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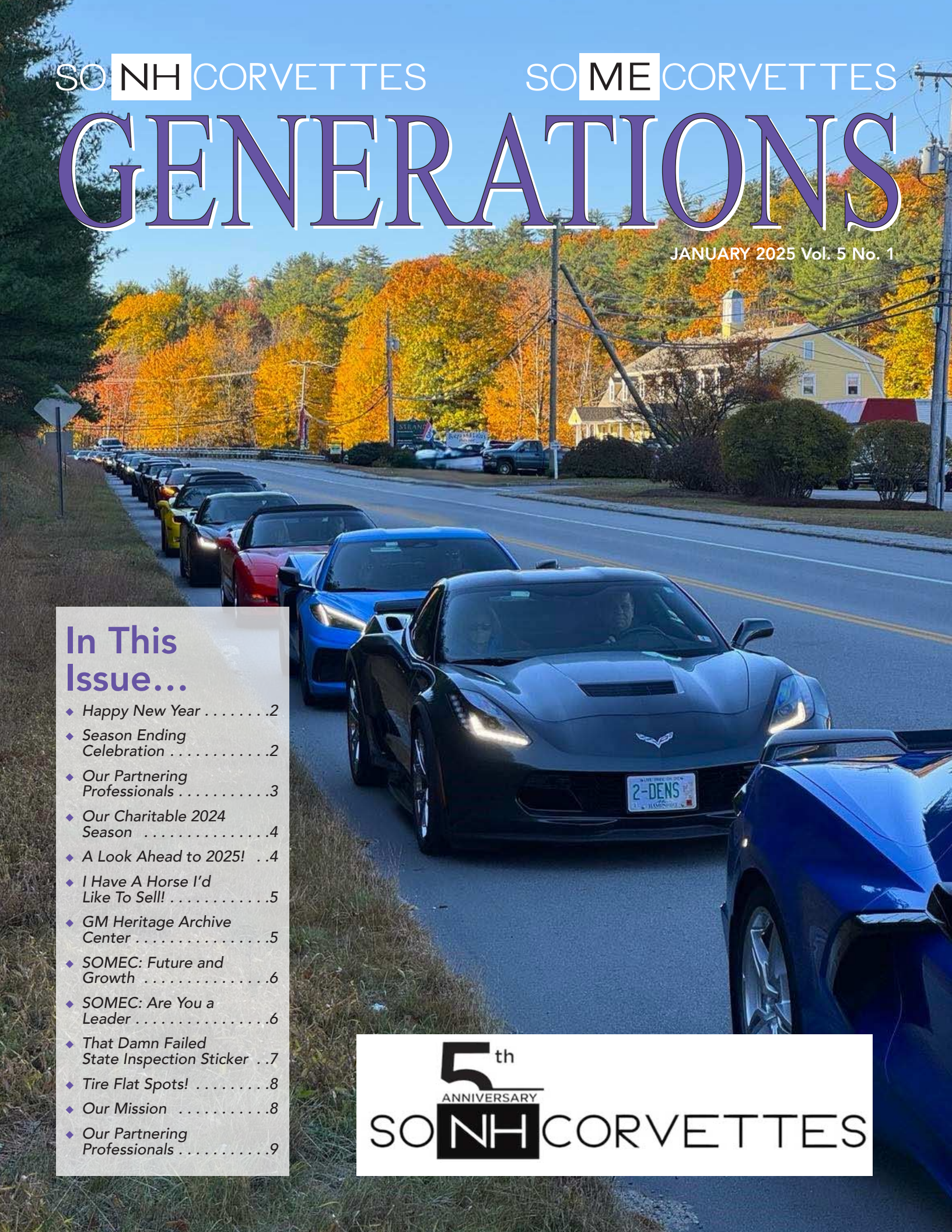
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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from **SO NH CORVETTES** and **SO ME CORVETTES!**

The calendar has turned, and, yes, 2025 is here! It's hard to fathom that we're already a quarter of the way into the 21st century! It seems like just yesterday all the talk was about the Y2K effects. Yet here we are, 25 years AND four generations of Corvettes later! For the record, don't let anyone ever try to convince you that time doesn't speed up the older you get... it absolutely does!

