt runs through the end of October, teams have already submitted 145 destination searches! Scavenger hunt parties are starting to occur and with the entire summer in front of us, we think there will be some memorable experiences happening on the roads of NH. And, BTW, it's not too late for to sign up, get on the road, and start chasing the fun!



Corvette Accidents!

A recent local Corvette accident brings to mind something we probably don't often think about having happen to any of us. But it does happen and sometimes it happens with dire consequences! There are on average 18,000 car accidents each day in the US, with **on average 115 fatalities!** The average US driver will experience and be involved in just over 3 motor vehicle accidents during their! These statistics, when divided into all the drivers and miles driven is a miniscule number — until it happens to you!

Back in the 90s the *Los Angeles Times* did a report on Corvette accidents (based on the then-current C4 Gen) and the resulting fatalities and the stats were alarming: 5.2 deaths for every 10,000 Corvettes involved in accidents! The second highest rate, at the time, of any car model!

And while safety measures have certainly vastly improved in every car's overall performance, including the later generations of Corvettes, it's still a concerning scenario! As I have mentioned several times before, GM doesn't build these cars any different than any other car they make! They are tested and crashed to ensure they are built to withstand the *National Highway Safety Institute* crash-mandated safety standards! They are also tested on the streets for literally thousands of miles to make sure they are able to safely withstand everyday driving conditions.

But when you have a car as powerful, low to the ground, and built for speed as the Corvette is, coupled with **little to no performance driving experience** by the average Corvette owner, it can be a recipe for disaster. The saying "Speed Kills" is usually a big part of many of the stories. Time and time again, when an accident happens involving a Corvette, it usually turns out that speed was one of the underlying factors!

This is why we will never tolerate or be involved with any on-road racing or high-speed driving when we're in these cars, either alone or when we're traveling as a group. Way too many things can happen that in the blink of an eye can change or erase lives!



Laps for Charity Events

One of the 2023 season highlights was our members' participation with the **Speedway Children's Charities** events that took place at NHMS in Loudon. Last year we visited NHMS on three separate SCC event dates, allowing members to take their cars onto the track to enjoy some spirited laps plus enjoy a fun evening together at the track!

In 2024, we're looking forward to once again supporting this great cause and have a little fun at the same time! Four SCC events are on the NHMS schedule May through August and we plan on being there for each one. In fact, at the August 9th event, not only will members get to enjoy some track time, but we'll be adding an afternoon SONHC members' Corvette car show on the grounds of NHMS in Loudon prior to the on-track event that evening!



Meet the New Kid on the Block...Um, Road

When we started **SO NH CORVETTES** four years ago, we certainly never envisioned the group to grow into what it has become: A place that over 1,300 Corvette enthusiasts and owners can call home! It's been quite a ride and it continues to be something we're still learning on the fly! As far as I know, there's never been a club quite like ours. The Corvette club rule-book got tossed out the window every step of the way on this thing and that's just the way we've wanted it!

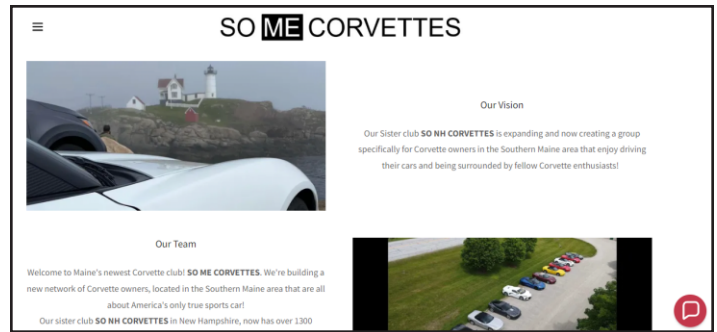
So, does it make sense to do it all over again in a neighboring state? Well, we think so! But why Maine?

Perhaps it's because my roots run deep in the State of Maine. I was born there, still have family there (who are also Corvette owners), and I went to school there. But none of these are the real reason. That lies a little closer to the fact we already have numerous **SONHC** members who reside in the state of Maine! And that we feel strongly there is a need for a club like ours over there, offering an alternative to the well-established traditional Corvette clubs across the state.

So, six months ago, the first thoughts of setting up shop in Maine was hatched and the groundwork began! We saw numerous times when some of our **SONHC** members would make a sometimes two-plus hour trek from their homes in Maine to be part of some of our events. We decided it was time to take action and put the wheels in motion to give them some of the same features and fun we have here, but a little closer to home!

