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#### Thank You!

It's hard to believe we put the wraps our 4th **SONHC** cruise season with our two final scheduled caravan events this month! (fingers crossed weather permitting).

We would be remiss if we didn't take a minute and extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who came out and supported both clubs this past season!

Over 350 members came along and joined us on one or more of our SONHC and SOMEC events in 2024! We also want to extend a sincere thank you to those who helped us successfully launch our SOMEC inaugural season!

When we started this whole craziness back in 2020, we certainly didn't expect it to blossom into what it has become and to be afforded the opportunity to meet so many incredible people! Yes, it's about the cars! But it's far more about the people who share the incredible passion for them!

So, as the calendar soon will force us to say goodbye to the days behind the wheel of our plastic cars...if you're an optimist, just remember we're only around 150 days away till spring! So, we leave you with this thought about Thanksgiving and for the many blessings we enjoy!

"To all our family and dear friends who we are honored and blessed to have in our life, may this holiday season bring you love to your heart, health to your body, and peace and joy to your home throughout the New Year."

Rick Delano **Group Founder** 

# October's Recap!

Food, food, and more food! That was the theme for October as we visited three amazing destinations, all serving up some pretty great grub! The Airport Café, Parker's Maple Barn, and the incredible Publyk House were the backdrops for our October caravans! You mix in some great backroad journeys to each and you have some of the most enjoyable events of the season!







#### **2024 SONHC Events**

Saturday, November 9th

Season Close-Out Caravan Hart's Turkey Farm Meredith, NH

#### Monday, November 11th

\*Veterans Day Parade Elm St. Manchester, NH

#### Saturday, December 7th

\*Season Closing Celebration
Pinardville Athletic Club

#### \*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.



### Fall Foliage Caravan

A crisp, partly cloudy October Sunday was the backdrop as **SOMEC** held its first Fall Foliage Caravan to close out the inaugural cruise season! Beautiful back roads were the theme for the day as members enjoyed a great day cruising together — just a perfect way to bring the **SOMEC** 2024 caravan season to a close! One of the most exciting things about being a new club is the opportunity to meet so many wonderful new people at most every event. We're very excited about the future for **SOMEC** and look forward to what a whole full caravan season will look like in 2025! And... this coming winter season, **SOMEC** will help keep members engaged together by scheduling some fun indoor activities and events!







### Steve Kelly Restomod



If owning one Corvette is a good thing, then having two has to be that much better! **SONHC** members *Steve and Karen Kelly* now join the growing ranks of members owning multiple Corvettes! This

one has been a work in progress for some time with the final reveal happening on September 14th, when Steve received the keys to his now-completed 1976 C3 Restomod. The car came out beautiful and certainly has lots of goodies tucked away starting with the def not stock 396 tucked under the hood! The "76" car looks amazing adorned in a beautiful white pinstriped red finish. The mod-

ifications were completed by Jeremy Charette at the Combustion Motor Works in Center Barnstead shop!

Congratulations to **SONHC** members *Steve and Karen Kelly* for finally getting to bring home this "76" beauty!

### Season Ending Celebration!

On **December 7**, at the Pinardville Athletic Club, we bring the 2024 **SONHC** year to a close with our **Season Ending Celebration**. A great afternoon potluck gathering, centered around looking back on the year's events and to acknowledge and thank all our participating

members! Lots of things happening at this year's event, as we crown both our Scavenger Hunt Regular Season Champions and Playoff winners! We also will announce our season-long Ride Leaders and draw the highly-anticipated winners of the 5/90 season-long raffle! (You do not have to be present to win!) We'll also have a few surprises in store as

well! So, dig out your favorite family recipe and bring it along to share, and get signed up to attend as registration is filling up fast! Do not wait as we have a hard limit on the number of attending seats available!



# Thank you to all our Administrators

It takes many hands to build a village and SONHC is no different! So many people play roles in contributing to our groups that we must stop and acknowledge all who have helped. From all the past Admin's to our current dedicated staff of amazing people, **SONHC** and **SOMEC** simply wouldn't exist in their present form without the help and support of so many! So, Vicki and Dick Lemire and Pete Langlois, a sincere Thank you! When there is something that needs to be done, they're all right there offering their time and energy to help make it happen! We also would like to acknowledge and thank Deb Kardaseski for all her time and energy in putting our monthly **GENERATIONS** newsletter together. This very publication is one we're extremely proud of due in large part, to Deb's efforts!

We also want to recognize and thank Mark and Whitney Hensley for the incredible job they have done in getting SOMEC off the ground, from shaking countless hands at area car shows, and recruiting so many people who have elected to become SOMEC members, to leading the group on each of their successful events! It's one thing to be willing to take on such a daunting task, it's something completely different when you pull it off as close to perfection as Mark has done!

