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Newsletter March 2020

Elected Officers

President: Ron Howard
Vice-President: Cathy Cardoza
Secretary: Paul Mitchell
Treasurer: Carol Misner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Smith
Membership: Robin Miranda
Past President (2019): Ron Howard

Appointed Positions

Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: Cathy Cardoza, Rob Hill
Event Reminder: Pat Dobson
Internet Site: Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis
Parade Coordinator: Sheron Leigh, Kerry Razza
Natl Corvette Museum: Len Atlas
Historian: Group Effort
Photographer: Group Effort

April Birthdays

4/14 Dan Hughes 4/21 Patty Howard
4/19 Brian Farber
4/19 Rob Hill
4/21 Bill Martino
4/25 Rich Moore

April Anniversaries

Joe & Mariann Chavez
Aaron & Toni Markley
Frank & Robin Miranda

SOCA Logo Apparel

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

Next Club Social

The next club social is on Saturday, March 21, **5:00 p.m. *** new start time *****, at the Original Roadhouse Grill in Medford. See the Events page for details.

Please RSVP to Pat Dobson at:

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.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River

Visitors are always welcome!

Southern Oregon Corvette Association 2020 membership dues - due January 31

Dual membership: \$50.00 Single membership: \$35.00 Initiation (one-time): \$15.00

Make checks payable to "SOCA" and mail to: SOCA, 2603 Garden Meadow Dr, Grants Pass OR 97527

SOCA Bylaws [Article VII, Section 1(c)]: "Annual dues are due and payable January 31 of each calendar year. Membership will be terminated for nonpayment at the conclusion of the March business meeting." (which was March 4)





2020 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

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

(Most dates, times and locations listed below are tentative after March 8. All dates are Saturdays, except as noted.)

MARCH

Daylight Svgs. (Sun.) 8 – DST starts
 Social 21 – Medford, Original Roadhouse Grill, 5:00 p.m. *** NOTE the early start time ***
 *** NOTE: this is NOT the "Texas Roadhouse" on Delta Waters Road, off the OR-62 highway.

APRIL

Parade 11 – Pear Blossom Parade, Medford
 After Parade 11 – Lunch after the parade at Original Roadhouse Grill, 2699 W. Main St., Medford***
 *** NOTE: this is NOT the "Texas Roadhouse" on Delta Waters Road, off the OR-62 highway.
 Drive 18 – Run to Cave Junction
 Social 18 – Grants Pass, 6:00 p.m.

MAY

Parade 2 – Merlin Parade, lunch after the parade
 Brunch (Wed.) 13 – Run to Eureka for brunch
 Social 16 – Medford
 Parade 23 – Boatnik Parade

JUNE

Parade 6 – Gold Dust Parade, Gold Hill
 Drive 13 – All-day drive to the coast
 Social 20 – Grants Pass
 Show & Shine (Sun.) 21 – Wildlife Images, Grants Pass

JULY

Parade 4 – Eagle Point Parade, lunch after the parade
 Social 17 & 18 – Corvettes on the High Desert
 Parade 18 – Rocky Point Parade

AUGUST

Social 15 – Potluck gathering at the Peterson's home
 B.C. Car Show (Tue.) 25 – Depart for the British Columbia Corvette Club "Sea to Sky – Wheels & Rails 2020"

SEPTEMBER

B.C. Car Show (Tue.) 1 – "Sea to Sky – Wheels & Rails 2020" drivers return
 Parade 7 – (Labor Day) Cave Junction
 Sigel Show & Shine 12 – Jim Sigel Show & Shine
 Social 19 – Medford

OCTOBER

Social 17 – Grants Pass, 6:00 p.m.
 Cruise 17 – Sea Cruise, Crescent City

NOVEMBER

Daylight Svgs. (Sun.) 1 – DST ends
 Social 16 – Medford
 Thanksgiving 26 – Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER

Parade 5 – Grants Pass Christmas Parade
 Social 19 – SOCA Christmas Party, Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd., Grants Pass

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



Techin & Toolin

Here Is The Chevrolet Corvette Steering Wheel Lineage

By Johnathan Lopez— Oct 16, 2019

With the Chevrolet Corvette making its big leap to an all-new mid-engine platform for 2020, it makes sense to take a moment and consider just how far we've come since the first-generation Vette debuted in the early '50s. While we could look at things like engine options or 0-to-60 mph times, a much better visual representation of the Vette's evolution can be found inside the cabin with a direct comparison of the iconic sports car's steering wheels over the years.

Generation 1



Generation 2



Unsurprisingly, the steering wheel in the first-generation Vette is the simplest of the nameplate's eight generations, and in many ways, it's the best-looking wheel of the bunch. This particular example is shown with some aftermarket padding and a few other instrument panel modifications, but the three-spoke design is as it was out of the factory, with bored-out metal and a crossed-flag emblem in the center.

In addition to the introduction of the Sting Ray, the C2 also brought with it a new steering wheel design. Compared to the previous generation, the new wheel offered a bottom-heavy three-spoke look with long cutouts added in place of the previous model's trio of bored-out holes. Chevrolet also offered a teakwood option for the '65 and '66 model years.

Generation 3



Generation 4



While the steering wheel on the third-generation Chevrolet Corvette offered a similar positioning for the three spokes (3 o'clock, 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock), the spokes themselves were solid strips of metal, rather than the bored-out design of the first-gen models or the cutout design of the C2. Later in the C3's lifecycle, the steering wheel was padded to match the upholstery.

With the introduction of the fourth-generation Chevrolet Corvette, the interior design changed dramatically, moving towards a more digitized, futuristic aesthetic. The steering wheel also changed, arriving with a two-spoke design and a flat crossed-flag center logo.



Generation 5



Generation 6



The fifth-generation Chevrolet Corvette is where we start to see a modernized approach to interior design, encapsulating the driver with buttons and various readouts. As such, the steering wheel is also modern, boasting a four-spoke look and a familiar crossed-flag logo.

The sixth-gen Chevrolet Corvette marked a return to the previous T-shaped, three-spoke design of previous model generations. What's more, the wheel also included new multi-function controls along the right-most spoke, evidence of the increasing number of infotainment features on offer.

Generation 7



Generation 8



With the seventh-generation Chevrolet Corvette, the steering wheel became much more intricate. Not only was the rim wrapped in leather or suede, and finished with brushed trim and carbon fiber, but the lower section was flattened, similar to that of other modern sports cars. Also notice the sizable hand grips at the 2 o'clock and 10 o'clock positions, not to mention the plethora of infotainment buttons at thumb's length.

We already talked about the new mid-engine C8 Corvette's steering wheel, examining the design and various extraneous controls. Much like the C8's departure from a traditional front-engine layout, the new eighth-generation vehicle's steering wheel looks totally different from those of previous generations, with two downturned spokes in the sides, a sharp crossed-flag badge in the middle, and a flattened bottom and top section, creating an almost square shape.



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