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## November Opening Statement:

*This month as we put the wraps on another caravan season and as we look back, we have so much to be thankful for and to celebrate.*

*Another year of visits to some truly amazing destinations! Both to some great old standbys and also to some new and exciting ones we're sure to visit again in the future!*

*A season spent welcoming many new members on their first journeys with us, and also sharing the many great times together with our seasoned veteran members as well!*

*In Maine, the SOMEK club enjoyed its first full season of events, also introducing many first-time participants to the Corvette caravan experience, anchored as well by so many of our amazing members returning back from 2024!*

*Whether it was with our SONHC or SOMEK club, in either case, it is our hope that we've lived up to your expectations and made your investment in time with us worth it on each journey we shared together!*

*And, as always, we thank each and every one of you who have continued to place trust in us in what we do and for being valued members of our SONHC & SOMEK corvette family!*

Rick Delano  
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## OCTOBER EVENTS

**Ingredients:** Add, some incredible destinations, sprinkle in some amazing weather, toss in some delicious food and grub and you have a perfect recipe for an amazing October! Four separate events were on the calendar for both clubs with each one living up to expectations!

For SONHC, October started off with our annual fall visit down to Essex Ma and our visit to Woodman's for some delicious seafood and then on to the incredible Crane Estate. Followed up by our early morning breakfast run to Parkers Maple Barn.... Then we were off to our annual Bennington VT Publyk House visit.

And to the east, SOMEK enjoyed the final caravan event of the 2025 season with a trip through the mountains of Maine and lunch at the Sunday River Brewery in Bethel, bringing together the largest number of cars on a caravan all season!



Hang on, cause 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? Or 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 **PP** member company, **Volk Motor Storage** and pay someone to do all the legwork for you and simply write a check? Do you prep your car 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 Volk 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.

**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 a 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 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 done before storing the car for winter! Storing inside in 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 damage and adversely affect the exterior finish. Our **PP** members at **Lethal Premium Car Care** can take care of the detailing portion of your storage concerns easily and quickly!

**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** members at **Vault Motor Storage** include 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, such as phone chargers, radio inputs or other devices that can draw on 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 makes the most sense. (btw never store the battery directly on a concrete surface without some sort of insulated fire-resistant pad under the battery)

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**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 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) 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 up 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! All tire flat spotting eventually does 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 available in one form or another.

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 as it dies, or wanders into the poison, will itself become very ill, Hawks, Owls and other birds of prey along with potentially family pets such as cats or dogs will be seriously poisoned or killed! Just don't do this!

Lastly, 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. Some say to fill the tank to the brim and add a fuel storage stabilizer and you are all set come spring time. Others say to do a 1/4 tank with stabilizer. Yet others say 1/2 full with stabilizer. However, there are a few things that most everyone agrees on!

1. Always add some sort of fuel stabilizer regardless of how much gas you decide to keep in the tank...
2. Add premium high-octane fuel when you store the car for an extended period of time, (most everyone already runs premium high-octane fuel year-round)
3. Today's fuel tanks and systems are a sealed and closed system and are not prone to any condensation build up in the fuel tanks. (Most modern cars have use closed system)

*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... one final thought, if you still are unsure on what steps to take... ask someone who has been storing their car successfully over the years for some of their best tips!

# 2026 CLUB CALENDARS

The members picture submissions are complete. And we received some fabulous shots that will help make up and comprise our 2026 calendars!

They are almost ready to go! We are adding on the final touches and they should be ready to order sometime by the end of the first week in November! And... Once you order yours, you will receive your calendar (s) within two weeks of ordering them! Also they can be dropped shipped to that special someone anywhere in the USA.

They make a great holiday gift and look great hanging on any wall! They will be available to order on each of our club's respective websites! Also, again this year, for those who are looking for a more personalized calendar, you can substitute up to three months of the stock club photo's with those of your own! (terms and conditions apply) Look for the announcement in the coming days when they are ready to go! And we thank everyone who took the time to submit their selections! Some of the choices were tough for the admins to just choose 12 from!

## Inviting a Child into our world!

Many of us have a story or memory from our youth that we may be able to recall that helped spawn our love and appreciation for sports cars, Hot Rods and other cool vehicles. Perhaps it came from playing with Matchbox and Hot Wheels for hours on end! Or, sometimes it was from a relative that was into hot cars and you got to enjoy either being around them or if you were so lucky, ride in them. Or maybe it came from something as simple as someone giving you the opportunity to sit in one behind the wheel, and that memory etched itself into your mind forever!

