

Newsletter - December 2022

Next Club Social

The next club Social is the Christmas Party on *Friday* December 16, 2022. For more information, see the "Events" section (page 2) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, **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

January Birthdays

Dave Wills	Dina Vierra	Brandy Rockwell	Vickie Roberts
Robert Phillips	Michelle Mota	Frank Miranda	John McLean
Laurina Lounsbury	Farzin Karim	Keri Johnson	Marilyn Jensen
Elaine Ellis	Steven Douglas	John Castle	Troy Brownrigg

January Anniversaries

Dave & Lori Vogel	David & Karen Raskin	Alexander Peluffo & Danelle Bayne	Tim & Marla Kasdorf
Don & Janet Hubbard			



2023 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

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

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

DECEMBER

Christmas Parade 3 Grants Pass Christmas Parade

Christmas Party Note the date change to *Friday*, Dec. *16*

When: Friday, December 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Food service will start between approximately 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Where: Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97527

Menu (choose one meal per person and purchase one ticket for each person):

* **Meal choice #1: Tuscan Chicken** meal, cooked in a rich cheese sauce, with spinach and sundried tomatoes. Served with green salad, vegetables, and noodles.

* **Meal choice #2: Herb-Crusted Prime Rib** meal, with roasted red potatoes. Served with green salad, vegetables, and bread. Iced tea and lemonade are included with each meal.

* **Included with each meal choice:** Dessert, iced tea, and water.

* **Coffee:** Available for purchase at the bar.

Meal ticket price (gratuity is included):

Tuscan Chicken meal is **\$37.00** per person.

Herb-crusted Prime Rib meal is **\$47.00** per person.

Tickets: Purchase Christmas Party meal tickets *with exact change or check* from SOCA Treasurer Carol Misner at the **November 2** and **December 7** SOCA Members meetings. You can also write a check payable to "Southern Oregon Corvette Association" and mail the check to:

Carol Misner, 2603 SW Garden Meadows Dr, Grants Pass OR 97527

If you mail a check, please include the name of each person who will be attending, and the Chicken meal or Prime Rib meal you are purchasing for each named person. Tickets purchased by mail will not be mailed to you; you will pick up your "will call" tickets at the door.

Fine print: All cash and checks for meal ticket purchases must be received before noon on Friday, December 9. All Christmas Party tickets will be sold beforehand; no tickets will be sold after December 9 or at the door. Treat the tickets like cash. No lost tickets will be replaced, and refunds are not provided for unused tickets. Changing purchased meal tickets from Chicken to Prime Rib, or vice versa, is not an available option after noon on December 9.

Cash Bar: Bar service will be available at a "Cash Bar/No-Host Bar." Attendees pay for their own drinks.

Gifts: Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift (\$25.00 equivalent) for a gift exchange.


Let's have fun!

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

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



Techin & Toolin (a look back at 2015) 

Corvette Enthusiast's Night Before Christmas



— By Rick Tavel – 2015

*'Twas the night before Christmas, and who
could forget
A full year of events for me and the Corvette
My Corvette was stored safely in the garage
Safe from the onslaught of winter's barrage.
The family was upstairs, asleep in their beds
While memories of the past year replayed in my
head.*

*From the kick off in January, the L88 hammered
sold
For Three Million Eight, a world's record I'm told.
Barrett Jackson the place, an exciting event
The week I was there couldn't be better spent.
The same week we learned about the C7 Z06
Not only a coupe but a 'vert for our kicks.*

*Then on to Daytona, for the first race of the
season
Not to cheer the C7 would amount to high
treason.
The Porsche took the checkered, BMW was
next.
The Viper was third, was the C7 vexed?
Not the debut we'd hoped for, but Corvette fans
knew
The competition was in trouble, they hadn't a
clue.
The team would bounce back and rank at the
top
After sorting the C7 they couldn't be stopped.*

