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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!

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!

***This is a very limited field event!***

**Only 20 spots in total will be available for this exclusive event & less than 6 spots remain!**

**Registrations will be done on a first come first basis.**

**Registration is \$150\* to sign up and get on this event roster!**

**...This event will most definitely sell out!**

## ***Trip Overview***

***Our Journey:***

**Thursday Morning: May 14<sup>th</sup>** We'll start off meeting at two central locations (TBA) One for each of our SONHC & SOMEc members who will be coming along. We will then bring both groups together and start our journey west towards NY!

This journey will take us across mostly all main roads, but we will try and avoid toll Roads and highways whenever possible! We head out through Bennington Vermont and then on to Albany, NY with our Thursday night stop over happening somewhere just past or around the Albany area. After our hotel check in, we will gather to have dinner together for those wishing to join us.

**Friday Morning: May 15<sup>th</sup>** We will depart early Friday morning after checkout and breakfast. We will drive straight through to Watkins Glen, arriving late morning. We will check into our (TBA) 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 10:00 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. We will conclude the day's activities with our time out on the Watkins Glen Track.

*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 Bennington, VT. enroute.

#### **Trip Itinerary:**

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

Dry run to be conducted sometime in Late April.

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

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

First overnight Stop enroute: TBA

Thursday Morning Departure location: TBA

Friday Arrival: Watkins Glen, NY

Sunday Departure: For home.

Below are some of the specifics of the events planned

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

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

**We have just a few tickets remaining for group members to attend this sold out event!**

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.

**\$30 PP** *Non-refundable*

## **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  
Don't miss this incredible opportunity to drive the legends!

**\$85 per car** *non-refundable*

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

## **Other 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.

### **Accommodations:**

#### **Thursday night enroute:**

**Double Tree Inn, Schenectady Downtown**

Cost \$209 per room + NY Tax

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

**Radison Hotel Corning, Corning NY**

cost \$169 per night + NY Tax

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