



Southern Oregon Corvette Association

August 2025
Newsletter



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Club Social

Club Social is at Oregon Pour Authority at 7th & H Street on August 16th at 5pm.
For more information, see the “Events” section (page 5) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, September 3, 2025, **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 interests.
- Sponsor or participate in activities to benefit the community through recognized charities as selected by the members of the Association.

SOCA Logo Apparel

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

OFFICERS:



Elected Officers

President: Ron Howard
Vice-President: Wayne Shelford
Secretary: James Johnson
Treasurer: Cathy Cardoza
Sgt-at-Arms: Larry Weiner
Membership: Charles Simons

Appointed Positions

Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: Kim Moore
Communications: Gar Stevens
Internet Site: Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis
Parade Coord: Kerry Razza
Natl Corvette Museum: Len Atlas
Facebook:: Tammi Moore
Newsletter: Rob Hill

BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES:



August Birthdays

Ron Atkinson

Bill Bozarth

James LaRussa

James Tritle

Ron Nichols

Penny Melum

Gloria Smith

Lisa Tannehill

Kare Raskin

August Anniversaries

Darren & Jennifer Clark

Jim & Elaine Ellis

Rob & Blanca Hill

James LaRussa

John & Michelle Mota

Tim & Virginia Nelson

EVENTS:



2025 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club meeting (Wed.)	8	12	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	1	5	3

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

- *August 8th – Small Car Show for Retirement Home near Parkway Christian Church
- *August 9th -- Corvettes on the Bay – North Bend OR
- *August 21st – 24th – BC Corvette Club, 60th Anniversary – British Columbia, Canada
- *September 12th. – 14th – Corvettes on the Columbia -- Pasco/TRI City
- *September 20th – Eagles Medford Chili Cookoff with The Torpedoes 12:30 to 3:30pm
- *September 21st – Santa Clara Corvette Spectacular – Los Altos CA

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!



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Car Shows/Parades in Roseburg OR and Spokane WA



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Corvette: Why Are My Tires Wearing Unevenly?

Are your tires wearing unevenly? Whether the excessive wear is in the front or the back, and the inside or the outside of the tires, there are a number of reasons why this could be happening. Check out our guide to help you diagnose and correct your uneven tire wear.

Tires that wear unevenly can cause a number of problems, including reduced tread life, a decrease in performance, annoying noises, or even the car pulling to one side. There are also a number of causes that lead to uneven wear, including some that are easy fixes and some that are not so easy. The good news is, just about anyone can complete the diagnostic in their own driveway with little skills or specialized tools.

Materials Needed: Tire pressure gauge, Air compressor



Check your air pressure in all four tires. If the tires are under inflated or over inflated, this can cause tires to wear in specific patterns. If you find that your tires are under or over inflated per the specs on the tire, inflate them to proper spec. If the wear is on both shoulders of the tire, they are likely under inflated. If the wear is in the center, they are likely over inflated. If the wear is mild, rotating the tires may help. However, it is still a good idea to get the tires checked out by a reputable shop to ensure they are safe to continue using.

Pro Tip - The recommended tire pressure can be found on the inside of the door jamb and on the tires themselves. C4–C8 tires cannot be rotated.

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Step 2 - Check for Bent Wheels



A bent wheel can affect tire wear.

Bent wheels can affect tire wear not only on the tire mounted on the wheels that is bent, but the others as well. Typically, a bent wheel will cause the car to vibrate while moving. Follow along the bead of the tire where it follows the contour of the wheel. A bend in the wheel will be mirrored by a bend in the tire's shoulder tread as the sidewall will dip to meet the wheel bend. If you have a bent wheel, take it to a reputable shop. They can determine if it can be fixed or if it will have to be replaced completely.

Figure 2. Check along the outside bead of the wheel to see if there are any bends or damage.

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Step 3 - Check Your Alignment



An incorrect alignment is the most common cause of tire wear.

GM Service Manual

All Corvette owners should purchase the GM Service Manual for their specific model. The Service Manual is an excellent reference even if you never plan to work on the car yourself, and many mechanics are not familiar with every aspect of the Corvette's extensive systems. Service manuals for Ford Cars & Trucks, Lincoln Mercury, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC Truck, GM Powertrain, Acura, Honda, American Isuzu, Suzuki, Mazda and Kia are available from Helm Publications:

www.HelmInc.com - 1-800-782-4356