



Southern Oregon Corvette Association

April 2026
Newsletter



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Club Social

The Club Social is at Corvette Bar & Grill at 1831 NE Sixth St in Grants Pass on April 18 at 6pm. Featuring Live music with The Torpedoes from 7:30 -10:30.

For more information, see the “Events” section (page 5) and the “Activities” section (page 11) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, **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: Dan Smith
Secretary: Debbie Simons
Treasurer: Cathy Cardoza
Sgt-at-Arms: Gar Stevens
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:



April Birthdays

Scott Bayless
Brandon Bretl
Brian Farber
Rob Hill
Bill Martino
Leslie McCullough
Lynette Rothwell
Robert Stockton
Ken Tocher
Dora Moore
Patty Howard
Rich Gonsalves
Doug Young

April Anniversaries

Reggie & Ree Ayres
Jim & Keri Johnson
Frank & Robin Miranda
Len & Marga Atlas

EVENTS:



2025 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

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

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

- *Apr 1st – Membership Meeting at Rogue River Community Center at 132 Broadway St, Rogue River, 6:30pm
- *Apr 4th – Impromptu Clam Chowder Run
- *Apr 11th – Pear Blossum Parade (Medford) and lunch at the Original Road house. Check your email for details.
- *Apr 18th – Rod and Custom Car Show (Medford) at Rogue X. Check your email for details.
- *Apr 18th – Social at Corvette Bar & Grill, 1831 NE Sixth St, Grants Pass, at 6pm. Torpedoes play from 7:30-10:30pm
- *June 13th – TC CHEVY Car Show with \$25 registration fee. Trophy for Best In Show.

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



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Drive to Casa Vieja for the Social on March 21, 2026



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The \$229 Kill Switch Every C6-C8 Corvette Owner Should Know About



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C6-C8 Corvette Owner
Should Know About](#)

Car theft isn't what it used to be. Today's thieves aren't smashing windows and hot-wiring ignitions—they're walking around with laptops, signal amplifiers, and OBD-II devices that can clone key fobs in seconds. For Corvette owners, especially those living in apartment complexes or homes with shared parking, that reality hits uncomfortably close to home.

The C8 is a technological masterpiece, but that also makes it a high-value target.

And while GM's factory anti-theft systems are solid, modern thieves have become frighteningly good at bypassing them. That's why more and more owners are turning to a clever, inexpensive, and surprisingly simple solution: the [Soler Performance Throttle Controller](#).

And the star of the show—the feature that's getting the most attention—is something Soler calls **Lock Mode**.

Lock Mode: A Hidden Kill Switch Built Into Your Throttle Controller



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Soler's [throttle controller](#) is best known for sharpening throttle response and eliminating the C8's factory lag. But tucked inside the app is a feature that Corvette owners are calling "the smartest anti-theft trick nobody talks about."

Lock Mode disables the throttle electronically

Even if a thief manages to unlock your car, clone your key fob, or even start the engine, the car won't move. The engine will idle normally, but the accelerator pedal becomes a dead stick. No throttle input. No acceleration. No getaway.

It's the modern equivalent of a kill switch, but with these major differences:

- There's no wiring to cut
 - No switches to hide
- No extra hardware to install
 - No subscription fees
- And nothing visible for a thief to find or defeat

You activate Lock Mode only through the Soler app, which means the thief has no idea what's happening. To them, the car simply "won't go."

For anyone who parks in a garage, shared lot, or apartment complex, this is a massive layer of peace of mind.

[Lock Mode](#) gives you a silent, invisible advantage. Even if someone manages to get inside your C8, they're not driving away. At worst, you'll find a confused thief who gave up and walked away.

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A Performance Mod That Doubles as Security



What makes the [Soler Performance Throttle Controller](#) so appealing is that it isn't just a security device. You're also getting:

- Sharper throttle response
- Multiple driving modes
- Instant pedal feel improvements
- A more connected driving experience

Most owners buy it for the enhanced control over their Corvette's accelerator pedal, and then realize [Lock Mode](#) is the unexpected bonus that makes the purchase feel like a steal. For those owners who are concerned about the security of their rides, the Lock Feature is one the primary reasons to add a Soler Performance Throttle Controller to your Corvette.

Soler Performance offers throttle controllers that work on over 900 different vehicles including Ford, Honda, Toyota, and Jeep just to name a few. Many owners who have put this on their Corvettes first have also added one to their daily drivers. Soler Performance offers two distinct Bluetooth throttle controllers for the Corvette:

- **SEO525-TC DLX – C7 and C8 Corvettes**
- **SEO535-TC DLX – C6 Corvette**

Pricing for either controller is \$229 each. Make sure you use the **Promo Code CB5** to SAVE on your order! Each throttle controller comes with a 30-Day no-questions-asked full money back guarantee, so what do you have to lose?