Whatever or however it was...Something planted the seed of appreciation for sports cars in our brains during our youth.

Today, there is no greater gift that we can give to a child than the opportunity to invited him or her to sit in our car for even just a few seconds or minutes. The profound effect of opening our Corvette door and in inviting a child into your world can help plant that seed of interest for the next generations of car enthusiasts... and perhaps specifically to future Corvette Owners.

We are all ambassadors for our hobby and for Corvettes in general. We have no greater opportunity or as I look at it, responsibility than to invite that child into our cars and into our Corvette world! They're not going to do anything but grin ear to ear and later on recall on that moment that someone took the time to share with them, that same opportunity someone gave us in our younger days. Never mind the incredible look of appreciation back from that father or mother!



## Anniversaries 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**"! 4 years ago this month, we turned out our very first newsletter, a crude and rather unorganized collection of telltale stories and miscellaneous subjects that even included some old family cooking recipes.

Now some 4 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 somewhat interesting stories to share with our members.

We do so with the hope that they still bring a bit of useful information, some historical Corvette stories and bring a little bit of joy to those who continue to read them each month.

You can find all our most recent editions available to browse on our club websites!

If you ever have a story, subject or article that you would like us to cover, then please drop us an email and we'd be happy to look into it. email us at [sonhcorvettes@gmail.com](mailto:sonhcorvettes@gmail.com)

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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 —

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Welcome to our very first Newsletter

**Tires... 101**

So when it comes to tires and your Corvette, there are specifics that you need to know and follow when it comes to selecting new tires. Your decision probably will be based on tread pattern, tire size and what type of tire (air-fuel, non-run flat, Summer use only, All Season or even Winter tires, ...). Yes some people drive their Corvette year round and need a true snow tire! Can you say big \$\$\$

One of the most important things to always be aware of is that the cheapest tire most of the time will not be the right one for your car. Yes the type of tire, tread pattern, and what season you plan to use the tire is all very important, but they are secondary to the safety aspect of the tire. Remember all that performance of your car, the acceleration, braking and cornering is tied to the road by only four

the writer months ago you use and the time to put away our beautiful cars has arrived. We shift our focus from those wonderful journeys to whatever the tire is used to survive the cold New England days. As our hope that this Newsletter will entertain and inform you of all things Corvette related. Each month we'll try and bring articles that entertain and inform. To appreciate real industry facts from "the it must be true cause its on the internet philosophy" As always your contribution will always be welcomed and appreciated. Have something you want to learn about? ... then by all means contact us and we'll attempt to dig into the subject and find out the facts for you. We'll also endeavor to include the little known, abstract or tid bits of useless information, to further dig your brains with useless knowledge!

the stripes of rubber measuring total of about 1 ft square at any given time. So first and foremost speed and load ratings are number one, when it comes to selecting the correct speed it's for your car. So how do you know what tire rating do you need? Every vehicle built in North America requires the following sticker to be placed inside the drivers door. It includes the tire size required for your particular

what speed and load rating you must use... Z, W Y or (Y) dependent on your year and model Corvette. These are North American standards signified by the use of different letters and numbers at the end of a tire size listed on both sides of a tire. These numbers indicate a tire's specifications with regards to the top speed and weight rating that the tire is designed for. Speed and load ratings vary from "L" for light duty truck tires all the way to "Y" rated tires. We're going to focus on the performance aspect or highest end of this rating scale.... Continued on page 2

## Our annual Make-A-Wish Campaign!

With Novembers arrival, we kick off our annual **Make-A-Wish fundraising campaign!** One of only two causes that as a club we embrace and support as a organization each year. **The Make-A-Wish Foundation** effects lives in such a positive way that if you've ever personally known a family that has been touched by the graces of **The Make-A-Wish Foundation**, then you already know how incredible their efforts are in bringing joy to these special families! What this organization's efforts do, is bring a period of time where they are able to forget about the everyday struggles and just be kids... even if it is for only a short period of time.

We start off our campaign by donating the club portion of the proceeds of the season long **SONHC 10/90 raffle** and makes a healthy contribution to jump start the efforts!

