



## Newsletter June 2020

### Elected Officers

**President:** Ron Howard  
**Vice-President:** Cathy Cardoza  
**Secretary:** Paul Mitchell  
**Treasurer:** Carol Misner  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Patrick Smith  
**Membership:** Robin Miranda  
**Past President (2019):** Ron Howard

### Appointed Positions

**Sunshine:** Sandee Anderson  
**Activities:** Cathy Cardoza, Rob Hill  
**Event Reminder:** Pat Dobson  
**Internet Site:** Sharon Hook-Martino, Elaine Ellis  
**Parade Coordinator:** Sheron Leigh, Kerry Razza  
**Natl Corvette Museum:** Len Atlas  
**Historian:** Group Effort  
**Photographer:** Group Effort

### Next Club Social

The next club social is on Saturday, June 20 - Galesville picnic with Rogue Valley Corvette Club. See the Events page for details.

**Please RSVP to Pat Dobson at:**

[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.

### Upcoming Meetings

**General Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway St., Rogue River

**Visitors are always welcome!**

### SOCA Logo Apparel

Competitive Athletics, 105 NE 7th St., Grants Pass  
(541) 479-1001

### April Birthdays

4/14 Dan Hughes  
 4/19 Brian Farber  
 4/19 Rob Hill  
 4/21 Bill Martino  
 4/21 Patty Howard  
 4/25 Rich Moore

### May Birthdays

5/3 Lynne O'Leary  
 5/5 Dan Calvert  
 5/12 Dee Yellin  
 5/24 Blanca Hill  
 5/26 Cathy Cardoza  
 5/27 Paul Mitchell  
 5/27 Dale Morgan  
 5/30 Julie Allen

### June Birthdays

6/2 Sandi Stevens  
 6/19 Laura Varra  
 6/21 Sandra Castle  
 6/21 Janet Hubbard  
 6/22 Len Atlas  
 6/24 Douglas Watson  
 6/30 Mariann Chavez

### April Anniversaries

Joe & Mariann Chavez  
 Frank & Robin Miranda

### May Anniversaries

Terry & Debbie Miller

### June Anniversaries

Dan & Karen Calvert  
 Brian & Shellie Farber  
 Aaron & Toni Markley  
 Larry Vance & Jaime Johnson





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### 2020 Southern Oregon Corvette Association (SOCA) Events

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club meeting (Wed.)	1	5	2	7	4	2

(Most dates, times and locations listed below are tentative after June 30. All dates are Saturdays, except as noted.)

#### JUNE

Drive	13 – All-day drive to the Pacific Ocean coastline, Crescent City
Social	20 – Galesville picnic with Rogue Valley Corvette Club, bring your own lunch & chairs, leave from Grants Pass at 10:00 a.m., details to follow.
Show & Shine (Sun.)	21 – <i>Canceled</i> ... Wildlife Images, Grants Pass (but Wildlife Images will be open)

#### JULY

Parade	4 – <i>Canceled</i> ... Eagle Point Parade
Event	11 – Timberland Corvette Club, Roseburg?
Social	18 – Lake Tahoe Corvette Club visits Grants Pass, ~20 cars, social at Galice Resort
Parade	18 – <i>Canceled</i> ... Rocky Point Parade
Event	25 – Cars for Coffee, Portland ... focus is on Corvettes
Track Drive	25 – Portland International Speedway

#### AUGUST

Social	15 – Original Roadhouse Grill, Medford
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#### SEPTEMBER

Parade?	7 – (Labor Day) Cave Junction parade
Sigel Show & Shine	12 – Jim Sigel Show & Shine, Grants Pass
Social	19 – Grants Pass

#### OCTOBER

Social	17 – Medford
Cruise?	17 – Sea Cruise, Crescent City

#### NOVEMBER

Social	– Final date and location to be determined
Thanksgiving	26 – Thanksgiving holiday

#### DECEMBER

Parade?	5 – Grants Pass Christmas Parade
Social	19 – SOCA Christmas Party, Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd., Grants Pass

For additional events, information and links ... see the SOCA website "Events Page:" <https://www.sovette.com/events>

### Southern Oregon Corvette Association 2020 membership dues

Dual membership: \$50.00      Single membership: \$35.00      Initiation (one-time): \$15.00  
Make checks payable to "SOCA" and mail to: SOCA, 2603 Garden Meadow Dr, Grants Pass OR 97527



## Techin' & Toolin'

### WE'RE CHECKING WHO'S CHECKING TIRE PRESSURES

#### - Tire Rack -

The Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving schools authorized by the BMW CCA Foundation are intended to provide a controlled environment for young drivers to learn car control by experiencing their vehicles' handling and stopping capabilities. Street Survival driving courses are typically set up on large parking lots and use traffic cones to define the intended driving path and control the flow of traffic.

However, before participating in any of the Street Survival hands-on driving schools conducted on the test track at the Tire Rack's headquarters in South Bend, Indiana, the first lesson the young drivers learn is how to maintain correct tire pressures. Maintaining a vehicle's tire pressures allows the tires to effectively support the weight of the vehicle, occupants and cargo while contributing to its ride, handling, and traction capabilities.

Immediately after signing in upon their arrival, participants are directed to have their vehicles' tire inflation pressures checked with the help of their Street Survival coach. This allows the coach to show participants the vehicle manufacturer's recommended tire pressure listed on their vehicles' tire placards or in the owner's manuals. This check also provides the Street Survival participants the opportunity to use a tire pressure gauge and an air hose to check and reset tire pressures.

Note: Because the Street Survival teen driving course is intended to allow each participant to learn the capabilities of their vehicle as it would be driven on the street, higher than standard tire pressures are not recommended because such pressures will artificially and temporarily enhance the responsiveness of the vehicle.

While the Tire Rack team agrees with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration that tires are all too frequently driven while underinflated, we wanted to study a real-world example of our own. To document the tire pressures used on a random sample of consumer vehicles, our Street Survival coaches have been recording the tire pressures of vehicles as they arrive at the Tire Rack.

The following analysis is based on that data. However because these tire pressure checks are typically conducted between 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., shortly after participants arrive (rather than first thing in the morning before the tires have been driven), the analysis cannot account for the slight increase in tire pressure that results from rising ambient air temperatures or the increase in tire temperatures generated by driving. Combined, these two influences could increase tire pressures by about three to five pounds per square inch (PSI) above the cold readings, depending on conditions.



Even assuming changes in ambient temperature and driving distances had a minimal influence on the tire inflation pressures when measured, only 59 of the 280 tires checked (21%) were correctly inflated!

Quantity	Condition
14%	Underinflated by more than 6 PSI
19%	Underinflated between 3 to 6 PSI
29%	Underinflated up to 3 PSI
21%	Inflated between recommended pressure and up to 3 PSI
7%	Overinflated between 3 to 6 PSI
10%	Overinflated more than 6 PSI

The lowest tire inflation pressure measured was just 9.5 PSI (the pressure was low by 20.5 PSI due to the tire having been punctured by a previously unseen nail!). The highest pressure was 58.5 PSI (the pressure was high by 23.5 PSI high, reportedly due to a faulty air pump pressure gauge at a gas station).

While maintaining correct tire pressures is a common problem, these results emphasize how little importance drivers place on maintaining them.

The Tire Rack recommends that all drivers check and adjust cold tire inflation pressures at least once a month and before taking any extended highway trips.



**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.

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