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September ...We have arrived at the time of year that for many, is the very best time to be here in New England...early fall!

There is something special about sweater and light-coat weather in September, when the mornings become a little cooler, the air a little crisper, and the first hints of color begin to appear across the landscape. Before long, the brilliant reds, oranges, yellows, and golds will fill the trees and remind us once again why New Hampshire and Maine are among the most beautiful places anywhere in the country to live.

September also marks the beginning of the twilight of our 2026 season. But thankfully, we aren't quite ready to put the Corvettes away just yet! We are blessed to still have many of our annual fall traditions ahead of us—those special events, beautiful drives, great destinations, and, most importantly, the opportunity to spend time together with friends who share the same passion for these amazing cars.

For us, fall isn't an ending but rather a celebration of everything that makes our clubs so special. It's the changing scenery, the cool morning starts, the sights and sounds of Corvettes winding their way through the colorful New England countrysides, and the times we continue to enjoy together.

So, before we start thinking about that dreaded winter storage, let's enjoy every mile we have left in 2026. While the season may be entering its twilight, there is still plenty of road ahead—and it's our intent to enjoy every single mile of it!

Here's to September, the beauty of New England, and the many adventures still waiting for us around the next corner.

Consider yourself invited to join us and come along!

Rick

OUR AUGUST RECAP !

Another spectacular month of events filled the August calendar for both our clubs! Last month alone, We visited destinations, with trains, planes, submarines, 30ft wooden creatures and gardens, Racetracks. Enjoyed car clinics and a museum stop! All in all, August turned out to be another great month to be a SONHC & SOMEC member!



Upcoming September Events

September is just crammed full of events! In fact, September is our busiest month of the entire caravan season! Big rides, small rides, track events, car shows, parades, sunset cruises, car museums... etc. September holds 7 Events for both clubs across 5 weekends! The highlight of the month and in fact of the entire season is our annual trek across the Kancamagus! There is nothing quite like the spectacle of a 2-mile-long Corvette caravan taking place across NH's most famous road! The Kancamagus!

September, also holds our final chance for 2026, to get out and enjoy some faster than street speed laps up at NHMS and the Laps For Charity event! We also start off the month with our SONHC annual participation in the largest car show in New England, the Cruising Downtown Manchester, followed up quickly by us participating in our annual hometown Labor day parade in Milford, NH, SOME C closes out our month of events with a trip up to the Owls Head Museum!



It's finally here!

We finally took the long overdue plunge and made the purchase that honestly, we should have made years ago. To have our very own 10x10 fully customized SONHC & SOME C canopy event tent. complete with banners, registration table and complete with its own sound system!

This pop-up canopy will have both SO NH CORVETTES and SO ME CORVETTES on the opposite sides with the accompanying websites listed!

We think this will make a great addition to any event such as a car show or where ever we will be static for an event.

And, yes it all fits neatly tucked into the back of "Vetty"



IT'S CALENDAR TIME AGAIN ALREADY!

Wasn't it just like yesterday that we just finished sending out the 2026 club calendars?

Well, while we aren't quite ready to putting up the Christmas trees yet, the time has arrived to once again assemble the pictures that will grace our 2027 club calendars. Over the past three seasons we've been blessed to receive so many amazing member car pictures that allowed us to be able to put together calendars, we're beyond proud to offer.

So, if you have that one shot you think is calendar worthy, then by all means...send it in!

And if you haven't gotten one yet, what better excuse that to find a destination that you love, and go take a ride to capture that one truly special shot! Picture submissions run through the end of October! Then our Admins go to work selecting the ones that make the final cut and will grace the top of each months page for our 2027 editions. And, remember, if you're doesn't make the final 13, cut, you can always custom order one that is all about you and your beautiful Corvette. The link is listed below to submit your best photo selections to our club's website! <https://sonhcorvettes.org/2027-calendar-uploads>



This month's Corvette internet sites!

We review our very own **SONHC & SOME C** sites. Well, why not, as they should be two of the most visited sites on everyone's desktop or phone! And, also this is not a boast about our sites, instead an evaluation of what we feel is good and an honest assessment of the area's that still need improvement. So, we start with the good...

