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A Season of Memories, and a time of Anticipation!

November in New England is a time where just about anything is possible! Snow, rain, or even a 70-degree day or two (okay, perhaps that's wishful thinking!) as all are part of the package. But regardless of what Mother Nature has in store for us, there are a few things we can count on each November and eagerly await!.

The Holiday season begins, bringing the anticipation of spending quality time with family and friends. Holiday decorations start appearing, both inside and out! A woodstove fire adds a little extra warmth and sparkle to our homes…
And then, of course, there's that one other thing we really don't look forward to — putting our beloved Corvettes away for their long winter's nap!

November also means we bring our SONHC & SOMEC Corvette caravan season to a close, even, as we try to squeeze in a couple of last-minute events before the inevitable settles in. And, then with our Season Celebration Event in early December, another SONHC season will be in the books!
November is also a time of giving thanks for so much! And to so many!
And in that spirit, on our next page, we dedicate and thank our amazing team of leaders and admins. Whom without, we would just be a bunch of Corvette owner gathering together somewhere.

As, we look back on this past season, we realize what a wonderful 2026 season it was! Together, we've crisscrossed New England and beyond, discovering new destinations, and sharing the roads with many great friends both old and new alike. And, while at times, Mother Nature presented some challenges, we were still able to squeeze in some 30 plus caravan events into this 2026 season!
All of which, we hope you enjoyed every mile, every journey and every moment along the way as much as we did.
And, soon we will begin to turn an eye towards the 2027 caravan season, which will bring some new things to enjoy, new destinations to the schedule, and more memories to be created together.
And we look forward to its with the same eagerness and anticipation of a young child awaiting Christmas mornings arrival!

So, as we say goodbye to our 2026 caravan driving season, we take a moment to say Happy Holidays! And a wish that everyone's upcoming holiday season is one that will be filled with the joy and love of family, friends, and also brings good tidings to all!

Thank you all for being part of another incredible year! And as the driving season comes to a close, we leave you with this thought!

"Don't be upset that it's over, instead rejoice that you were a part of it"

Rick

Our Admins — The true Motor That Drives Our Clubs!

As our 2026 season draws to a close, we need to take a moment to recognize and thank the amazing leaders and Admins of SO NH CORVETTES and SO ME CORVETTES for their dedication, sacrifices, and countless hours of work throughout this past season.

It takes far more than most people ever get to see to pull off what we do, year after year. Without a team of committed, caring, and dedicated leaders, none of it would be possible!

Some of their contributions are easy to see. Our Admins consistently sacrifice some of their own enjoyment of the ride by volunteering to serve as caravan leaders and cabooses, taking on all the responsibilities that come with keeping our groups organized and safe. Unless you've ever been in that first car, leading a group of 20–25 Corvettes down the road, you may never fully appreciate the responsibility involved in keeping everyone together, on course, and safe. It takes preparation, concentration, patience, and a true genuine commitment to the people following behind you.

But this dedication goes far beyond what everyone sees on the road.

It begins with their appreciation and respect for our members. Our Admins genuinely care about these clubs and the people who make them special. They want everyone who joins us on an event to have an enjoyable experience, feel welcome, and know they are part of something truly special. Whether answering questions, helping resolve an issue, offering guidance, or simply being there when someone needs assistance, they consistently give their time and attention to our members.

And then there is everything that happens behind the scenes.

The conversations, the planning, the exchange of ideas, the research into new destinations, and the countless hours of personal time spent turning possibilities into reality and actual events are all essential parts of what makes our clubs successful. Much of this work happens quietly, long before an event ever appears on the calendar. It requires cooperation, patience, flexibility, and a willingness to put the needs of the clubs and their members ahead of personal time and desires.

First and foremost, ***Ms. Sharon Delano***, my partner, whose behind-the-scenes planning, organization, and dedication are a tremendous part of what makes everything come together. So much of the work that goes into making our season successful happens out of sight, and her ongoing contributions deserve special recognition and appreciation. These clubs simply would not exist without all her efforts!

