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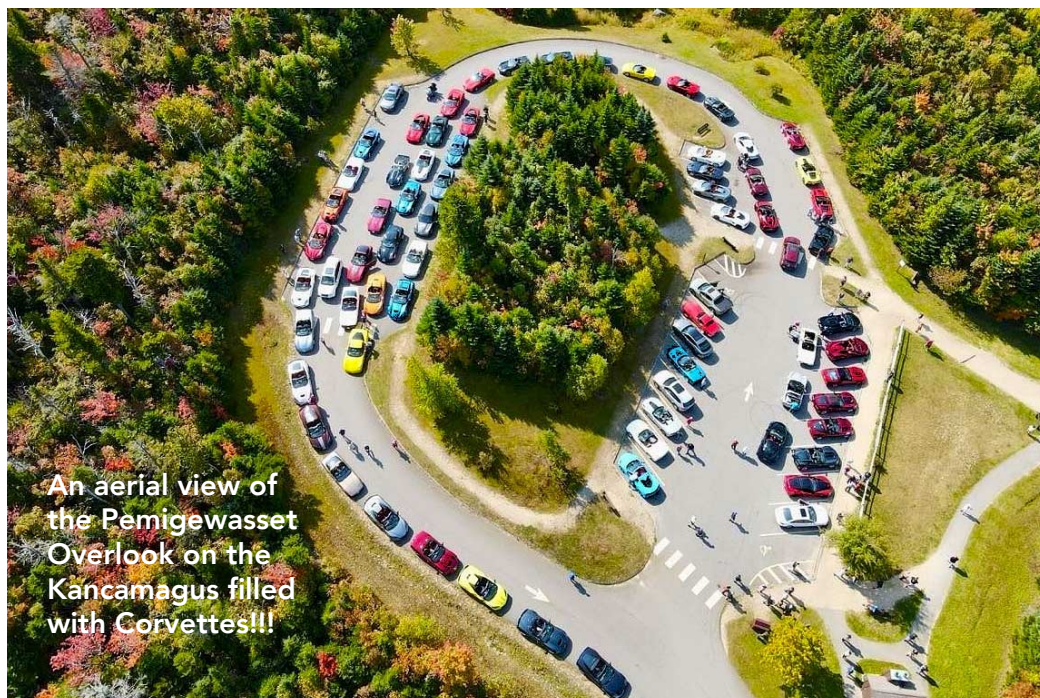
## Looking Ahead!

Can October be here already? As we get ready to put the exclamation point on our 2024 caravan season, we think some of the best events are still in front of us! We hope everyone has enjoyed the season so far and, for October, food is the theme. Three of our scheduled events place an emphasis around some great grub! Starting with a trip to the Airfield Café in Hampton, and then a first-ever breakfast run to Parker's Maple Barn. We cap off the October food theme with our annual trip to Bennington, VT! This one is about as good as it gets! The amazing back roads, the fall scenery, and the food at The Publyk House all collectively add up to make this Vermont visit a special day and a great way to work towards finishing up our 2024 caravan season next month!

Rick Delano  
**Group Founder**

## How Big is Too Big?

For those who attended the Kancamagus caravan on September 15th, you were part of history! You were part of the largest Corvette Caravan in **SONHC** history! And, by most all accounts, one of the largest Corvette Caravans in New England history as well! 67 Corvettes running together is over a mile of cars! While some may think it's absolutely nuts to try and pull something like this off, thanks to the amazing ride leaders and cabooses on the event, it all came off pretty much to perfection! So, now we wonder, can we get a 100 Corvettes in 2025?



An aerial view of the Pemigewasset Overlook on the Kancamagus filled with Corvettes!!!

## 2024 SONHC Events

**Note:** There are changes from the previous issue

**Friday, October 6th**

**\*Airport Café Lunch Cruise**  
N. Hampton, NH

**Friday, October 11th**

**\*Parker's Maple Barn**  
**Breakfast Run**  
Mason, NH

**Sunday, October 20th**

**The Publyk House**  
Bennington, VT

**Sunday, October 25th**

**New England Dragway**  
Epping, NH

**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.*



# September Recap!

**Wow!** What a month — let's just start with weather! Mother Nature blessed us with as good a stretch of blue skies and 70-degree days as we've ever enjoyed since our club's inception! The busy month started out with our members attending the **Milford Labor Day Parade**! The 20 Corvette procession was, for many, the hit of the parade! Five days later, members gathered for our **"Day of Giving"** event. This included an amazing visit to the **New England Racing Museum** for a private viewing. We then gathered at the **New Hampshire Motor Speedway** for an afternoon car show before concluding the day with laps out on the track and ice cream to finish off the day! On Sunday, September 15th we held our **4th Annual Kancamagus Caravan** and, to say the day was quite the event is an understatement! 67 Corvettes gathered and ventured first through Lincoln, NH and then across the Kancamagus to Bear Notch Road to the Wiley House in Crawford Notch for a picnic lunch. We concluded the trip with our traditional Mt. Washington Omni Hotel drive-through before heading home. This year members of SOMEC made the trek over from Maine to join us for the day! A busy month concluded with our **Lethal Premium Car Care Grand Opening Car Show** and a quick trip down to **Woodman's of Essex** for great seafood! It was quite a month!



