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Looking Ahead!

It can't be June already! Doesn't it feel like just yesterday we were thinking about getting our cars out of storage? The N.E. seasons seem to change faster than a C8 launch and as we approach the first days of summer, we're now at the height of the car show and cruise season! By the end of June, we will have 12 **SONHC** events under our belt! And while the bulk of the season will still be in front of us, more than a quarter of our scheduled events will be in the rear-view mirror. So, we encourage everyone to get out and enjoy their cars, either by chasing some of the **Scavenger Hunt Destinations**, or by joining us on one or more of our upcoming events... or simply by taking a Sunday afternoon cruise with the top down... The time is now to get out and enjoy the season!

Rick Delano
Group Founder



2024 SONHC Events

Saturday, June 2nd
Cruise in for a Cause ALS Fundraiser
Acton, MA

Friday Night, June 7th
New England Dragway
Epping, NH

Sunday, June 9th
Vettes for Vets
NH Veterans Home, Tilton, NH

Saturday, June 15th
Back to the Beach, Parade & Car Show
Old Orchard Beach, ME

Thursday, June 20th
Laps for Charity, Oval Course, (NASCAR Weekend)
Loudon, NH

Thursday, July 4th
***4th of July Parade**
Merrimack, NH

Saturday, June 8th
***"Ladies Only" Cruise**
Bedrock Gardens, Lee NH

Friday, July 12th
Laps for Charity, Road Course
Loudon, NH

Sunday, July 21st
Patriot Hall of Fame, Gillette Stadium Tour
Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA

Saturday, August 3rd
Open date for rain out reschedule or to add a special event.
Location, TBD

Friday, August 9th
Laps for Charity, Oval Course, includes afternoon Car show
Loudon, NH

Saturday, August 17th
SONHC Summer Picnic
Location, TBD

Sunday, August 25th
Gunstock Mt.
Gilford, NH

Saturday, August 31st
Cruise Downtown Manchester Car Show
Elm Street, Manchester

Monday, September 2nd
***Labor Day Parade**
Milford, NH

Sunday, September, 15th
Kancamagus Cruise
Lincoln, N. Conway

Friday, September 27th
***Woodman's of Essex**
Essex, MA.

Friday, October 11th
***Parker's Maple Barn Breakfast Run**
Mason, NH

Sunday, October 20th
The Publyk House
Bennington, VT

Saturday, November 9th
Season Close Out Caravan
Location, TBD

Monday, November 11th
***Veterans Day Parade**
Elm, St. Manchester, NH

Saturday, December 7th
***Season Closing Celebration**
Location, TBA

***Limited field events**

This schedule has some flexibility to add additional events as they become organized. Check the [Facebook](#) page or [web site](#) for the latest information.

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<https://sonhcorvettes.org/>



June 18: Portland, ME Caravan

Despite Mother Nature's best efforts to dampen the spirits of 63 people who came along on our **Portland Head Light Caravan**, the day turned out to be a mostly dry, yet chilly visit to one of the most iconic and spectacular coastal destinations in the world. 35 Corvettes make the trek from Portsmouth up to Cape

Elizabeth, Maine for an afternoon enjoying the breathtaking views of the Maine coast. One of the highlights of the day was having our friends from **SO ME CORVETTES** joining in with us and getting to meet so many first-time members out on their first caravan event!



Happy Birthday, Ms. Sharon Delano!



SO ME CORVETTES 1st Caravan Event!



We are excited to announce **SOMECS** very first caravan! Members will have the chance to come along on the exciting **SOMECS** event travelling from the *Portland area up to Bath* and a visit to the *Maine Maritime Museum*, and then continue the backroad journey over to *Popham Beach State Park* for an afternoon picnic!

Thanks to the unrelenting efforts of **Mark Whitney** and his multiple weekly car show visits, **SOMECS** is growing with new members joining each week! We're excited to see the group's growth and, as those of us from **SONHC** already know, there is nothing quite like a Corvette caravan or the enjoyment of being out with others who share the same passion for these iconic cars!