To ***Mark & Whitney Hensley***, thank you for always being there to provide the leadership and dedication that keep our SOMEC club moving forward. When everything starts and stops with you, it can sometimes be an overwhelming responsibility, but one you always seem to make look easy! *Thank You!*

Dick & Vicki Lemire, John & Suzanne Hodgkins, William Taylor, and Jim Modesto! We want you all to know how much you all are truly appreciated! The hours you give, the responsibilities you accept, the rides you sacrifice, and the care you show our members do not go unnoticed. You give so much of yourselves to help make these clubs what they are today, and *We are truly grateful.*

SO, THANK YOU ALL... for your time, your dedication, your friendship, and everything you do to keep our clubs moving forward. We may not always say it often enough, but please know that your efforts matter, your contributions make a tremendous difference, and we would not want to ever attempt to do this without you.

Here's to our Leaders & Admins — the true unsung heroes of every season!













November Kicks off our annual Make-A-Wish & Grammy Rose fundraising campaigns!

After 6 years of putting together events for our member, we now have a few traditions we try and keep around each season. And, one of our most important ones we embrace each year is our **SONHC, MAKE-A-WISH** fundraising campaign that runs between *November 1st and December 31st*!

Over the past four years, **SONHC** members alone have donated close to $10,000 in which 100% of every dollar goes directly to the **MAW Foundation** program! And, in conjunction with our Partnering Professionals at **VIP Tires & Service,** every dollar that **SONHC** members contribute gets matched ***dollar for dollar***, doubling our total contributions! This year, We are again looking to our members to make donations of any size towards our annual goal of raising as much money as possible for his incredibly important cause.

And new for this year, anyone who makes a donation of $100 or more, will receive a special commemorative **SONHC MAW** T-Shirt as our way of saying… *Thank You!*



And…for the first time, SOMEC now has an organization that we want to throw the full support of our club behind and help make a positive impact on. ***Grammy Rose Dog Rescue!*** So, also starting November 1st SOMEC members will now have the opportunity to help us raise funds for this incredibly worthwhile organization, who's work goes on 365 days of the year.

And, as with the SONHC MAW campaign, anyone who donates $100 or more will receive a special commemorative SOMEC Grammy Rose T Shirt as a way of saying… *Thank You!*





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Welcome to our very first Newsletter

This Months Articles

- Tires: Options for all
- News: GM is cancelling the Iconic Corvette
- Travel: Destinations: Bar Harbor ME
- Recipes:
- Coming Things: New SONH CORVETTES.org website launching

If you go by a school and the kids don't whistle, It's back to the drawing board." – Harley Earl –

Tires… 101

Another Anniversary of sorts

This month's edition of our club's newsletter marks another anniversary of sorts:

*As it was November of 2021 when we published our first ever newsletter. Long before it was called "**GENERATIONS"!** 5 years ago, this month, we turned out our very first ever newsletter, a crude and rather unorganized collection of telltale stories and miscellaneous subjects that even included some old family cooking recipes. Now here, some 5 years later, we're proud to state that we haven't missed a single month yet! And while some months turn out to be more challenging than other months to pull together, we're still here trying to bring relevant and hopefully interesting stories to share with our members. We do so with the hope that they may still bring joy to those who continue to read them each month. So, here's to another five years!*

2027 Calendars

The picture submissions are complete. And, boy did we get some truly amazing shots of members cars to comprise our 2027 **SONHC & SOMEC** calendars. And they are now completed and ready to order!

Once you place your order, either as a stock or a more personalized calendar, you will receive yours within just a couple of weeks time of ordering. These extremely high quality calendars would make a perfect gift for that special someone on your holiday list and can be dropped shipped directly to them!

They are available to order in two sperate versions, one for each of our 2 club's and can be ordered on each club's respective websites!
Also, for those who are looking for a more personalized edition, you can substitute up to three months of the stock club photos with those of your own!

We congratulate all the members who's cars helped make up this years calendar edition!

And... 100% of the proceeds from the calendar sales, go directly to our Make-A-Wish & Grammy Rose fundraising campaigns now going on thru the end of December!