The positive: It's always kept relevant and up to date. We constantly try and keep all our information updated on a daily basis. As one example, whenever one of our events take place, we remove all the registration information related to that then past event. And, then pictures from that event get added to our season events page shown in pictures! A pet peeve of mine, is when I go visit another Corvette club website only to see pictures listed from 2016 under recent events! It means that while they may still be a current active club, the information they are disbursing isn't, raising questions about the overall quality of their organization. Another positive thing, is that our websites does consolidate much information about who we are, and what we do in one central location, and in an organized manner. Each club's site has a simple index to view and select whichever club subject one is looking to learn more about, quickly allowing one to be able to jump to that section with one simple click. All club functions and information pages are located right there, from viewing all our previous current season events in pictures and videos to accessing the one centralized event registration portal used to sign up for any of our upcoming events!

Now the negative: And it really is one thing. We still haven't perfected the event registration process yet. We are contacted by members over the "how do I register for an event" question far more than anything else. And while we have centralized all our events registrations into one place on each club site. Some people still find the process difficult to navigate and complete. This is something we are constantly working on to improve and streamline even further.

One project we are currently working on (in conjunction with the release of our caravan app) is to create a members database where one will be able to first, register as members, and then complete all their event registration right from this membership portal. It will keep track of all the events they are signed up for, keep a running history of event participation and club history. It's coming soon... But like all things that are rather complex ... It takes many hours, to first create and then compile all the required data to make it work. But it is coming soon to help make future event registrations even smoother and easier!

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We welcome in our newest SONHC Admin member!

We're blessed to have a long history of some of the very best people when it comes to stepping forward and volunteering to become Admins for our two clubs!

It's a sometimes-thankless position, but without these dedicated volunteers, our events and yearly schedules would look far different than they do today.

Our Admins play vital roles in so many aspects of our club and our events. Whether it's leading a caravan, consistently sacrificing their own position in the group to "caboose" and bring up the rear, selling raffle tickets, helping members along the way, or simply stepping in wherever they're needed, they are always there to help make our events successful.

And those are just the things you see while attending an event. Behind the scenes, their efforts extend far beyond what most members ever see. From planning and preparation to coordinating details, answering questions, solving problems, and helping keep everything moving in the right direction, our Admins give their time because they care about this club and the people who make it what it is. The members

And this month, we're excited to welcome our newest **SONHC Admin!**

Please join us in welcoming **James "Jim" Modesto** to our already amazing administrative team!

Jim joins an incredible group of volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to helping make our clubs what they are today:

SO NH CORVETTES:

Dick & Vicki Lemire

John & Suzanne Hodgkins

Pete Langlois

and now James "Jim" Modesto

SO ME CORVETTES:

Mark & Whitney Hensley

William "Bill" Taylor

Jim has been a longstanding member of our club for numerous seasons. Along with his wife, Terri, he has been an enthusiastic participant in our events and a familiar face within our Corvette family.

In fact, Jim and Terri were the recipients of the **SONHC 2025 Season-Long Ride Leader Award**, recognizing their outstanding event participation and the incredible number of miles they put on the road with us throughout the 2025 season.

That kind of dedication says a lot about who Jim is and what he brings to our club.

So, Jim, welcome and congratulations!

We're excited to have you step into this new role and look forward to having you help us continue moving **SO NH CORVETTES** forward in the coming seasons.

And to Jim, Terri, and all of our Admins: thank you for everything you do—both the things our members see and, perhaps even more importantly, all the things they don't.

Our clubs are better because you've all been more than willing to step up and be leaders!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM & TERRI MODESTO
2025 SONHC SEASON LONG RIDE LEADERS



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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ARTICLE: CARFAX, YOUR FRIEND OR FOE?

One of the most effective marketing and sales tools in the automotive industry is directly attributed to this one little word. **CarFax!** More people far more recognize this name than say, **Stellantis** (makers of all Chrysler & Jeep vehicles) and typically anyone who is a car owner or is looking at buying one immediately recognizes what a **CarFax Report** is and what it contains. But many may not understand fully how the circumstances behind them work which can add or subtract from the accuracy of its reporting.



And, before I go any further, I must say this article is not a knock or criticism of **CarFax** in any way! Their program system works and can and will provide invaluable information to potential car shoppers all around the world! But this is more an explanation on how the system was designed and operates today. Along with some of the flaws that are a part of the reporting but are out of Carfax's control. Started in 1984 by two computer engineers in Missouri, as a way to determine if car mileage odometers were being altered and turned back, **CarFax** has now gone on to becoming a global icon in the automotive industry. Now owned by **Mobility Global**, **CarFax** generates over a billion dollars a year in revenue worldwide as part of **Mobility Global** menu of available dealership and retail services.

