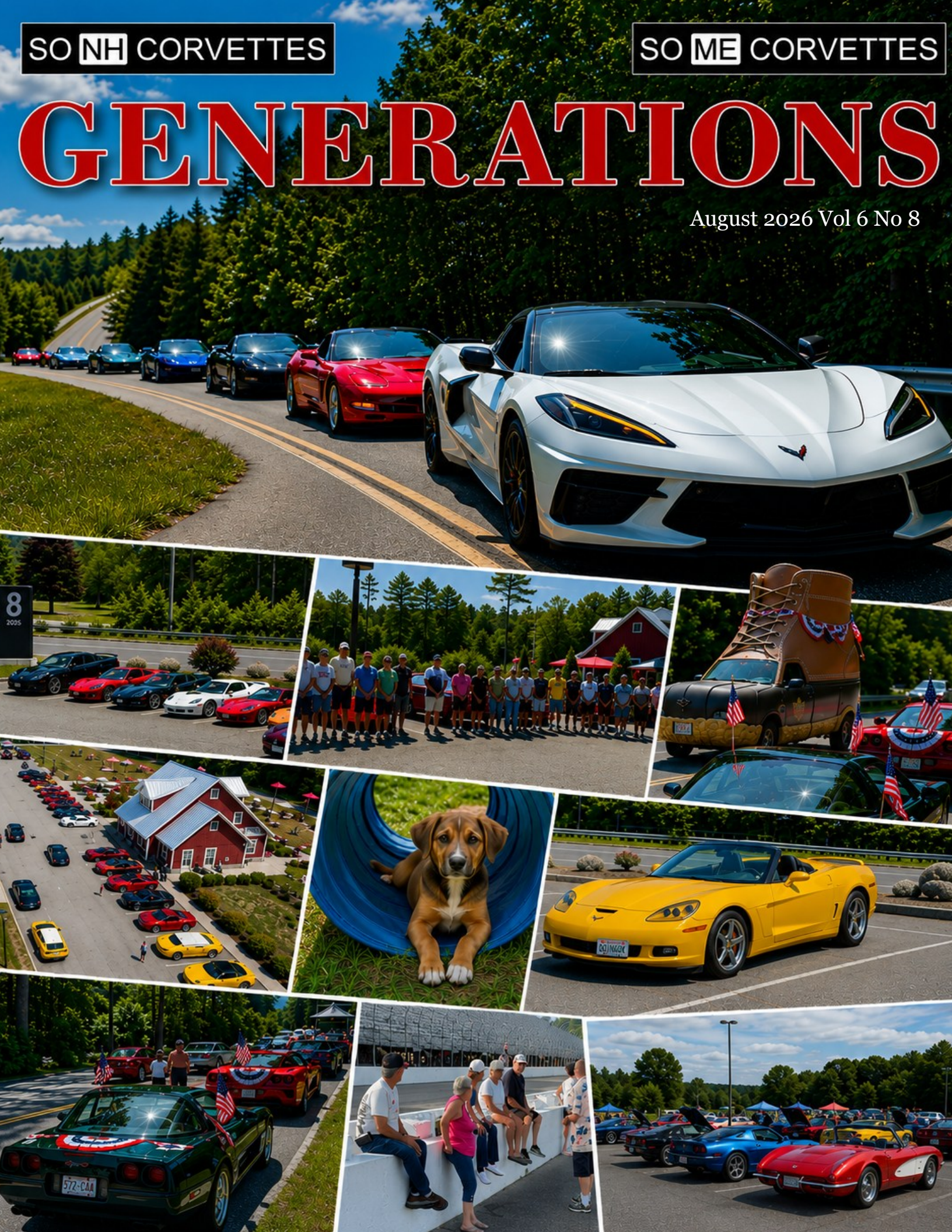


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August...: It seems summer is flying by faster than a Z06 passing a Mustang GT! Wasn't it just April when we were eagerly awaiting the arrival of weather conducive to being able to get our cars out of storage.

Yet here we are, already at about the half way point of our caravan season! And while we still have some amazing destinations left to visit, the days are getting shorter and the march towards fall is happening with each passing sunset. So, in this month's newsletter, we focus on mostly one theme...

Us! Our two clubs!