SONHC version:
https://sonhcorvettes.org/2027-calendar-order-form

SOMEC version:
https://somecorvettes.org/2027-calendar-order-form





Preparing for our off Season
(Here's a hint... There is no off season)

As we start to put away our cars away for the long winter season ahead, something that newer members may not be aware of, is that we try and keep the fun and festivities going all winter long! Only we're just in our metal cars, trucks and SUV's during the harshness of the winter season! We have already completed our plans for the majority of our winter season events that will begin in late December and will take us all the way up until our 2027 Season Kick Off Event scheduled for mid-April.

In next month newsletter, we announce the entire winter season's schedule of events we have planned!







Our 2027 season plans

Something is brewing for next season that we think everyone might get excited about! Who Remembers the Scavenger Hunt? Well, something similar perhaps might be returning as part of our 2027 season. And, no, it will not be the same scavenger hunt again! Details will be coming! But here is a hint.
Just think of the numbers 291 & 1227!













OUR SEASON ENDING CELEBRATION

Registration is now open for our **SONHC** early December ***Season Celebration Event***! Each year, we officially start each season with our Season Kick-Off Event in April and then we close it out with our S ***Season Celebration Event*** in early December! This year it happens on Saturday December 5th!

This celebration of sorts is an afternoon pot luck gathering, as a way of us saying thank you to those who have come out and joined other members on events during this past season! Some great food, a few laughs and a few surprises always mark the day... A season long video montage recaps and highlights some of the best moments from 2026!
We also have some wonderful giveaways and raffle items we draw during the afternoons festivities! And... we also draw our winners for the season long **10/90 Raffle** at this event!
(You do not need to be present to win) Registration is now open. The date is *Saturday, December 5th* at the *Pinardville Athletic Club* in *Manchester, NH!*

Oh and don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy we donate to The Share Organization after the event!

Each year, this event fills up fast. So, get registered now as we are limited to only being able to bringing 60 guests for this one, due to the halls capacity!



This is a returning article from the past, and one we think is appropriate as a reminder to everyone who is preparing to place our cars into storage for the upcoming winter months

There's lots to cover and talk about when it comes to winterizing our Corvettes. Some who have been decade long Corvette owners probably have their winter storage methods down pat and need nothing new to complete their winter storage routines.
But for those who are either new at this process or are looking at improving the end results, you may find something here that helps you! Storing our Corvettes can be a daunting task if not properly prepared for beforehand.
Pre-planning is the first item on the list of priorities! Knowing what you're going to do before the cold weather arrives is an absolute must. And that time is NOW!
Questions such as, Is the car going to be stored indoors or out? What is the storage environment going to be like. Will it be stored in a climate-controlled environment? Will it be kept outside in the driveway? Ore somewhere in the middle in a cold garage! So much can go into this one decision alone… Do you take your car to a storage facility like our Partnering Professionals company, Vault Automotive Storage and let them do the majority of all the legwork for you and simply write a check? Do you prep your car yourself and put it away in your own garage, and do you know the dos and don'ts associated with garage storage? Or are you like so many that will end up keeping it stored outside, to endure the elements of the cold wet winter?

Whichever category you fall into, short of driving your car to Vault's and dropping it off, (even then some items will still need your attention) the basics of winter storage will involve some sort of action to have the car be ready to go come next spring. The list of questions is somewhat long, and each should be addressed beforehand to give you both peace of mind, to protect your car, and to have it ready to go come spring.

Here are just a few:
Do I have Maintenance performed before storage such as an oil change or other fluid exchanges
Do I have the car detailed before storage?
Do I have a plan to keep the battery charged during the winter months?
Do I have a way of protecting the cars finish from winters elements such as an indoor or outdoor high-quality cover?
(And btw, Indoor and outdoor covers are designed to work completely differently)
Do I have a way of keeping the tires from flat spotting? And actually, what is tire flat spotting.
Do I have a way to keep rodents out of and away from the car?
How much fuel should I leave in the tank when stored?
There are more… but these are some of the basic questions that will need your attention.

