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1953-1955



1955-1962



1963-1967



1968-1982



1982-1996

Welcome to SONHC's GENERATIONS Newsletter

There was a long list of name ideas tossed around for our newsletter. There were many that would have worked — and a few that probably weren't going to fly! We won't even go there!

Suggested by Jamie Rand, **GENERATIONS** seemed like a good choice. Mrs. Fearless Leader (Sharon Delano) put it this way: "It reflects the cars themselves, as well as the differences in the people."

Shown here are the emblems for the many generations of Corvette. SONHC is lucky to have cars from all of these generations — and drivers from many generations! And that is what makes our group so distinctive. The knowledge base within SONHC is truly amazing. That alone is worth the price of admissions, which, by the way, is free!

Many members have commented on how welcome they felt when first attending one of our events. We are like one big family. I remember the first caravan I joined. I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I met the group in Weare for a drive up to the Lakes Region. It was such a wonderful day that I immediately signed up to go on the carvans the rest of that summer!

So...what's in store for future editions of **GENERATIONS**? That's up to you folks. If you would care to write an article or submit a photo, send it to sonhcorvettes@gmail.com.

If you have an idea for a caravan, let us know. The suggestions will be investigated further.

Please remember this group is YOU. We are always looking for more help: caravan leaders/cabooses; "tour directors," writers, photographers, moral support... whatever you can offer!

Remember...
We are SONH Corvettes!

By Debbie Kardaseski
Editor/Publisher



1997-2005



2005-2013



2014-2019



2020-2023



2023 SONHC Remaining Events

Saturday, September 2

**Manchester Cruise Downtown
Car Show*****

Elm Street, Manchester

Monday, September 4

Labor Day Parade*

Milford, NH

Sunday, September 17

Kancamagus Highway**

Northern New Hampshire

Sunday, September 30

**Back to the Future Caravan
(rescheduled)***

Hubbardston, MA

Thursday, October 5

Woodman's of Essex*

Essex, MA

Sunday, October 15

The Publyck House Caravan**

Bennington, VT

Saturday, November 11

First Annual Toy Drive —**

Last official caravan of the season

Location TBD

December

**Holiday/Cruise Season Ending
Celebration****

Date & Location TBD

* * Limited Field Event

** Full Field Event

*** Non-SONHC Organized Event

You can register for any of our events
through our website:

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/event-registrations>

Our First Edition...

Here it is! Our first edition of GENERATIONS — our new monthly publication! Why call it GENERATIONS? Well, it goes way beyond the 8 decades of lineage these beautiful iconic cars share. Its more about the GENERATIONS of people! SONHC is blessed to have an incredible mix of both experienced and youthful members. We have members who have owned more than 20 Corvettes in their lives, and we have others that are enjoying their first. We hope to be able to include something informative to each! Our goal is to make GENERATIONS a publication that contains a little bit of something for every group member!

There's A New Sheriff in Town

With any publication, it takes countless hours to pull it all together! To create the layout, to write the content, and then add pictures to help encapsulate an article. Then, finally edit it all together into a readable and, hopefully, enjoyable publication. While I have personally enjoyed creating the previous 22 month's newsletters, it's now time for a change! And while I will be here to contribute articles each month, it is now time to hand over the keys of the new GENERATIONS publication to a professional who does this kind of thing for a living. I want to introduce and thank Debbie Kardaseski for taking on the role as our new GENERATIONS Editor/Publisher! We're super excited about where we know Deb will take our new publication! Thank you again!

By Rick Delano

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

2024 Already?

One of the fun, but also daunting things about running a Corvette club or group is the constant need to be looking ahead — to next week, next month, and, yes, even next year. We have group functions and planned events, all in varying stages, dependent upon where we are in the calendar. The fun part is the endless possibilities that lie out there for new destinations or for holding new type events!

The daunting part is juggling both the next one and the next ten.... And while many events require the same amount of time and energy to pull together, they each also require individual attention be paid to the different elements that make them up. It's a balancing act that is fun, challenging, and rewarding! As 2023 continues on with several of the best caravans of the year still in front of us, we've already started looking forward to 2024!

And one of the new things we're going to be focusing on and emphasizing is the input of our members in suggesting both new destinations and different types of events! We want to give everyone the opportunity to submit their thoughts and provide feedback (both bad and good) to the group! After all, this is *your* group, so you should have a voice in it!

