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Happy Holidays to All From SO NH CORVETTES & SO ME CORVETTES

Winter is upon us and it's time for our Corvettes to sleep
And because they cost so much, I'm now driving all winter in a heap!
As I ponder the long cold season ahead
My thoughts will race to warm weather instead!
And while the days count down to the joys of spring,
I can ponder new cams, tires, and other goodies Santa might bring.
I've been kind of naughty this year, so no telling what I'll get
but family knows me well and I'll surely get something new for my Vette
So don't dismay at the cold days and mounds of snow
There's always Florida, you can drive year round there you know!



A Look Back to November!

SONHC closed out the 2024 Caravan cruise season with one last Holiday weekend hurrah! This included our first-ever trip to up the world-famous **Hart's Turkey Farm** in Meredith, NH, followed up quickly by members participating in the Manchester, NH **Veteran's Day Parade**! Mother Nature cooperated on both days, letting us squeeze out a couple of last opportunities to spend time together behind the wheel of our cars!

Our participation in the Manchester **Veteran's Day Parade**, afforded us the opportunity to honor our incredible Veterans and it also marked our **100th SONHC Caravan Event** since 2020! We can't think of a better way to close out the cruise year! And in just a few days, we bring our 2024 SONHC year to a final close with our **Season Ending Celebration** on December 7 at the Pinardville Athletic Club!



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Staring any new endeavor is both challenging and exciting at the same time. When we decided last Fall to set the wheels in motion to create a new Corvette club in the great state of *Maine*, we did so with the confidence of knowing we had a blueprint to start from. SONHC has enjoyed incredible growth and sustainability since 2020, so implementing many of the same ideas and goals came naturally. Tweaking a few things here and there, but starting with the same thought of giving Corvette owners in Maine a home and making everything we do to be based on the one simple principle: *Having Fun!*

So, as we bring to close the SOMEC cruise season: **We thank each and every member who came out and joined us during the inaugural SOMEC season!**



♥ New Members ♥

What does it mean to be a new member of **SONHC** and **SOMEC**? It means you're an incredibly valued part of our Corvette family! Our culture is deeply rooted in acceptance and in us going out of our way to make everyone always feel comfortable from day one! And it starts with our existing members who are as welcoming and as friendly as anyone you'll ever meet! Something we're very proud of! We think we are different than most other Corvette clubs for several reasons, but mostly because of our incredible veteran members. So, if you're 18 or 80 and own a Corvette, you're invited to come find out what we're all about and add your names to the **366** existing members that participated in our events in 2024!



Aerial view of our stop at the Pemigewasset Lookout during the 2024 Kancamagus Highway caravan. This was the largest caravan in 2024, consisting of 68 Corvettes! It was an amazing day with amazing people!



SONHC and SOME C Calendars



We've changed up things a bit for this year's calendars with a new vendor being just one of the changes. Also, this year we're making them more customized with everyone having the ability to add

their own favorite pictures to create a more personalized calendar. Both SONHC and SOME C versions will be available! All the details and ordering instructions are available on both of our websites.

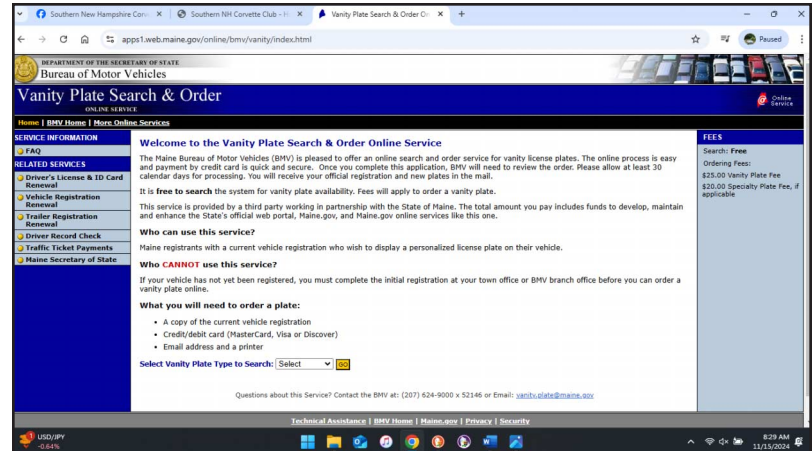
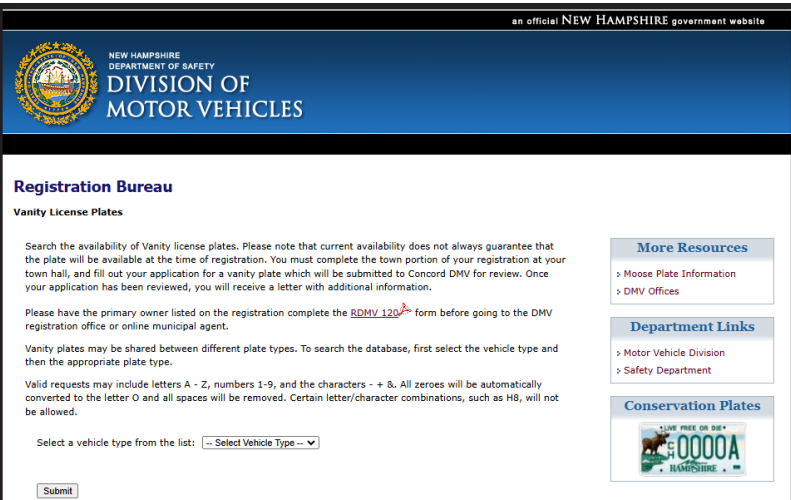