So, let's dig into each of these and see if we can help provide some best practice options to best suite your individual situation.

***First up**, remember to remove all the things you've kept in the car during the driving season. Things like sunglasses, radar detectors, phone chargers, coolers, etc….all should be removed. Many of which you may also need to have to use while driving your winter season cars. Also, if you will need to re-register your car during the winter months, you'll need the current registration in some towns in order to do that, so remove that as well and put it in a place for safekeeping. Remember to unplug, all of the remaining accessory chargers you have and use in the car. Some of today's charging cords, draw battery juice even when they are left idle.*
***Maintenance:** Depending upon how often and how many miles you drive each year can be the best guidance when it comes to when to do fluid services. Are you an owner of a garage queen that sees only a few thousand miles each year? Then for you, chances are your fluids get changed only once a year. So, waiting till spring will shorten the amount of time before you'll need to perform another oil change. Remember these cars track both mileage and time when it comes to oil change maintenance. The time the car sits unused still keeps that maintenance clock turning.*
For those people who put more than 5,000 miles a year, it's always a good idea to change out the oil and other fluids out before putting the car away for storage. You're probably going to have to do more than one oil change each driving season, so storing the car with fresh oil makes more sense.
***Detailing…** Yes! This one is a must! Regardless of where and how you are planning on storing your Corvette! Detailing at least the exterior is an absolute no brainer and should always be performed! Storing Inside a garage being covered, having the car detailed will add a layer of protection against the cover rubbing directly on the paint. Outdoor storage detailing it is also a must, as the cover will most certainly be buffered by the wind and without the added layer of protection can increase the chances the cover could adversely damage and affect the exterior finish.*

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Battery: Again, depending upon your choice of storage, keeping the battery charge fresh is among one of the most important things you'll need to have a plan for and can eliminate the dead battery headaches come spring. (these cars do not act well with low voltage batteries!) If you are in an environment that allows use of a trickle charger, then going this route will ensure the battery is maintained and ready to go. Do not cheap out on a tender! Invest in a high-quality proven model that is specific to Corvettes or high-end cars. Expect to spend around a hundred bucks for a good UL approved battery tender!

This is one area that paying to have your car professionally stored, will most often be taken care of as most all storage facilities will include some sort of battery tender as part of the service. Sometimes at an additional fee. (Our PP Vault Storage includes battery tender service at no charge for our members)

If you are storing the car in a location that does not grant electrical access, then, you should plan on, first, removing all electrical devices in the car, that can draw juice from the car's battery. Then depending upon your location and schedule, plan on starting the car at least once every two to three weeks, and letting it run up to temperature for a half hour or more. Finally, for those who are unable to even do this, then removing the battery totally and storing it somewhere on a tender may make the most sense.

Tires: Tires will flat spot! It's going to happen! Anytime a low-profile tire like what's on our Corvettes, sets for even a short period of time, the tires will develop a flat bottom against the contact surface. Sitting for six months in the same position will most certainly bring on flat spots!

Michelin which many consider to be the leader in tire technology states: if your tires have been subjected to long storage times while loaded and over-inflated and with fairly high or low temperatures, the tires could develop a "semi-permanent" flat spotting. This flat spotting will eventually go away, but it may take a good bit of driving.

Do not overinflate the tires, keep them at the manufacturers recommended pressures! If you are storing the car for an extended period of time, it is best that the car be moved occasionally, by even just a few inches to change the position of the tires which come in contact with the surface below. If possible, put some sort of barrier between the tires and the concrete surface, such as foam insulation pads to soften the firmness between the tire and the surface below. If you are removing your tires and storing them separately, (Not recommended btw) lay the tires down on a flat padded surface. If the car is being kept on jack stands, the suspension should be kept in a neutral position, (the same height as if the tires were on the car) and not left unloaded or compressed. Additionally, there are now products available that you can place under your car that contour the natural tire shape that you can buy and drive onto. (be careful in doing this as it's not as easy as it sounds driving the car onto them!)