So, we're grinding through the long cold days of winter and, unless you happen to be snow lovers, you're already counting the days until spring and having our cars available for some top-down therapy! For those who choose to look at the glass as always being half full, we are already inside 90 days until our **Season Kick-off Event** in March!

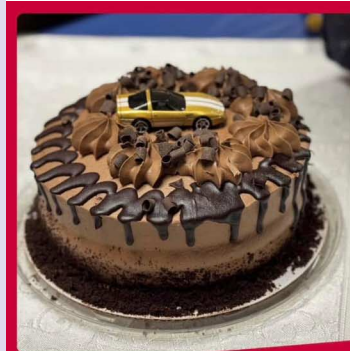
In this month's cold-weather edition, we take one final look back on 2024, specifically thanking our 2024 **Partnering Professional** sponsors we are so fortunate and grateful to have on board with us! We'll also delve into the many foundations and charitable organizations that **SONHC** and its members played a role in contributing to in 2024. We also include a couple of informational articles about things that, as Corvette owners, we deal with each year. We also look ahead for a glimpse at what we have planned for the 2025 season!

Rick Delano
Group Founder

Season Ending Celebration

December officially brought to close our 2024 season! And what a way to close it out! 70 plus members joined us for an afternoon and early evening celebration of the many events held in 2024! We acknowledged the season-long Scavenger Hunt winners, the season-long Ride Leaders, handed out some raffle prizes, and held the highly anticipated season-long 5/90 raffle drawings!

We also all enjoyed some incredible pot-luck food and desserts brought by our members, who also included another display of incredible generosity with all the numerous new toys and nonperishable food items members brought, which were later dropped off to our local charitable organization called **SHARE**.



Our Partnering Professionals

In 2023, when we announced the newly-formed *Partnering Professionals* program, we were hopeful to find perhaps one or two companies we could align our group with to help provide members with available services and products for their cars. From those humble beginnings, the PP program exploded. In 2023 and 2024 we added several more companies to our family of group sponsors. We remain true to the original concept of bringing on board companies that

can directly benefit our membership through discounts, services, and products! We are extremely proud of these relationships and as the calendar has turned, we'll once again be looking to have several of these sponsors return for our 2025 season! We truly wish to thank each of these contributing companies for believing in our group and for playing such an integral part of our club's functions!

SO NH CORVETTES *Partnering Professionals*



Our Charitable 2024 Season

Something that not everyone may be fully aware of is the list of charitable organizations SONHC and its members made contributions to during the 2024 season. We began in April with our two visits to the 88MPH Museum, where every admission dollar went directly to the *Michael J. Fox Foundation*.

Our three *NHMS Laps For Charity* event participation helped raise thousands of dollars that went directly to *The Children's Miracle Network*, whose efforts help out numerous local families during their time of need. Our annual winter *Make-A-Wish* campaign combines membership donations and *Partnering Professionals* at *VIP Tires & Service* who match every dollar raised, goes a long way toward granting New Hampshire families the opportunity to enjoy their child's dream! Finally, the kindness and unselfishness at the

Season Ending Celebration Event, where members donated hundreds of dollars of new, unwrapped toys, continues to demonstrate the incredible generosity of our members at every opportunity! As we look towards 2025,

we've already been approached by several non-profit groups asking for our group's participation in their fundraising endeavors. Some of which, should we elect to participate in, will be in our upcoming seasons schedule of events.



A Look Ahead to 2025!

January's arrival means we're already started planning for the upcoming seasons for both **SONHC** and **SOMEK**! Fact is, January is our busiest time of the year behind the scenes. In the coming weeks we commence the numerous emails and phone calls to coordinate all our destination visits and things we'll be looking to add for the upcoming season! Plans are already well under way for the **Season Kick-Off Events** for both **SONHC** and **SOMEK** and in February, we'll announce the event dates!

We'll be looking once again to have around 50 events in 2025 for both the **SONHC** and **SOMEK** clubs. This year we'll include a special celebration event in June to commemorate the **5-year Anniversary** of our **SONHC** club!

This coming season, we'll also look to include more museums (member favorites), more track events, and some never-before-visited destinations. We'll also be returning a couple of our annual favorites: the *Kanmagus* and *The Publyk House* in Bennington, VT, plus

we're also looking at some possible return visits to a couple of destinations we haven't been to in a few years!

