



# SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, LLC

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## Newsletter December, 2015

### 2015 Directors

**President:** Sandee Anderson  
**Vice-President:** Ron Howard  
**Secretary:** Geoff White  
**Treasurer:** Juanita Gillaspey  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Tony Herrera  
**Past President (2013):** Dave Wills

### Appointed Positions

**Historian:** Group Effort  
**Photographer:** Jody Gerber  
**Sunshine:** Dora Surbrook  
**Activities:** Group Effort  
**Event Reminder:** Sheron Leigh  
**Membership:** Florin Baldrige  
**Webmaster:** Len Atlas  
**Parade Coordinator:** Dora Surbrook  
**NCM Ambassador:** Len Atlas  
**CORVETTE Weekend:** Len Atlas  
(Refer to Membership Roster for contact information)

### January Birthdays

Jay Riddle 1/6  
Larry Plew 1/7  
Dave Wills 1/11  
Elaine Ellis 1/16  
Jeff Gerber 1/16  
John Castle 1/19  
Johnny Kay 1/29  
Tanya Wilson 1/29

### January Anniversaries

Rhonda & Forest Bohall  
Don & Janet Hubbard  
David & Karen Raskin



Contact Dave Wills to order SOCA apparel.

### Next Club Social

Christmas Party, December 12, 6:00 P.M.  
Mac's Diner, Shady Cove

**Please RSVP to Sheron Leigh, 541-955-9224,  
[1gypsyleigh@gmail.com](mailto:1gypsyleigh@gmail.com) if you would like to  
attend.**

### 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.

- SOCA Constitution -

### Upcoming Meetings

**General Membership:** Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center.

**Visitors are always welcome!**



## Events & Activities

**December 12** – SOCA Christmas Party, Mac's Diner, Shady Cove. Details to be determined.

**January 6** – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

**January 23** – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Chili Feed and Fun Night. Community Center, Greenbrier Mobile Estates, 301 Freeman Rd, Central Point. Last name A-L bring Salad or Appetizer; M-Z bring Dessert.

**February 3** – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

**February 20** – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Details to be determined.

For additional events, information and links, go to the S.O.C.A. website Events Page

<http://www.sovette.com/default.asp?pg=activities>



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### Corvette History & Trivia C5 -Roger's Corvette Center

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#### C5 ... The "world-class" Corvettes... [1997 - 2004](#)

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- The 1997 Corvette features several first-time high tech innovations, such as black lights for the instrument panel and a "plastic" (composite) intake manifold.
- The first 200 production C5 Corvettes were painted red, not the traditional white color for the first production run.
- The 1997 Corvette is the first one designed from the ground up as a Corvette, with very little borrowing of parts from other cars. One of the few "Off the Shelf" parts are the exterior door handles which are the same ones used on the Oldsmobile Aurora.
- The first use of a transaxle in a production Corvette occurred in the '97. However, the first plans for one were in the Q-Corvette in 1958, planned for the 1960 model. Transaxles showed up in Corvette prototypes in the mid '60s in running models.
- The first 4 speed in a Corvette was built by Borg Warner in 1957. The first transaxle in a production Corvette was also built by Borg Warner, forty years later in 1997. Both were introduced late in the model year.
- Borg Warner has produced a transmission for each generation of Corvette: C1 - 1957 to 1962, C2 - 1963, C3 - 1980 to 1981, C4 - 1984 to 1988, and C5 - 1997 to 1998.
- The 1997 Corvette is the first Corvette to have windshield wipers that sweep in the same direction instead of opposing directions.
- The 1998 Corvette convertible is the first to offer the same sport suspension package as the coupe. Since the C5 was designed from the start as a convertible model, the ragtop is nearly identical in structural rigidity to the coupe.
- The first Corvette to sport a real trunk since 1962 again appeared with the 1998 Corvette convertible.
- November 4, 1997 - The 9752nd 1998 Corvette rolled down the assembly matching the total 1997 Model production run.
- The last "Fairway Green" C5 came down the assembly line as a '98 model on November 10, 1997. The color was discontinued due to poor sales.
- It takes 55 hours to build the new C5 Corvette, down from 70 hours for the previous C4 model.
- For the first time in history, the 1999 Corvette is available in three distinct body styles... Coupe, Convertible, and Hardtop (aka, "Fixed Roof Coupe").
- The performance axle ratio for C5 Corvettes with automatic transmission is 3.15:1 (the standard ratio is 2.73:1).
- The 2000 Corvette featured new color choices to celebrate Y2K... Millennium Yellow and Dark Bowling Green Metallic... plus a new Torch Red interior option.



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- 2001 will forever be remembered as the year the Z06 performance hardtop was introduced with its 385HP LS6 engine and 6 speed manual transmission.
- Corvette's use of a titanium exhaust for the Z06 was the first ever for a mass production automobile.
- Active Handling became standard equipment in 2001.
  
- The 2002 Corvette featured a new color, Electron Blue Metallic, and an upgraded 405HP LS6 engine for the Z06.
- The 2002 Z06 windshield was thinner than that used in the coupe models, shaving 2.65 pounds per car. The lighter windshield was shared with convertibles equipped with the Heads Up Display (HUD) option, which was standard on 2002 Z06 models.
- The 2003 Corvette heralds the 50th anniversary with a special edition in Anniversary Red with Shale interior and a new, high-tech magnetic suspension option for all models but the Z06, which continues essentially unchanged from the 2002 model year.
- In addition to Anniversary Red, Medium Spiral Gray Metallic was a new color in 2003.
- The Magnetic Ride Option offered in 2003 uses a magnetic fluid which adjusts shock damping 1,000 times per second, roughly equivalent to reacting to each inch of road surface at 60 mph.
- 2004 marks the last of the extremely successful fifth generation Corvette and was celebrated with the special Commemorative Edition Corvettes in Lemans Blue with special badging, graphics and interior appointments.

### C5 Corvette Production

Model Year	Coupe	Convertible	Hardtop - Z06	Total	Base Price Cpe, Conv, HT, Z06
1997	9,752	-	-	9,752	\$37,495
1998	19,235	11,849	-	31,084	\$38,995/44,425
1999	18,078	11,161	4,031 HT	33,270	\$39,171/45,579/38,777
2000	18,113	13,479	2,090 HT	33,682	\$39,475/45,900/38,900
2001	15,681	14,173	5,768	35,622	\$40,475/47,000/47,500
2002	10,634	8,784	5,869	25,287	\$41,450/47,975/50,150
2003	12,812	14,022	8,635	35,469	\$43,895/50,370/51,555
2004	16,165	12,216	5,683	34,064	\$44,535/51,535/52,385
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,470</b>	<b>85,684</b>	<b>32,076</b>	<b>238,230</b>	-



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