For those storing outside or in a cold garage, moving the car just an inch or so, while you are starting it to keep the battery charged will help keep the flat spotting to a minimum and shorten the distance needed come spring to get rid of the flat spotting! Finally, all tire flat spotting eventually will go away...

Rodent Control: This one is biggies! Rodents don't get into your car just to be a nuisance. They are doing what mother nature has intended them to do, which is to find the best home for their survival and to breed their young. Your car just happens to afford a prime home for this to happen. Yes, they are a nuisance and can be downright damaging to your stored vehicles.

But... there things that you can do to both minimize and eliminate this issue. You can set traps around the vehicle and catch and kill those that wander into the traps... But you are only going to get a very small percentage of all the critters that are interested in making your car their home! It's better and more effective to make your car as unattractive as possible for them to not want to go anywhere near it as the best remedy for this issue. This is one were depending upon what type of critter you're dealing with, there are product remedies available to deter them all away. For the most often one, mice... There are several products that you can place around and in your car that will absolutely keep all the mice away, which is a much better deterrent to the few you can catch in traps. A product called ***Fresh Cab*** is one that many have successfully used for years to deter mice. (Available at Tractor Supply) These scent packs last about 30-60 days and actually do not have a terrible smell to us, only the mice! Placing them under the hood, in the cab and lying around the garage floor works wonders! Peppermint spray is also another effective deterrent in one form or another. The jury is still out on placing drier sheets in and around the car!

One thing that we absolutely do not recommend is the use of any type of poisons, as while they may kill the mice, any other creature that ether eats that mouse before it dies, or wanders into the poison, will itself become very ill, Hawks, Owls and other birds of prey along with potentially any family pets such as cats or dogs will be seriously poisoned or killed!

Just don't do this!

Also remember to either cover you exhaust tips or place balled up aluminum foil in the ends to close off the openings. (just remember to remove them before starting the car)

Fuel: This one is open to debate among many as to which is the best method to store your Corvette during the winter hibernation months. Here's the one that the majority of the experts think makes the most sense... Fill your tank between 1/4 and 1/2 full with a good stabilizer. Then in the spring fill your tank with fresh high-octane fuel and it will mix with the stored fuel giving you a healthier mix of fuel going through your system come springtime.

Hope these tips help... And as one final suggestion, if you still are unsure on what steps to take. Ask someone who has been storing their Corvette successfully over the years for some of their best advice and tips!

When we made the decision to make our initial excursion out to Watkins Glen this past May, and enjoy a weekend at the “Corvette Thunder in the Glen” event, we did so without knowing if it would be a one and done type of caravan event or…
perhaps the start of an annual pilgrimage heading west each spring! Well, while we’re not ready to make that type of long-term commitment. We have however made the decision that we will be returning in May of 2027 for another opportunity to visit the Watkins Glen area. And participate in the National Corvette Thunder in the Glen event!

This past May’s spring visit was in reality an astonishing weekend event! Filled with great times shared together, centered around everything Corvettes. Some cool track time on the famous Watkins Glen racetrack and something unlike anything we’ve ever experienced before. And, like most everything in life, we learn from our experiences and this caravan event was no different. When we left to return home on Sunday, we almost felt like there were things left unchecked and destinations that we didn’t have the time to explore and experience from the area. With next years planned visit, will include much more exploration, and let everyone take in more of the sights surrounding the beautiful Lake Seneca area. It will be a much more personalized visit, starting with our first day spent in Cooperstown, NY taking in the Baseball Hall of Fame and enjoying all that area holds. Then as we migrate west out to Corning, we’ll experience some time spent at the Corning Glass museum, another area gem, we drove by several times, but didn’t get to stop and enjoy earlier on this year tip. And in 2027, instead of participating in the official hosts Friday night event, we're going to use that time to explore up and around Lake Seneca and visit some of the area’s vast winery’s and enjoy dinner overlooking the beautiful lakeside below.
Registration to sign up to attend is coming in early December, and remember this trip will have a car count limit of around 22 cars! To all who came along earlier this year, everyone agreed, the trip was one filled with great times, exciting destinations and venues and especially the great times we all got to spent together!