A Happy Birthday goes out to our group's co-founder **Ms. Sharon Delano**! None of this craziness we all get to enjoy happens without Sharon's efforts in the planning and execution of our events! Her dedication to each and every member of our now two Corvette groups is unrelenting!

Happy Birthday!



Calloway Corvettes

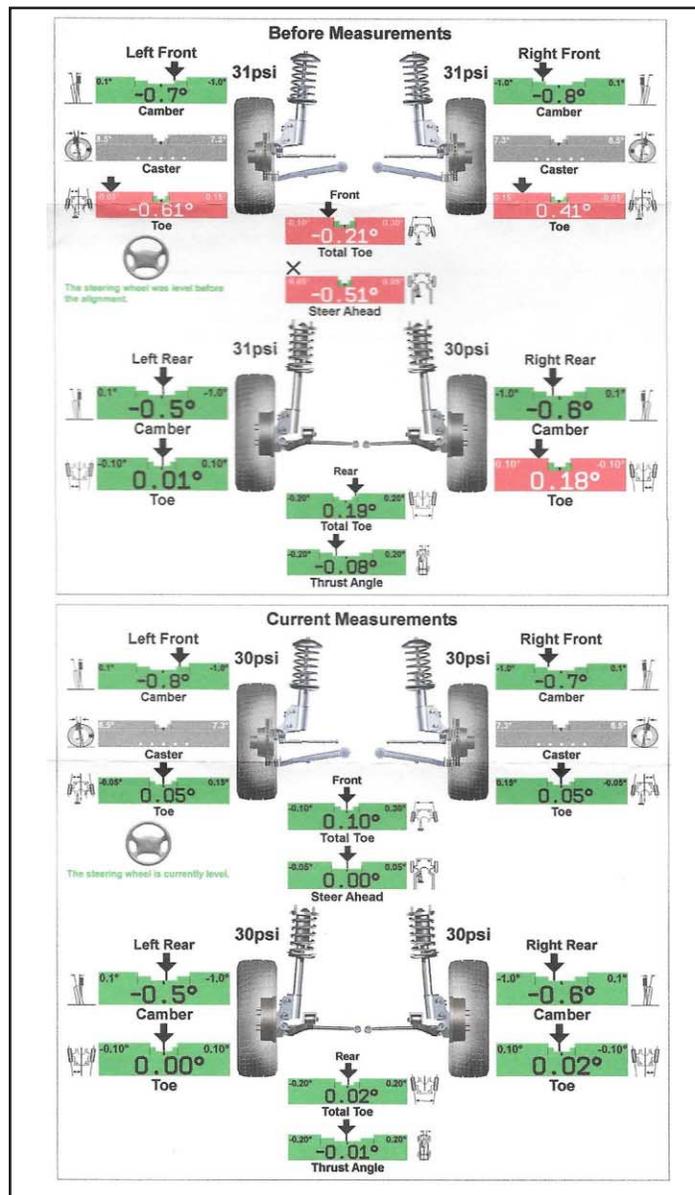
One of the most iconic and influential aftermarket Corvette manufacturers in the world must be Calloway Corvettes, located right here in Old Lyme, CT. Since the mid 1980's, the Calloway name has been synonymous with creating the world's best aftermarket Corvette performance upgrades! Started in 1973 by Ely Reeves Calloway (son of Calloway Golf founder Ely Calloway) who first worked with BMW by adding turbochargers to the then-new BMW 320i. He went on to create performance upgrades to numerous car manufacturers such as Volkswagen, Porsche, Audi, and Mercedes-Benz. Back in 1987 Calloway convinced GM to let him create a twin turbo version of the new C4, that could be ordered and sold through Chevrolet dealerships using a factory standard RPO BK2. The car, better known as the "Sledgehammer," went on to set and hold the World Street Legal speed record of 254.76 mph until 1999! In the years since then, Calloway has continued to create a variety of specialty Corvette models, each with a variety of engine and car configuration options. There is now a C8 Calloway version that is one of the latest Corvette projects to come to life. **SONHC** actually has some member Calloway Corvettes in our group and they are very impressive when you see them up close!

