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Newsletter December 2018

2018 Directors

President: Ron Howard
Vice-President: Tony Herrera
Secretary: Paul Mitchell
Treasurer: Carol Misner
Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Smith
Past President (2017): Tony Herrera

Appointed Positions

Historian: Group Effort
Photographer: Group Effort
Sunshine: Sandee Anderson
Activities: David Allen
Event Reminder: Pat Dobson
Membership: Robert Thiel
Webmaster: Cathy York & Sharon Hook-Martino
Parade Coordinator: Dora Moore & Sheron Leigh

December Birthdays

4 th	Nena Herrera	19 th	Dave Siddon
4 th	Frances Phillips	21 st	Brian Uehlinger
10 th	Wayne Gillaspey	27 th	Dora Surbrook-Moore
10 th	Terry Miller	29 th	Rita LeBlanc
10 th	Dennis Misner	30 th	Carol Misner
18 th	Bob Bruton	31 st	Gary Vancour

December Anniversaries

7th Larry & Roxanne Plew
'73 William & Marlene Bozarth, Ron & Patty Howard
'75 Tony & Nena Herrera

SOCA Logo Apparel

Contact Tony Herrera at (541) 538-9706

Next Club Social

December 8: Christmas Dinner at Taprock Northwest Grill, 6:00 PM

Please RSVP to Pat Dobson at:

pdobson0503@icloud.com or (541) 664-4506

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.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, January 2, 2019, 7:00 PM
Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River
Visitors are always welcome!



November socializing ...





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- December 8: 6:00 PM ... SOCA Christmas Dinner ... Taprock Northwest Grill restaurant, Grants Pass, in the Evergreen room ... buffet dinner, check or cash, \$32.00 per person (food and gratuity included).
- January 2: Club meeting ... 7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River

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

<https://www.sovette.com/events>



... and more socializing ...



... and even more socializing!



The Corvette Enthusiast's Night Before Christmas

By Rick Tavel - December 22, 2012



**Twas the night before Christmas, and in the garage
Was a brand new C7, engineered by Tadge!
It'd been years in the making, and soon would be shown
To frustrated enthusiasts who had started to moan!**

**He kept it all covered, so no one could see
The design and the details, and just what it would be!
With Jalopnik's renderings, C&D's, and more
The excitement was epic like never before!**

**When out in the Forums, there arose such a clatter
I sprang to my PC, to see what was the matter!
I typed in the website and looked for the thread
About the C7 containing nothing but dread!**

**The threads debated every detail and line,
You'd think GM knew nothing of design!
Forget the fact they've been successful for years
Every expert on the forums expressed nothing but fears!**

**The engine and power, disappointing at best,
Were argued, debated and not put to rest.
How many horses were under the hood,
But that's not important, no one understood.**

**Not horsepower but torque is what should stressed,
Some understood, some not they confessed!
They talked of the charts and debated the curves
The discussion so detailed it got on my nerves!**



**After bashing and slandering GM engine designers
Other threads discussed 'styling', a haven for Whiners!
Very little was 'right' from the front to the back,
The car simply was wrong for the road and the track!**

**The taillights were wrong, giving up the tradition
'Camaro-esque' was the term it was simply sedition!
Roofline and 'B Pillar' windows were cursed
Tradition was shunned to give way for this 'first'!**

**I read and I questioned why anyone would own
A car so inept, the legend dethroned
By so many 'experts' without foundation of seeing
The real car, the performance, it's essence of being!**

**Away from my PC, giving way to my dread
I needed assurance and summoned the dead!
Harley Earl, the greatest designer of all,
Shinoda and Mitchell, I also gave call.**

**And to assuage my worst performance fears
Zora came forth, I saw through my tears.
"Calm down, my friend, why all the commotion?"
The naysayers are wrong and they don't have a notion.**

**Of all the design, engineering and tests
That went into this car to make it the best.
Over sixty years we've fulfilled all your dreams
And on 1-13 we will be redeemed**

**By the critics and all of the other naysayers
Who bash and complain and pile on in layers.
So turn off the critics, forget all the worry
January 13th will be here in a hurry.**

**Then back to my bed and back to my dreams
My concerns all assuaged, so right it all seems.
But I heard Zora exclaim as he faded from sight
"The C7's a winner, to all a goodnight."**

