

Newsletter - May 2022

Next Club Social

The next club Social is on May 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at McGrath's Fish House, Medford. For more information, see the "Events" section (page 2) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, June 1, 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

June Birthdays

Len Atlas	Sandra Castle	Mariann Chavez	Debbie Faulkner
Janet Hubbard	Sandi Stevens	Lori Vogel	Douglas Watson

June Anniversaries

Dan & Karen Calvert	Brian & Shellie Farber	Aaron & Toni Markley	Dan & Dana Smith
Lawrence & Deborah Weiner			

Remember to take photos at SOCA events, send them to Sharon Hook,
and selected photos will appear here on the sovette.com website!



2022 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events



	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club meeting (Wed.)	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.

MAY

Parade	7	Magical Merlin Parade, Merlin, at 10:00 a.m.
Cruise	14	Drive to Southern Oregon Rod & Custom Show in Roseburg, meet at 9:00 a.m. in GP
Social	21	McGrath's Fish House, 68 E Stewart Ave, Medford, at 6:00 p.m.
Parade	28	Boatnik Parade, Grants Pass
Car Show*	29	The 28th Curry County Cruisers Benefit Car Show , Brookings (Sunday)

JUNE

Car Shows	4	541 Outlaw Club show, Grants Pass ... Gold Dust Days show, Gold Hill
Cruise	11	Lake Tahoe Corvette Club area winery cruise, hosted by SOCA, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Show & Shine	11	Show & Shine, at Wildlife Images, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Social	18	Grants Pass area

JULY

Cruise/Parade	4	Eagle Point Parade (Monday)
Corvette Weekend	15-17	SOCA Corvette Weekend 2022, Grants Pass (Friday-Sunday)
Social	16	Social will be at Corvette Weekend , Grants Pass
Car Show*	19-24	Back to the 50's car show, cruise and more, Grants Pass (Tuesday-Sunday)

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Corvettes on the Columbia*		Tri-Cities, Washington, Sep. 9-10 ... www.3riverscorvetteclub.net (Friday-Saturday)
Social	17	Grants Pass area
Cruise/Parade		TBD

OCTOBER

Social	15	Medford area
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NOVEMBER

Social		TBD
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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>



Member Club

Southern Oregon's Corvette Club since 1974
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Mid-Engine Monthly Update: 2023 Stingray Pricing & Options and Z06 News **(John Elegant)**

First 2023 Stingray orders officially went in on Thursday, March 31st. This first batch is already closing in on “status 3000” and if later GM confirmed, the initial 2023 Stingrays would start down the production line on Monday, May 9th.

The news on Z06 production is far different. As Chief Corvette Vehicle Manager Josh Holder and Marketing Manager Harlan Charles told us at Sebring race presentations, allocations for the Z06 are not beginning until later this summer. Of course, summer starts as early as June 20th, and later this summer does not necessarily mean “late this summer.” However, lots of insider sources are repeatedly whispering if we get our first customer Z06’s around September 1st, we would be fortunate. Still despite other revisions, GM’s official web site is still stating, “*available summer.*” Does this mean that the most likely time for first batch Z06 customers to get theirs delivered is during the September 1st through September 20th window?

The price for the 2023 Stingray’s MSRP went up to \$61,900. This is a just 1.6% increase and far better than most competitor brands have announced. It is truly amazing when that 1.6% increase for the 2023 Stingray is compared to many other OEM’s, i.e., OEM price increases have been consistently at least twice what the Corvette’s is for the upcoming year — and one OEM just adopted a 10% across the board price increase. Well done GM!

The 70th Anniversary SR is a \$5,995 extra cost option — unless you choose to add its optional dual, full-length stripes at the typical C8 price of \$995. The package is not limited in terms of total numbers, i.e., if you want it and your dealer has a 2023 allocation for you, you will not be shut out.

New 2023 Stingray wheel options: Q9I = Black & Q99= Machine Faced; picture credit to “Z06WOT”

20-spoke Gloss Black forged aluminum (19" x 8.5" front and 20" x 11" rear)



20-spoke bright machined-face forged aluminum (19" x 8.5" front and 20" x 11" rear)

Equally stunning is that none of the major options for the Stingray went up in price, i.e., such expensive components as the Z51 package, mag ride, front lift, the interior upgrades to the 2LT and 3LT trim packages **do not have even a \$1 additional cost.** A couple of the more minor cost options had a price decrease. **KUDOS TO GM!**

Key new-for-2023, additional Stingray component option pricing increases include:

\$200 for the black exhaust tips.

\$595 for the interior aluminum black out trim.

\$995 for Gloss Black Q9I wheels

\$1,995 for Machined Q99 wheels

N/C for the complete Adrenaline Red interior IF you get the 3LT trim



More info here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/363977-2023-stingray-price-increase-only-1-000>

And while we are talking about deserved praise, the 2022 Stingray was just named the “Best Luxury Sports Car” by U.S. News and World Report. It was praised by them for its “*value proposition, lightning-quick acceleration, precise handling, comfortable and well-trimmed interior, and intuitive tech features. Pros of the new Stingray, according to U.S. News, include its sharp handling, blistering acceleration, comfy, posh interior, and useful cargo space; the only con they could come up with is poor rear visibility.*” Which competitors did it beat out to win this award? The Porsche Boxster, Porsche Cayman, Porsche 911, the Audi R8 and 8 other luxury sports cars.”

<https://cars.usnews.com/cars-trucks/rankings/luxury-sports-cars>

One other praiseworthy review of the C8 Stingray comes from Top Gear UK. While historically the Europeans, especially the British auto media have not been kind to Corvettes, here is a YT video that I believe you would enjoy. Its title is: “**Sports car money, SUPERCAR SPEED: Chevrolet Corvette, 184mph, 480+bhp | by Top Gear:** <https://youtu.be/HMFQ0RvvsxI>

The Z06 Order Guide was leaked. While not official, it appears to be perhaps 90% correct? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/purchasing-your-new-corvette/357265-z06-ordering-code-sneak-peek-thanks-to-corvette-action-center>

We also have not heard word one about the Z06’s MSRP. However, Tadge said on the Z06’s October reveal date, and this was echoed later by Harlan Charles on a “Corvette Today podcast,” that the MSRP price differential between the C8 Z06 and the C8 Stingray would be “in the ballpark” of the difference between the C7 Z06’s MSRP and the C7’s MSRP. This



This difference averaged \$26,000 during the C7 generation, so approximately \$89,000 and \$90,000 for the C8 Z06’s MSRP is within that estimate. If so, that would be truly amazing as the cost to make a DOHC motor, with its hundreds of more parts than the C8’s OHV, is considerable. Also, factors suggesting the C8 Z06’s could be higher included that the LT6 is a bespoke motor with all its internal parts and many of its external parts are not only being machined but all are the best quality engine parts that can be bought anywhere. The connecting rods for example are made by CP Carrillo who makes them for many race cars. As Jordan Lee, the Chief GM Engineer and Manager of Small Block Performance, said, “The LT6 has the best parts we can source.” Because of these latter factors, my own estimate for the Z06’s MSRP is \$91,495 — though full disclosure I was high in my C8 MSRP pricing estimate and lately wrong in predicting a \$2,000 price increase for the 2023 Stingray. I hope I am again too high and that the majority opinion of \$89,995 is accurate for it.

“Thank you” to Florin Baldrige for suggesting this technical article
for the SOCA newsletter.

