



SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, LLC

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2015 Directors

President: Sandee Anderson
Vice-President: Ron Howard
Secretary: Geoff White
Treasurer: Juanita Gillaspay
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tony Herrera
Past President (2013): Dave Wills

Appointed Positions

Historian: Group Effort
Photographer: Jody Gerber
Sunshine: Dora Surbrook
Activities: Group Effort
Event Reminder: Sheron Leigh
Membership: Florin Baldrige
Webmaster: Len Atlas
Parade Coordinator: Dora Surbrook
NCM Ambassador: Len Atlas
CORVETTE Weekend: Len Atlas
(Refer to Membership Roster for contact information)

November Birthdays

Milton Reasor 11/4
Pat Dobson 11/29

November Anniversaries

Bruce & Linda Cochran
Hal & Tina Lokken
Wayne & Dora Surbrook
Ken & Judy Axling
Don & Chris Wilson



Contact Dave Wills to order SOCA apparel.

Next Club Social

October 23, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

Olive Garden

3125 Crater Lake Highway, Medford
Please RSVP to Pat Dobson, 541-664-456,
Pdobson0503@icloud.com if you would like to attend.

Why Join SOCA?

- ☛ Promote esprit-de-corps among Corvette enthusiasts.
- ☛ Create interest in the Corvette as a true dual-purpose sports car.
- ☛ Provide a means of technical information and service to members.
- ☛ Encourage dealer and manufacturer cooperation.
- ☛ Organize and promote events of a social nature and provide social gatherings for enthusiasts with common interest.
- ☛ Sponsor or participate in activities to benefit the community through recognized charities as selected by the members of the Association.

- SOCA Constitution -

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership: Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 PM
Rogue River Community Center

Visitors are always welcome!



Events & Activities

October 24 – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Olive Garden, Medford.

November 4 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

November 7 – Chili Feed/Potluck, 6:00 -8:00 P.M., Greenbrier Mobile Estates, Central Point. Details in meeting minutes.

November 21 – Due to the holiday there will be no November social.

December 2 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

December 12 – SOCA Christmas Party, Mac's Diner, Shady Cove. Details to be determined.

For additional events, information and links, go to the S.O.C.A. website Events Page

<http://www.sovette.com/default.asp?pg=activities>



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Corvette History & Trivia C4 -Roger's Corvette Center

C4 ... The "new generation" Corvettes... [1983 - 1996](#)



- While never offered to the public, a total of 43 - 1983 model Corvettes were built. There were so many quality problems with them it was decided to halt production until they could be corrected. By the time the problems were corrected, it was so late into the model year that the car was brought out as a 1984 model and was run for a year and a half. The only verifiable 1983 Corvette still known to exist is on display in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY.
- The 1984 Corvette had the steepest windshield rake angle of any previous American production automobile at 64 degrees.
- A single transverse plastic front and rear spring first made its appearance on the 1984 Corvette.
- The L98 engine made its debut in 1985 offering a horsepower increase from 205 to 230 plus a gain in fuel economy due in part to new Bosch fuel injection with tuned runners.
- With the CB craze dwindling, the last year a CB radio was offered as a Corvette option was 1985. Only 16 Corvettes were so equipped.
- All 1986 convertibles were Indianapolis Pace Car replicas and came with a pace car decal package (to be installed at the buyer's option), but none had special paint or options. The actual Indy Pace Car used at the 1986 race was yellow in color.
- Twenty 1986 Corvettes were sent to Lotus in England to be converted into LT5 powered prototypes for the ZR1 project.
- In 1986, Corvette offered the "Malcolm Konner Commemorative Edition" with two transmissions. A manual 4-speed and an automatic. Only 20 4-speed manual transmissions were installed at the factory.
- In 1987 you could buy a Corvette without an engine installed by the factory.
- RPO B2K made its first appearance on the option list in 1987, affording the opportunity for 184 lucky buyers to place orders for a Callaway Twin-Turbo Corvette through participating Chevrolet dealers at \$19,995 each (plus \$20,007 for the Coupe base price).
- A total of 16 exterior colors were available for both 1982 and 1987 Corvettes, the highest number of exterior color choices offered in Corvette history.
- To mark its 35th anniversary, a 1988 special anniversary edition was available with white paint, wheels, leather interior and special emblems. All 2,050 35th Anniversary Editions were built as coupes.
- A total of 56 street-legal but race prepared 1988 Corvettes were built for the SCCA Corvette Challenge Series.
- In 1988, Corvette started using a unidirectional 17" wheel.
- Approximately 80 ZR-1 cars were built in 1989, but none were sold to the public. The last of these ZR1s were shipped out of the factory on Dec. 22, 1988
- The FX3 adjustable suspension option, permitting shock valving changes via a rotary dial mounted on the interior console between the seats, was first introduced in 1989.
- The long awaited, high performance ZR-1 option package was finally publicly available in 1990. It included special rear body panels and an all-aluminum small block designated the LT5, producing 375 hp.