So, what **is CarFax really?** In essence, it's a data gathering and reporting that takes information that is sent to them and organizes it by vehicle VIN and creates reports based on that input. Carfax itself doesn't create or alter any information contained in its reporting. But instead relies on numerous different and diverse sources of information to compile their reporting.

Some of these sources include state motor vehicle departments (DMVs), insurance companies, police departments, repair shops, Factory dealerships and auto auctions to assemble a story of most any used car. But there is a catch! And it's can be a rather big one! Not all shops or repair facilities or other types of car service companies always report everything to **Carfax**. And this is where it can be tricky for someone who is looking at purchasing a used vehicle who is relying solely on a CarFax report as the end all of every bit of history and information on a car.

And, the reasoning behind it can and does vary for several reasons. First, Carfax can only apply what it receives as information, and is entirely tied to the honesty and integrity of a facilities who send it to them. And this information that is and is not sent sometimes comes down to the same thing as most everything else. *Money*. And lots of it!

And while Carfax itself is 100% committed to honesty and integrity, it must rely on the information it receives! And has no way of knowing what isn't sent to them which is obviously out of their control.

When we as consumers look at a typical **CarFax** report, and most all new and used car dealers will make one available for any car we are considering buying, the information that is contained will be accurate and true. Again, they do not alter or adjust what information they receive! As the saying goes, "We don't make the news, we just report it"!

But what may be missing could be far more damaging than what you do see. Information that was never sent to Carfax or was sent in a manipulated form.

For example, a brand-new car gets damaged while still on a dealership lot or even while being unloaded off the delivery trailer. Could be a minor scratch or ding that requires just a day or two in the dealerships body shop to repair and then it's quickly back on the lot still being listed as new without any record of damage and repairs! The dealership is under no obligation to report that to CarFax as in reality they are still the original owner of the car. Often, they will just charge the repair costs internally against the delivery & prep fee for that car negating any need to report anything. Unless that dealer is a thousand percent above being honest, you will never know that car had sustained damage even though that car has been altered from its delivery from the factory!

Or, you are the owner of a car that was in an accident, and you elect to not bother filing a claim with your insurance company (happens more times than you'd like to consider) and a body shop does the repairs and after a conversation between the owner and repair shop involving cash, the repair never gets sent to Carfax, or only gets reported as a very minor repair instead of full on accident damage! And, sometimes to Carfax's credit, when another party or police department submits the accident report that involved that vehicle, that supposedly first reported with only minor damage. They will adjust the finding in their reporting to reflect that real damage or update the incident.

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Continued... And it gets worse from here. While all the information submitted to Carfax by state registries and governing bodies itself is 100% accurate and consistent (Every state submits every single ownership change or incident involving new registrations, re-registrations and ownership transfers. Many states have workarounds when it comes to new titles to cars with a previous salvage or totaled vehicle title! Some have time limitations, like Oklahoma, where any car 10 years or older, gets a clean title regardless of its accident history! And some states like Arkansas it's in as little as just 6 years. That means that early C7 year car could have been totaled at some point either by an accident or far more common, by water damage and in Arkansas, it will get a brand-new clean title after just 6 years! There is a whole industry called "Car Flippers" that take huge advantage of these state laws to turn insurance write offs and totaled vehicles into new used vehicles they can make fortunes off.

Now wait a minute, won't these change in titles be reported by all 50 state agencies and get flagged in Carfax?... Well yes and no!

Remember, the states are so thorough in their reporting to CarFax that anytime a title changes at all, it will get reported, such as paying off the lien on a car and sending that title into the appropriate state to now show clean ownership by the car's owner and the lien companies named removed... the car is then gets issued a new title! And CarFax truly does an amazing job just keeping track of all re-titling of vehicles during the life of that car. But by using the inconsistent titling laws of certain states, they have no way of knowing the why behind it. Again, garbage in... garbage out!

So, in summary, a Carfax report can be an amazing tool when it comes to finding out the history of a used car. Just don't let it be the end all when it comes to deciding on buying that particular vehicle! Information contained in the report can and should offer clues and insights as to the overall history of a vehicle, and with a little diligence provide enough information to help decide if that car is the one for you, or to move on to another. Just remember, you are only seeing what outside sources are reporting to them and what isn't there can sometimes tell a bigger part of the story than what is there! Always If you have physical access to the car you are interested in purchasing, look the car over. Look at all the body lines from front to back to up and down. Does something not look right? An area of paint that doesn't match exact to the rest of the cars paint? Get the car on a lift to inspect the underside. Chances are if the car was in an accident or sustained damage, this is where you will see something out of the ordinary. Certain parts will have a different weather aging on them or appear as cleaner metal representing that they are newer and have been replaced!

