



Southern Oregon Corvette Association

October 2026
Newsletter



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Club Social

The Club Social is at the Corvette Bar & Grill at 1831 NW 6th St in Grants Pass on October 17 at 5:30pm. For more information, see the “Events” section (page 5) and the “Activities” section (page 9) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, November 4th, 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:



October Birthdays

Tom Agee
Terry Asberry
Elizabeth Baldrige
Florin Baldrige
Darren Clark
Marlene Ellison
Raymond Essinger
Chelle Fowler
James Hogg
Ron Jones
Matthew Lounsbury

James Lundgren
John Mann
Aaron Markley
Cecilia McKenzie
John Mota
David Raskin
Elaine Redd
Sande Silva
Dana Smith
Dennis Steinbock
Ronald Tressel

October Anniversaries

Brandon Bretl & Nichola Hayden

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.

- *Oct 3rd – Sea Cruise Car Show
- *Oct 7th – Membership Meeting at Rogue River Community Center at 132 Broadway St, Rogue River, 6:30pm
- *Oct 10th – End of Summer Party at Reggie & Ree’s Home 1-6pm
- *Oct 17th – SOCA Social at Corvette Bar & Grill at 1831 NW 6th St In Grants Pass at 5:30pm with The Torpedoes
- *Oct 30th – Prospect Homecoming 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!



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SOCA Social at The Corvette Bar & Grill in Grants Pass on September 19th



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Corvettes on The Columbia September 10 – 13th



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Awards Dinner



SOCA Trophy Winners: Stan, Bill, Len, Collette, Dan, Willie

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NVHS Homecoming on September 11th



Gordon Joelson Private Car Collection on September 26th



The ninth-generation **Chevrolet Corvette (C9)** is projected to debut as a 2030 model year vehicle, with a formal reveal expected in late 2028 and production kicking off in mid-to-late 2029. [↗](#)



Key Details

- **Platform & Design:** The C9 will retain a mid-engine layout but transition to a lighter, updated version of the C8's architecture. Styling is expected to draw inspiration from the GM Design Center's 2025 Corvette CX concept, introducing softer, curvier "Coke bottle" hips that evoke classic front-engine Corvettes while keeping mid-engine aerodynamics. The cabin will also feature a more open layout to address C8 cockpit complaints. [MT](#) MotorTrend +3
- **Powertrain:** The C9 will stick with a traditional pushrod V8 at launch, likely utilizing a version of the 5.5L LT6 or a 6.7L V8 pushing roughly 535 horsepower and 520 lb-ft of torque. Full electrification is not expected at launch, though higher-tier variants will lean heavily into hybrid performance—potentially upgrading to a dual front-motor setup for all-wheel drive. A fully electric Corvette may follow in the early 2030s. [MT](#) MotorTrend +1
- **Pricing:** Projected pricing is expected to span from roughly **\$78,000** for the base Stingray up to around **\$220,000** for top-of-the-line hybrid variants. [↗](#)



Corvettes C9 Possible Concepts



Chevrolet Shows Off A...
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VIDEO] Future Expectations for th...
Corvette Blogger



2030 Chevrolet Corvette C9: Everythin...
MotorTrend



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What the C9 Corvette Could Look Like, Acc...
CorvSport.com



C9 Rendering & Potential Next Generati...
Mid Engine Corvette Forum