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Newsletter March 2017

2016 Directors

President: Tony Herrera
Vice-President: Ron Howard
Secretary: David Allen
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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

April Birthdays

Georgia Whitlock 4/4	Bill Martino 4/21
Carol Reynolds 4/14	Sharon Wills 4/21
Richard Maradie 4/18	Siro Bignotti 4/27
Patty Howard 4/21	Ron Cherry 4/28

April Anniversaries

Len & Marga Atlas
Richard & Arlene Maradie



Contact Tony Herrera

Next Club Social

March 18th at the Black Bear Diner in Medford

Please RSVP to Pat Dobson @
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.

- SOCA Constitution -

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, April 5,
7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center.

Visitors are always welcome!



Last year was great, looking forward to an even better 2017.



Events & Activities

March 1 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

March 12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins!

March 18 – SOCA Social. Black Bear Restaurant, 1150 E. Barnett Rd. Medford, 6:00pm. Possible cruise before dinner depending on the weather.

March 20 – First day of Spring.....GET THE CARS READY!!!!!!

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

April 8 – Pear Blossom Parade. Details TBA. Lunch after the cruise at the Roadhouse Grill, 2699 W. Main St. Medford

April 14 – 16, Medford Rod & Custom Show. Jackson County Fairgrounds. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and kids.

April 16 – Easter Sunday

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

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 20 – SOCA Social. Details TBA

May 29 – Memorial Day

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

June 18 – Father's Day, June 21 – Summer Begins! Schmidt Winery "Wines & Wheels" event.

June 24 – Rooster Crow Parade, Rogue River. Details TBA

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

July 14 – 15 CORVETTE WEEKEND!

OTHER EVENTS: July 4 - Eagle Point Parade, 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

GM Service Manual

All Corvette owners should purchase the GM Service Manual for their specific model. The Service Manual is an excellent reference even if you never plan to work on the car yourself, and many mechanics are not familiar with every aspect of the Corvette's extensive systems. Service manuals for Ford Cars & Trucks, Lincoln Mercury, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC Truck, GM Powertrain, Acura, Honda, American Isuzu, Suzuki, Mazda and Kia are available from Helm Publications:

www.HelmInc.com - 1-800-782-4356 - Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm EST
14310 Hamilton Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan 48203

Locked Inside Your Corvette With A Dead Battery? — by McGuireLock

We have received a few calls over the years that involves the owner being locked *INSIDE* their Chevrolet Corvette due to a very low or dead battery. Late model Corvettes are all digital. When you open the door you don't pull a handle, you press on a rubber button to release the door. There is no traditional key either, these cars use a proximity key so there is also no key hole on the door to unlock it manually.



If you are on the inside of your Corvette and you need to get out the release you use to open the door is an electrical relay, so there is no mechanical linkage. This means if the car is not getting power from the battery, the release does nothing! So if you are on the inside of your Corvette and the battery dies, at first glance you feel pretty stuck and helpless.

Fear not! There IS a mechanical release for the door latch inside the car. It's on the floor right next to the door. The lever has a red door symbol on it. Pull that and you can get out of your car. Sadly there was a news report of an elderly man in Texas and his dog dying inside his Corvette due to loss in battery and he did not know this and could not get out. Please remember this and tell your friends with a Corvette too. Also if you are letting someone borrow your Corvette, make sure they know too. We don't want to see another sad and preventable story like this in the news again.

On a related note: If your battery is dead on your Corvette and you are *LOCKED OUT*, there is a key that releases out of your key fob. Go to the back of your car and insert that key inside the lock that is directly above the license plate. This will let you open the back hatch. After the hatch is open, there is a manual release for the door behind the drivers seat.

Automotive Door Lock Maintenance

Your car door locks have a busy life. Despite their fragile nature, they are very reliable and you are going to use them tens of thousands of times over the life of your car. Nowadays, automotive door locks come equipped with more advanced security features that work to protect you and your belongings from potential car burglars. In addition, they work as an important safety feature to prevent children from opening the door and falling out into the road through it while the vehicle is moving.

