

## Newsletter May 2018

### 2018 Directors

**President:** Ron Howard  
**Vice-President:** Tony Herrera  
**Secretary:** David Allen  
**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:** Group Effort  
**Event Reminder:** Pat Dobson  
**Membership:** Robert Thiel  
**Webmaster:** Cathy York & Sharon Hook-Martino  
**Parade Coordinator:** Dora Moore & Sheron Leigh

### June Birthdays

Forest Bohall 6/2	Janet Hubbard 6/21
Sandi Stevens 6/2	Len Atlas 6/22
Laura Vaara 6/19	Mike Vaara 6/22
Sandra Castle 6/21	Douglas Watson 6/24

### June Anniversaries

Dan & Karen Calvert  
 James & Carmela Andrews  
 Lucien & Rita LeBlanc  
 Peter & Kristin Miller  
 David & Cathy York



Contact Tony Herrera

### Next Club Social

**Please RSVP to Pat Dobson @**  
[pdobson0503@icloud.com](mailto: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.
- SOCA Constitution -

### Upcoming Meetings

**General Membership Meeting, June 6, 2018**  
 7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center.  
**Visitors are always welcome!**



After the Merlin Parade, where 17 cars participated, we cruised to the Galice Resort for lunch. The weather was great, and we were welcomed by the Galice Resort.



Events & Activities

May 19th, SOCA Social Bar B Que at the Peterson's in Grants Pass. Info. TBA

May 26<sup>th</sup>, Boatnik Parade. If anyone wants to carry the banner leading the SOCA group, please call Sheron. Details TBA

June 2nd, Southern Ore. 7th Charity Car Show. NOTE: This was the Southern Ore. Misfits Show & Shine. Same event, different name. Details TBA

June 16th, Medford Cruise Classic Car Show, (Medford Cruise) Details at [www.medfordcruise.org](http://www.medfordcruise.org)

June 23th, SOCA Social. Drive and dinner. The drive will be from Canyonville to Shady Cove. Details TBA.

June 30th, Rooster Crow Parade. This IS a candy throw. Lunch location TBA.

July 4th, (THIS IS A WEDNESDAY), Eagle Point Parade. This IS a candy throw. NOTE: We are working on a convenient exit strategy.

July 7th, Roseburg-Canyonville Graffiti Night Cruise. Details at [GraffitiWeekend.com](http://GraffitiWeekend.com)

July 21st, SOCA Social. Drive and dinner. Details TBA.

August 4th, Drive to Loon Lake. This is a beautiful lake 20 miles east of Reedsport off highway 38. It boasts one of the finest campgrounds with a warm, sandy beach.

August 18th, SOCA Social. Drive and dinner. Details TBA.

September 1st, Diamond Lake End of Summer Celebration. Details TBA.

September 8th, Jim Sigel Show & Shine. Details TBA

September 15th, SOCA Social. Drive & dinner. Details TBA

October 6th, 28th Annual Sea Cruise Car Show in Crescent City. Details TBA

October 20th, SOCA Social, Details TBA

November 17th, SOCA Social, TBA.

December 1st, Grants Pass Christmas Parade. Detail TBA

December 8th, SOCA Christmas Party at Taprock restaurant in the Evergreen room in Grants Pass @ 6:00pm. Details TBA.

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

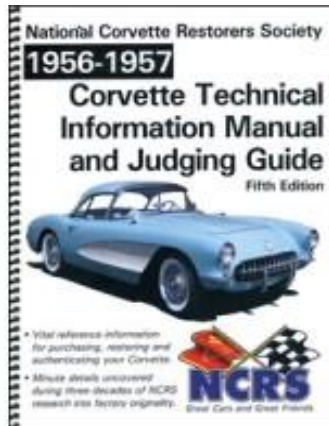
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## Techin & Toolin

# Finding the best books to guide your Corvette projects

Zip Corvette



Zip often receives calls from folks who have just acquired an older Corvette and are looking to purchase a book or two for reference. The big question is "*What book would be best for my Corvette?*" Tom Richardson, Zip Sales Associate offers the following advice:

Luckily, there are few cars that have as much written about them as the Chevrolet Corvette. But with all of the choices and variety, how do you know which book or books will have the information you need?

Of course, it depends on your situation. Building a judged show car is a much different process than diagnosing a mechanical problem and fixing it, and the reference materials used for each situation are just as different.

If NCRS judging is in the cards, then the [NCRS Judging Manuals](#) should be considered required reading. With descriptions of all of the judged components throughout the Corvette, these manuals are the ultimate authority when it comes restoration accuracy. Need to know if the wiper arms should be dull or shiny for your mid-year or what the correct style screw should be on your exhaust bezel? The NCRS books have these answers and many more. These manuals are not heavily illustrated, however they still manage to go into incredible detail.

[Corvette Buyers Guides](#) and [Corvette Coffee Table Books](#) are some of the best places to find color pictures of a complete Corvette. While sometimes dismissed as simply eye candy with no substance, these can prove invaluable when trying to achieve a certain paint finish or determining the relationship between individual items within a subsystem. Curious if your heater hoses are routed the correct way or how your jacking instructions decal should be applied? These buyers guides and coffee table books are often a good start.

[Corvette Assembly Manuals](#) are copies of the original instructions used by the factory workers while building the Corvette. Available for cars built from 1956 to 1982, these books are not very wordy, however they do contain detailed diagrams and drawings of the different assemblies. Black and white only and sometimes organized in an unexpected fashion, learning how to use the assembly manuals is a point of pride for many Corvette restorers. Remember, major sub-assemblies (engines, convertible top frames, seats and the like) were sent to the factory pre- assembled and are not covered as



thoroughly. Available on CR-ROM or as a printed edition. If there is one reference that is considered essential for a restoration, it is the Assembly Manual.

Repair and service manuals are typically split into two categories: [Corvette Aftermarket Shop & Service Manuals](#) such as Chiltons or Haynes guides, and [GM Factory Shop & Service Manuals](#). The GM books would have been supplied to dealers and technicians directly and we are quite fortunate to have access to the diagnostics and specifications within. These are the references to use when your Corvette is having an issue such as running poorly, making a clunk-thud-clunk noise and so on. These manuals also have dis-assembly and re-assembly instructions for most of the major components, as well as electrical diagrams and flow charts. The aftermarket shop manuals have much of the same information, however it has been rearranged for the more casual mechanic. With black and white photos, easy to read directions, advice about common issues and more, the aftermarket books will usually answer questions not dealt with in the factory manuals.

Whether you are a seasoned restorer, a grass-roots racer or simply an enthusiast, there is always something more to learn about your Corvette. With the help of a good book or two, no task is insurmountable. Many times it is best to check multiple sources, what is not in one book could be in another. It is not uncommon for enthusiasts to accumulate a small library just for Corvettes. But all of the study time easily pays off - the satisfaction from completing a job yourself cannot be calculated.

Purchase online at Zip [Corvette Parts](#)  
[Corvette Books and Manuals](#)

### GM Service Manual

All Corvette owners should purchase the GM Service Manual for their specific model. The Service Manual is an excellent reference even if you never plan to work on the car yourself, and many mechanics are not familiar with every aspect of the Corvette's extensive systems. Service manuals for Ford Cars & Trucks, Lincoln Mercury, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC Truck, GM Powertrain, Acura, Honda, American Isuzu, Suzuki, Mazda and Kia are available from Helm Publications:.

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