

Southern Oregon Corvette Association

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Newsletter



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December 2026 NEWSLETTER

Club Social

The Club Social is at Jackson Creek Pizza on January 17 at 6pm at 700 Biddle Rd in Medford. For more information, see the “Events” section (page 5) and the “Activities” section (page 9) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, February 4, 2026, **6:30 p.m.** at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway Street, Rogue River.

Visitors are always welcome!

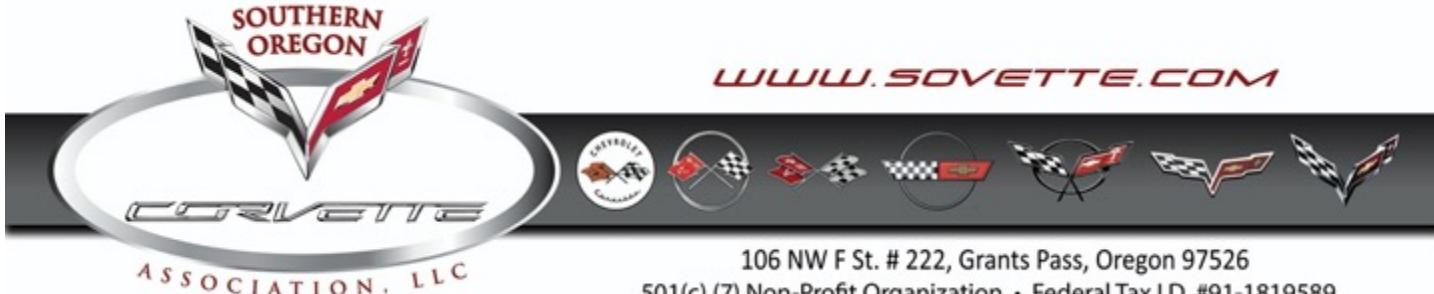
Why Join SOCA?

- 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 interests.
- Sponsor or participate in activities to benefit the community through recognized charities as selected by the members of the Association.

SOCA Logo Apparel

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

OFFICERS:



Elected Officers

President: Ron Howard
Vice-President: Dan Smith
Secretary: Debbie Simons
Treasurer: Cathy Cardoza
Sgt-at-Arms: Gar Stevens
Membership: Charles Simons

Appointed Positions

Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: Kim Moore
Communications: Gar Stevens
Internet Site: Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis
Parade Coord: Kerry Razza
Natl Corvette Museum: Len Atlas
Facebook: Tammi Moore
Newsletter: Rob Hill

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:



January Birthdays

David Bowen

John Castle

Elaine Ellis

Keri Johnson

Laurina Lounsbury

Dale McLane

John McLean

Dennis Melum

Frank Miranda

Michelle Mota

Marilyn Sargent

Dina Vierra

Dave Willis

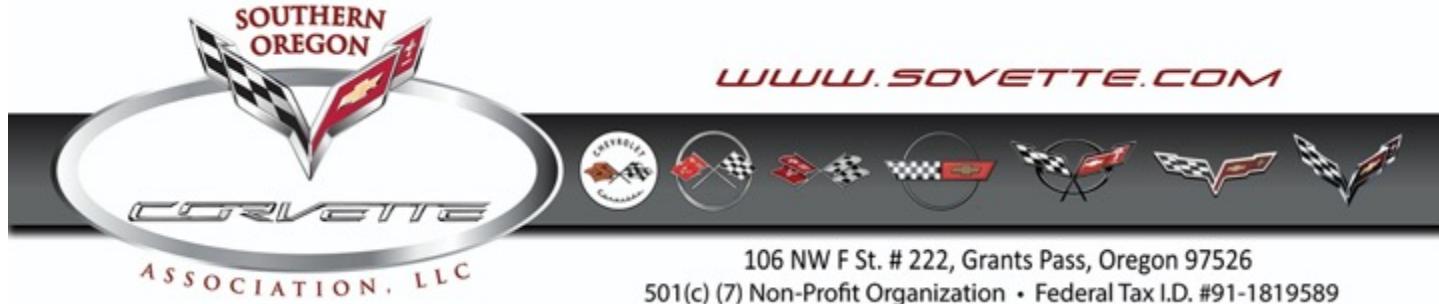
January Anniversaries

Charles & Debbie Simons

Don & Janet Hubbard

David & Karen Raskin

EVENTS:



2025 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

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

All dates below are Saturdays, except as noted ... The dates shown are tentative and subject to change or cancellation.

- *Jan 7th – Membership Meeting at Rogue River Community Center at 132 Broadway St, Rogue River, 6:30pm
- *Jan 17th – President's Choice Drive; meet at Fred Meyer in Grants Pass at 2:45pm prior to SOCA SOCIAL
- *Jan 17th – SOCA Social at Jackson Creek Pizza; 700 Biddle Rd, Medford, at 6pm
- *Jan 31st -- The Torpedoes Band at Corvette Bar & Grill, 1831 NE Sixth St, Grants Pass, 7:30-11pm

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

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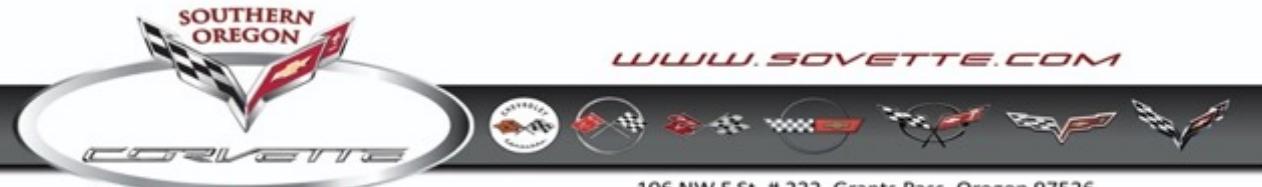
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Yes, a C9 Corvette is coming, expected to debut as a 2029 model, and will likely blend internal combustion engines (ICE) with hybrid options, building on the mid-engine C8 platform with significant design changes, potentially incorporating elements from futuristic concepts GM is currently exploring. While a fully electric Corvette may follow later, the C9's initial release will probably feature updated V8s and hybrid powertrains for a blend of tradition and modern performance.



Key Expectations for the C9 Corvette:

- Debut: Expected for the 2029 model year, with reveal likely in 2028.
- Platform: Will likely use a modified version of the current C8's Y2 platform.
- Powertrain: Expect updated V8 engines (like the LT2/LT6) and hybrid options, similar to the E-Ray, but with more focus on hybridization.
- Design: A significant shift from the C8, with concepts showing more exotic, aggressive, and aerodynamic styling, potentially with features like active aerodynamics.
- Evolution: GM's design studios are exploring concepts to influence the C9, driving towards a more exotic and technologically advanced future for the Corvette brand.



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