

Newsletter April 2017

2016 Directors

President: Tony Herrera
Vice-President: Ron Howard
Secretary: David Allen
Treasurer: Juanita Gillaspey
Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Smith
Past President (2015): Ron Howard

Appointed Positions

Historian: Group Effort
Photographer: Group Effort
Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: Group Effort
Event Reminder: Pat Dobson
Membership: Robert Thiel
Webmaster: Cathy York & Sharon Hook-Martino
Parade Coordinator: Nena Herrera
NCM Ambassador: Len Atlas
CORVETTE Weekend: Ron Howard
 (Refer to Membership Roster for contact information)

Membership

May Birthdays

Holly Kay 5/2	Candy Walker 5/24
Dan Calvert 5/6	Cathy Cardoza 5/25
Diana Roarty 5/8	Dale Morgan 5/27
Donna White 5/8	Bob Fleischman 5/28
JoAnn Lloyd 5/19	Marlena Thiel 5/28
Mary Clarke 5/21	Julie Allen 5/30

May Anniversary

Terry & Debbie Miller



Contact Tony Herrera

Next Club Social

April 22, the Tiller drive & dinner at GP Black Bear
Please RSVP to Pat Dobson @
pdobson0503@icloud.com or 541-664-4506

Why Join SOCCA?

- 🚩 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.

- SOCCA Constitution -

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, May 3,
 7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center.
Visitors are always welcome!



2017 Pear Blossom Parade. Kayleigh (L) (Tony & Nena's granddaughter) and Teala (R), (the daughter of Dave from Southern Oregon Signs), carried the banner for the club.



Events & Activities

April 14 – 16, Medford Rod & Custom Show. Jackson County Fairgrounds. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and kids. SOCA is not participating.

April 16 – Easter Sunday

April 22 – SOCA Cruise & Social. Tiller Cruise from Hiway 62 to I-5 to the Grants Pass Black Bear Diner. Details TBA. Great drive and scenery!

May 3 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

May 6 - Magical Merlin Parade, Merlin. Details TBA

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 20 - Collier Memorial State Park & Logging Museum Drive & Social

May 29 – Memorial Day

June 7- SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

June 17- SOCA Cruise & Social. Redding, Cal. Tour of the Calif. Dept. of Forestry Training Center which includes Planes, tanker trucks, helicopters and an informational lecture. Details TBA. Redding Corvette Club to be invited to join us.

June 18 – Father's Day, Summer Begins! Schmidt Winery "Wines & Wheels" event.

June 21 – SUMMER BEGINS!

June 24 – Rooster Crow Parade, Rogue River. Drive & Lunch Run. Details TBA

July 4 – Eagle Point Parade. Details TBA

July 5- SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

July 14 – 15 CORVETTE WEEKEND!

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

August 19 – SOCA Cruise & Social. Trees of Mystery Cruise. Details TBA

OTHER EVENTS: Sept. 16 – Lake of the Woods Car Show & December – Grants Pass Christmas Parade. Details TBA

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

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



Techin & Toolin

The Origins of the Big Tank Corvette – Eckler’s – February 26, 2016

The Origins of the Big Tank Corvette

Back in the 1960s, Chevrolet was not in the business of racing. The SCCA had a ban on factory-sponsored racecars, but that didn't stop GM's Chief Engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov. Duntov did his best to conjure up a high performance package for Corvette that would enable the car to compete with Shelby's Ford-powered Cobra at the racetracks. That package was designated RPO **Z06**.



1966 Big Tank Corvette

When the all-new for '63 Sting Ray debuted, the coupe (when equipped with the L84 360 horsepower 327 small-block, a \$430.40 option) could be ordered with the Z06 Special Performance Equipment package. Shelling out another \$1,818 (on top of the Corvette's \$4,252 base price and that aforementioned engine cost) got you a beefier-than-stock front sway bar, a vacuum brake booster, dual master cylinder, sintered metallic brake linings, power-assisted Alfin drums cooled by front air scoops and vented backing plates, and larger diameter heavy duty shocks and springs. It also netted you a 36.5 gallon fuel tank (stock tanks were mere 20 gallon units), ensuring more track time and less refueling time. These

Corvettes came to be known as "Big Tanks" – ready for the racetrack right off the assembly line.

The Z06 package was initially available on coupes, as the oversized tank would not fit on convertibles. Later in the model year the Z06 option package could be had on top cars as well, sans the big tank. In 1999 Corvettes were ordered with RPO Z06 option would not be offered on a convertible again until 2001.



only on the 1963, just Z06. The Corvette

available you could order of Sting

Although the Z06 option was not on any of the other mid-year Corvettes, check enough option boxes at the time ordering to get a similarly-equipped Sting Ray. And after 1964, you could also those goodies with a big-block engine.

About this Big Tank Corvette

Roger Judski of [Roger's Corvette Center](#) in Maitland, owned this 1966 427, 425 horsepower Big Tank since 1984. It has recently returned from Texas where a full body-off restoration to NCRS standards by the known Naber's Brothers of Houston. It's the final piece collection of big-block Corvettes and what he refers to "Dream Team". This particular Sting Ray, finished in Nassau Blue applied by the experts at Burke in Orlando, is extremely rare and valuable. It's one of Corvette coupes produced in 1966 with the N03 option gallon fuel tank. The odometer



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1966 Big

Tank behind the seats

reads just 42,030 miles. The additional convenience option of power windows and the appearance option of factory cast aluminum knock-off wheels make this one very special order Corvette.



The 425 horsepower 427 was a \$312.85 option in '66, and the 36.5 gallon fuel tank stickered for \$198.05. Expensive at the time, but comparatively, those costs seem like pocket change today.



1966 Corvette 427 engine

1966 Corvette fender gills



1966 Corvette big-block hood

Did you know?

Starting with the 1973 model year, you could order the Z07 package in a Corvette. Content was similar to the legendary Z06. The package included special "Off Road" front and rear suspension and heavy duty power front and rear brakes. Mandatory was the ordering of RPO M21 – the close-ratio 4-speed manual transmission.



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