Reeves Calloway passed away on June 11th 2023 at the age of 75 from injuries sustained in a fall at his home. But his company legacy and the incredible Corvettes they continue to produce live on.



ALIGNMENTS

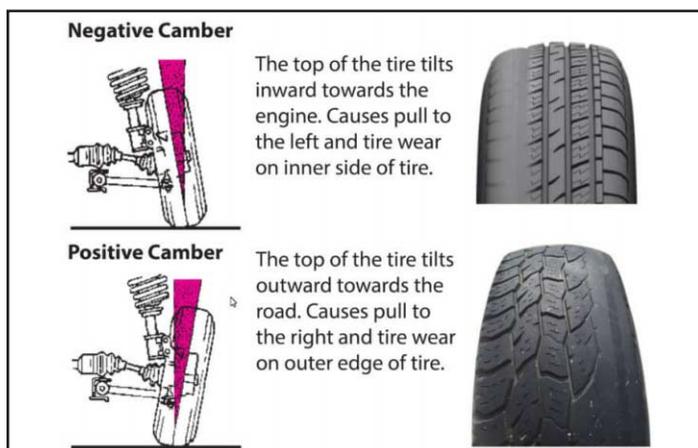
One of the things that Corvette owners may not even be aware of that can affect them and their wallets greatly, is the importance of keeping their Corvette properly aligned. And while many people have heard the term alignments, many don't understand what they are. The first incorrect myth is you align the tires, which is incorrect. It's the vehicle that gets aligned and that is what effects the tires. In a nutshell, an alignment is just what the word implies: It's what keeps the car going down the road straight and handling properly, allowing the tires to roll in the same straight direction. Sounds simple; however, there's some serious math that goes into properly putting a Corvette into the correct alignment. A degree here or there can adversely affect how a car handles and how the tires wear. Tires for Corvettes are not



cheap, as a set of replacement Michelins run well over a thousand dollars (even with our VIP discount), so it makes sense we would want to do everything in our power to increase the miles you get from a set of tires.

Have you ever tried to balance a quarter on its edge? If you have successfully done that, you have aligned a tire a third of the way. You've achieved one of the three axes! The top of the quarter and the bottom of the quarter are exactly vertical — straight up and down!

Now a Corvette's suspension has three axes, and all must be properly aligned to minimize tire wear and give you the handling performance the car was built to have. Angles, called Caster, Camber, and Toe, all need to be in proper spec to achieve balance between tire wear and proper car handling.



Here's where it gets tricky: Not only does the tire have to roll straight and not skid as it rolls, but it must be put in position to react correctly when you turn the steering wheel or take a corner at even medium speeds. These cars are made to perform and, because of this, the alignment specs your Corvette should be set to are going to be different than the family SUV or other vehicle.

The Camber may be set differently to maximize handling and the cost of tire wear if you track your car a lot. But for most Corvette owners, the street setup

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LED Light Upgrades

One of the things that C6 gen and earlier owners can do to update the look of their car is to swap out some of the incandescent bulbs with newer LED bulbs. These bulbs not only have a more modern look with a brighter, whiter look, they last much longer than the older style bulbs. There are affordable kits available to swap out all the interior bulbs and even some of the exterior lights on a C6, C5, and C4 gen cars. The LED kits can be found on several of our *Partnering Professionals* websites, through Amazon or at most local automotive parts retailers!



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is what you're looking for to achieve maximum tire life and still have great handling at typical daily speeds.

Now that you know what an alignment is, how often should you get your Corvette aligned? At minimum, the car should be checked once a year. The good news is that with our relationship with our *Partnering Professionals* at **VIP Tires & Service**, you can get your Corvette alignment (or any household vehicle) checked for free! And if the alignment check shows it's out of the optimum specs, it's only \$89 to be adjusted and brought back into the proper settings!