Here is the best part: There already exists a way to communicate with us! Just go to our SONHC website, click on the "Members Stories" page, fill out the form, click send, and we'll receive your thoughts, event ideas, and any feedback you'd like to share!

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories>



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Keeping In Touch With Each Other Through The Winter

We've enjoyed each other's company throughout the summer at many events. There's no reason not to continue the fun this winter! Obviously, caravans are out of the question, but we could meet for bowling, trivia nights, pot luck dinners, etc. If you have an idea you'd like to put forward, please let us know by sending it to us by using <https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories>.

Rodents Spending The Winter In Your Corvette?

As much as we hate to admit it, winter is coming — as it always does! Our "babies" don't do well in snow, so they are tucked away somewhere protected for the cold months. In New England we face problems other than snow during storage: rodents! Small though they may be, they are incredibly destructive. The damage they leave behind can be very expensive to repair.

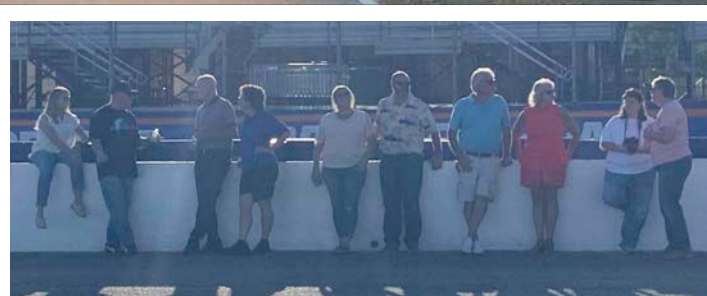
We've tried many things: Irish Spring soap, dryer sheets, Mouse Mace, mint sprays, and mint sachets. Some of them work better than others! I've had good luck with Mouse Mace, the mint sachets, and dryer sheets.

Here's another product to try: Fresh Cab Botanical Rodent Repellent. It is available at Tractor Supply stores.



By Deb Kardaseski

Recap of August Events



August 11th we returned to NH Motor Speedway in Loudon for the third and final **"Speedway Children's Charities Laps for Charity"** event for the 2023 season. Lots of members took their cars out for some fun track time along with raising money for the Speedway Children's Charities.



**SEND US YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS
GO ONLINE:**

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories>

New Classifieds Section Coming

At last count, we have over 25 new SONHC members who are looking to purchase a new-to-them Corvette! While there are numerous places for people to look when considering their new ride, we want to add one more to the mix. Now each month in GENERATIONS, we will have a new classified section where members can post "Wanted to Buy," "We're Selling Ours" or list anything Corvette related that is for sale or is wanted.

Our hope is that by having members list what they want or have to sell here, it will add a level of credibility to the transaction, as we should already know the people involved from being fellow SONHC members. Look this month for the introduction of our new interactive classified page link on our website, where members can upload what they have to sell/give away/swap or what for they are looking to get.

Recap of August Events — cont.

August 20th At Gunstock Mountain

The August 20th caravan left the northbound Hooksett Rest Area under a slightly overcast sky; however, the day cleared up as we travelled north until we found ourselves arriving to sunny skies and a nice breeze at Gunstock Mountain Ski Area in Gilford, NH. There were 42 people and 22 cars who enjoyed the day on the mountain.

We had our choice of many fun things to do. We could take rides on the Alpine Coaster, which I compare to a roller coaster where the rider controls the speed. This coaster wound down the mountain with corkscrew turns and nice views of the woods (at least I think they were nice; I was very busy hanging on and enjoying the ride).

Another option was rides up and down the mountain on the chair lift — as many times as we wanted. The views of Lake Winnepesaukee were gorgeous although hazy because of the smoke from the Canadian fires.

There was also a rope course available for those who felt the need to climb through the trees on

ropes. I personally didn't see the course and I don't know if anyone from our group decided to try it.

My grandson, Kaulin, was my co-pilot on the ride up, and my daughter, Adrea, met us at the mountain and spent the day with me because it was my birthday (the big 7-0)!! I want to thank everyone in the group who made the day so very special. As I said on Facebook: Best. Birthday. Ever.

To celebrate this momentous occasion the three of us decided to go zip-lining! It was a total blast. I will never forget the rush of flying through the air. There are two lines next to each other going down the mountain; Adrea and Kaulin went side-by-side and Tim Stewart and I went down together.