Everything that is on the looming horizon, and for all the planning we are beginning to undertake for the fall events, while in the busiest part of our season! We begin to anticipate early fall with both excitement and also with some despair, as we know what then follows soon after!

So, the message is clear, that if you haven't gotten to come out with us yet this season...

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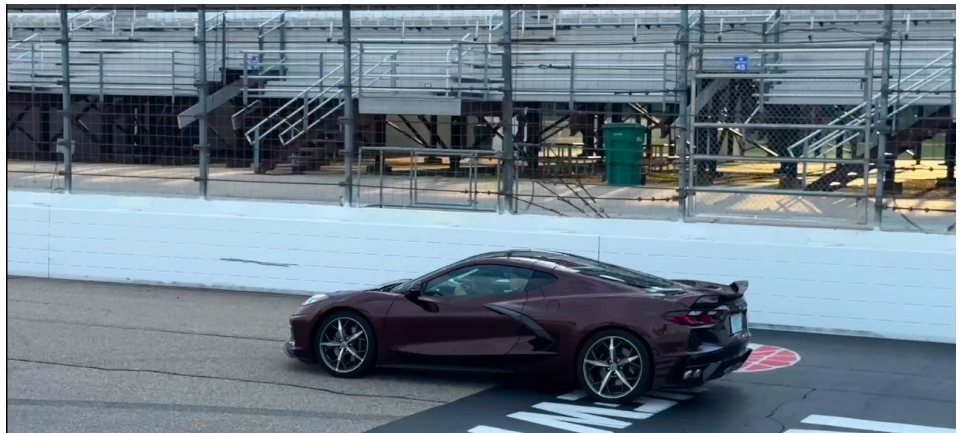
And, for those who have, we are honored for your continued presence and truly grateful for all the support and commitment, you our members continue to make to us with each passing event!

Rick

A JULY TO REMEMBER

A month of some great events! Started with a couple of parades! our 6th SONHC annual 4th of July parade celebration in Merrimack and our third installment of the SOMECE participation in the Yarmouth Clam Festival Parade! Corvettes and parades just seem to always go so well together! Next another installment of Laps For Charity took place on a simply gorgeous evening at NHMS in Loudon! Then a journey down to Patriot Place that turned out to be a disappointing day, as Gillette stadium was undergoing renovations and kept us from visiting the Patriots Hall of Fame and the Gillette Lighthouse... Boo!

Yet everyone who attended, made the best of it for what turned out to be a long lunch cruise... On to our next SONHC event, a day learning from the best, with our friends from Lethal Premium Car care, who held their basic car finish clinic on the dos and don'ts of properly maintaining the paint on our cars. We closed out the month for both clubs with our incredible visit to the Grammy Rose Dog rescue in Acton, Me. An astonishing event, where our clubs and it members donated over \$2200 of much needed funding for this amazing organization. All in all, a fun filled month filled with some great events and great times shared together!



OUR GRAMMY ROSE VISIT!

When we originally thought out adding this destination to the schedule, honestly, we were not prepared for the impact that our visit would have on all of us. Perhaps a nice day spent together at a place that rescues dogs was what we were thinking. However, the reality is that nothing could have prepared us for our eventual visit.

Tucked up in the western Part of Maine just over the NH border sits a place that is a four legged's paradise. A place that is dedicated to one thing. Finding forever homes for abandoned and neglected dogs and puppies from all across our country. Texas, Alabama, Mississippi are just some of the states, that the inhabitants of the Grammy Rose Dog Rescue come from. Dogs that if not for the incredible efforts of Grammy Rose and their network of rescues all across the south, would end up like so many others, be euthanized simply for existing.

Our club's visit was a wonderful moving emotional experience as we got to witness first hand, the love and dedication all the staff and volunteers at Grammy Rose puts into each dog that comes to their amazing unique facility. A campus dedicated to just one thing. To find forever loving homes for all and to give them a much needed second chance in life. And to say that they have been successful in their mission would be a terrible understatement to the 1800 plus dogs they have already found forever homes for.