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 1,100 group members, our media footprint continues to evolve, change, and grow — with the continued goal of making every member experience a memorable one!

August Laps for Charity Event

We're excited to announce a **SONHC** event coming up in August that we are putting together for our members in conjunction with the **NHMS** and the **Laps for Charity** organization!! Prior to the scheduled 4th Laps for Charity track event on August 9th, we will be holding a Friday afternoon car show on the grounds of the **New Hampshire Motor Speedway** in Loudon! This show will be open to all **SONHC** members, along with anyone with a classic car, hot rod, and the other area car clubs. All proceeds from the show will go directly to the **Speedway Children's Charities**, the 501c3 organization that is behind all the **Laps for Charity** events held across the country! We'll announce more of the exciting details of this event in the coming weeks, including our plans for **SONHC** members to be able to attend the **New England Racing Museum** for a private viewing party prior to the car show!

Share Your Stories

Each month we hope to share some of the interesting and exciting things that are going on with some of our **SONHC** members. After all, it's the members who really are **SONHC**. If you have a story you'd like to share, go to: <https://sonhcorvettes.org/members-stories> and submit it.

And while you're sharing and if you're an Admin, don't forget the new **GENERATIONS** section called **The Admin's Corner**. Each month one of our groups' Admins will have an article on the subject of their choice (we hope!). It can be anything from receipts to destinations to their experiences as group leaders!

SEND US YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS.

GO ONLINE:

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SONHC CORVETTES

Car Show

Bring your Classic Car, or Hot Rod! Car Clubs are welcomed!

\$10.00 per car donation

Sponsored by:



On the grounds of New Hampshire Motor Speedway

Friday August 9th

2:00-5:00 PM

1122 NH-106, Loudon, NH 03307

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
\$5 DONATION**

Food Trucks, music, raffles & a 50/50 drawing



All proceeds go directly to the Children's Speedway Charities

Join us after the show for the Laps for Charity event on the NHIS track

Run Flat Tires!



ZP, RFT, SSR, DSST, ROF... These codes, and many more, designate a tire's design which the tire industry calls **"Run Flat Tires."** So, what is a run flat tire? Simply put, it is any tire designed to run for a short distance without any air in it! Most manufacturers use a 50-mile driving limit on the tires without air. Corvette owners should be familiar with this technology as every Corvette since the C5 generation has left the factory with "Run Flat" tires. Since there is absolutely no room to carry a spare tire in a Corvette (or the added weight), Run Flat tires are the natural answer to dealing with a tire puncture issue while out on the road without being stranded.

But this great technology does come with a cost. Many people feel the ride of the run flat tires is a much harsher and stiffer ride than with conventional

tires due to the required stiffer sidewall design. In fact, many Corvettes owners do swap out their run flats for non-run flats to soften the ride of the car. But that's a debate for another article. Most all major tire manufacturers have a run flat version of the performance tires that are available for most Corvette generations, even going back to the C4 gen that preceded the standard run flat option.

Since Michelins have been the standard tire on the Corvette since the C6, the ZP (Zero Pressure) tire is available in all sizes and comes in both the run flat and non-run flat versions for those who prefer the softer ride of the conventionally designed tire. **VIP Tires & Service** gives all **SONHC** and **SOMEC** members the very best Michelin tire pricing available, regardless of the model tire you choose!

The June Schedule Is Cranking Up!

Our 2024 season schedule is now in full swing, with **6** scheduled events during the month of June! We have a variety of different types of events to choose from this month, including track events at **NE Dragway**, another **Laps for Charity** event at NHMS, and a **Vettes for Vets** event at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, NH. Additionally, we're returning to Maine for a visit to the **Back to the Beach Corvette Weekend** Saturday Parade event and then closing out the month with a **surprise event!** Watch the Facebook page for more information!

Registrations for all of our June events is now live on our website!