AND NOW THE REST OF THE STORY: AN ODE TO PAUL HARVEY…AND NEW COWBOY BOOTS!

In 1978 GM began working on the next generation C4 Corvette. Time for a new generation Corvette was way long overdue, and GM knew it. So, GM set out to make the next Corvette something completely different from the aging C3 platform. A car that would be considered "World Class" and a car that would add back in the performance that government regulations had stripped out during the last years of the aged C3 cars. And while they knew what they wanted to build, just a few years into the design and build process, GM began to struggle with some aspects of this entirely new platform! Several pressing engineering delays and regulation setbacks together pushed the final release date further and further out.

Originally earmarked to be released as the 1982 "30th Anniversary Edition" The C4's radical departure from the previous C3 generation presented all kinds of engineering issues, parts production delays and government emission problems. Besides carrying over the L83 CrossFire engine and 700-R4 transmission, every single other part of the newly engineered car was designed and built new from the ground up. Fit & finish quality was a constant issue in the beginning, as was finding parts suppliers who could create and produce all the needed components the car would require. And when they did make them, things many times just didn't fit well together and the new radical digital instrumentation panel was a nightmare to get to consistently work as designed. Once they got the engineering figured out, next was passing the federal emissions standards to receive its required certifications. Remember, GM was insistent on putting performance back into the Corvette, which was contrary to what the Government was looking for from manufacturers. They wanted clean burning engines that produced very low volumes of carbon emissions from every model car. And in hind sight what GM was able to accomplish with the V8 engine C4 powertrain was in reality a miracle. A low emission 205 HP V8, which for the time was considered a high-performance engine that passed all federal certifications! However, accomplishing this all took time! Coupled with the Bowling Green plant retooling required to make the change for the C3 to C4 production which was also way behind schedule and then had one final hurdle to overcome and the final cause for its release delay… the "Magnum PI" TV show… Wait… What?

Yeah, you heard that right… At the time, a wildly popular TV series called "Magnum PI" starring Tom Seleck prominently featured a Ferrari model 308 in the show, complete with its one-piece removal Targa roof instead of the C3 style removable roof with center bar the C4 was originally designed to be built with. Long after the engineers had completed the C4 layout including the C3 style roof center bar was being readied for release. A last-minute change ordered by Chevrolet's man in charge at the time, Lloyd Reus mandated the car be built with the same one-piece removable roof like the Ferrari 308 that was consistently being featured on the TV series each week, forcing the design engineers back to the drawing board to come up with a way to add rigidity into the frame structure after the decision to remove the original planned roof center bar was made.

This was no small engineering feat and one that added months' worth of delays to the original intended release date! And, this design change was also the reason, the final C4 design had such a deep foot well, forcing everyone to climb over the very tall outer frame rail to get out of the car!

After numerous meetings and debate, the decision was finally made that Chevrolet would not build a 1983 model year Corvette, but rather once all the corrected frame modifications had been made complete with the new one-piece roof design. They would release the car as a 1984 model in January of 1983! How's that for putting a positive spin on an internal production debacle! In actuality, it was brilliant, as the completely new from the ground up design would be released early bringing even more attention to this new design and look. The car was released to the public in early 1983 as a 1984 model and soon after buyers began receiving their new C4 Corvettes in April of that year! The car went on to become what GM originally had set out to accomplish, A World Class Sports Car that would go on to dominate road racing for the next ten years! So, once GM decided it was not going to build a 1983 Corvette, they decided to scrap and destroy all of the existing 1983 test mule cars, as they would no longer be needed. Now the exact number of cars varies depending upon the source from somewhere between 42 and 61 test cars. But GM did in fact destroy them all… with one exception.