And lastly...to my wife, **Sharon Delano**, who has dedicated countless hours this past year in pulling together all the tedious details for our events. She's been here since the day one conception, and has had my back at every turn making me actually look far better than I truly am! And with our decision to launch the **SOMEC** club in 2024, it meant basically doubling much of everything Sharon normally does for **SONHC** and she just took it all in stride and brought the same enthusiasm, passion, and energy to each of the groups! In one word, she's Indispensable!

### 2025 A Special Year

It's never too early to look ahead to 2025. It's going to be an exciting year for both **SONHC** celebrating its **5-year anniversary** and also for **SOMEC** having a complete full season of scheduled events! And you're all invited to play a part for the season planning. We recently created a portal on our websites for members of both clubs to send in event ideas and destinations you'd like to consider the groups to visit. Who knows, next year you could be the one responsible for the groups to visit a particular destination!

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## SONHC and SOMEC Calendars

We've changed up things a bit for our second annual calendar. A new supply vendor is just one of the changes. This year we're making them more personalized with everyone having the ability to add their own favorite pictures to their personalized calendar. Both **SONHC** and **SOMEC** versions will be available!

All the details and ordering instructions are now available on our websites.





## **C8 Tires**

It's hard to believe the C8 has been out now for over four years, with some cars approaching 30,000 plus miles or more. It will soon be tire replacement time for some. The C8 was a monumental progression for Chevy and one of the important elements of the development of the C8 was the tire technology that GM and Michelin collaborated on together. A world class sports car needs a world class tire! The results were the new updated Michelin Pilot Sport A/S 4 and the Michelin Pilot Sport 4S on the Z51 Packages. Both of these tire models offer incredible performance and ride quality and are available as direct replacements to the OEM tires. But now that the car is going on its fifth year of existence, other manufacturers have joined in on the C8 replacement tire market. Continental, Bridgestone, and several other manufacturers now offer direct replacement tire models for the C8. When it's the time to replace your tires, you have lots of options and with every one of them **SONHC** members receive special wholesale pricing through our Partnering Professionals relationship with VIP Tires & Service!





### 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 1,500 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every member experience a memorable one!

# Season Long Points Update and 5/90 Raffle

As we close out November, with just a couple of point events remaining, the race for the season-long Ride Leaders is almost complete. Starting back in April at our first **SONHC** event all the way up to this month's closing events, we've tracked everyone who has joined us on all our caravans and events. Points have been awarded for each event, along with the number of events each member has participated in. Next month, we announce all the winners!



### SCAVENGER HUNT!

The **2024 Scavenger Hunt** has now officially ended! And what an event! We could dedicate an entire month of **GENERATIONS** and still not come close to showcasing all the amazing pictures and stories from this year's Scavenger Hunt Regular Season and ensuing Playoffs. **44 teams** started the Hunt and submitted some truly incredible photos from the over **800** submitted team destinations! In the end, it came down to the Bonus selections that determined our regular season champions! You'll get to see lots of these selections at next month's Season Ending Celebration along with us revealing the Regular Season and the ensuing Scavenger Hunt Playoff season's Champions!







# COLD-WEATHER

It's the time of year we all dread! The cruise season is now pretty much over and we're staring at winter approaching quickly on the horizon. Now is the time to prepare your cars to properly store them for the cold winter season ahead. Whether you store your car in an enclosed climate-controlled storage facility or store the car outside or even in your own garage. There are certain things everyone needs to consider to properly keep the car ready for next season. Certain areas everyone should address: Fuel level storage, proper battery storage, tire pressures, rodent control, oil changes, and keeping the car's surfaces covered and protected. While some the winter prep will vary dependent upon on where the cars are kept,

the vast majority of these "To Do" things should be addressed by every owner, regardless of the type of storage being used. There are many great resources available online to give you guidance (past fall articles of GENERATIONS go into specific details for instance). Or you can always ask fellow experienced club members some of their best practices!

One footnote: NH residents can get their vehicles inspected up to three months early for the following year, so if your birthday is in January, February or March, get your inspection done before you put your car away for the season, and it will be one less thing to deal with come spring!

### **Our Partnering Professionals**

We wish to thank all our *Partnering Professionals* for their continuous support of our 2024 Season!

Numerous members took advantage of our special relationships with all these amazing companies in 2024: VIP TIRES, HPM Insurance, Bank's Chevrolet, Lethal Car Care LLC, Ecklers Corvette, American Muscle, Full Throttle Corvettes!

We truly wish to thank all these companies for their continuing support!