We're also very excited about presenting a full season schedule of caravans and events for our **SOMEK** members! So many great destination possibilities exist in Maine for members to enjoy! And lastly, one early season event we're extremely excited about adding is a joint **SONHC** and **SOMEK** picnic caravan event, bringing members of both clubs together for a day! After all, we really are one big Corvette family!



I Have A Horse I'd Like To Sell!

Something that everyone who has owned a Corvette has experienced, either as buyer or a seller, is trying to determine a fair price and what a car is worth. Depending on which side of the process you are on, arriving at an agreed upon price can be very different. Obviously, the seller is looking to maximize the Corvette's selling price. The buyer is looking for the best deal possible! So, how do we get to the point where two parties can come to an agreement? In one word, **Research!**

The amount of research each party invests can go a long way into determining both how long it takes to sell a Corvette and how much it will sell for. The research responsibility also falls on both parties. If, as a seller, you don't know what your local selling market looks like, such as how many cars similar to yours are available, the average price they are selling for, and the current market trends, you could end up wondering why your car isn't garnering any attention.

For a buyer, investing in market research will give you more accurate pricing on what each generation of Corvettes are selling for. If you are buying a Corvette for the first time, you should learn about what options each generation offers. Different trim levels will definitely affect a seller's asking price. A GS and a base model car are two completely different cars and will be priced accordingly.

Two other big areas that will affect an agreed price are **Where and When!**

If you are selling a Corvette in a location where there are other similar Corvettes for sale, the old adage of supply and demand will come into play when determining



a fair market price. The selling price can absolutely be affected when a buyer has more options!

The second area that can also affect the ability to come to an agreed upon price is the time of the. If you're looking to sell your Corvette in November, then you should understand the time of year may adversely affect the price a buyer is willing to pay. Somebody is going to be paying for the storage and care of the car until good weather arrives and, for a seller, this should be taken into account. Your Corvette typically will not get the same level of interest in November as it will get in April!

Emotional attachment: This can be a big hurdle to overcome one, as the two parties are always completely on the opposite spec-

GM Heritage Archive Center

DID YOU KNOW!

There is a division of GM that does nothing but archive the build history of every vehicle they produce... including yes, every Corvette! They have copies of build sheets, dealer invoices, plant notes, and vehicle spec sheets. You can download copies of your owner's manual or order a printed copy, learn if there are any active recalls and/or service bulletins. It's

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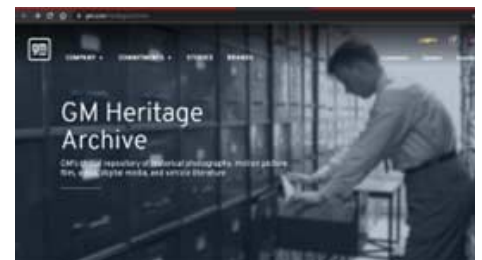


Doesn't the odometer with miles showing already certify that it was pre-owned... Just saying?

trum when it comes to a car. For a seller, the emotional attachment of years of memories, hours of cleaning and maintaining the car can feel real. For a buyer, there is none. So, in order to come to an agreement, emotions need to be completely eliminated in order to cut a deal!

Another thing that should be avoided is the "My car is only 1 of 675 ever cars built line." Typically, unless you're selling a 2019 C7 ZR1 with a hundred miles, the buyer is buying your car as something to enjoy and not keep as an investment!

Coming to an agreement will only happen when both parties finally find a level of common ground allowing the deal to get consummated.



an interactive site and has lots of hidden features that can provide insight into any issue you may be having with your car along with maintenance tips and sales brochures for your year car.

Just go to www.GM.com/heritage/archive

SO ME CORVETTES' Future and Growth!

With the launch of **SOME C** last year, what can members expect going forward? The answer is simple. **SOME C** will continue to grow and be all about the members' experiences. When we made the decision to create an offspring of the **SONHC** group, we did so with the belief that the same excitement and passion for these amazing cars that was in New Hampshire was also in Maine. We strongly felt the need for the creation of a safe place Maine Corvette owners could call home. We envisioned a group that was void of cliques or the group politics which adversely affect many other Corvette clubs; one that would be open to anyone who owned a Corvette, regardless of year or condition. We then set out to create and schedule caravan events which would let members gather, spend time behind the wheel of these amazing cars driving to some fun destinations — and create lasting friendships each step along the journeys. Those ideals are alive and well heading into the upcoming season! Some of you may be wondering about the growth of the **SOME C** club. Well, worry not! When **SONHC** started back in 2020, the group