The first problem with duplicating the group creation process was immediately realizing it's impossible to be in two places at the same time and, if the Maine group was to be successful, we'd have to find the right leadership team to put in place. A leadership team that would share all the same passions, energy, and drive we've had in wanting to make **SONHC** the best Corvette ownership experience possible for its members!

Luck is the ally of the fortunate and the saying "If you build it, they will come" rings ever so true as in shortly after launching the **SOME C** website and Facebook group page, one very interesting and eager Corvette owner appeared out of nowhere and said, "Well, hello there!" My name is **Mark Hensley**, and my wife, **Whitney**, and I just recently purchased a



new-to-us Corvette C7 — our first venture into Corvette ownership! And as the conversation quickly continued, it became very apparent that Mark not only was a Corvette enthusiast, but also just crazy enough to want to be involved in seeing this **SOME C** thing grow, succeed, and blossom! So, you're going to hear the names Mark & Whitney Hensley a lot in the near future, and see them at some of our **SONHC** events and as they set out building the foundation for the **SO ME CORVETTES** group! We hope to share lots of exciting news about some of the first **SOME C** scheduled events as they began to take shape in the summer of 2024!

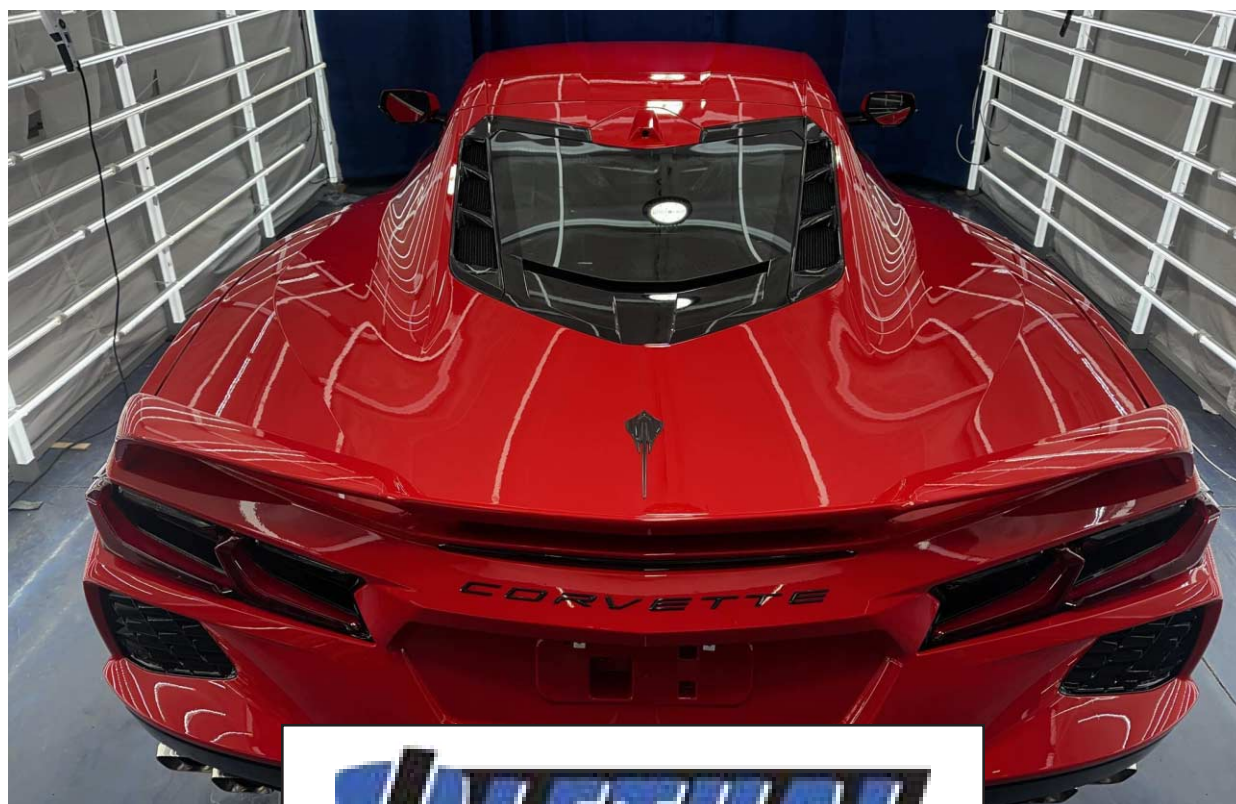


Our Mission

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!

