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## Newsletter July 2017

### 2017 Directors

**President:** Tony Herrera  
**Vice-President:** Ron Howard  
**Secretary:** David Allen  
**Treasurer:** Juanita Gillaspey  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Patrick Smith  
**Past President (2015):** Ron Howard

### 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:** Nena Herrera  
**NCM Ambassador:** Len Atlas  
**CORVETTE Weekend:** Ron Howard  
(Refer to Membership Roster for contact information)

### August Birthdays

Bill Bozard 8/5      Karen Raskin 8/11  
Willie Dister 8/10      Cindy Luce 8/13  
Ron Nichols 8/11      Janet Peterson 8/15

### August Anniversary

Darren & Jennifer Clark      Dennis & Carol Misner  
Jim & Elaine Ellis      John & Janet Peterson  
Jack & Cindy Luce



Contact Tony Herrera

### Next Club Social

August 12 Trees of Mystery Cruise  
**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**, August 2,  
7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center.  
**Visitors are always welcome!**



July 4<sup>th</sup> Eagle Point Parade. SOCA had 26 cars in the parade.



## Events & Activities

July 14 – 15 CORVETTE WEEKEND!

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

August 12 – SOCA Cruise & Social. Trees of Mystery Cruise. Details TBA

September 6- SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

September 16- Lake of the Woods Car Show

OTHER EVENTS: December – Grants Pass Christmas Parade. Details TBA

For additional events, information and links, go to the S.O.C.A. website Events Page  
<http://www.sovette.com/default.asp?pg=activities>



## Techin & Toolin

### How to Clean & Protect Convertible Tops

Keeping your convertible top clean and protected is important to preserve the appearance and help prevent deterioration of the soft top in the tough automotive environment. A number of quality convertible top and plastic window cleaning and protectant products are available such as **RAGGTOPP** and **Aerospace 303**.

#### Cleaning a Fabric and Vinyl Convertible Top

If your convertible top is not dirty, just rinse it thoroughly with a strong jet of clear water. You can also vacuum a fabric top to extract any loose dirt or dust from the fabric fibers.

If your convertible top is dirty use a cleaner specifically designed for convertible tops. Do not wash shampoo on a fabric top as many car wash products contain gloss-enhancers which will be absorbed into the fibers and attract dust. Never use harsh chemicals such as ammonia, detergent, alcohol and vinegar which will quickly deteriorate fabric, vinyl and the stitching

Always wash convertible tops in the shade, never in direct sunlight. Wet the convertible top and rinse off any loose dirt. Always wash the entire top at one time, never spot clean as this rings and spots.

Spray and apply cleaner evenly over entire roof and scrub lightly with soft bristle nylon brush. Soiled areas, spray and let stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Scrub lightly with soft nylon brush. Rinse thoroughly with water until no remaining soap foam is observed.

Dry your convertible fabric or vinyl top using a microfiber drying towel to blot up the water. A leaf blower or silicone water blade can also be used to remove excess water quickly.

When the clean convertible top is completely dry, apply a quality top protectant.

#### Apply Fabric or Vinyl Convertible Top Protectant

**Important:** *The convertible top must be thoroughly dry before using protectant.* To protect waxed finish from overspray, use an inexpensive plastic drop cloth under the top to cover the surrounding painted surfaces and glass.

Select the appropriate fabric or vinyl top protectant for your convertible top. Use as directed, product(s) may be flammable. Shake products well before use and several times during

**Fabric Tops** - Hold can upright and spray evenly 16-18 inches from material using a gentle sweeping motion. Spray three *light* even coats of protectant. **DO NOT SATURATE.** Allow to dry 10 minutes between coats in the sun.

**Vinyl Tops** - Spray evenly 8-12 inches from material using a sweeping motion or spray onto applicator or clean cotton towel and wipe onto vinyl top. Wipe dry with clean cotton towel or cloth.

Use a clean microfiber cloth to wipe off any overspray on paint, trim or glass.

Protect your fabric top 3-4 times per year and your vinyl top as often as every 4-5 weeks for maximum UV protection.

Fabric tops tend to attract lint, dust, and pollen. This can look especially bad on a black top! To keep your fabric top looking sharp, keep a lint roller handy and just run it over the top.

#### Convertible Top Rear Window Care

The plastic rear window on your convertible top needs special care too. Regular use of a quality plastic cleaner/polish will prevent fogging, hazing, yellowing and oxidation which diminishes the plastic window's, pliability and luster. Spray the plastic cleaner/polish directly onto a clean microfiber towel and polish the window clean, inside and out.



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## ***Detailer's Secret - Paint Cleaning Clay***

Automotive Detailing clay is one of the most effective methods of preparing paint surfaces for polish, wax and sealant applications to enhance and protect the vehicle's paint surfaces. Waxes and paint sealants will adhere better to clean paint and the shine will be more uniform and vibrant.

Detail clay is used to remove harmful vehicle paint surface contaminants such as road grime, brake dust, tree sap, paint overspray, industrial fallout and bug remains leaving the paint finish slick and smooth and ready for polish and wax. Detail clay also works great on glass, chrome and wheels, and there are clay products specifically designed to clean glass and wheels.

Try a simple test of your vehicle's paint condition by putting a plastic sandwich bag over your hand and lightly rub your fingertips over the paint surface. If the surface feels gritty, or rough, your paint is contaminated.

Thoroughly wash and dry your vehicle. Always work in a shaded area and on a cool paint surface. All detailing clay requires the use of a lubricant, e.g., "detailer spray", so that the tacky clay bar will easily glide over the paint surface without sticking and possibly marring the paint.

Cut your clay bar in half or quarters and form the clay into a flat patty. Spray a small area (about 2 square feet) with spray lubricant and keep the area well lubricated as you work. **IMPORTANT!** If you should drop the clay bar on the ground you **MUST** throw it away as it will pick up dirt from the ground which will scratch the paint surface!

Gently rub the clay patty back and forth across the wet area. Do not apply excessive pressure. The clay will grab somewhat at first as it removes contaminants. When the clay moves freely, the paint is clean.

Wipe the area before it dries with a quality microfiber towel and use the spray lubricant to remove any clay residue from the surface. The area should feel as smooth as glass. If not, repeat the process.

Knead and fold over the clay bar often to expose a clean clay surface. Continue the process until the entire vehicle has been clayed.

Store the clay bar in the original case or airtight plastic bag. Spray the clay bar with lubricant to keep it moist. When claying wheels use a dedicated clay bar that will not ever be used on the vehicle's paint.

Claying does not remove oxidized paint. If the paint is mildly oxidized, clean the paint with clay and then use a polish to remove oxidation. Detailing clay will remove existing wax or sealant, and always follow claying with a quality wax or sealant to protect the paint surface.

Maintain the protective finish and use quick detailer spray to remove fresh bird droppings, bugs and contaminants before they bond or etch into the paint.



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