We've all seen some of the creative vanity plates that adorn so many cool cars, including many Corvettes! Some are pure genius, some are silly, and some...perhaps make you scratch your head. But the neat thing is that they all are individual and unique. So, where do they come from? Some are perhaps thought up in the wee hours of the morning, when the brain doesn't seem to shut off, others may have been in the family for years and passed down. And some may have come from each of the state's on-line resources that allow you to both create and browse the personalized plates. Both NH and Maine offer a

way to come up with your vanity statement. The process is pretty much the same regardless of which state your car is registered in. And each state also offers a broad selection of the different type of plates. So, the next time you are bored, go to your state's website and play around until you find the perfect way to make that perfect statement plate you want your car to display.

<https://business.nh.gov/platecheck/>

<https://apps1.web.maine.gov/online/bmv/vanity/>



Make A Wish Campaign

In 2023 SONHC announced its first ever fundraising effort to help support an organization that we feel passionate about: the **Make-A-Wish Foundation!** This organization exists for one purpose and that is to bring light to those who have been adversely affected by the many horrible diseases that cause darkness to so many families. Last year, through our member's generous efforts and with the matching support of our **Partnering Professionals** at VIP, we raised close to \$5,000 to help bring a little joy to these NH families!

In 2024, we are once again holding our **MAW Donation Campaign** drive that runs through the end of December, with no contribution considered too small! Once again, every dollar raised by our group members will be matched **dollar for dollar** by our **Partnering Professionals** at **VIP Tires & Service!** We hope you'll consider joining in on this very worthy cause!

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/make-a-wish-donations>



Season Long Points Update and 5/90 Raffle

As we closed out November the race for the season long Ride Leaders came to a close! Starting back in April at our first SONHC event all the way up to this month's closing events, we've tracked everyone who has come out and joined us on each of this season's events. Points have been awarded for each event that member has participated in. We'll acknowledge this past season's Ride leader at this month's Season Ending Celebration along with drawing our 5/90 season long raffle winners!



2025 — A Special Year

It's never too early to look ahead to 2025. It's going to be an exciting year for both **SONHC** celebrating its **5-year anniversary** and also for **SOME C**, who will be holding its first full season of scheduled events! And you're all invited to play a part in the upcoming season planning. We've created a destination caravan portal on our websites for members of both clubs to send in event ideas and locations you'd like to consider the groups to visit. Who knows, next year you could be the one responsible for us visiting a particular destination!

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Outdoor Winter Storage!

Many Corvette owners enjoy the luxury of having a garage to keep your car tucked away during the long winter months; however, some of us who

don't have access to a garage and or choose not to pay storage facility fees. Instead, we keep our cars outside during the winter months. And while this may not be a perfect scenario, there are things that one can do to minimize the effects that cold can have on our cars, plus there is an added bonus that we'll get to later! You have to remember, when GM designed and built these cars, they used the same mindset that they use in building every single car they manufacture. They all must have the ability to withstand the elements. They come with windshield wipers to be driven in the rain. They make snow tires for them to be driven in the winter. The paint is designed to withstand the harshness of the environment; all the same way every GM vehicle is built. So, while we like to think of our cars as being unique and different, from a manufacturing standpoint they're not. While the 70° heated garage is a perfect storage scenario for any car, keeping your Corvette outside isn't considered abuse or blasphemy.

What can you do to minimize the effects winter can have on your Corvette stored outside? First, it is recommended that you invest in a good quality outdoor cover, one that is specifically designed to be exposed to the elements. They are relatively inexpensive and will do a great job of protecting your cars exterior finish. (Do not use an indoor cover outdoors as they are designed completely different.) Secondly, make sure you have a good coat of wax or paint sealant applied prior to hibernation as this will allow the cover to move over the paint without leaving any marks you'll have to deal with later on in the Spring. Next, deal with the potential rodents looking to make a home (same as indoor storage) — the steps you take to minimize this are pretty easy and straight forward. Using a deterrent such as a product called Fresh Cab placed in the cabin, under the hood, and around the car will make the car an uninviting habitat. (Just remember to remove the product under the hood before starting or driving the car.) Place some stainless steel in your exhaust tips (you can use balled up aluminum foil); these steps should effectively deter your car from becoming an unwanted home. Fuel storage should be the same as indoor storage.

Keep the fuel tanks between half and three quarter full, and add a fuel stabilizer. Lastly, start the car every two to three weeks and allow the car to run up to temperature for 30 minutes or so. When doing that, move it a few inches to keep your tires from flat spotting. Lastly, if you happen to catch that stretch of beautiful dry weather in winter... take it out and enjoy it, even if it's for an hour or two! Run it through a brushless car wash and you'll be as good as new!



It's Vacation Time!

With December's Season Ending Celebration concluding our 2024 Season...it's now time for us to take a short breather and step back from all the planning, organizing, and hosting of **SONHC & SOME C** events! We'll be back at it in January as we start to gear up for our upcoming season, beginning with our *Season Kickoff Event's* to be held in March for both our **SONHC & SOME C** clubs! We're also planning a few Winter time activities to help us get us through to Spring!



Our Partnering Professionals

We wish to thank all our *Partnering Professionals* for their continuous support of our 2024 Season!

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