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Newsletter - April 2022

Next Club Social

The next club Social is on April 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. For more information, see the "Events" section (page 2) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 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 interest.
- Sponsor or participate in activities to benefit the community through recognized charities as selected by the members of the Association.

Elected Officers

President: Cathy Cardoza
Vice-President: Ron Howard
Secretary: Paul Mitchell
Treasurer: Carol Misner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Wayne Shelford
Membership: Robin Miranda
Past President (2021): Cathy Cardoza

Appointed Positions

Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: Ron Howard
Event Reminder: Dina Vierra
Internet Site: Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis
Parade Coordinator: Kerry Razza
Natl Corvette Museum: Len Atlas
Historian: Group Effort
Photographer: Group Effort

SOCA Logo Apparel

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

May Birthdays

Julie Allen	Jon Dunn	Lynne O'Leary	Scott Tannehill
Dan Calvert	Blanca Hill	Larry Shamblin	Al Vierra
Cathy Cardoza	Paul Mitchell	Dan Smith	

May Anniversaries

Enzo Bertaggia	James & Victoria Mason	Terry & Debbie Miller
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Remember to take photos at SOCA events, send them to Sharon Hook, and selected photos will appear here on the sovette.com website!



PHOTO GALLERY



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2022 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

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

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

APRIL

Parade	9	Pear Blossom Parade, Medford ... lunch to follow
Social	16	Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., 595 NE E St., Grants Pass at 6:00 p.m.

MAY

Parade	7	Magical Merlin Parade, Merlin, at 10:00 a.m.
Cruise	14	<i>Vettes for Coffee</i> , Medford
Social	21	McGrath's Fish House, 68 E Stewart Ave, Medford, at 6:00 p.m.
Parade	28	Boatnik Parade, Grants Pass
<i>Car Show*</i>	29	The 28th Curry County Cruisers Benefit Car Show , Brookings

JUNE

Show & Shine	18	Father's Day Show & Shine, at Wildlife Images
Social	18	Grants Pass area
Parade		Gold Dust Parade?, Gold Hill

JULY

Corvette Weekend	15-17	SOCA Corvette Weekend 2022, Grants Pass
Social	16	Social will be at Corvette Weekend , Grants Pass
<i>Car Show*</i>	19-24	Back to the 50's car show, cruise and more, Grants Pass
Cruise/Parade		Eagle Point Parade? ... Rocky Point Parade?, near Klamath Falls

AUGUST

<i>Cars & Coffee @PDX*</i>	20	Portland Cars & Coffee "Corvette Theme Day," Sherwood, OR
Social	20	Medford area
Cruise/Parade		TBD

SEPTEMBER

<i>Corvettes on the Columbia*</i>		<i>Tri-Cities, Washington, Sep. 9-10 ... www.3riverscorvetteclub.net</i>
Social	17	Grants Pass area
Cruise/Parade		TBD

OCTOBER

Social	15	Medford area
Cruise/Parade		TBD

NOVEMBER

Social		TBD
Cruise/Parade		TBD

DECEMBER

Christmas Party	10	Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd. Grants Pass
Cruise/Parade		TBD

* Daylight Savings Time ends November 6.

* Not a SOCA-sponsored event

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



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From Worst Nightmare, To Worry-Free A National Corvette Museum Insurance Story

I have been with the National Corvette Museum (NCM) Insurance about four years now. After reading about their rates, level of coverage, and responsiveness in dealing with claims, I decided they were the best choice for insuring my classic cars.

I own an original 1961 270 HP convertible and an original 1963 250 HP coupe. The split window was awarded a high Regional NCRS Second Flight (a 93% score) in January of 2016. I wanted top-notch coverage for such timeless pieces of automotive history while still having the latitude to drive and enjoy them. A policy with NCM Insurance seemed like the right decision.

You can hear about how good an insurance company is, but nothing compares to a personal experience in dealing with a claim, especially a large claim like what I had.

My wreck was not a fender bender. The front end of this all-original car was mangled as you can see in the picture below. After some reflection, there were only two local shops that I considered capable of doing the level of work that would meet my standards. Within 24 hours of the wreck, I called Adam Boca of NCM Insurance, and the response was stellar. I felt there was a genuine concern I was okay physically followed by reassurances that my car would be repaired meticulously. I was assigned an adjuster to the claim immediately who happened to be a split window owner himself!



The shop I chose was Burke's Corvette in Maitland, Florida. I knew the owner, Tim Burke, from back when he had done some work on my 1961 Corvette. I was impressed by his attention to detail and work ethic, so I wanted him on the project.

After the car was towed to the shop, I went there to see Tim, and he told me that the NCM Insurance adjuster had called him before the car even arrived at the shop. Tim shared how the adjuster had made it clear that the car was to be done correctly and to my satisfaction. Tim got a chuckle out of that and said in his 45 years in the business, that had never happened before.

It took a couple of weeks for Tim to pull the repair estimate together. The adjuster took another day or two to review it and then issued me a check without hesitation. The estimate



was based on procuring original parts (when available) or top-quality reproduction pieces if necessary. On a 1963 Sting Ray, many parts are one year only, such as the headlight buckets and horns for example. Some parts, such as hoods are nearly VIN-specific.

Then, while the repair work was in progress, some additional wreck-related issues were found. The original Muncie transmission was locked up and the timing gear cover was damaged, among other things. Again, Mr. Baker reviewed the claim and promptly issued a second check.

The repairs are in their final stages now. Throughout this ordeal, during what can only be described as a Corvette owner's worst nightmare, I have to say that dealing with NCM Insurance has been the most worry-free part of it all.

As a side note, the driver of the car that hit me received a citation. It turned out he did not have insurance and neither did the owners of the Escalade he was borrowing. While this could have been a problem with other insurance companies, who might have looked to cut corners on my repairs, this was a non-issue with NCM Insurance.

When I talk to other classic car owners about insurance companies, they always ask, "...Yeah but do you know how they've handled any claims?"

I smile and say, "Let me tell you my story."

- Author unknown

This is the online link to NCM Insurance: <https://www.ncminsurance.com>

"Thank you" to NCM Ambassador Len Atlas for suggesting this NCM Insurance article for the SOCA newsletter.