Above: Milford Labor Day Parade.



Right: "Day of Giving" at NHMS.

Below: Fourth Annual Kancamagus Caravan.



Above: Lethal Premium Car Care Grand Opening Car Show.



Left: Woodman's of Essex seafood caravan.





Members of **SOME C** caravanned down for a visit to the **Maine Classic Car Museum in Arundel** in early September! Beautiful weather graced a day filled with Corvettes, Classic Cars, and ice cream (they have their priorities straight). Congratulations to those who

went along to enjoy the guided tour of this beautiful Maine Gem! Then some members of **SOME C** made the long trip over to join **SONHC** members on the Kancamagus Caravan! In October **SOME C** will be holding their first Fall Foliage caravan!

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## Laps for Charity Events

2024 was another great season for the **Laps for Charity Events** at NHMS! 81 **SONHC** and **SOME C** members attended one or more of these three great fundraising events in 2024! **SONHC** places a great deal of importance on our relationship with this great organization! And, this month we hear from **Danielle Cyr**, the program director at NHMS. Danielle was kind enough to share answers to ten questions about the LFC program, the role she plays, and a couple of interesting tidbits about these events.



1. *Can you give us a quick overview of the history of the Speedway Children's Charities, and the Laps for Charity events? How many are held each year and which other tracks besides NHMS are they held at?*

Speedway Children's Charities was started in 1982 by O. Bruton Smith, Chairman of Speedway Motorsports Incorporated and Sonic Automotive Incorporated, as a memorial and legacy to his son, Bruton Cameron Smith. After losing his young child, Smith became passionate about wanting to help children in need. **The New Hampshire chapter began in 2009 and has distributed more than \$2.25 million supporting more than 1.4 million children across New England.**

Laps For Charity began connected to NASCAR weekend giving fans the opportunity to drive their own street legal vehicle around the famed NHMS one-mile oval also known as "the Magic Mile." When I took over the charity, I started to grow our laps events to other dates outside of NASCAR and to also include our 1.6-mile road course configuration. I learned how much car enthusiasts really enjoy going right and left and up and down, it's a whole different thrill! It's fun for all ages, we also offer pace car rides to those who prefer not to drive. I aim to host 3 to 4 events per calendar year starting in May and running each month through August. These events depend on open track dates. We hope to announce our 2025 Laps for Charity dates in January 2025.

2. *How did you first become involved with the NHMS and the Laps for Charity events?*

I started at New Hampshire Motor Speedway as the Marketing Manager in 2017. As time progressed and in 2020 when COVID changed the company model a bit, I was asked to also take on the charity at the Speedway. It's been a fun four years of learning and growing our chapter to what it is today. I am looking forward to raising even more and helping more children in the future.

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### 3. *What's a typical workday look like at the track for you?*

That's the great part about working for Speedway Motorsports — every day is different. Besides the charity, I am also the Director of Marketing for New Hampshire Motor Speedway and for the NASCAR race at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Marketing these races throughout the year and assisting at other Speedway Motorsports tracks across the country (there are 11) makes each week new and exciting! My main focuses are marketing to promote NASCAR ticket sales and helping raise as much money as we can to help children in New England. How I get there...there isn't enough space!

### 4. *Do you have a particular part of your job you enjoy the most?*

I enjoy traveling to assist at race tracks across the country. It helps me grow, learn, and to bring all the company's best practices and fun events to my home track here in New Hampshire!

### 5. *Can you share some of the successful stories the LFC events have brought to the children and the families they positively effect?*

All funds raised during our yearly Laps for Charity and other SCC events throughout the year are given out in December at our grant ceremony at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, NH. Myself and the Speedway Board of Trustees take a lot of time to carefully go through and vet each application, and visit each location to confirm all monies go directly to help children in need. We take a lot of pride in our hard work. It is a great feeling handing out those checks that will impact so many lives.

### 6. *Anything you'd like to share about next year's LFC events? Will they be returning for 2025?*

YES, of course, Laps for Charity will return! We are planning to hold road course Laps for Charity 2-3 times in 2025. The dates will be announced in January.

### 7. *Whenever we attend a LFC events, we always see so many happy people working at the track that help make the whole experience so enjoyable. Can you tell us about these people who all help to make the event so successful?*

That is so kind to say, thank you! We have a mix of NHMS staff, friends, and SCC Board members who

come out and volunteer their time at our lap's events. As one of our staff who assisted this year from our ticketing department has said, "I love coming to help with Laps for Charity. We raise money and everyone who comes is having fun and is so happy!" Without their help I would never be able to accomplish all we do, from registration to the infield experience and photos in Victory Lane.