Detailing Clinic

On Saturday, April 20, the detail professional's over at **Lethal Premium Car Care** put together an incredible detailing clinic for some of our members. From all accounts, the event a huge success and many lessons were learned. Thank you, Pete Langlois for organizing and getting members together for this great experience!



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!

**SEND US YOUR
STORIES
AND
PHOTOS**

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Rules of the Road

As our cruise and caravan season is upon us, it's a great time for all of us to be reminded of our caravan rules that are in place at all our events. We take these rules very seriously, as the consequences of not adhering to them can be dire for our members and the public we share the roads with! It is everyone's responsibility to read them, know them, and adhere to them at all times!

Rules & Safety Guidelines

1. **If this is your first caravan, be cautious and stay alert!** Be aware of the car in front of you at all times.
2. **DO NOT GET SPREAD OUT** but leave enough distance between your car and the one you're following! Remember, **it's always a procession and never a race!** Also try to know if the car in front of you is an automatic or a standard, as those of us with standards don't always use the brakes alone to slow the car!
3. **Always be aware of your surroundings and the public we share the roads with!** Never assume you'll be given the right-of-way and always respect the traveling public when in caravan! They don't always understand what we're doing and letting your guard down for just a second can have dire consequences for everyone!
4. **USE YOUR TURN SIGNAL AT ALL TIMES!** Every car, every turn! Cars as close as three back from the ride leader will not be able to see the leader's turn signals and it's imperative that you help the riders behind you by giving them a heads up! **Use your turn signals!**
5. **Be considerate of all your fellow Corvettes.** No burn outs, engine revving or any behavior other than behaving like choir boys and girls on our first day of drivers ed!
6. **There is never any passing within the Caravan, and we'll try to always stay close to the speed limits!** We'll be traveling many main two-lane roads and back roads and should encounter just a few city streets. However, if we get separated by stop lights, the group leader will pull over at the first safe place large enough for the waiting cars to stop and remain waiting till everyone gets through the lights. **DO NOT RUN traffic lights!**
7. **At our designated stops, remember to pull all the way into any parking area** as quickly and safely as possible to get the stopped cars behind you off the highway. Due to the size of our group, every stop will take time to get everyone off the roadway! Always try to back into your parking space as it makes it easier when we leave.
8. **If at any time you encounter a problem, pull over** and the caboose car will stop to check on you. The caravan will continue and you can catch up at the next scheduled stop.
9. We will use **Channel 5** for anyone bringing their own radios. **If you get separated, don't despair** as the group will pull over and wait for you as soon as there is a safe location to do so.
10. **When you pull over to the side of the road, stop with your wheels turned out toward the road** so when you see it's all clear to proceed, you can pull back into formation quickly. Look for the car behind you to enter back into traffic and proceed in front of them. **The caravan goes back into traffic from the back to the front.** If we stop, do your part, pull off the side of the road, and watch behind you for the cars to pull back into traffic.
11. **DO NOT EVER TAKE OFF IN FRONT OF THE GROUP'S LEAD CAR** unless you are leaving the caravan and heading straight home!

SO NH CORVETTES

The "Mother Road" Route 66



By SONHC Group Admin
Deb Stewart

It was 2016. We planned for months, gathering brochures, maps, YouTube videos, you name it, we researched it. Tim and I were going on the road trip of a lifetime: The "Mother Road," aka "Route 66"!

A Bit of History



Route 66 was the East-West two-lane road leading the way to California, where many people packed up and headed for a better life after the

"dust bowl" in the heartland. Route 66 was officially decommissioned as a highway in 1985. The last remaining portion was in Williams, AZ, in 1984. It's estimated that approximately 85% of the road is passable. The other 15% was demolished or replaced with homes, etc. You do need old-fashioned maps for this journey!

Our two-week adventure began in Chicago, IL at the starting point,

and ended on the pier in Santa Monica, CA.

We decided we were not going to be dining at any "chain" type restaurants along the way, only at the Mom and Pop, locally-operated food joints. No McDonald's or BK. Best decision we made; the variety of food was great, different specialties in every state, Missouri and Texas BBQ, Mexican, Indian fry bread (yum), all the way to the traditional greasy spoon diners that offered up daily specials. You know the type, a display case full of homemade pies and treats for dessert, and where the waitress always keeps your coffee cup full.

Our plan was to drive 250-300 miles per day, leaving early in the morning and giving enough time to stop at the tourist traps along the way.

