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Newsletter - August 2022

Next Club Social

The next club Social is on August 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Puerto Mazatlán Phoenix restaurant.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 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 interest.
Sponsor or participate in activities to benefit the community through recognized charities as selected by the members of the Association.

Elected Officers

President: Cathy Cardoza
Vice-President: Ron Howard
Secretary: Paul Mitchell
Treasurer: Carol Misner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Wayne Shelford
Membership: Robin Miranda
Past President (2021): Cathy Cardoza

Appointed Positions

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

SOCA Logo Apparel

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

August Birthdays

Table with 4 columns of names: Yolanda Bruton, Roy Hauser, Scott Redd, Dave Vogel, Jennifer Clark, Nichola Hayden, Jack Roberts, Dale Yellin, Brian Davis, Don Hubbard, Garland Stevens, Norman Foley, Debby Miller, Robert Teboe

August Anniversaries

Table with 4 columns of names: Terry & Daniele Asberry, Jack & Vickie Roberts, Troy Brownrigg & Farzin Karim, Dave & Riley Siddon, William & Fleeta Lackey, Kim & Tammy Moore



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Member Club



2022 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club meeting (Wed.)	7	5	2	7

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

AUGUST

Pre-Lunch Cruise	6	Cruise before lunch with the Rogue Valley Corvettes (RVC)
Lunch	6	Joint event with RVC at Schmidt Family Vineyards, 330 Kubli Rd., Grants Pass
<i>Car Show*</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Corvettes on the Bay 2022, Coos Bay</i>
<i>Cars & Coffee @PDX*</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Portland Cars & Coffee "Corvette Theme Day," Sherwood, OR</i>
Social	20	Puerto Mazatlán Phoenix restaurant, 205 N. Phoenix Rd., Phoenix, at 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

<i>Corvettes on the Columbia*</i>		<i>Tri-Cities, Washington, Sep. 9-10 ... www.3riverscorvetteclub.net (Friday-Saturday)</i>
Car Show	17	SOCA-Jim Sigel Car Show, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Social	17	Grants Pass area
Cruise/Parade		TBD

OCTOBER

Social	15	Medford area
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NOVEMBER

Social		TBD
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DECEMBER

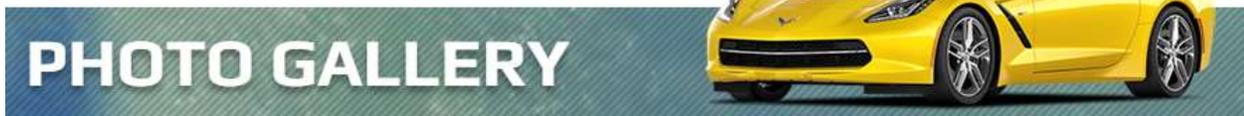
Christmas Party	10	Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd. Grants Pass
Cruise/Parade		TBD

* Daylight Savings Time ends November 6.

+ Not a SOCA-sponsored event

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!



Mid-Engine Monthly Update Re Our Corvette C8 World: What's New

Of every single vehicle evaluated in last month's JD Power customer quality survey in terms of having the least number of initial problems, the 2022 Stingray received a near perfect score of 101. It was THE BEST, of course, in the process beating Porsche and all others. In terms of brands, Chevrolet and Lexus finished tied for # 1 with Buick right behind. Stingray news: 91 percent of all 2022 models made were sold to U.S. customers and four percent were sold to Canadians.

Meanwhile the E-Ray Corvette is being evaluated at the Nürburgring. Like last August's first Z06 session, this first E-Ray visit was for testing and development, nor for potential lap record setting. It does bring us to wonder when the Z06 will be returning as Tadge announced they would return there this year to attempt to set the all-time Corvette lap record. Here is a photo of the E-Ray there, just weeks ago.



Picture credit and thanks: CorvetteBlogger

There is real progress toward getting customer Z06 models made. Last month the Z06 pricing was finally released. It was candidly not pleasant news, having a \$106,395 MSRP with shipping. Well-optioned ones are in the \$140K range, and I read of one build that is \$191,000 — though that included every single major cost option. The options included a 70th Anniversary model HTC, a Z07 having visible carbon fiber wheels (standard for the Z07), comes with the complete aero package, and CCB's. But the tentative order did not stop there, as roughly next Spring (when her allocation comes up) she has also included the LT6 Engine Build Experience. While that option "PBC" is not available up front ("delayed availability"), can you imagine how much fun she is going to have building her own LT6!



Not surprisingly, the Z06 MSRP is an average of \$14,000 more than the average of the Mid-Engine Corvette Forum pricing poll, and that pricing caused more than a little unhappiness. Words like “shocked and saddened” and phrases more negative than those were all over the Internet. However, for every comment that was unhappy at this unexpected major price bump, there were also tempered comments, such as, “Sure, it is way more than I thought, but getting literally the record breaking V8, 8,600 RPM, 670 HP NA flat plane crank motor with so many of its parts being made by the same companies that make winning NRHA funny cars motors, ‘I am all in.’” Yet the higher-than-expected pricing had others tapping out. Others are finding ways to still buy one — so when the dealer says, “I am ready to place your Z06 order now,” they will have found a way to afford it. Downgrading and/or eliminating options, talking about “I do not need another vacation this year,” and “I am going to cut going out going to restaurants by half weekly until my order goes in about a year from now,” are the types of reactive and constructive comments now are being posted.

My wife and I are road trippers, not track people, and consequently we gave up the visible carbon fiber wheels due to GM’s requirement to get them one must get the Z07 package, for the Z07 only comes with Cup2 R tires. Even so, our very, very loaded HTC, without the Z07 package, without the Engine Build (\$5K), without the 70th Anniversary Package (\$5,995 or \$6,995), and without the custom VIN (\$5K) would be in around \$162,000. And that does not include state taxes, gas guzzler tax (option “R8E”) nor title, registration, and tag fees. So, you can see how Z06 purchasing costs can easily climb!

One last example, should you want a standard Z06 without a single option, but it must be a hard top convertible in the top 3LZ trim, it would set you back \$124,850 plus the \$1,395 SHC delivery fee. Not surprisingly GM is already making 1LZ sale-able, captured test fleet cars for we have already read one comment, that “as that is the lightest weight Z06, it will be the fastest one, and what I am getting.”

While its pricing and Order Guide were key to those ready to order in the first batch of Z06 customer cars, there remains two critical “missing pieces” preventing the first customer orders to become accepted by GM. A great initial step was on July 28th, when GM allowed all its Chevy dealers to submit preliminary orders, i.e., “the order banks opened.” But on that date, and most probably still as you are reading this, all such entered ordered are “preliminary” -- meaning that if not later paired with an allocation, they would amount to nothing

Of course, for most who are getting a Z06 at some point (dealership lists are sold out for an average of four years here and in Canada already), the key question is: *When is “SORP” [start of regular (meaning customer) production]?* I had heard from several key insiders weeks ago that it will be early in September but again relying on fact, GM stated in *writing* on July 15th that customer Z06 production will start in September.

Thanks for reading. I hope your summer is going well for you and you are racking up many miles of Corvette driving smiles.

John Elegant

“Thank you” to Florin Baldrige for supplying monthly technical articles for the SOCA newsletter.