Sunday, June 2nd Cruise in for a Cause ALS Fundraiser Acton, MA
Friday Night, June 7th New England Dragway Epping, NH
Sunday, June 9th VETTS to Vet's New Hampshire Veterans Home Tilton, NH
Saturday, June 15th Back to the Beach, Parade & Car show. Old Orchard Beach, ME
Thursday, June 20th Laps for charity, Oval Course, (NASCAR Weekend) Loudon, NH

2025 Calendar Submissions

It's hard to believe we're already looking ahead to the 2025 season, but time waits for no one — plus it takes to produce and print a yearly calendar. We're already looking for the best pictures to adorn our upcoming **Fifth Year Anniversary Calendar!** So, if you think you have a picture that is calendar worthy, submit it to our website and see if it makes the cut!



By Debbie Kardaseski

It didn't look like the weather was going to cooperate when eight Corvettes met at the Hooksett Northbound Rest Area on I-93. It was raining and the clouds were pretty thick.

Those of us who braved the rain were rewarded with drying skies and, by the time we ordered our ice cream, the sun actually came out!

The Wright Museum of World War II is located at 77 Center St., in beautiful Wolfeboro, NH. The museum features over 14,000 items representing life on the home front and on the battlefield during WWII.

Before we went inside, we were treated to a behind-the-scenes look at a Stuart tank and a Pershing tank. The Pershing tank was on the bridge at Remagen — if only it could talk!

Our tour began with a short film about the museum and how it came to be.

May 30 Trip to Wright's WWII Museum

Tours are self-guided, but there are docents throughout to answer any questions you may have.

I found the "Time Tunnel" particularly interesting. Covering the years 1939 through 1945, it showed the shifting lives of Americans prior to their involvement in WWII and through the war. Just studying the covers of "Life" magazine showed an interesting perspective as rationing and Victory Gardens became a way of life.

Each room in the Time Tunnel had a sign posted with the financial impact of the war and the time period.

When you walk out of the Time Tunnel, you enter the Military Gallery filled with various vehicles and exhibits that told about the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, and the role each branch played through the war.

I would definitely recommend a ride to Wolfeboro to enjoy this museum. Keep in mind that Wolfeboro is the oldest summer resort in the US, so traffic can be "interesting!" There is ample parking at the museum as well as a picnic area.

If you decide not to bring your lunch, I would recommend the Back Bay Boathouse on Mill St. for an excellent meal. You are offered the option of eating inside or outside, right on the water. Service is

excellent, as is the food (try their homemade potato chips).

Of course, SONHC can't go anywhere without ice cream! We, (OK, me...) run on ice cream. The group stopped at Stillwells, where I gave everyone a lesson in back-in parking (NOT). The hardest part about stopping here is choosing a flavor. I recommend going with two scoops so you can at least sample two flavors!!

The sun came out while we were enjoying our ice cream, so my trip home involved some top-down therapy.

Thank you, Rick and Sharon, for another wonderful day!

1939 PRICES	
AVERAGE INCOME	\$1,729.00
NEW CAR	700.00
NEW HOUSE	3,850.00
LOAF OF BREAD	.08
GALLON OF GAS	.10
GALLON OF MILK	.49
GOLD PER OUNCE	\$ 20.67
SILVER PER OUNCE	.38
DOW JONES AVERAGE	142

1945 PRICES	
AVERAGE INCOME	\$ 2,390.00
NEW CAR	1,025.00
NEW HOUSE	4,625.00
LOAF OF BREAD	.09
GALLON OF GAS	.15
GALLON OF MILK	.62
GOLD PER OUNCE	\$ 35.00
SILVER PER OUNCE	\$.71
DOW JONES AVERAGE	169

Our Partnering Professionals

A special note on one of our Partnering Professionals sponsors: We have heard great responses from several SONHC members who have reached out to **HPM Insurance** regarding their asset protection needs and they have, in fact, switched their entire household coverage over to HPM Insurance! We encourage everyone to reach out to Lyle and his team at HPM Insurance to see what they can do for you! Their contact information can be found on our website on our *Professional Partners* page!

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