started with just two members and it took three seasons to reach a level of 350 members. With the current **SOME C** membership level well over 300, not only is **SOME C** outpacing the original growth of **SONHC** but is well ahead of what we projected as an early membership level! The growth of **SONHC** has always taken care of itself and **SOME C** will be no different. We have always focused on the quality and not the quantity of our group's sizes. The secret sauce is to consistently focus on creating the right reasons for people to want to come along! Through Mark Hensley's guidance, **SOME C** is in great hands and the future looks bright for a continuation of the ideals the club was first started with — *"To be inclusive to anyone who owns a Corvette, to bring together like-minded people who share a passion for these amazing cars...And to have fun in everything we do!"* So, for those of you, who have already elected to join us on this **SOME C** journey, we humbly thank you for believing in us and for being the absolute reason we exist!

Are You a Leader?

As mentioned in the above article about the **SOME C** sustainability, another factor for growth needs to be added. Once **SONHC got up to speed and the group's size continually increased**, it was obvious there was going to be the need for additional people to assist with the group function side. These were people willing to take on the added responsibility of becoming Admins for the betterment of the group. Their assistance ran the gamut from volunteering to be ride leaders to volunteering to be the last car cabooses! They would have a voice and be a sounding board for the group's planning and direction.

Well, **SOME C is there now!** If you would like to have the opportunity to play a role in shaping the club's future, we'd love to hear from you and have you consider working through Mark's leadership as a

SOME C Admin! You might have a whole lot of fun and absolutely play a vital role in helping shape the future of the **SOME C** group! Reach out to Mark or myself and we can provide you with the details of what becoming an Admin looks like!



That Damn Failed State Inspection Sticker!

This is an article from back in 2023 which is important enough to be reposted as it affects everyone who lives in New England and registers their cars.

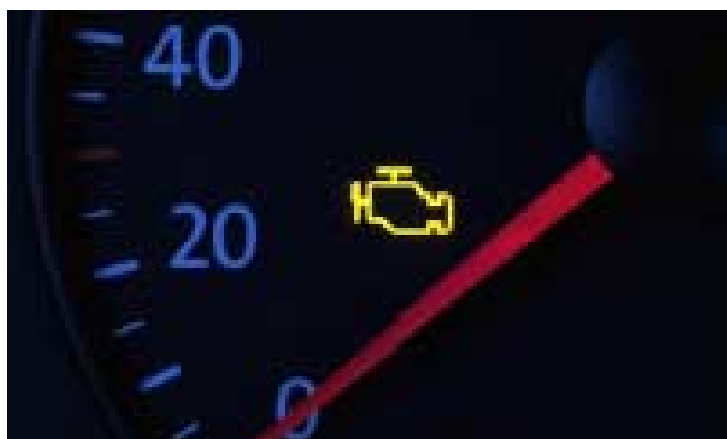
In every New England state, our vehicles must pass a state-mandated safety and emission inspection. And, while each state does have different criteria in order to pass and receive the windshield sticker, this article is for the state of NH; however, many of these same practices are in effect in all the NE states.

In NH, we're required to have our vehicles inspected each year. In NH it's by the end of the registered owner's birthday month. If you were born in January then you have until January 31 to get your vehicle both registered and inspected for the following year. The inspection must be performed at a licensed and State authorized repair facility and conducted by a state certified inspection technician. The process is divided into two separate sides. One being the vehicle safety portion, which includes things such as tires, brakes, lights, wipers, body integrity, and more. The second half involves the emission side of the inspection, where the State's computer plugs into your vehicle's OBD2 port and checks the engine, fuel, and exhaust system components to ensure the vehicle is operating properly and within the EPA's emission standards. This is where the dreaded "Check Engine" light comes into play. If your car's emission system is not working properly, then the onboard ECM (Engine Control Module Computer) will turn on the check engine light notifying you that something is amiss. It can be

caused by a multitude of reasons, from a simple loose gas cap to a bad oxygen sensor, to a bad battery, to any number of other failed component causes. Sometimes it's an easy fix and sometimes it's a headache of major proportions diagnosing the root cause. If your check engine light is on, chances are you will fail the emission side of the inspection!

