

SO **ME** CORVETTES

Maine Maritime Museum, Popham Beach Caravan

Sunday July 28th 10:30 AM

DeLorme Map Company, Yarmouth ME

Today's Caravan & Event Summary: The first ever SO ME CORVETTES caravan event!

SO NH CORVETTES members caravanning up from NH. We will meet at the Mall of New Hampshire (In front of Dave & Busters) at 7:45 AM for an **8:00 AM departure**

We will travel from the starting point at the **DeLorme Map Co.** parking lot in Yarmouth, Me and travel up through Freeport, Brunswick and into Bath for a stop at the Maine Maritime Museum and a picnic lunch on the banks of the Kennebec River and head over to the *Popham Beach* area for a short visit to Fort Popham. We finish off the day with an Ice Cream stop on our way home.

Starting point: 10:00 AM *Delorme Map Company Parking lot, Rt 1 Yarmouth ME (2 Delorme Dr. Yarmouth, ME. 04096)*

Departure: 10:30 AM sharp

Arrival: *Maine Maritime Museum, Bath ME.* 11:30 AM arrival at the Museum. For those who wish to can enjoy the museum exhibits both inside and out. (optional) We will be enjoying a picnic lunch on the Museum grounds on the banks of the Kennebec River

Food: Everyone is responsible to bring their own lunch for today's event. There is a café in the Museum that is open daily from 11:00 AM to 2:00PM. While there are picnic tables on the museum grounds, we encourage everyone to bring chairs! Upon our completion of our visit and lunch, we will take the 30-minute journey over to Fort Popham for a brief visit. Parking can be challenging at the fort area, as is a small very congested area with limited parking! Assuming we can find group parking we can enjoy a short visit to the Fort and surrounding beach area.

The museum entrance fee is \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors. Additionally, if there is a chance we can stop at Popham Beach their parking fee is \$8 per person.

Return trip: We will have an optional stop for Ice Cream at Fielder's Choice in Brunswick on our return trip home.

Have lots of fun, be safe! And we ask that you take lots of pictures during the journey!

Below is the list of rules and they are in place to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride experience! Do not glance over them; be aware of each rule and your responsibility in following them! **Our ride participant's safety and the safety of the drivers and pedestrians we encounter must always come first!**

SOMEK Carvan Rules & Safety Guidelines

1. Always be cautious and stay alert! Be aware of the car in front of you at all times
DO NOT GET SPREAD OUT, but leave enough distance between your car and the one you're following! Remember, it's a procession not a race! Also try and 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!
2. **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 out the riders behind you by giving them a heads up! use your turn signals!
3. **Be considerate of all your fellow Corvette's.** No burn outs, engine revving or any behavior other than, us all behaving like choir boys and girls on our first day of drivers Ed!
4. **There is never any passing within the Caravan and we'll try and stay close to the speed limits at all times!** We'll be traveling lots of 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!
5. **If at any time you encounter a problem,** go ahead and pull over and the caboose car will stop and check on you and the caravan will continue and you can catch up at the next scheduled stop.
6. 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.
7. **When you pull over to the side of the road, stop with your wheels turned out towards the road** so that 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 and pull off the side of the road and watch behind you for the cars to pull back into traffic. **We always enter back into traffic from the back of the caravan to the front!**
8. **Remember you are always representing SOMEK club, so please always be courteous and respectful to anyone and everyone you may encounter. Our reputation is always on display!**

Our journey today consists of two legs and the optional Ice Cream leg. In keeping with the Maine tradition of “you can’t get there from here”, on a portion of our first leg we will essentially be on one road but it will change names five times along the way. Yes, I know, you can’t make this stuff up.

Directions (Leg 1 Delorme to Maritime Museum)

1. As we leave the Delorme parking lot we will make a Right Turn onto Rt1.
2. We will stay on Rt1 all the way into Freeport Maine. There will be a few traffic lights before we get to the start of our back country run. In any case if we become spread out we will pull over to allow the group to reassemble.
3. Once we have entered Freeport, we will proceed to make a Right Turn on Bow St. (This is where our five-name road begins).
4. We will follow Bow St. Until it turns into Flying Point Rd. We follow Flying Point Rd. until it turns into Bunganuc Rd.
5. We proceed on Bunganuc Rd. until it turns into Casco Rd. We follow Casco Rd. until it turns in Church Rd. We then finally follow Church Rd. into Brunswick Maine where end up on Rt 1 again.
6. From Church Rd. we will be making a Right Turn onto Rt 1. As we get onto Rt 1 we need to make our way into the Left Hand Lane.
7. This section of Rt 1 is usually always busy and we have two traffic lights that we need to negotiate here. If we get separated here, we won’t be able to pull over. Just proceed on Rt 1 north through Brunswick. You will make a Left Turn to follow Rt 1 North at the second light. Note the Brunswick Police Department is at this Light.
8. If we have become separated, we will be able to slow down once we are above Brunswick to allow the group to reassemble. We are also now in the home stretch.
9. We will continue on Rt1 North all the way to Bath Maine where we will be taking what is called the Historic Bath exit.
10. This will take us down to a Right Turn on Washington St. We will then proceed on Washington St. to the Maine Maritime Museum which will be on our left.
11. At the Museum we will be parking at a large back parking lot that is away from the primary lot. Please watch your corners in the parking lot as they do have very high curbs. So wide swings.

Directions (Leg 2 Maritime Museum to Fort Popham)

1. As we leave the Maine Maritime Museum, we will be making a Left Turn onto Washington St.
2. We will proceed on Washington St. until it turns into Webber St.
3. We will make a Left Turn from Webber St. onto High St. (Rt 209). This is a low traffic area but this left turn is a little bit of a blind spot pain as Webber St. intersects High St. at an angle.
4. We will then follow Rt 209 all the way down to Fort Popham.
5. There are many beautiful sections along Rt 209 as well as several little twisty sections and even a hairpin turn so have fun but always be careful as there may/will be cyclist sharing the roads.
6. Once we arrive at the Fort Popham area parking may be hit or miss. We will make the Call about whether we can all stop safely or not. Safely in this case means you and your car can park safely.

Directions (Leg 3 Fort Popham to Fielder's Choice Ice Cream)

1. We leave the Fort Popham area the same way we got there; we take Rt 209 all the way back to Bath Maine.
2. Once we get back to Bath, we will be making a Left Turn onto Richardson St.
3. We will make a Left Turn from Richardson St. onto State Rd. State Rd. will take us to a traffic circle where we proceed on State using the second exit (essentially straight through).
4. We continue on State Rd. until it becomes Bath Rd.
5. We proceed on Bath Rd. to Fielder's Choice at 271 Bath Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011