Legend has it that a pair of $200 cowboy boots saved the only 1983 C4 Corvette test mule still in existence, because when it came time to destroy that one remaining car, a heavy rain storm had hit the Bowling Green area, and the one car remaining was sitting in a 3 inch deep puddle of water and the person who was responsible for ensuring its destruction, didn't want to go out and get his new cowboy boots wet, from having to move the car over to the car crusher. So, he decided to wait until the puddle dried up, and by the next morning, the car crusher had left the plant as scheduled leaving behind the one unintended survivor behind. Fearing anger from his supervisor for failing to destroy all the test mules The car was quickly moved to the far end of the production plant and covered over with a tarp. Not until a new production plant manager came on board and discovered it while walking the grounds of the plant, did anyone know it still existed. The new plant manager, realizing what he had stumbled upon, had the car brought inside the plant and repainted in red white and blue and then had it placed in the main front entryway to the production plant, and not long after, decided to, have it repainted back to its original white color and leased it over to the adjacent National Corvette Museum for public display. On February 12th, 2014, the only 1983 Corvette car still in existence was just mere feet away from falling into the same sinkhole that appeared that day inside the museum rotunda, and joining the other 8 Corvettes that were swallowed up, but fortunately it didn't save by being a very mere short distance away, and once again lived on for destined destruction! And, it is still on display at the NCM today, making it truly a one of one built Corvette!

…And, now you know the rest of the Story!

OCTOBER RECAP: CASTLES, SEAFOOD, FOLIAGE & FRIENDSHIPS!

Castles, seafood, spectacular foliage, and a surprise visit from a dear friend were just a few of the highlights of a very busy October!

SO ME CORVETTES enjoyed a brisk but sunny day for their annual fall foliage drive over the winding roads of Hurricane Mountain. As the month drew to a close, SOMEC wrapped up its 2026 caravan season with a trip to one of our favorite coastal dining destinations, Hobbs Harborside Restaurant! A great way to close out another SOMEC cruise season!

SO NH CORVETTES kicked off a very active October with our annual visit down to Woodman's of Essex, starting with an early morning visit to the magnificent Crane Castle Estate, before enjoying some delicious seafood for lunch. A surprise visit from one of our older members who had unfortunately recently become widowed, made the day complete! And lifted the spirits of everyone who was there! Other October adventures included an early-morning breakfast at Parker's Maple Barn and a first-time visit to the Cathedral of the Pines. (More on this destination later on) Shortly thereafter, we continued our tradition of heading west for another visit to the amazing Publyk House restaurant in Bennington, Vermont, as we got to enjoy the spectacular Vermont fall foliage at its peak. SONHC brought the month to a memorable close with a breathtaking afternoon cruise to Lake Sunapee, taking in the beautiful scenery as the full moon slowly rose over the aptly named mountain behind the lake, called Sunset Hill.

From winding roads and historic estates to coastal favorites and unforgettable sunsets, October delivered incredible weather, amazing journeys, and, most importantly, time spent together with friends both old new and alike.
Together, in October, we covered four states, and some truly phenomenal destinations, some of the best back roads of the entire year… all to help usher in the close to our 2026 club's caravan season!











Cathedral of the Pines

The conclusion to our October Parkers Maple Barn Breakfast excursion took us out to Rindge NH and our first ever visit to a place called *Cathedral of the Pines!* A magnificent hilltop spiritual center that overlooks the valley below and allows all, regardless of denomination, to worship outdoors amongst this beautiful setting.