The campaign starts on November 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through December 31. And remember! Every dollar that our members contribute in November and December, in the end then gets matched **dollar for dollar** by our **Partnering Professionals** at **VIP Tires & Service**, doubling the final contribution amount!

Members can contribute through our website on the Charitable contributions page:

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/charitable-contributions>

## NHMS Build a Walkway Brick Campaign

### Did you Know...

In 2025, Between both the SONHC & SOME C clubs, **425 members** came out this season on one or more of our events! Fact is, we had well over **100 members** from both cubs that came along and participated in more than three quarters of all the entire seasons scheduled events!

Talk about a testament to our members!

Numbers like this are truly humbling to those of us who work at putting these things together!

We're inching our way ever closer to achieving our goal of being able to add our SO NH CORVETTES name to the soon to be constructed brick walkway at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway, scheduled to be built in 2026!

We thank those members who have already generously donated, and for anyone who have yet to contribute and would like to.

Here is the link: <https://sonhcorvettes.org/charitable-contributions#0eb37ef8-8b20-4aa9-854a-cf83473b02e9>

We'll keep everyone advised, when we reach our set goal of \$350 raised and when the project gets moved to the track construction phase, sometime in early 2026!

## Watkin's Glen: Corvette Thunder in the Glen

One of the events we're looking to possibly attend as a group in 2026 is the **Corvette's at the Glen event** in May. This weekend event is all about a celebration of the Corvette. In fact, way back in the 1950's Corvette designer Harley Earl while attending a Watkins Glen race event envisioned an American sports car that could rival that of the European cars on the track. In one sense, making Watkin's Glen the true birthplace of the Corvette that sprung from his vision.

We'll keep everyone advised on our progress and announce what we have planned as they come into focus!

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### Our Mission:

*SO NH CORVETTES was created in the summer of 2020, originally starting as an online Facebook group. It was our hope that, through the power of social media, we could bring together like-minded people who share the same passion and love for these iconic cars by promoting participation in Corvette caravans traveling throughout New England! Along with the addition of our SO ME CORVETTES club in 2024, we now encompass over 2,200 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every single members experience a memorable one!*



## New Members Page:

So, you've done it! You've taken the plunge and elected to join SONHC or SOMECH... You're ready to get out and find out what Corvette caravans are all about! But hold on... It's November! and there aren't any upcoming caravans planned for months! Why did I bother to join?

Well, even though there aren't any caravan events planned till the spring of 2026, it doesn't mean that we're inactive during in the winter months! Actually we have events scheduled (indoors mostly) each month starting in January that will still afford you the opportunity to come out and both meet and get acquainted with your fellow club members all the while enjoying some fun indoor activities! This winter, we've got some fun things planned to help get everyone through the long winter, still allowing us to gather. Just some of the things we're looking into doing. A racing Go Cart night, a trip through the festival of lights at the NHMS track. A poker night/Game & card night. A casino night, Bowling, outdoor tubing... all are possibilities, along with a few surprises we're going to throw in. So, despite the fact that you can't join us in your Corvette yet, there will still be plenty of opportunities to get to know our incredible members in a much more personalized way over the winter months. And this year for the first time, we will be holding a new members only dinner night, open to only new members who have never been on a caravan before, along with our admins as a way to get to know who we are and our leadership team in a comfortable relaxed setting.

We'll announce our winter schedule soon after the holidays are over... and... most importantly, consider yourselves invited!

## Our members and our now friends

One of the things that we are most proud of is the many outside friendships that have developed and resulted from people becoming club members and coming out on caravans. People who might not have ever had the opportunity to meet otherwise, now share great friendships well beyond simply being members of our clubs! And that's something that to us carries a far greater value and meaning than that of any ride, event or season!

*"Our cars may be what brought us together, but it is the enduring friendships that they helped create along the way are what will endure for life!"*

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And we Sincerely thank each of you who have come out and joined us this past Season!



**Did you know...** SO NH CORVETTES has it's own **YouTube** Channel? There you can find lot's of videos from some of our past events we've held over the years! Just **Google: SONHCORVETTES** YouTube channel

## Our Season-Long *Partnering Professionals*

As we bring to close another caravan cruise season, we'd be remiss if we didn't stop and thank our many amazing Partnering Professionals companies for their continued support for SONHC! It's a pretty big commitment when these companies elect to join us! We hope that you have taken advantage of these relationships and utilized their products and services to get your needs fulfilled! They have been and continue to be here just for you, our members!



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