*Sometimes things happen for a reason, and I firmly believe that our trip to Grammy Rose is one of those times. Our paths were meant to cross! As **SOME**C continues to develop and grow, one of the goals for us was to find worthy organizations that we can focus on helping and getting behind. Mission accomplished! Our relationship with this organization is one we will be looking to foster and develop as we look to do all we can to help them in their ongoing mission!*



FEATURED ARTICLE: CORVETTE OWNERSHIP AND ATTACHED MYTHS

This is an article that could be not just be just a small single story, but in reality, if we went into every nuance and reason people own a corvette it would fill a book. Never mind all the attached myths about Corvette owners in general! In every case, we all probably consider ourselves as very blessed to have found our way thru any number of the thousand different paths to Corvette ownership! And the reasons are as diverse as the colors they come in.

For some, how we got here was rooted in our youth, as we grew up and admired these cars through magazines, family members and friends who owned one, or just from our simple admiration of them always just being different than all the other cars! Still perhaps for others, it wasn't even something that was on the radar until an event or special occasion drew them to first admire these cars. And, as time has gone on, refinement has replaced the rough edges that so many earlier edition Corvettes had, leading new younger buyers to consider them as their everyday drivers to the alternative models that fill and surround the landscape. Toyota RAV 4's and Nissan Rouges don't form clubs dedicated to their cars! Although I do believe there is a Toyota Prius group... where I guess they might talk about battery life...

Regardless of how we got here, in most all cases, Corvette owners all share one thing... An incredible yet dedicated admiration of what they are now and what they have always been since the 1950's. Simply Different!

In fact, Corvette owners have always been at the top of the list when it comes to specific brand loyalty dueling with Porche each year for the top spot! This loyalty also anchors GM's position as the top-rated brand in America, in large part due to the very high retention rate of Corvette owners coming back time and time again. Chances are you probably either know of someone who owns multiple Corvettes, or if you are among the gifted few, you yourself have multiple ones sitting in the garage or driveway! Now that's brand loyalty!

Be it your first or your 25th you all are a part of American culture that sits atop the most desired list of cars American's aspire to one day own. Yes, Mustang owners, you can have a brief moment in the spotlight as your beloved Pony car also sits high on this list as well. But in reality, you don't belong in many conversations involving the Corvette for numerous reasons. First, it's like comparing apples and oranges, as each was created for a different designed purpose and in reality, its more of a bowtie versus blue oval thing than anything else. If we were talking about Camaro's then OK, dig in. But we're not!

So, who is the typical Corvette owner? There is no such thing as a typical Corvette owner. Despite social media's attempt to poke fun at Corvette owners and to paint us all the same, fanny packs, wearing Shorts, white socks and New Balance shoes! However, in reality Corvette ownership is one filled with much diversity and a storied history as big as there has ever been in car cultures. No American made car has ever captured the interest or enthusiasm the way the Corvette has and continues to in 2026!

Then there is the next thing to talk about. What exactly is a Corvette? And how should the car be classified or exactly what should a Corvette be considered... Derived from the American cultures need to label everything... Is it a Muscle car, A sports car, a Pony car or now simply a daily driver! All can be answered with a yes and also all with a no! To each of us, what they are may be, is based off what generation your affinity lies in. In the first years, the car was developed and then marketed as a "Sports Car" in fact it was described as "America's only true sports car" During the late sixties, the car becomes known for its massive horsepower and accompanying performance, hence the Muscle Car moniker! And today, now with the coming of the latest C8 generation, for many it's become so refined, Daily Driver is now attached to its name. When something like a Corvette is developed, and comes along that is so unique, so different to anything else, shouldn't it have its own definition aside from all others. Shouldn't the classifications, be more like Muscle Car, Sports Car... Pony cars... and Corvettes. With all due respect to Mustangs, Camaros, Miata's and Dodge Challengers.... None of them should warrant their own definition as a sperate category the way the Corvette should. Throw them all into Muscle Cars! Or sports cars or Pony cars, whatever your preference may be! But Corvettes... well, they should just be based off their uniqueness alone! Never mind the 70 plus year attached history they have!

And as part of Corvette ownership, we listen to the same old some long held rumors and labels that have been here for what seems like forever. Here are just a few of the true and untrue myths about Corvette Owners

Corvettes are the result of a mid-life crisis! An untrue myth of jealousy... plain and simple. This is especially true since the release of the C8 generation as today around 38% of all C8 owners are under the age of 54! Compare that to 22% for C7 owners.

