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## Newsletter December 2021

### Elected Officers

<b>President:</b>	Cathy Cardoza
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Ron Howard
<b>Secretary:</b>	Paul Mitchell
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Carol Misner
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms:</b>	Wayne Shelford
<b>Membership:</b>	Robin Miranda
<b>Past President (2020):</b>	Ron Howard

### Appointed Positions

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

### January Birthdays

John Castle	Frank Miranda
Elaine Ellis	Robert Phillips
Johnny Kay	Brandy Rockwall
Fleeta Lackey	Vickie Roberts
Laurina Lounsbury	Dina Vierra

### January Anniversaries

Don & Janet Hubbard
Tim & Marla Kasdorf
David & Karen Raskin
Dave & Lori Vogel

### ◆◆ SOCA Logo Apparel ◆◆

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

### Next Club Social

The next club social/Christmas Party is on December 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at the Grants Pass Golf Club. **Ticket sales ended December 1**. For more information, see the "Events" section (page 2) for details.

### 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, January 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m. at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River.

**Visitors are always welcome!**



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## 2022 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club meeting (Wed.)	5	2	2	6	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.)

### DECEMBER

**Social** **11**

**Tickets:** Ticket sales have ended ... the deadline for purchasing meal tickets was **December 1**, so the caterer could order enough food ahead of the event. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

*For people who bought tickets by mail before the deadline, your tickets will not be mailed to you; you will pick up your tickets at the door.*

**When:** Saturday, December 11, 2021, at **6:00 p.m.** Food service will start between approximately 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

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

**Menu:** Prime Rib or Herb-Crusted Chicken meal with roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetables, green salad, dinner rolls, and dessert. Iced tea and lemonade are included with each meal.

**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 (\$20.00 equivalent) for a gift exchange. Unlike previous years, this year there will not be additional Christmas gifts provided by SOCA.

**Fine print:** All Christmas Party tickets will be sold beforehand; no tickets will be sold after December 1 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 Prime Rib to Chicken, or vice versa, is not an available option after December 1.

**Cruise** **18** – Senior Centers Cruise, Grants Pass

Signup with Sheron Leigh or Kerry Razza. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Abby's Pizza near the Williams Highway (OR-238) and the Redwood Highway (US-199) in Grants Pass. The Senior Centers Cruise leaves at 4:30 p.m. and will last two to three hours.

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



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## 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.*