Our journey brought us through Illinois, where we saw one of the original Standard Oil service stations, the cemetery where President Lincoln and family are

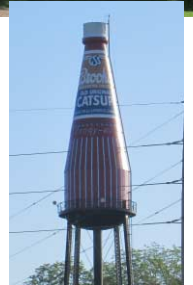


resting, car museum, and a spaceman statue right there on the side of the road. We saw the World's Largest Red Rocking chair and Chain of Rocks Bridge, now a foot bridge. The movie *Escape from NY* was filmed at this bridge site. And a giant ketchup bottle.



Who would think...?

Missouri included a stop at the Arch in St Louis. Note, if you go, get tickets ahead of time as they are often hard to come by the day of your visit. To get to the top of the Arch, you climb into little pods that ratchets you along, click by click, until you get to the top. They are definitely not for claustrophobic folks. What a view from the top!



We came across a T-Rex hanging out on the side of the road at a strip mall in Uranus, MO. This was a little tourist trap, selling fudge and Route 66 items. Cuba, MO is popular for the many street murals decorating their brick buildings.





The Route brought us into Kansas for only 15 miles or so. Oh my gosh... there he was: "Mater" from the Cars movie, and his friends at an old service station on a deserted street. The garage was across the street from an old dark gray Victorian type building that is now a museum, but rumor has it the establishment was where the ladies (working girls) entertained the gentlemen, if you know what I mean. The "museum" was closed when we were there so we couldn't get all the details. The street was lined with old brick buildings, one building was abandoned and you could still make out the faded paint on the outside wall advertising the Snowdrift Flour Company. Wheat farms were the big industry in the area we traveled through. Most are now gone.

An Oklahoma sight: A giant blue whale perched in a small



pond. This was a great attraction back in the day. Families would pack a picnic and bring the kids for a day at the "whale." It sits near a pond used for swimming, etc. We came across a farm museum that housed just about every make of tractor, farming tools, and a replica of a street from days gone by. We spent about 3 hours wandering through the museum. We met a

group of folks who shipped their motorcycled from Germany to the US, just so they could drive Route 66. We saw them here and there along the route.

Oh, did I mention tornado warnings! The radio started howling with alert warnings in the early afternoon when the atmosphere started heating up. Luckily, we didn't actually get caught in one.

Texas, Cadillac Ranch, Big Texan Steak House (home of the famous 72 oz. steak eating contest), BBQ, and a barbed wire museum. Yes, your heard it right, a barbed wire museum. We just had to stop. There is no entry fee, only a donation. It's full of farm items, sculptures made from barbed wire, old



highway signs, tools, artifacts, and pictures. It was operated that day by two volunteer ladies from the historical society.

In New Mexico, we ended up on a dirt road part of 66. No cars for miles. Many small villages with only have a few residents. Defunct roadside motels and gas stations, nothing left but the shell of the buildings. We detoured to the Bandelier National Monument, a historical site where native Indians lived.

Arizona offered the Petrified Forest and a detour to the Grand Canyon. 66 is a twisting and winding road leading to Oatman, AZ. Oatman once was a flourishing mining town. The main road is about 1/2 mile long. The street is lined with a dusty, worn wooden boardwalk, swinging doors into gift shops, and a restaurant that has thousands of dollar bills stapled to their walls. The biggest attraction in Oatman is the roaming



donkeys. They are descendants from the original mining donkeys and burros. They are free to roam here and there, usually looking for a handout. The donkeys are managed by the Bureau of Land Management who monitors the herd health. The store keeps, are armed with water squirt guns and spray bottles that they use to deter the donkeys from entering their stores.

Detour to Nevada, spent a couple of days in Las Vegas. What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. Moving on...

California, through the desert, dinosaur tracks, teepees, wine bottles made into trees, broken down bulldozer's half buried by drifting sand, and then back to the highways and traffic.

The route ends on the pier in Santa Monica. As you would expect, there are always a group of people waiting for their turn by the "end" sign. We too were in line, but we had just completed the best road trip in America!

There are so many sights, oddities and curiosities that were along the way, too many to mention in this brief outline. Albeit, sad when you think about it. Once thriving, flourishing towns offering lodging and meals for weary travelers are now ghost towns and time forgotten, run-down buildings as Route 66 was bypassed by Hwy 40. Nobody needs or wants to get off the super-highway, everyone is in a hurry.

What a trip that was!!!

Tim & Deb Stewart



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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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