Here is where this midlife myth came from. Yes, mature adults have always been the bread-and-butter customer for the Chevrolet Corvette. Average age before the introduction of the C8 was 60 years old. But the mid-life crisis is nothing more than the coincidental timing of other occurrences in our lives that as we age, we mature as a family, Incomes increase, kids grow up and move out, mortgages get paid off and disposable income is freed up as a result of these things happening. Then for many this is the time to realize that lifelong dream of Corvette ownership!

So, it's the result of working hard and taking care of family first rather than some mythical attempt at trying to feel younger and turn back the hands of time to our earlier days!

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Corvettes are purchased by males only. Again false... Almost 10% of all new C8 sales are made to women! Add in the used C7, C6 and C5's and the number jumps to around 15%!

Corvettes are for weekends only! While this may have been true for quite some time earlier on, today's Corvettes are as adapt at fetching the weekly groceries as they are turning hot laps on the track. Since the introduction of the C5, trunk space has increased dramatically and are able to do just about every errand needed to be run. (I once put 10 bags of mulch in the back of my C6) And really makes the needed weekly chores around town a whole lot more fun to do!

But it's just a base model. This one really gets my blood boiling. And not because I happen to own one. It's a Corvette, regardless of sub model! It has been that way since its inception in 1953! Only over the past four generations has Chevrolet introduced to us the ability to buy sub-models. And, we as Corvette owners have bought into the marketing that GM has so cleverly created to get us to part with more of our hard-earned money. Remember, regardless of if it's a base model, GS, Z06 or even ZR1's, the performance of these cars is still ridiculous compared to most everything else on the road and the sub models are only separated in performance numbers by split seconds... And here is something else that we like to tell ourselves, but gets lost on anyone outside of Corvette ownership.

If, the general public could look at ten different model variants, they would still come up with the same conclusion... It's a Corvette! And, if you happen to own one of the other models beside a Base, then all the power and admiration to you! But if you ever happen to look down your nose at base models then you really don't get what this whole thing is all about.

They are lousy on gas! Another misconception that has dogged these cars the past twenty years or so. If you are the owner of a C4, or earlier... OK, there is probably some truth to the fact that the gas mileage number starts with a 1 in front of the second number. But really since the inception of the C5 and up, mileage has now become somewhat a point of pride. If I have my choice between driving a Corvette that at 80 MPH can still get 29 MPG on the highway or my Camary that can only muster 25 MPG around town... I know which one I'm taking! Actually, I have on several occasions set out to see just how fuel efficient I can make my C6 and in many cases, I have achieved that 30 MPG plateau! So, Stick that in your SUV tailpipe. In reality this is an absolute bonus, as none of us ever set out to own a Corvette because of fuel economy...

Mine is one of one... Ok, just simply put...don't be this person! This is another that just gets under my skin a bit. Unless you happen to own a 69 ZL1, or a 1968 L88, stop with the mine is one of one montage. Just because your car happens to have a certain set of options and colors doesn't make it unique, it just makes it yours! And, you sound annoying and vain to boot! And, besides nobody is even remotely interested in your claim!

Mine has never seen rain! You mean except for that one time at the factory when they drown all of them in a monsoon to make sure they don't leak... They come with wipers for a reason. Getting your Corvette wet won't diminish the value, I promise! They are built to be water tight (OK maybe not C3's) but for everyone else, get out and enjoy the rainbows when they happen!

I could keep going, but I've probably already annoyed enough people. So, I'll close with this.

Just remember to always keep your new balances wiped clean and your fanny pack washed and zipped!

Event's coming up this month & beyond!

August continues our run of more great events in store, as we get to enjoy submarines, mountain tops, War museums, Race tracks, planes trains and automobiles, 30ft wooden forest creatures and even learn more in depth information about paint care! August is also time for us to pause and think about fall... yes, its approaching fast and with its arrival, we have some of the very best events on the calendar! Starting in September with our biggest event of the entire season... Our annual trip across the Kancam as we try and bring as many Corvettes as possible together on this epic journey across NH's most famous road!

Followed up by our always enjoyable visit out to the Publyk House in Bennington VT!

Registration for many of our August and September events are now open to sign up and come out and be a part of!



MORE CLUB NEWS!

