

Newsletter - September 2022

Next Club Social

The next club Social is lunch on September 17, 2022, at the SOCA-Jim Sigel Car Show. For more information, see the "Events" section (page 2) for details.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, October 5, 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

October Birthdays

Dana Smith	Elaine Redd	David Raskin	John Peterson
John Mota	Aaron Markley	Mathew Lounsbury	Ron Jones
Marlene Ellison	Darren Clark	Joe Chavez	Florin Baldrige
Elizabeth Baldrige	Terry Asberry	Tom Agee	

October Anniversaries

Brandon Bretl & Nichola Jayden



2022 (2023) Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

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

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

SEPTEMBER

Corvettes on the Columbia*		Tri-Cities, Washington, Sep. 9-10 ... www.3riverscorvetteclub.net (Friday-Saturday)										
Car Show	17	SOCA-Jim Sigel Car Show, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.										
Social	17	Lunch at the SOCA-Jim Sigel Car Show (advance lunch ticket purchase needed)										

OCTOBER

Social	15	Medford area?
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NOVEMBER

Social	TBD
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DECEMBER

Christmas Party (Fri.)	* 9 *	Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd. Grants Pass (* note the change to Friday, Dec. 9 *)
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>



Pacific Corvette Club's "Corvettes on The Bay" – SOCA Trophy Winners

Left to right:

C1: John Castle

C4: Steven Douglas

C5: Carmela McKay-Andrews

C6: Dan Calvert

C7: Stan & Shannon Czerniak



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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Southern Oregon's Corvette Club since 1974

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Techin & Toolin

Corvette: Why are My Tires Wearing Unevenly?

By Brett Foote – Corvette Forum, January 2015

Are your tires wearing unevenly? Whether the excessive wear is in the front or the back, and the inside or the outside of the tires, there are several reasons why this could be happening. Check out our guide to help you diagnose and correct your uneven tire wear.

Tires that wear unevenly can cause a number of problems, including reduced tread life, a decrease in performance, annoying noises, or even the car pulling to one side. There are also a number of causes that lead to uneven wear, including several that are easy fixes and several that are not so easy. The good news is, just about anyone can complete the diagnostic in their own driveway with little skills or specialized tools.

Materials Needed: Tire pressure gauge, Air compressor

Step 1 - Check Your Air Pressure



Improper air pressure will cause uneven wear.

Check your air pressure in all four tires. If the tires are under inflated or over inflated, this can cause tires to wear in specific patterns. If you find that your tires are under or over inflated per the specs on the tire, inflate them to proper spec. If the wear is on both shoulders of the tire, they are likely under inflated. If the wear is in the center, they are likely over inflated. If the wear is mild, rotating the tires may help. However, it is still a good idea to get the tires checked out by a reputable shop to ensure they are safe to continue using.

Pro Tip - The recommended tire pressure can be found on the inside of the door jamb and on the tires themselves.

Figure 1. Check the type of wear.

Step 2 - Check for Bent Wheels



A bent wheel can affect tire wear.

Bent wheels can affect tire wear not only on the tire mounted on the wheels that is bent, but the others as well. Typically, a bent wheel will cause the car to vibrate while moving. Follow along the bead of the tire where it follows the contour of the wheel. A bend in the wheel will be mirrored by a bend in the tire's shoulder tread as the sidewall will dip to meet the wheel bend. If you have a bent wheel, take it to a reputable shop. They can determine if it can be fixed or if it will have to be replaced completely.

Figure 2. Check along the outside bead of the wheel to see if there are any bends or damage.



Step 3 - Check Your Alignment

An incorrect alignment is the most common cause of uneven tire wear.



Figure 3. An incorrect alignment is the most common cause of tire wear.

A car that is out of balance or has an incorrect alignment is the most common cause of uneven tire wear. A 4-point alignment ensures that the tires are parallel to each other and flat on the pavement, which leads to optimal and even tire wear. As we drive over bumps and holes in the road, the alignment can get thrown off, leading to a number of different wear patterns on the tires. If you see wear on only one shoulder of a tire or find one block edge that is higher than another, or if you hear a humming or noise or feel a wobbling sensation while driving, you most likely have an alignment issue. While you can certainly do a 4-wheel alignment at home with the right tools and a little online research, most tend to leave this kind of delicate work to the professionals.



Disclaimer - Discretion is advised. The preceding information may not apply to specific vehicles or all circumstances. Always refer to the manufacturer's specifications, service manuals, technical data and product information

*"Thank you" to Florin Baldrige for supplying monthly technical articles
for the SOCA newsletter.*