### 8. *So, what's the deal with the Toyota pace cars we all follow around during the events? How many are at the track? Are they modified at all and who decides who gets to drive them?*

New Hampshire Motor Speedway is a Toyota-sponsored race track. We currently have two 2025 Camry XSE pace cars on property. They are the top-of-the-line Camrys to give our participants the most exhilarating experience. The drivers go through training and Joey and Scott, who have been doing laps for the past few years, have so much fun. Joey is even an ex-racer! Any of our staff who go through the training are allowed to assist with Laps for Charity.

### 9. *When you're not enjoying your days at the office (emphasis on enjoying!) what do you enjoy doing to relax and get away from it all?*

I am not one to relax, but I find relaxation in going on hikes in the White Mountains with friends or participating in triathlons and other running races.

### 10. *Are you a car person and if so, what is your favorite car and what would your dream car be?*

I will say I was not raised a "car" person, but I have many fond memories of my grandfather who was a mechanic and a big Ford guy, he loved a nice Mustang. Hmm...I have been looking into getting a SUV so not a car, but if money didn't matter a Lamborghini Urus S in orange, please!

We want to thank Danielle for taking the time to give us a brief insight into the LFC events and we look forward to the LFC 2025 season and SONHC once again returning to participate in these great events!







## Remember to Wave!



One of the fun things that we get to enjoy on this month's Bennington Caravan is traveling through numerous small towns on the great back roads we enjoy on our way over to the Publyk House in Vermont. For those who have joined us before on this event, you probably remember seeing all the people on the sides of the roads waving as we pass by. Well, this is one of the cool elements we are afforded on this trip. We notify the towns' Facebook pages of our plans and encourage them to come out and cheer us on as we pass. This year we will be expanding our notifications to every town we travel through! So, remember to wave to everyone who comes out and supports us on our journey! Let's help turn these young boys and girls into future Corvette fanatics!



## Scavenger Hunt Playoffs Are Here!

**The Playoffs are here!** The field of participants has been narrowed down to the top scoring teams who will now set out to accomplish the next set of "things" to help determine the season champions! This event really isn't about who wins, it's more about all who participated!

So, we wish to congratulations all 44 teams who set out on their quests back in April! Regardless of how many locations your team found, we hope it's been a fun event for everyone who has crisscrossed the state chasing these destinations!

### PLAYOFF CLUE'S

1. The common names Jones & "this name" are two of the biggest listing in an old phone book. Now get a pic of you and your car in front of "this name" chapel by Hook or by Crook.

2. We all love fast food! Now grab a pic of you and a McDonald's employee wearing a Burger King crown who probabably will frown!

3. You must stop and add exactly 1.03 gal. of gas. Don't be shy. You, the car, and the 1.03 on the pump must be in the pic to qualify.

4. You already found the alien abduction sign! Now find their plaques where they were laid to rest in the back against the Pines!

5. Who remembers the old video game Donkey Kong? Find the larger than life version painted on the wall, get you in the pic and don't be wrong!

6. A pic of your team in front of a 7-11 in all its glory! Holding slurpies that match the color of your car is this story!

7. When we were kids most all had stuffed animal toys! Getting that perfect picture with the biggest stuffed animal you can find in a retail store might get you more than just an attaboy!

8. We're never about politics until we need a pic! Now find your town's mayor\* and get a picture with you and them for the points fix (\*or closest town to you that has one)!

9. It's that time of year and pumpkins abound! Get the best pic of you, your car, and the largest patch that can be found!

10. This cemetery has headstones with both a smile and a frown, you must first find the right place and then take the pic of you and both and pray you're in the right town!

**For all the rules, go to:**

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/scavenger-hunt-playoffs>

# Celebrating Grand Opening in Style!

September 22nd was a special day! Our friends at **Lethal Premium Car Care** and *Partnering Professional* of **SONHC** held their grand opening at their new facility in the Tractor Supply Plaza in Milford. **SONHC** invited our members and all car enthusiasts from the surrounding communities to come out and help support the event by hosting a car show! Quite a few of our member's turned out to enjoy the open house and George's hospitality, and help celebrate George and his team's move into their new facilities!

The results so far for every member who has entrusted their Corvette to Lethal Premium Car Care has been nothing short of astounding!



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AND PHOTOS AT:  
[sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories](https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories)

## *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!

## Season-Long Participants!

We wish to thank and congratulate everyone who have come out and joined us this season! For those wondering how many of our over 1,400 members participate in our events: through the end of September, we've had **325 members** come along on one or more of our events in 2024! Pretty impressive stuff!



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## 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 *Partnering Professionals* page!

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