And no SONHC Caravan would be complete without an ice cream stop on the way home! We stopped at Dudley's Ice Cream in Loudon for some tasty treats. Then it was time to go our separate ways after a thoroughly enjoyable day!

By Debbie Kardaseski



MEMBERS PAGE

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 that really are SONHC. If you have a story you'd like to share, click on the link at <https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories> and submit it.

Congratulations To Kevin & Deborah Butterworth On Going From Beautiful To Incredible!

Kevin and I had a 2007 C6 Chevy Corvette for three years and just upgraded to a 2016 C7, which we are in love with. It was a scary jump with how much we sold our old one for the new one. We drove to RI and met a nice couple who weren't using the C7 as often as they would have liked. It only had 13,000 miles on it. We had it wrapped to preserve it, which we didn't do with our old one. I recommend having it

done. The color is Laguna Blue, which was a special order; the interior was also special ordered and it has red calipers, which I think make the car pop. The previous owner ordered it from the factory so they were the only owners.

We are happy campers! Look out...there's a new Bubba-B in town!



YOLO Is NOLO

One of the cars we won't be seeing on any future caravans is Jimmy Mac's beautiful 2005 Millennium Yellow C6 convertible. He decided it was time to move it along to its next owner.

Those who have been in the group for awhile now will remember seeing "YOLO" at some of our earliest caravans. In fact, Jimmy and his amazing Dad were always one of the Corvettes that made many of our first journeys way back when! But the good news: Jimmy is now on his quest to find the next one — the proverbial needle in the haystack: a C6 ZR1! We wish him the best in his search and, knowing Jimmy, it won't be long before there will be a new toy in the stable!



What Goes Into Choosing A Caravan Destination?

It's simple right? You choose a spot to meet and you find a place to visit. And you're off! Well... not quite.

Lots of questions have to be addressed for a destination to make it on the list of our possible journeys. So what goes into selecting a location to visit?

Choosing a destination is broken into two key areas: **Interest and logistics**. Obviously, is the location somewhere the group might find enjoyable and interesting? Is there an attraction at the destination? Is there something of historical significance to see or visit? Is there a natural visual element to enjoy?

New England has numerous historical and beautiful areas that on the surface would certainly qualify as possible caravan candidates. One could certainly throw a dart at a NE map and pretty much anywhere it landed could qualify for a potential visit.

But this is where the second — and equally important — criteria must be met in order for a location to be considered: The logistics of the trip, the nuts and bolts of how we get there! Most all of the boxes for putting together a trip to a certain location must be checked off in order for the destination to qualify as an enjoyable day! The more boxes we can check off, the better the trip.

The logistics breakdown includes the following:

- **First:** choosing a starting point. The criteria for this falls into just a few categories. It must be large enough to hold the group before we start our journey. Next, can we get the group on the road with the least disruptions, i.e.... lights or a lot of turns to get to our designated route? And lastly, is it as centrally located as possible for everyone traveling to it. (This one is always tough as we know many travel a great distance just to reach the starting area.)
- **Next:** choosing our route. Are there enjoyable roads in good condition to get us there? We're always looking for the best possible back roads to take on our journey. Highways and traffic lights are not something Corvette owners typically enjoy. So we try to avoid them whenever possible. Does the route allow the group to be able to stay together? Are there areas that will most certainly break the group up, requiring us to stop and reorganize the caravan several times? (FYI, we know no one likes to sit on the side of the road waiting for the group to catch up.) So we've chosen both a starting point and plotted out our route to the final destination.
- **"Pit Stops."** Now we have to find pit stops along the route to satisfy our bladders. Depending on the size of the group and the length of the caravan, this can be one of the biggest challenges. How many stops will the journey require? The criteria we use for scheduling stops is to find viable locations within an hour-and-a-half, at the most, from our previous departure point. Does the stop have adequate parking to get the group safely in and out? Are the restroom facilities large enough to make for a quick group stop? (30 minutes or less is the guideline.) Are the owners amicable to our visit? (Dublin General store comes to mind.) How far out of our normal route must we go in order to find just the right place to create the stops. However, it's sort of a Catch 22 scenario, as the further off the beaten path we travel, the fewer the facilities large enough to handle a group exist. So we've found our starting point, our traveled route, and our pit stops.

