



SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, LLC

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Newsletter June 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)

July Birthdays

Judy Axling 7/10
Scott Brechtel 7/14
Ron Howard 7/16
Dave York 7/19
Jerry Bayles 7/26
Scott Lloyd 7/28
Geoff White 7/28

July Anniversaries

Stephen & Mary Clarke

 **SOCA Logo Apparel** 

Contact Dave Wills to order **SOCA** apparel.







Next Club Social

June 20, 2015, 2:00 PM P.M.

Jimmy's Drive In, 515 NE E Street, Grants Pass
Time is approximate, social is after the Grants Pass
Home Depot car show, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

**Please RSVP to Sheron Leigh, 541-955-9224,
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, July 1, 7:00 PM
Rogue River Community Center

Visitors are always welcome!



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Events & Activities

June 13-20 – Medford Cruise, Hawthorne Park, Medford.

June 20 – SOCA Social, 2:00 PM, Jimmy's Drive In, 515 NE E Street, Grants Pass.

June 27-28 – Rooster Crow Weekend, Rogue River. Parade Saturday, 8:30 AM. Form up at Rogue River Shopping Center.

June 30 – National Corvette Day.

July 1 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

July 10-12 – 26th Annual Corvette Weekend.

July 18 – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Details to be determined.

July 21-25 – Back to the 50's, Grants Pass, OR.

July 22-25 – VetteFest 2015, Boise ID.

July 25 – Myrtle Creek Show-N-Shine, Creekside Memorial Park, Myrtle Creek.

August 5 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

August 16 – Annual Friendship Meet, Stewart State Park at Lost Creek Lake.

August 22 – SOCA Social, 6:00 P.M. Details to be determined.

September 2 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River.

September 10-13 – Tahoe 47, Reno, NV.

September 12 – 15th Annual Jim Sigel Show-N-Shine, 9:30 A.M., Jim Sigel Chevrolet, 1601 N.E. 7th St., Grants Pass.

September 18-19 – Oktoberfest, Mt. Angel.

September 19 – 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 C2 - Roger's Corvette Center

C2 ... The mid-year "Sting Ray" Corvettes... [1963 - 1967](#)



- Luxury amenities such as power steering, air conditioning, and leather seats were first available in the 1963 Corvette.
- The earliest serial number air conditioned Sting Ray has a production build date in October, about 6 months before the rest of the A/C cars. It seems the owner was a GM executive who had the car returned to Chevrolet for refitting with A/C.
- The 1963 roof panel molds were built using wrong dimensions, such that all roof panels were too small. This left a gap seen in the door pillar above the door latch in all but a few cars. The ones where it is not found were cosmetically covered up with body filler.
- The famous "split" rear window for the new Corvette almost never came to be. It seems that Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov argued over the design. Bill Mitchell won out for the 1963 Model, but it was removed for 1964 never to be seen again.
- The 1963 Grand Sports, while originally looking much like the production coupes, had no body parts in common. The fiberglass body panels were roughly half the thickness of production panels to save weight.
- The 1963 Grand Sports originally were released without fender flares, using the stock look. However, they were wider to allow a wider tire 8.25x15 rather than the stock 6.70x15 tire.
- Aluminum knock off wheels only cost \$322 for a set of 5 in 1964.
- Only the driver's side vent on the 1964 Corvette is functional.
- Side mounted exhaust systems first appeared in 1965.
- The first major tire size change in Corvette history occurred in 1965. Tire size changed from 6.70x15 to 7.75x15
- While the 427 was developed first, the 396 went into the Corvette, Chevrolet, and Chevelle in 1965 due to a GM policy restricting them to less than 400 cubic inches.
- The 1965 396ci 425hp engine option lasted only one year.
- 1965 was the first year to have two separate hoods - the smooth small block hood and the big block hood with a "power bulge."
- 1966 marked the last year for knock off wheels but the first for shoulder harnesses and headrests.
- The 1966 Corvette was not eligible for the SCCA Trans Am, due to the upper limit of 5.0 liter on engine displacement. Chevy's only eligible car was the Corvair.
- Only 20 RPO L88 427 engines were opted for in 1967. To discourage street use, GM rated these engines at a conservative 430 hp (5 HP less than the L71 engine option) although they actually pumped out well in excess of 500 ponies.
- 1967 was the first year to have three hood styles: the small block hood, the big block hood, and the L-88 hood, even though externally the L-88 looked like the regular big block hood.
- In late February/early March, 1967, some small blocks received the big block hood due to an manufacturing problem with the small block hood mold. These were not given the hood stripe.



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- The "GM Mark of Excellence" sticker appeared, placed on the inside driver's door jamb, appeared in 1967 only.
- Federal law mandated the removal of spinners from wheels in 1967, so the knock off wheel of 1963-66 was replaced with a bolt on wheel.
- 1967 was the first year "vinyl" was offered as an optional exterior covering for the hardtop.
- The '67 model was the first to have the "tank sticker", or the build sheet, attached to the gas tank.
- A 36 gallon fuel tank, the largest ever offered, was available as an option in the Corvette from 1963 to 1967.
- The speed warning indicator option lasted for only three production years... 1967, 1968 and 1969.
- The '67 LeMans Racer was "DRIVEN" to the track from the airport (in place of being trailered) because the trailer was chuck full of parts!

C2 Corvette Production

| Model Year | Convertible | Coupe | 4 Spd Man | Fuel Inj | Hardtop | Total | Base Price |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1963 | 10,919 | 10,594 | 17,973 | 2,610 | 5,739 | 21,513 | \$4,,037/4,257 |
| 1964 | 13,925 | 8,304 | 19,034 | 1,325 | 7,023 | 22,229 | \$4,037/4,252 |
| 1965 | 15,376 | 8,186 | 21,107 | 771 | 7,787 | 23,562 | \$4,106/4,321 |
| 1966 | 17,762 | 9,958 | 24,755 | - | 8,463 | 27,720 | \$4,084/4,295 |
| 1967 | 14,436 | 8,504 | 20,192 | - | 6,880 | 22,940 | \$4,240/4389 |
| Total | 72,418 | 45,546 | 103,061 | 4,706 | 35,892 | 117,964 | - |



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