- All LT-5 engines for the production ZR-1 option were built by Mercury Marine in Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- The last year for the Callaway twin turbo option was 1991, selling 62 units at \$33,000 each. In comparison, the ZR-1 option was a bargain at "only" \$31,683.
- 1991 was the 10th anniversary of Corvette production at the Bowling Green, KY plant.
- July 2nd, 1992 marks the day when the one millionth Corvette, a white convertible, rolled off the assembly line.
- 1992 saw the rebirth of the legendary LT1 small block engine as a 300 hp motor with reverse flow cooling and two valves per cylinder.
- A special 40th anniversary model was released for 1993 with one year only Ruby Red exterior and interior colors.
- The ZR-1 horsepower rating rose to 405 hp for 1993, but the option cost was held to 1992's \$31,683.
- The end of the 4th generation Corvette was marked with two special editions... a "Collector Edition" in Sebring Silver trim and a "Grand Sport" in Admiral Blue with Arctic White racing stripe. A total of 1,000 Grand Sports were built and of these, only 190 were convertibles. Collector Editions comprised 25% of total production with 5,412 units built.
- For 1996, LT1 engines required automatic transmissions. The ZF 6-speed was mandatory with the 330 HP LT4 engine option.
- The 1996 LT4 exhaust system differs from the LT1 system in that it incorporates a balance tube designed to reduce vibration and noise levels.
- In early production 1996 Grand Sports models, there is a small area behind the hatch roof and in front of the panel that attaches to the rear window that is taped, not painted. The tape is 1 inch long and about 18 inches wide whose purpose was to eliminate a problem area in the paint booth during manufacturing.
- Besides the 1990-1995 ZR-1, the 1996 Grand Sport was the only Corvette ever built with a unique Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) sequence, separate from all other regular production Corvettes of that year.
- The 1996 Grand Sport is readily identified by its striking Admiral Blue and Arctic White stripe paint scheme. What many do not know, however, is that the pinstriping on either side of the large white center stripe, is actually a two-color decal, both blue and white. This was done to ensure a perfectly straight line.
- Only 53 1996 Grand Sport Convertibles were built with the Red/Black interior option.

C4 Corvette Production

Model Year	Coupes	Convertible	ZR1	Total	Base Price	ZR1 Option
1984	51,547	-	-	51,547	\$21,800	-
1985	39,729	-	-	39,729	\$24,403	-
1986	27,794	7,315	-	35,109	\$27,032/32,032	-
1987	20,007	10,625	-	30,632	\$27,999/33,172	-
1988	15,382	7,407	-	22,789	\$29,489/34,820	-
1989	16,579	9,749	84*	26,412	\$31,545/36,785	-
1990	12,967	7,630	3,049	23,646	\$31,079/37,264	\$27,016
1991	12,923	5,672	2,044	20,639	\$32,455/38,770	\$31,683
1992	14,102	5,875	502	20,479	\$33,635/40,145	\$31,683
1993	15,898	5,712	448	22,058	\$34,595/41,195	\$31,683
1994	17,536	5,346	448	23,330	\$36,185/42,960	\$31,258
1995	15,323	4,971	448	20,742	\$36,785/43,665	\$31,258
1996	17,167	4,369	-	21,536	\$37,225/45,060	-
Total	276,506	74,651	7,023	358,180	-	-