In all cases, if you see or are told about something that doesn't appear right, then trust your eyes and intuition and at least take the step to ask some additional questions.



OUR PARTNERING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

We constantly try and remind members about this unique and exciting program that we have in place that can directly impact anyone who chooses to participate in it. The **SONHC Partnering Professionals** program is a business alliance, and is something we have put a lot of time and energy into cultivating to its present state. Having numerous automotive companies (and also household service providers) all at the ready to offer their products and services to each of our members. And, all typically at a discounted exclusive member's rates! Need tires... or an alignment... there's **VIP Tires & Service!** Need automotive Services... There are several top-notch service providers that are at the ready... **Portsmouth Chevrolet, Ron's Top Shop!** Want to bring out all the beauty in your car along with also protecting it... **Lethal Premium Car Care!** Looking for an increase in performance... **The Horsepower Farm** can help! And as we head towards the cold winter months ahead... **Vault motor Storage** is really the only clear choice when it comes to properly storing our cars for the winter season! Need that special accessory or new upgrade for your Corvette... **American Muscle** offers the latest in Corvette parts and accessories! And, here is another big one. We all are always looking at making sure our Corvettes and other vehicles, our homes, and all of our other assets are beyond well protected when it comes to be insured. **HPM Insurance** has been and continues to be at the ready to provide all our members with the best in asset protection, all the while saving hundreds if not thousands each year on policies! They also offer full replacement cost coverage for our Corvettes, something that is not a given in today's insurance markets!

So, if you have not checked out this program yet, or the companies involved, we encourage you to take a moment and browse the **Partnering Professionals** page on our **SONHC** website to find out what this program can do for you!

<https://sonhcorvettes.org/partnering-professionals>

If you happen to own a C5 or newer Corvette, at some point in time, GM's wonderful electoral Gremlins are going to pay you a visit! May not be anything major, might just be something like a Service Traction Light or ABS Sensor warning or even the onboard TPMS tire pressure warning light... But it's certainly enough to be beyond downright annoying. And other times, these warnings can disable you from driving above 55 MPH and lock you into the dreaded Low Speed mode, which then passes from just simply being annoying to downright ugly!

GM has at times struggled to get the electrical systems in these cars to work in harmony together. When you have more than a thousand sensors all reporting back to the ECM, TCM BCM and the other onboard computer control systems. There's going to be glitches that sometimes occur. And, they can be caused by any number of reasons, such as things like voltage drops and spikes from the battery, poor grounds, or even things like high humidity weather! All can lead and will trigger bad reporting from the sensors back to the above-mentioned onboard computer systems that control the cars operation. None of us like to ever see any warning lights appear on the dash. Ever! Many times, as soon as a light comes on, we immediately rush off the repair shop for diagnosis as to why. We spend upwards of \$200 just for a diagnosis scan to tell us what is wrong! And, yes while sometimes this is a necessity (O'Reilly's and most major parts stores will pull your fault codes for free).

But, before you head off to the dealer or other repair shop, there is one small little step you can take that many times will help you correct your issues without spending a dime and all you need is a 10mm socket or wrench. All the onboard computer control systems are designed to control the vehicles normal day to day operations. They also have the ability to store faulty sensor codes into their memory, and, these codes stored on a sperate memory side of the ECM or other onboard systems, can and sometimes will triggers the Check engine light, and other codes and lights that appear on your dash. Here is what you do. And before I explain this simple process to clear out these codes, understand that this is a completely safe procedure, and you are at no risk at damaging anything on the car.

(For those who have performed an autotune or had it done, check with the performance shop that did it before proceeding with this reboot). You loosen and remove the positive and negative terminals on your car's battery. Always remove the negative side terminal first, and then the positive side terminal second. Use extreme care in making sure the positive side doesn't touch any of the metal on the car, and then hold the positive and negative terminals together ensuring the metal terminal ends are solidly touching each other for a minute or so! Then, put back on the positive terminal to the battery first and then the negative terminal and secure them both tightly to the battery. Upon completing this process, you have literally reset your cars onboard computers back to the factory setting they left the Bowling Green plant with. No history codes remain, no bad sensor readings in the system, and no bad battery voltage history... nothing. It's like a clean reboot for your desktop computer. Just remember before you do this step to keep a history of your favorite radio stations as this will many times reset the radio to the factory station settings... A small penalty to pay for avoiding a \$200 diagnostic charge!

