



SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, LLC

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Newsletter March 2015

2014 Directors

President: Sandee Anderson
Vice-President: Ron Howard
Secretary: Geoff White
Treasurer: Juanita Gillaspey
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)

April Birthdays

Hal Lokken 4/8
Eddie Baker 4/14
Patty Howard 4/21
Sharon Wills 4/21
Siro Bignotti 4/27
Ron Cherry 4/28

April Anniversaries

Len & Marga Atlas

SOCA Logo Apparel







Contact Dave Wills to order **SOCA** apparel.

Next Club Social

March 21, 2015, 6:00 P.M.
Train Depot, 577 NE F Street, Grants Pass.

**Please RSVP to Sheron Leigh, 541-955-9224,
1gypsyleigh@gmail.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, April 1, 7:00 PM
Rogue River Community Center

Visitors are always welcome!

SEMA, Z06 Convertible



Photo Courtesy of Dave Siddon



Events & Activities

- Mar 21** – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M., Train Depot, 577 NE F Street, Grants Pass. Run prior, meet at Rogue River Community Center 2:45, depart 3:00.
- April 1** – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.
- April 11** – 61st Pear Blossom Run and Street Fair, Downtown Medford. Form up at Rogue Valley Mall between 8:45 and 9:00 A.M.
- April 18** – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Mac's Diner, Shady Cove. Run prior, details to be determined.
- May 2** – Magical Merlin Parade, Merlin. Meet at Umpqua Bank, Merlin (I-5 Exit 61) 8:45 A.M. Lunch to follow at Galice Resort.
- May 6** – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.
- May 17** – 3rd Annual Cops and Rodders Car Show, Medford.
- May 23** – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Location to be determined.
- May 23-24** – Corvettes of Lake County Present the 11th Annual "Run to the Lake," Lakeport, CA.
- June 3** – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.
- June 13-20** – Medford Cruise, Hawthorne Park, Medford.
- June 20** – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Details to be determined.
- June 27-28** – Rooster Crow Weekend, Rogue River. Parade Saturday, 8:30 AM. Form up at Rogue River Shopping Center.
- June 30** – National Corvette Day.

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

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

SEMA, Toyota Supra Prototype



Photo Courtesy of Dave Siddon

SEMA, Chevy Racing



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Techin & Toolin

1997-2013 Rear Anti-roll / Sway Bar Link Replacement - Chris Petris, Corvette Central

When we had a chance to look under the first C5 in 1997 it was hard to believe a performance vehicle would have a plastic anti-roll (sway bar) link. To make things difficult lock nuts were used to hold the links stud into the control arms. That meant when someone removed the end link chances are they would rip the joints seal because they did not hold onto the stud during removal. The original plastic sway bar end links flexed under hard cornering making the anti-roll bar less beneficial. Of course a hard driving Corvette owner might break one or more on a track day. By 2002 GM finally dropped the plastic pieces replacing them with an aluminum anti-roll bar end link. One of the few things that did occur positive is the same end link is used from 1997-2013 so you can easily find and replace the weak original 1997-2001 links. If someone was not being careful and tore the end link seal during suspension service you may need to replace one or more on your 2002-2013 Corvette.

Corvette Central has the anti-roll bar end link you need in stock form or heavy-duty performance Heim joint style end links. The installation is simple and does not require much time or many tools to complete. We often replace the end links when replacing shocks making a simple job even easier. The most important thing to remember when replacing the end links; the wheels should be hanging free on the front or rear. If one wheel is hanging free and the other wheel is loaded the end link will also be loaded making it difficult to remove and possibly dangerous. This is not something you can do by jacking up one side of the Corvette at a time; it must be done with the front or rear jacked up. The following photos will show you how it's done.



An 18mm wrench is used to turn the nut while a T40 Torx bit holds the stud. Of course you can spin the stud on the old pieces for removal.



You can see the difference in this original 1999 anti-roll bar end link which has some distortion from age. The aluminum end links available from Corvette Central are stout pieces with new rubber seals.



The new end links are installed in the same manner as removal except an 8mm wrench is used to hold the stud. The 8mm hex on the end of the stud makes the job easier during the tightening process.



Once the nut is tightened on the stud with your 18mm wrench a torque wrench can be used to finish the job. All of the anti-roll bar end link stud nuts are torqued to 53 foot pounds or 72 Newton meters.



Disclaimer - Discretion is advised. The preceding information may not apply to specific vehicles or all circumstances. Always refer to the manufacturer's specifications, service manuals, technical data and product information.