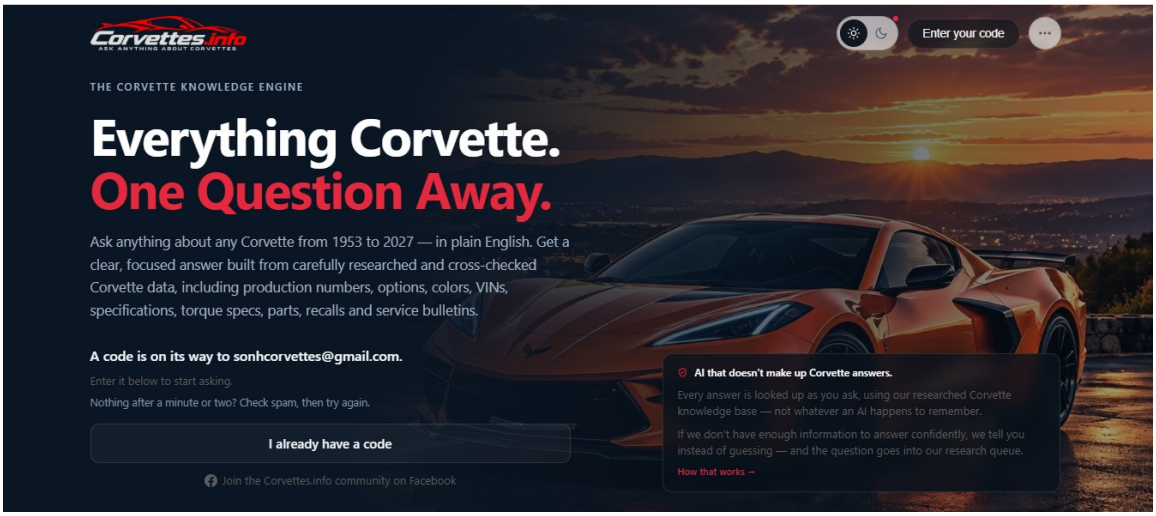
So, one of the results of this first-time visit, was we got to thinking… What an incredible backdrop this place would make for a *Blessing of the Corvettes!* Something, we've wanted to plan now for several years. So, with that in mind, plans are starting to bring this exact event to our 2027 schedule! Look for more on this in the coming months!



This month's Corvette internet site visit: CORVETTES.info

Stumbled upon this one purely by accident. Was looking for an answer to an obscure question in regards to the C4 generation and it popped up, so I decided to check it out. So, lets start off by saying what this particular site is in reality. It is a AI driven information conversation site. If you use this site, you are going to ask Corvette related questions directly to an AI agent. Perhaps the information source is programmed thru Chat GTP. The answers you receive back according to the site have been cross referenced numerous times to ensure the information is accurate. Now for those who are either nervous about interacting with an AI program, or unfamiliar with how they work. This site takes information that has been input by humans to formulate a very vast wide ranging data base, that after trying, I can attest was 100% accurate in the answers I received. Well almost anyway. I also learned that when it gives and answer it is unsure of, it will in fact tell you to further investigate its conclusion on your own. Which is both scary and reassuring at the same time. The scary part is that the computer now has the ability to decipher the difference between what it knows as fact and what it thinks may be true. The reassuring part is that it won't lie and tell you something Corvette related it cannot verify or validate as true. So, from an informational standpoint, this site does contain a very vast wide range of Corvette knowledge and info. As long as you can get past the AI part. They do not attempt to sell you anything, and I was not required to accept or decline cookies during my initial site visit. Oddly enough, also I was not required to register to use this site, beyond an email to get an access code. That access code will be my login for all future visits. This is one I am going to continue to play around with and may double back in future months to share anything beyond what I already know now. So, if you have a specific or general question about Corvettes, or even your own car (you can type in your vin and it will share with you the information it has on file) I would say to go ahead and explore and play around with the site. Interestingly enough, when I did put my 2013 VIN into the system, it was able to tell me certain information I had never seen before. Such as the specific date my car rolled off the assembly line. In summation, a couple of things. Number one is the site can become addictive, both exploring what it is capable of sharing, but also of trying to uncover more specifics about one's own car. So you have been re-warned! Go ahead and put your cars VIN in and get ready to get lost in the questions and answers!

So, my summation of the site is that it is safe to use, it is not trying to solicit and or store your personal information. And, as far as being a reliable source of all Corvette information, I would consider it as a highly reliable one. **So, I give it a 4.8 out of 5 rating!**



New Members Section

Yes, our driving season has come to a close… But that doesn't mean all the fun comes to an end. We hold several cold season indoor events where members come out and gather as we enjoy some fun indoor activities. We leave our fun cars behind in storage as these events are all about the gathering! And for someone who is new to our club, in actuality, meeting other members this way is a great way to get to spend some quality time around our existing members to learn more about who we are. All of the events are casual, and the setting are all informal. So, as we draw to close our caravan season, we invited you to come out and join us during our schedule of cold season events! It's a great introduction way towards joining us on next seasons Caravans !









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