Who isn't ever looking for a way to improve upon the Corvettes already stunning performance. Headers, camshafts, engine tunes, larger throttle bodies... even plug in performance chips, all are out there for those who are really looking to seriously increase the horsepower output of one's Corvette.

But there is also a far simpler way to improve the overall performance and characteristics of your Corvette, all without even opening the hood or changing out a single part. And it comes with an added benefit: increased fuel economy as well. We're talking about Throttle Controllers. A simple plug-in harness device that can bring alive a cars throttle and make the car feel much more responsive when pushing down that far right pedal. Today's Corvettes performance is all tied directly to electrical energy, as the engines controls are completely electronic. The amount of fuel and air the engine receives to do its work is moderated by the ECM (Electronic Control Module) By manipulating the inputs into the ECM with a throttle controller device, you are in essence changing the overall performance characteristics and telling the computer to deviate from its original factory settings. This is something you can feel immediately the first time you push the throttle, no lag, no hesitation, instead instant throttle response!

And it comes with zero negative effects on the car! Other than having to crawl under your dash to unhook the gas pedal harness and install the connector, there is no other change or modification required to do to the car. Just simply plug in and use! And, because the way the throttle controller works, it will also in many instances, improve the fuel economy of the car. Just as it increases the response time of the throttle, it will also present a more consistent throttle position when just cruising down the road, decreasing fuel usage.

Simply Google: Corvette Throttle Controllers and then do a little research



The used Corvette Pricing Market!

As we are quickly approaching the end of the C8 generation line and working towards the ushering in of the C9! What will its arrival do to affect the pricing of used C8's in the marketplace? Is it about to undergo a market shift and change. If history is any indication, yes, its arrival will trigger both short and long-term market consequences. In the short term, buyers will eagerly be lining up to get their hands on the newest version Corvette and as many of them will be coming out of C8's, the used market is going to have a huge influx of used C8's being added to the market! GM anticipates that all new C9 initial purchasers will be made up by 70% of current C8 owners, who have grown accustomed to the rear engine configuration and are just looking to upgrade. Currently there are around 6,000 used C8's already on the used car market, and when this next new introduction comes, that number is going to double if not add even more used C8's to the market. And, considering that the C8 is now already 6 years old, and by the time the C9 arrives, will be closer to 9-10, the used market is going to explode and create a trend of a downward pricing track.

Each time GM has introduced the next generation Corvette, there is a short window where the market gets flooded with previous generation cars, then the pricing hits rock bottom for a short period of time before finally stabilizing at market set pricing. Within a year or so, from the C9's introduction, the market will eventually adjust and the pricing levels will stabilize once again. But not before the market gets flooded with used C8's.

Even today before the arrival of the next gen car, the market for used C8's pricing is starting to drop considerably specifically on used Stingray models. And rather substantially. Considering that some of these cars are already 6 years old and there are C8's showing up on the market with close to 100,000 miles or more on the odometer, the pricing is only going to continue going in one direction... down.

Corvettes that were originally 80-90 thousand when new, are now already flooding the market being listed in the low to mid 50's & 60's! And that is actually both good and bad news. For those looking to move up in generations, it is going to cost far less to do so. For those looking to trade out, chances are the offers received will be lower and will be more based on mileage of the car than any other factor. Also, the unfortunate other side effect will be as the C8 used car pricing continues its decline, it will ripple and affect all previous generations as well, specifically the C7 being closest to the C8. Why pay \$50,000 for a well appointed C7 when I can find a C8 in the upper \$40,000 price range. However, in the long term, the C7 market will eventually stabilize simply for being the last front engine design Corvette and become the last market for those who do not believe the newer model rear engine cars are their cup of tea.



New members Section:

The time is here now! If you have recently joined us and haven't come out on an event yet, the time is here now to take that plunge. This month's Kancamagus caravan and October's Publyk House trips are two that are sort of built for new members! The adage... Go Big or Go home, certainly applies to our Kanc event as it is always our biggest caravan event of the year. One where you can simply blend in with the other 80 or 90 Corvettes in attendance.

Trust me, if you do come along and can go home remembering just five member names, you've accomplished more than most.

And, our Publyk House trip covers some of the best real estate NH and Vermont has to offer, and culminates with the best restaurant experience you will enjoy all year!

So, if not now, then when, is the question that begs to be asked. You've already got the car... now find out about that next dimension of ownership can hold and come out and be a part of a large rolling thunder of a Corvettes going down the road!



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