A Must-Have Tool

This little baby, right, is a must-have for any Corvette owner. It will save you grief, aggravation, and can go a long way in helping keep you from damaging your car. Batteries are both heavy and awkward to handle. Removing a battery from a C7 is a total pain. With this inexpensive tool (around \$20 at most automotive retailers), your aggravation will be a thing of the past as it allows you to both remove and install your battery in any generation Corvette. Installing and removing your car battery just got a whole lot easier by simply owning this nifty little gadget.



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- **Food!** Next up is where is the group going to eat? This subject alone is enough to drive one crazy. You'd think that any restaurant would love to have a large group come visit and spend money with them. After all, isn't that why they're in business? Well, having a large group walk through the door all at the same time isn't how most restaurants are built to work. Seating logistics, staffing issues (huge issue), enough cooks to turn out the food in a timely manner are all things our potential lunch or dinner host most often shudders at when we contact them to inquire about a visit. Experience tells us we'll often have to reach out to over a dozen potential destination restaurants before we find one that is willing to take on the task of feeding the group. And all this happens after we first narrow down possible restaurants based on their menu. So we found an enjoyable route to get everyone to the chosen destination, we found adequate places to stop along the way for pit stops, and we found a restaurant to feed us. Now what? Do we simply turn around and head back home? Sometimes we do, because the other element we haven't mentioned is: Time!
- **Time.** Everything we incorporate into a trip must fit within a certain amount of time! We under-

stand that most caravan participants have constraints on how long they can or choose to be away from home. Pet issues, children issues, and just plain old fatigue all play a role in one's willingness to commit to coming along. One of the things we've learned over the years of doing this is that all caravans can't be 8–10 hour marathons. Some of our trips, in fact a whole lot of them, must be on the shorter side time-wise in order for everyone to enjoy them. We've tried this year to incorporate more short trips into the mix of scheduled events, and we will continue to focus on this in the coming years.

In fact, in 2024, one area we will be emphasizing is creating short 2–3 hour events with a couple of the longer events anchoring the season at each end of the caravan season. We will always vary the destination of where our caravan season starts. But each year as we close out our caravan season, there are two trips that will always be on our season ending places to go: Bennington, VT, and our trip across the Kanca-magus! Yes, they are marathons, but they are way too good to not enjoy!

So there you have it! An quick glimpse into all the required planning that goes into one of our caravan's!

Note: *If you have an idea for a destination, think about all of these items. If your idea can meet the criteria, then send your idea to the group!*

Did You Know...

We see the fantastic vanity plates on some SONHC members' cars. Some are downright ingenious and display their amazing personalized message for everyone to see. Did you know there is actually a website created by the NH DMV that you can use to create your own personalized plate. Not only will the site allow you create your vanity plate once you figure out what you want it to say, the site will also let you know if it's currently available in any of the different available plate categories. It will also give you notice if the state deems your plate design to be offensive or if its allowed (there is a list of non- allowed messages). But here is the warning: It is mesmerizing, as once you start, you'll be there for hours until you get it right!

Here is the link to the site:

<https://business.nh.gov/Platecheck/Platecheck.aspx>

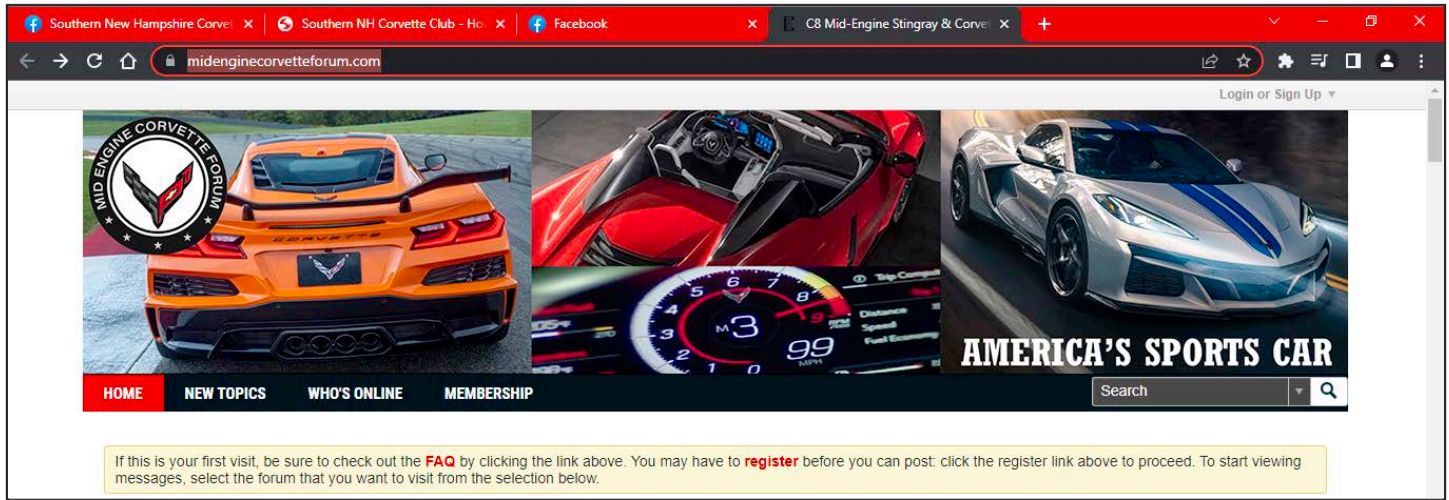
The screenshot shows the 'Registration Bureau' section of the New Hampshire DMV website. It features a search form for vanity license plates. The form includes dropdown menus for 'Vehicle Type' (set to 'Passenger Vehicles') and 'Passenger (space)'. A text input field contains 'FSTENUF' with a note '(Maximum length is 7)'. Below the input is a 'Submit' button and a message: 'FSTENUF is not available!'. To the right of the form are three resource boxes: 'More Resources' with links to 'Missou Plate Information' and 'DMV Offices'; 'Department Links' with links to 'Motor Vehicle Division' and 'Safety Department'; and 'Conservation Plates' with a thumbnail image of a plate that says 'LIVE FREE OR DIE' and '0000A'.



C8 Members Only!

There is a pretty cool website designed to cater to Corvette C8 owners only! While many on-line sites focus on all eight generations of these iconic cars, this one strictly deals with everything C8-related.

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/>



SONHC Group Happenings

With the launch of our new GENERATIONS format, we'll now have a page dedicated to sharing some of the inner happenings going on here at SONHC, including our upcoming schedule, what ideas we're working on (such as potential new destinations), and new types of events.

SONHC Calendar Update

Tick tock, tick tock, the clock is moving and so is our progress on the 2024 SONHC calendar. We've got the publisher, all the beautiful members' pictures, the layouts are almost done, we've sold almost all the sponsorships (1 remaining available). Now we're just mixing up the elements to pull it together and make it something everyone can be proud of. Our deadline to get the finished product to the publisher is Oct. 1st. Our self-imposed deadline to have the calendar finished is September 15th, allowing a few days to tweak the finished product and get it sent out!

SONHC Cookbook

We all know members of SONHC love to eat well! In celebration of our love for food, we thought why not come up with our own members-only cookbook. It will be a real published cookbook, complete with recipes, pictures, and descriptions of everyone's favorite family concoctions. The criteria for members submitting a recipe is simple: it must be one you have successfully made in the past and is not something simply copied out of another cookbook. Our cookbook will include several categories, such as ap-

petizers, quick meals for on the go, sit-down meals, crockpot meals, and, finally — desserts!

Coming in 2024...

One of the things we're working on for the 2024 caravan season is introducing an overnight weekend event into the schedule. We've had several members mention their interest in turning a caravan into a weekend getaway! Creating an overnight caravan opens up so many incredible destinations that are just too far for one-day trips. Breaking them up over a couple of days would make for an incredible journey and getaway!

A couple of destinations quickly come to mind: Perhaps a trip up the Maine coast toward Acadia National Park or a trip out to New York toward the Lake Placid area. Look for more detailed information in the coming months as we gather everyone's thoughts on where the group would like to go! Group members will certainly have a say in selecting the location. Perhaps we could partner with one of our neighboring Corvette clubs to make it a super-sized weekend event!

Season Ending Celebration

This past March, we kicked off the 2023 cruise season with a first-ever "Season Kickoff Event"! You can't very well have a starting event without adding a finishing one! So we're now working on putting together a season-ending Celebration/Holiday Party to be held in early December! Look for more information in the October issue of GENERATIONS.

And Finally, Our Partnering Professionals

Last, but by no means least, to finish out our inaugural GENERATIONS edition, we wish to thank each and every one of our Partnering Professionals companies that continue 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! And as always, we ask our members to support these business as they continue to support us!

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