Just like that everything mechanical on a car eventually breaks, while automotive door locks are designed to last some time, they are subject to wear and tear, become ailing and break down in the end. Car door locks are susceptible to various problems such as rusting and jamming caused by debris along with moisture, sweat and contaminants found in the surrounding air. Many people find themselves stranded with the aggravation of a sticking door lock for years. And some of them start to hear squeaks and groans whenever their door locks are unlocked. Ironically, by cleaning and oiling them, you can fix most locks in a matter of minutes.

In order to clean the car door lock or to lubricate it, you need to access the interior of the locking interface that is a bit tedious. Cleaning the car door lock, before lubricating it, is critical, because the lubricating agent could impact the debris deep within the lock. For cleaning, you can simply complete this work by wrapping a dry cloth then one poured with a few drops of rust-removing solvent around the tip of a small screwdriver and Insert it within the car door lock and move it in a circular manner.



For lubricating, first of all, we want to give you some information about lubricants. White lithium grease is good for metal-to-metal joints like hinges and latches, as such surfaces need a clinging grease to repel water and hold up under harsh conditions. WD-40 is for light-duty lubrication (cleaning) and freeing up sticking or partially rusted hinges and latches. Silicone spray is great for lubricating nylon, plastic and metal when only a thin layer of lubricant is necessary. And because silicone dries, it won't get clothing greasy. Graphite lubricant is the right choice for locks and it won't attract dirt to fine lock mechanisms like oil would. The lubricating process is also easy. Add graphite to door locks, move the lock cylinder with your key several times to work the graphite into the mechanism. (Note; The 3-in-one LOCK Dry Lube spray provides convenient lock penetration for lubrication and anti-corrosion protection. It also may help free-up a sticky steering lock)

If these simple cleaning and lubricating don't free the lock, disassemble, clean and lubricating, and reassemble the entire door lock to eliminate the aggravation altogether. We'll give you several steps for you to follow. First, with the door open, unscrew the two connecting screws that are located by the doorknob on the inside of the lock and the two holding the lock faceplate on the edge of the door. Second, slide the doorknob off the spindle, pull out the lock mechanism, and remove the latch bolt. Third, spray a silicone lubricant on all moving parts of the lock, flushing out the latch bolt then use powdered graphite to lubricate the lock cylinder. After these procedures, install your door lock back on.

Diagnose – Power Door Locks Don't Work Properly By Carl O'Reilly

Usual Cause - The power door locks utilize individual solenoids in each of the doors that activate the door lock mechanism. The switch provides power to the door lock solenoids. To lock the doors the switch provides voltage to the two terminals of the solenoid. To unlock the doors the switch reverses the polarity of the voltage applied to the solenoid. An inoperative power door lock can be caused by the switch, solenoid, wiring problem or mechanical problem within the linkage of the affected door.

Diagnosis - If all of the door locks are inoperative, start your diagnosis at the fuse box. Inspect the fuse that protects the door lock circuit to ensure it is not blown. Consult the fuse box placard or your owner's manual for fuse designations and ratings. Operate each door lock switch in the vehicle to determine if the doors can be locked with any of the switches. If the doors lock with any one switch the most likely problem is a defective switch on the door that is inoperative. If all of the door lock switches are functional but one door fails to operate, the most likely problem is an open circuit in the circuit between the switch and solenoid or a defective solenoid in the affected door. You should listen to the affected door while energizing the door lock. If a click is heard but the lock did not engage, a problem with the door lock mechanism or linkage is the most likely cause.

Precautions, Tips and Notes - An inspection of the rubber boot and wiring harness that connects from the door frame and the door can often reveal wiring damage. A volt meter, available at any auto parts store, can be used to check the voltage to the individual lock solenoids and switches. Refer to the meters instruction for proper usage and precautions.



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.