A reminder to all members

Something that we are very proud of is a program that we're not sure all our members are still even aware exists. Our **Partnering Professionals** program. Launched back in 2023, this program brings together our club sponsors to provide the very best in products and services available to all of our members! We encourage everyone who may be looking for a particular product and or services, to check out our **Partnering Professionals** page on our website! There you will find a complete listing of all the companies who are involved in this highly successful program. You might also be surprised at some of the categories that are available... *Insurance products... New Car purchases, Service work, New Tires, Accessories & Parts, Vehicle storage, Tuners, and car finish services!*

We are also looking at expanding this program over into SOMECH to help bring similar top line companies to the members in Maine. So, if you happen to know of a Maine company that might be a good, fit, reach out to us and let us check them out. It's not automatic that they will get added, as we heavily vet each company to ensure they fit the criteria of the program, but it's certainly always worthy of a look.

Our current SONHC program members can all be found here: <https://sonhcorvettes.org/partnering-professionals>

: Our SONHC & SOMECH Merchandise Store!

Something else we want to remind everyone of, is our club's merchandise stores! There you can order just about anything and everything to proudly display your club affiliations! Name Tags, T-Shirts, Jackets & Pullovers and more! they are all there and can be fully customized to fit your desires! And every dollar of proceeds goes to our end of the year donations to our charitable organizations!

the stores can be accessed here by clicking on the links

SONHC: <https://sonhcorvettes.org/sonhc-merchandise>

SOMECH: <https://somecorvettes.org/somec-merchandise>

2027!

Yes, while it's only 2026, and were in the heightened part of our caravan season. it's also time for us to begin to look ahead to 2027! We can already say, we will have 4 new never been to before destinations on the 2027 schedule for next season, including a return to Vermont for a exciting brand-new location!

We will also soon be making the decision if we will we be returning back out to Watkins Glen in the spring?

If you have any thoughts for a potential destination, you may know about! Give us your ideas!

Email us at sonhcorvettes@gmail.com

It's Calendar Time again!

It's hard to believe but, the time has arrived to start finding the members cars who will adorn our 2027 SONHC & SOMECH calendars together.

With August's arrival, we've now opened up photo submissions for next year's upcoming calendars! So, if you think you have that one special shot that should make it! Then get it submitted and let's see what everyone has in store for us to choose from! The last couple of years we've received some amazing photos to pick from. And, if you don't have that one special shot as of yet, the season is still young enough, that you still have time to get out and capture that special shot!

Photo submissions run from August 1st to October! All the details are included on the photo submission page on our websites!



: It's never too early to think about winter storage

Yes, we still have weeks and even months to enjoy driving our cars before that dreaded day arrives when we put our Corvettes up for the long winter ahead. But it's never too early to start to plan ahead and make sure you have your winter storage plans aligned and finalized. One of our Partnering Professionals, **Vault Motor Storage** has some terrific options when it comes to properly storing our cars. Many members already take advantage of this fantastic relationship and have already made their storage plans for the upcoming 2026 winter season! Now is the time to inquire and find out what **Vault** can offer you!



Tire Shop

This month we want to highlight one particular tire out of the complete **Michelin** Corvette tire Lineup.

The Michelin Pilot Sport A/S4

When it comes to replacing the original equipment tires on our Corvettes, the number one brand tire that the majority of most Corvette owners choose to put on their cars is still *Michelin*. Be it their *Pilot Sport cup tire*, *Pilot Sport 4S* or the *AS4*. Since the introduction of the 2014 C7, Michelin has been the standard run flat tire that all new Corvettes have come from the factory with. And, this is still the case today on all C8's. (The C5 & C6 gens came with Goodyear run flat Eagles) And while there are now several other tire manufacturers that offer options for the majority of Corvette generations, by far and away *Michelin* is still the industry leader in selling replacement tires for the Corvette.

The Michelin Pilot Sport All Season 4 is the direct successor to the very popular Michelin Pilot Sport A/S 3. The new Pilot Sport A/S 4 features an updated, highly asymmetric tread pattern and an enhanced silica compound to improve on the A/S 3's capabilities, specifically adding 4% more traction on dry roads, 5% more on wet roads, and yes even 10% more grip in the snow for those who drive their cars year-round!

