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## **Watkins Glen, NY Corvette Thunder at the Glen Weekend May 15-16<sup>th</sup>**

(this is a rain or shine event!)

As SONHC enters into its sixth season of events, the time has come to expand our horizons with our first ever multiday overnight event. And the adage... *Go Big or go Home...* certainly applies here!

### ***Trip Overview***

A weekend getaway to visit Watkins' Glen, NY for the **2026 Corvette Thunder at the Glen!**  
An entire weekend event dedicated to our beloved Corvettes!

#### ***Our journey:***

*Thursday Morning:* We'll start off meeting at two central locations (TBA) One for each of our SONHC & SOME members who will be coming along. We will then bring both groups together and start our journey west towards NY! We will be traveling as one group of 15 cars. This journey will take us across mostly all main roads, and we will try and avoid toll Roads and highways whenever possible! We head out through Bennington Vermont and then on to our Thursday night hotel stop at the Double Tree Inn, in Schenectady, NY. After our hotel check in, we will gather to have dinner together for those wishing to join us.

*Friday Morning:* We will depart early Friday morning after checkout and breakfast. We will drive straight through to Corning, NY with a detour through Watkins Glen, arriving midafternoon. (we will have pit stops along the way) We will check into the Radison Corning hotel as soon as possible and everyone will have some free time to enjoy some of the attractions in the area on their own. (see list below) Around 3:00 we will gather back at our hotel and go straight to the Meet and Greet together for the 4:00PM arrival at the *Lake Seneca Events Center*. Upon completion of the Meet and Greet at 9:00PM everyone is on their own to do as they like.

*Saturday Morning:* We meet for an optional breakfast or everyone is free to explore more early morning attractions on their own. We will reassemble at 9:00 AM to head down to downtown Watkins Glen for the start of the Corvette line-up show on Franklin St. It's imperative that we

travel there together to be able to display the cars collectively as a group. Upon Completion of the car show, we will be escorted over the old Watkins Glen Grand Prix track layout along many of the main streets of Watkins Glen. We will then conclude the day's activities with our time out on the Watkins Glen Track in the afternoon.

*Sunday Morning:* We will check out and meet for an early morning breakfast, then start our departure for home. We will have an optional lunch stop for those who wish to join us in enroute home. On Sunday, we are taking the most direct and fastest way home via the highway.

**Trip Itinerary:**

340 Miles each way. (434 Miles for SOMEK members)

Dry run to be conducted April 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Actual Event dates:* May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

*Departure date:* Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> Mid-morning:

Thursday overnight Stop enroute: Double Tree Hotel, Schenectady, NH

Friday Arrival: Radison Corning Hotel, Corning, NY

Sunday Departure: For home.

Here are the specifics of the event itself

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**FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 6-9pm: Meet & Greet: Sunset Cocktails on Seneca Lake.**

Get ready to kick off the Corvette Festival in style! Join us for a special Friday night Meet & Greet at the stunning Seneca Lake Events Center.

As the sun dips below the horizon, enjoy sunset cocktails and delicious appetizers with fellow Corvette enthusiasts. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle, share your passion for these iconic cars, and soak in the beautiful lakeside views.

Plus, we have an exciting special guest speaker! The highly esteemed Ron Fellows will be the guest of honor! He will bring his expertise to our guests and open up the floor for a Q&A! You won't want to miss this evening of camaraderie, fine sips, and engaging conversation.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 11am - 6pm: Premium Pass: Franklin Street Car Show with Historic Grand Prix Course Laps and Watkins Glen International Laps**

Get ready for an unparalleled Corvette experience at the Grand Prix Festival! It's your chance to immerse yourself in Watkins Glen's legendary racing heritage.

First, park your ride along a closed Franklin Street (our main downtown street) from 11 AM - 4 PM. Display your Corvette, soak in the vibrant atmosphere, and connect with fellow enthusiasts amidst live music and a variety of local businesses and vendors. It's a fantastic opportunity to share your passion, admire the beautiful machines, and enjoy the best of the Watkins Glen Downtown District!

Then, buckle up for history! You'll take escorted laps of the Historic Grand Prix Racing Circuit, the very roads that made Watkins Glen famous from 1948-1952. Feel the thrill as you retrace the steps of racing legends!

After entertaining onlookers along Franklin Street with your classic run, your Corvette will make its way to Watkins Glen International. There, you'll stage for unforgettable laps on the famous race track itself!

**Note:** Due to a high volume of participants, there will be a slight wait time between each group of cars. So, bring a drink and snack, and be ready to mingle with other drivers as you await your laps around the iconic track! Restrooms are available on site as well.

**This exclusive sign-up includes:**

Prime downtown parking on Franklin Street  
Escorted laps of the Historic Grand Prix Race Circuit  
Laps on the iconic Watkins Glen International race track

**\* Your \$150 registration deposit goes towards the purchase of tickets for these two events and unfortunately is non-refundable!**

**Scenic things in the area**

Corning Museum of Glass, Corning NY  
Watkins Glen State Park  
Rainbow Falls & several other area waters fall's  
International Motor Racing Research Center  
Several area Wineries along Seneca lake.

## **Our Accommodations:**

### **Thursday night enroute:**

Double Tree Inn, Schenectady Downtown

### **Friday & Saturday: Watkin Glen area**

Radison Hotel Corning, Corning, NY

<https://watkinsglen.com/corvette-thunder-in-the-glen/>

## **Trip Itinerary Details:**

**SOMEK members starting point & Time: TBA**

**Proceed to our final starting location below:**

**Caravan starting point & Time: Lethal Premium Car Care Parking lot**

**189 Elm Street, Milford NH.**

**Meet starting time: 10:00 AM**

**Departure time: 11:00 AM**

### **Thursday May, 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will travel west out through Bennington VT with pit stops along the way arriving in Schenectady, NH mid-late afternoon. Check into our rooms at the **Double Tree Inn** in Schenectady, NY. We will be planning on having dinner together, and after everyone is free to do as they would like on their own.

### **Friday May 15th**

We will check out of our rooms, gather for breakfast and then start our journey out to the Watkins Glen area. Arriving midafternoon in Corning, NY. We will do a drive through the Watkins Glen area on our way down to our accommodations in nearby Corning if time allows.

We will check into our rooms and get ready for the Friday Night Meet and Greet at the Seneca Lakes Region pavilion on the lake. We will travel together from Corning up to Watkins Glen and park our cars together for the M&G. Upon completion of the event, everyone is on their own to explore the area or meet back at the hotel.

### **Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

We will gather for breakfast and then head over to the Watkins Glen Racetrack to be registered and placed in position, for the late morning car show in downtown Watkins Glen. All of the specifics of the day's events are covered in the Corvette Thunder at the Glen shown above. Upon completion of our time out on the Watkins Glen racetrack, everyone will be free to explore the area on their own or meet back at the Radisson Corning to have dinner together.

### **Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>**

We will check out of our rooms and have breakfast before we start our direct journey home. We will be taking the highway to facilitate our quickest return route to get everyone home as early as possible. (6 hours back to NH) We will have an optional lunch stop with scheduled pit stops along the way.