*In February I went to the Corvette Museum.
Eight Vettes in a hole, I had to go see 'em.
And who could believe such a hole in the floor
And the buried Corvettes, at my heartstrings it
tore.
But later we read the Vettes would return
Restored by donations and GM, we learned.*

*Then on to Sebring, the second race of the
season,
Results weren't much better, there must be a
reason.
A little more sorting to the C7.R
Would straighten things out, C7's a star.
The prediction was right, the competition was
cursed.
The next four sanctioned events the C7 was
first.*

*Texas' Lone Star Classic kicked off a summer of
shows
How many Vettes showed up, we may never
know.
Every state in the nation had similar events
To showcase the Corvettes of ladies and gents.
Just how many shows and cruises attended
It's hard to recall, please don't be offended.*

*August was packed with shows, cruises and
races,
Thousands of Corvettes in all types of places
From the Corvette Reunion and Back to the
Bricks,
Corvettes on Woodward then Carlisle, a good
mix.
Some time at the races, Corvettes on the track
And time behind the wheel that I'd never give
back.*

*There was Back to the Fifties, don't forget the
concours,
And the NCM's anniversary tours.
Then the fall was kicked off with maybe the best,
And the largest Corvette thing, known to all as
FUNFEST.
Thousands of Vettes of all generations
Gathered from every state in the nation.
To party and celebrate and pay their regards
To the sixty-one years of America's sports car.*

*Corvette sales in showrooms were comparatively
strong,
The first year was successful; on this I'm not
wrong.
Over thirty-five thousand rolled out Bowling
Green's door
And onto the highways, gathering stares by the
score.
Crowds would form to admire the C7
A design clearly inspired by the stylists in
heaven.*

*In the midst of all the Corvette adoration
A story appeared based on sheer speculation,
A rumor of building a mid-engine Corvette,
The C7 would be the last you could get
With the engine in front, the last of its kind,
According to rumor, the last you could find.*



*Things fell apart at the end of the season
For Corvette Racing, but there was a reason.
The team had won four events in a row
The C7s were faster the others were slow.
So IMSA stepped in, added weight to Vettes,
Reduced their restrictors, we wouldn't forget*

*How IMSA unfairly slowed the C7s down
Preventing our team from winning the crown.
Protests, outcries and clear indignation
Directed at IMSA for unfair manipulation.*

*At the Lonestar LeMans around mid-September
Another C7R was prepped to be a contender
In the six-hour endurance FIA race
At the finish the C7 only took seventh place.*

*As the cool winter air turned the tree leaves to gold
'Twas the best time for touring before the
weather turned cold.
With the top down, we tackled the backroads
and byways
The exhaust note blaring, as we barreled down
the highways.
We roamed through New England, then South to
the Dragon
The twisties and turnies had other cars laggin'
They just couldn't handle the road like the Vette
A trip like no other that we couldn't forget.*

*After that we turned our Grand Sport to the
West,
Taking Route 66 to the Pacific, you guessed.
The Pacific Coast Highway was an inspiring
drive
With the wind in my face, I felt more than alive.
A finale to a year of fun and celebration
For me and my Corvettes, the finest cars in the
nation.*

*Looking back as the song says, "'Twas a very
good year."
Especially for Vetteheads one thing is clear,
There is never a shortage of fun things to do
Races, shows, cruises, there's something for
you
To enjoy with your friends and your special
Corvette
Every year just gets better, on that you can bet.*

*One last look at the photos that recorded the
past
Then looked at the clock, Christmas eve had
passed fast.
Christmas sunrise was just a few hours away,
As I glanced out the window I saw Santa's
sleigh,
That looked strangely familiar like a Corvette on
skis
With a fat man driving as fast as you please.
He laughed, waved, and called out, causing a
scene
" Happy Holiday to all and a Corvette 2015!"*



And after his C7, then Santa got his red C8 sleigh ...



*"Thank you" to Florin Baldridge for providing "Techin and Toolin" articles
for the SOCA newsletter each month*