Here is why I recommend the A/S 4's! It is simply the best overall choice for us here in New England where specifically in the spring and fall temperatures can vary greatly from early morning to midday, and the A/S4 will give you the greatest flexibility when it comes to these changing temperatures. They are far more flexible in colder weather (All the way down to 20 degrees) and yet still retain all their performance characteristics in the heat of summer. This is one of the specific characteristics that was built into this tire, a flexibility across all temperature ranges! **VIP Tires and Service** should be your go to supplier for both *Michelin* and all other tire manufacturers as well!



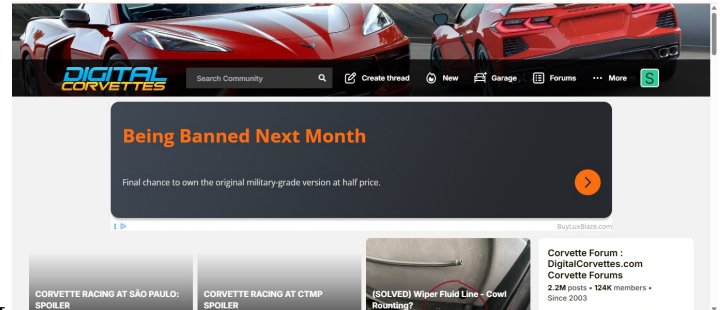
Digital Corvettes: Another site that is solely dedicated to America's only true Sports car, Our beloved Corvette! So, this site is typical of many of the free sites that litter the web. It is filled with annoying popups, that unless you elect to join with a paid membership (However not a requirement) you will have to endure them. The site has a forum that is pretty up to date and has constant people posting to. Now like many of the online forums, searching for a particular subject can be a pain as their queries often produce more than you ask for and you will have to scroll pages of subjects to find exactly what you are looking for (if at all) There is a section where if you join as a free member, you can post your profile with pictures. But be warned! This site may distribute your information to outside sources that will begin to send you unsolicited emails, that you will have to opt out of.

Here is our rating of **Digital Corvettes: 4 out of 10**

The Good: lots of diverse information is on the site. The Forum if you are one who enjoys chatting with others, is heavily populated. You can also create your own thread and others will interact with you if the subject is relevant to current content. You can post a picture of your car and others can and will comment on your pictures.

The Bad: Pop Up ads! Also, shortly after I joined, I received a warning from my virus software that it had blocked an attempted page. Coincidence... chances are no! So, be aware of this happening to you!

So, my final judgement is that unless you are specifically looking for information you haven't been able to find elsewhere, this may be one to avoid...



The National Corvette Museum expansion

Many of us have been there... Our garages become overflowing with things that cover the garage floorspace and storage, sometimes even to the point where it crowds our cars which is the very purpose of the garage to begin with. Well, The National Corvette Museum is no different! Their 115,000 square foot building is busting out at the seams holding over 100 Corvettes for display and forcing them to constantly find ways to keep their collection safe, properly cared for and still not turn away any new incoming donated cars to their always growing collections. In late 2025, the museum announced a brand new 66,000 square foot storage facility to be added on the grounds of the museum. And in early 2026, they broke ground on this new display facility and it is finally nearing its completion later on this year.

A special ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place on September 3rd, with the facility scheduled to be open to the public starting in early 2027!

A statement from the museum "This new facility is being built to support the growth of the collection for decades to come, allowing the Museum to accept additional rare vehicles and historically significant materials that tell the full story of Corvette design, innovation, racing, and culture. It will also provide the Museum with additional exhibition space, enhancing storytelling and offering the behind-the-scenes experiences that Members and guests value".

Now we have just another excuse for a return visit to the amazing wholly grounds of Corvette history!

The National Corvette Museum!



Final 2026 Corvette production numbers!

If you happen to be a numbers person, then this one might be for you. We look back on some of the final key statistics of the just completed 2026-year Corvette production run. First, the 2026 model year was shorter than the calendar year and ran for only 10 months. Chevrolet kicked off the 2026 model year on July 31, 2025 and production ran through May 29, 2026.

