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Newsletter December 2019

Elected Officers

President: Ron Howard
Vice-President: David Allen
Secretary: Paul Mitchell
Treasurer: Carol Misner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Smith
Membership: Robin Miranda
Past President (2018): Ron Howard

Appointed Positions

Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: David Allen
Event Reminder: Pat Dobson
Internet Site: Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis
Parade Coordinator: Sheron Leigh, Kerry Razza
Natl Corvette Museum: Len Atlas
Historian: Group Effort
Photographer: Group Effort

December Birthdays

1/3 Frank Miranda	1/20 Fleeta Lackey
1/7 Larry Plew	1/20 Dina Vierra
1/10 Vickie Roberts	1/24 Robert Phillips
1/15 Laurina Lounsbury	1/28 Robert Thiel
1/16 Elaine Ellis	1/29 Johnny Kay
1/19 John Castle	

December Anniversaries

1/1 David & Karen Raskin
1/19 Tim & Marla Kasdorf
1/29 Don & Janet Hubbard
1/1991 Forest & Rhonda Bohall

SOCA Logo Apparel

Competitive Athletics, 105 NE 7th St., Grants Pass
(541) 479-1001

Next Club Social

The next club social is on ***Sunday*, December 15**, 6:00 p.m., at the Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Road, Grants Pass. See the Events page for details.

Please RSVP to Pat Dobson at:

pdobson0503@icloud.com or (541) 664-4506

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.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River

Visitors are always welcome!

Southern Oregon Corvette Association 2020 membership dues - due January 31

Dual membership: \$50.00 Single membership: \$35.00 Initiation (one-time): \$15.00

Make checks payable to "SOCA" and mail to: SOCA, 2603 Garden Meadow Dr, Grants Pass OR 97527

SOCA Bylaws [Article VII, Section 1(c)]: "Annual dues are due and payable January 31 of each calendar year. Membership will be terminated for nonpayment at the conclusion of the March business meeting."



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2019/2020 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club meeting (Wed.)	*8*	5	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2

(* 2nd Wed. *)

DECEMBER 2019

Parade

7 – Grants Pass Christmas Parade, **rain or shine** meet before 5:00 p.m. in the Logan Design parking lot at the corner of L and 7th Streets

Social

15 (*Sunday night*) – 6:00 p.m.

SOCA Christmas Party

Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd., Grants Pass

Buffet meal includes Prime Rib with au juice sauce and Chicken Marsala, salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes with gravy, bread and butter and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost is \$30.00 per plate (includes gratuity).

Pre-purchased SOCA Christmas Dinner tickets are required, and you must buy tickets before December 7

Buy tickets in person from Carol Misner – exact cash or check only.

For additional events, information and links ... see the SOCA website "Events Page:" <https://www.sovette.com/events>





Annual Corvette Enthusiasts Night before Christmas – By Rick Tavel – original created December 24, 2013 (updated for 2019)

**'Twas the night before Christmas, the garage was prepared
For the one gift I asked for, nothing else could compare.
The tools put away and a space had been cleared
For the C8 Stingray I hoped Santa'd bring me this year.**

**My other seven 'Vettes had been stored for a reason
All cleaned, waxed, protected, for the whole winter season
Out of the weather and put safely away
Dreamin' of sunshine and warm summer days.**

**When out in the driveway there arose a commotion
I sprang from my bed in a fit of emotion.
Worried about thieves, the garage was unlocked
I searched for my Colt, making sure it was cocked.**

**I turned all the inside and outside lights on
To catch the intruder before he was gone.
What I saw in the spotlight was a sight to behold
A customized sleigh painted Riverside Gold.**

**With sidepipes and tailfins, it was quite a sensation
Led by tiny Corvettes, one from each generation.
Duntov was driving, Harley Earl rode shotgun
Shouting commands to Corvette's favorite sons.**

**He called out directions to eight small Vettes
That darted in front of him, faster than jets.
Driving the 'Vettes were engineers and designers
Who built America's sports car, there were none any finer.**

**McLellan, Juechter, Palmer ... Hill was there, too
Shinoda, Peters and Mitchell completed the crew.
Performance and styling, both praised and extolled
Each gave the Corvette a part of their soul.**

**They guided Zora's sleigh this Christmas Eve night
At incredible speeds, an astonishing sight!
Engineers and designers driving one of the eight generations
That pulled Harley's sleigh through the star-filled heavens.**

**The quiet was shattered by the dual-mode exhaust
And with navigation they could hardly get lost.
The large sleigh was packed with all things Corvette
From new logo shirts to embroidered mat sets.**



Everything possible, with crossed Corvette flags
Mugs, wallets, hats and even handbags.
The logo was etched on mugs for the bar.
There were books on the history of America's sports car

The night almost over, his sack still not depleted
His biggest delivery must still be completed.
Zora parked the contraption by my garage door
I thought I'd pass out, right there on the floor.

Harley Earl then stood up, shouted another command
To his esteemed helpers, just like it was planned.
They got out of their 'Vettes then walked to the back
And lifted a huge box out of Harley's large sack.

I watched as they carried it to the garage
Lifted the door, Zora called out to Tadge.
"Look at each one of the eight generations
Each in its time caused quite a sensation.

"And now your C8 will join all the rest
And like each of the others will become simply the best.
Each generation has raised the bar
Keeping the 'Vette the number one car.

"So, place the C8 in the space that's been cleared
Among the seven others, they're all so revered.
A C8 Stingray in white, a red leather interior
The consummate Corvette, none more superior.

"Now close the door and let's get it in gear.
We've gifts to deliver, so let's disappear."
Each of the helpers ran back to their cars
Started their engines and took off for the stars.

Guiding Harley and Zora in their prototype sleigh
Eight generations of 'Vettes leading the way.
I heard Harley exclaim when their task was all done
"If you like the C8 ... you'll love ZR1!"