But there is good news... anyone who's vehicle is 20 years or older, gets to skip the emission side of the inspection! The safety side is all that you need to pass in order to receive your inspection sticker! And there's more.... for those of us who have newer cars less than 20 years old, in NH you can pass your safety side and fail the emission side and you will still get an inspection sticker... but with a catch! The sticker you receive will be good for only 60 days (or until the end of the second month) allowing you time to address whatever is the cause for the emission side failure.

Best Practice: In NH you are allowed to get your vehicle inspected up to three months prior to your birth month, with the sticker being good for 15 months! In NH, if you fail your inspection, you are not issued a failed sticker or any type of temporary sticker, and your old sticker will not be removed, therefore if there is an problem, you will have three



months to address whatever the cause of the failure is and remain legal!

Be mindful and careful with modifications, as they can sometimes be a sticky proposition because the State licensed inspector has, at his or her discretion, the ability to fail any modification they deem to be unsafe, excessive or beyond the original factory build.

Here are the top three reasons I see vehicles fail State inspections:

1. Window Tint. Seems like this changes from year to year as to what the state of NH allows for aftermarket tint. But the regulations are very strict and are measured by a light meter. Currently the NH law reads there cannot be any tint beyond the factory tint on the front side windows, meaning the front

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Tire Flat Spots!

We've all given thought about what happens to our big fat wide tires when we put the cars away for the long winter nap. Will we damage them permanently, will they be out of shape come spring time? What do we need to do to prevent flat spotting from happening. The remedies on flat spotting in the market place go from ridiculous to incredibly expensive. And are they needed? Well, we go to the industry experts for the answers to this conundrum. **Michelin!**



Inspection — cont. from page 7

driver and passenger side windows cannot have any additional aftermarket tint added. The new regulation does not allow any windshield tint below the top 6" of the windshield!

2. Cat Deletes. Modifying the exhaust is legal as long as you are not removing the catalytic converters and replacing them with what is sometimes called "Test Pipes." Additionally the exhaust sound has limits on acceptable decibel levels and can be failed for excessive exhaust sound. In some cases, a state inspector will fail you for muffler deletes, but that is solely a discretionary issue.

3. Lights. Be aware if the car has a light on it, it must work and cannot be of a different color than the factory original. An example is your side marker light must be amber or yellow in the front and red in the back. No other colors are considered legal. Headlights must be within brightness limits and the color cannot be anything other than a shade of white.

"It is not uncommon to leave your car parked for days or even weeks without moving the car. It is also not uncommon in colder climates to drive your car in the day, park it overnight, and have the temperatures drop significantly. In both of these situations, your tires could experience temporary "flat-spotting."

What is this and what causes it? What does it feel like and does it go away? Simply said, it does go away with running of your tires and we will explain below.

Let's start with what it is and what causes it. Your tires have many components and almost all tires now have a nylon cap internally just below the tread. When your tire sits, of course the portion on the ground is flat, not round, like the rest of the tire. When the nylon stays in this flat state for a long time, or sometimes when it transitions from a warm tire to a cold tire, it can take a "set" to this flat shape.

Now, let's talk about how it feels and how it goes away. It feels like you would expect. As you drive and your tires rotate, the "flat spot" which really isn't flat anymore, just not quite as round as the other parts of your tire, makes your tires and vehicle vibrate. You will likely feel it in the steering wheel and maybe in the car in



general. The good thing is that as you drive, your tires rotate, obviously, and your tires warm up. Both of these actions will work the "set" out of the nylon cap meaning that the "flat spot" will go away and the vibration will diminish to normal levels. The amount of driving distance and time will vary, but achieving normal highway speeds for over 20 minutes will relax most flat spotting.

How do I minimize it?

As we have stated above, typical tire flat spotting is not permanent, Fortunately, steps to minimize flat spotting are in line with good tire maintenance. You can minimize tire flat spotting by **keeping your tires at placard pressure.** *We do not recommend that you ever inflate beyond placard listed pressures. Also, keep your vehicle properly in good alignment and this issue will work itself out every time.*

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! As we now have over 1,700 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every member experience a memorable one!

Our Season-Long Partnering Professionals

Thank you once again to all our *Partnering Professionals* for their continuous support of our 2024 Season!

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