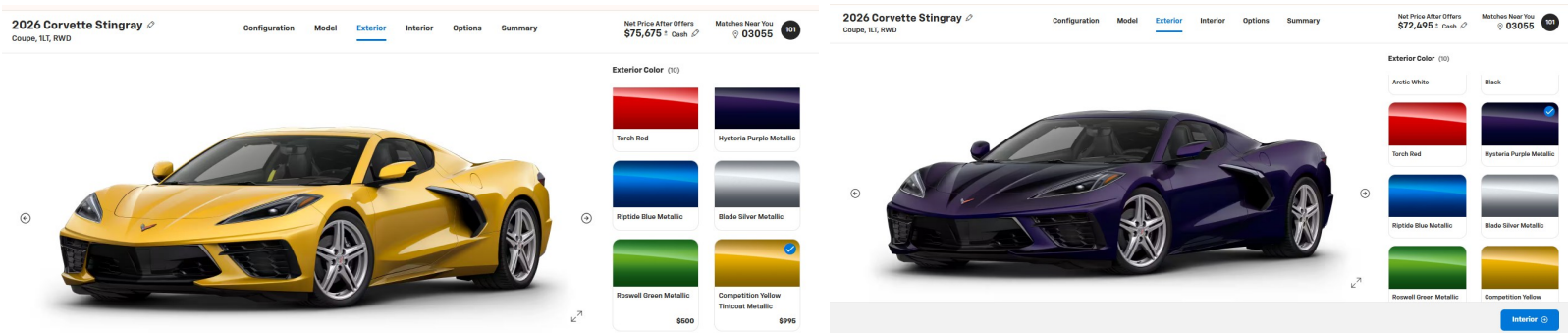
And, as it turns out, 2026 was a pretty solid year for Chevrolet with regards to the total number of new Corvettes being built. 25,180 was the number including all variants and models! And all of course produced at the Bowling Green plant in KY. The 2026 total production was the 4th highest year for the C8, but way below the high produced in 2023 of 53,785 units (2nd highest Corvette production run ever, just 22 cars way from the biggest year)

Of the 25,180 units built, just over half were base model Stingrays, coming in at 15,634 or 62.1% of the total production. Followed up by Z06's at 6,550 units produced! Interestingly enough, over 1,550 ZR1's was built... A somewhat staggering number when considering in the added cost of the ZR1 option! 1,177 ERAYS were built, and the rarefied air of 270 ZR1X, rounded out the production year! Some, pretty amazing numbers considering that every one of these cars were produced by just 840 factory assembly line workers, and it includes all of the exported right hand drive variants as well! Talk about a well-orchestrated ballet!

One of the fun facts to look at each year is where the popular and unpopular exterior colors fall. And, when it came to color, the typical trend continues. Black and Arctic White, made up the two most popular colors accounting for close to 40% of total production, followed up by Torch Red in third.

The three least popular colors were: Hysteria Purple Metallic that Ranks near the absolute bottom of total build percentage, only surpassed by Competition Yellow Tint coat Metallic and Sebring Orange Tint coat and the accompanying \$995 paint upcharge for them.

When it came to interior selection, Black was most often selected, followed by combination Black and other colors, Adrenaline Red, and Sky Cool Gray. The least ordered interior color was Artemis (Green Gray).



New Members Section

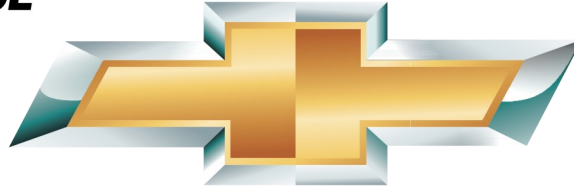
You've made the decision to join one of the two clubs or perhaps even both.... So, now what is your responsibility as new members? Well, one word is **"Involvement"**! Joining is one thing, becoming active is another. We see so many times, that people will join one of the clubs only to never get involved or participate in any of the club's events... Then the question must be asked, then why bother joining! And, we don't offer that as a criticism as much as a true honest question. What was your original intent in joining to start with? We are driving clubs, where the main focus for us is to bring members together and enjoy all that comes with being behind the wheel traveling to some pretty cool destinations! If that isn't something that interest you, then that's Ok too... we're still glad you're here with us, but know that you are missing out on the very best part of membership. Meeting and joining in with others who share the same affection and love for these amazing automobiles as you! I will even go out on a limb and say that there's a pretty good chance you're going to enjoy your experience!

Some of the very best events of the entire season are still in front of you on the schedule! So, what's keeping you from finding out about all the fun Corvette caravans really are?

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