

SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION, LLG

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2016 Directors

President: Ron Howard
Vice-President: Tony Herrera
Secretary: David Allen
Treasurer: Juanita Gillaspey
Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Smith

Past President (2015): Sandee Anderson

Appointed Positions

Historian: Group Effort Photographer: Jody Gerber Sunshine: Dora Surbrook Activities: Group Effort Event Reminder: Sheron Leigh Membership: Florin Baldridge

Webmaster: Len Atlas

Parade Coordinator: Dora Surbrook NCM Ambassador: Len Atlas

CORVETTE Weekend: Ron Howard (Refer to Membership Roster for contact information)

March Birthdays

Stephen Clarke 3/5 Cathy York 3/16
Marga Atlas 3/7 Tonjie Ophus 3/18
Pat Smith 3/8 David Allen 3/24
Chris Wilson 3/16 Sandee Anderson 3/26

March Anniversaries

Florin & Elizabeth Baldridge John & Sandra Castle Wayne & Juanita Gillaspey



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

Next Club Social

February 20, 4:45 PM
Grants Pass Fire Station Tour and Q & A
800 E. Park St.
6:00 PM Wild River Brewery 595 N.E. "E" St. Grants Pass
Please RSVP to Sheron Leigh, 541-955-9224,
1gypsyleigh@gmail.com if you would like to
attend.

Why Join **50CA**?

- Promote esprit-de-corps among Corvette enthusiasts.
- freate interest in the Corvette as a true dualpurpose 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
 - SDCA Constitution -

Upcoming Meetings

Association.

General Membership: Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM, Rogue River Community Center.

Visitors are always welcome!



From our new website!



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Events & Activities

February 20 – SOCA Social, G.P. Fire Station Tour and Q & A. 4:45 PM. 800 E. Park St: Wild River Brewery for dinner. 6:00 PM. 595 N.E. "E" St.

March 2 – SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

March 19 – SOCA Social, Dogs for the Deaf Tour. 4:00 PM. 10175 Wheeler Rd; Central Point Olive Garden for dinner. 6:00 PM 3125 Crater Lake Hwy. Medford.

April 6 - SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

April 9 – 62nd Pear Blossom Run, Parade & Street Fair Downtown Medford Form up at Rogue Valley Mall, 8:00AM – 8:30AM

April 23 – SOCA Social, Wildlife Images Tour. 3:00 PM 11845 Lower River Rd. G.P. Taprock Northwest Grill. 6:00 PM. 971 S.E. 6th St. G.P.

Note: PRESENTATION FROM A.D.S. (Accurate Design Services) on the new SOCA website by Jim Irons

May 4 - SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

May 21 – SOCA Social, Seven Feathers Casino for brunch, 11:00 AM. Cost: \$8.99 per plate Waterfalls Tour east of Roseburg.

Heaven on Earth for Dinner or Desert. (exit 86 on I-5), 703 Quines Creek Rd. Azalea bet. 5:00 – 6:00 PM

June 1- SOCA General Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

June 18 - Caverns Tour at Shasta Lake. Meet up with the Redding Corvette Club. Time TBA

June 19 - Schmidt Family Vineyard Show & Shine Time TBA

June 25 – Rooster Crow Parade. 8:30 AM "Form Up"
After Parade, Cruise to Mac's Diner, 21900 Highway 62, Shady Cove, for lunch

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 C6 & C7 - Roger's Corvette Center

C6 ... The Refined Performance Corvette... 2005 - 2013



- 2005 marks the introduction of the sixth generation Corvette... the C6.
- A major styling change for the C6 Corvette is non-pop up headlights... not seen on a Corvette since 1962.
- The base engine for the 2005 Corvette was the 400 HP LS2, only 5 HP less than the LS6 engine of the previous year's high performance Z06 model.
- 2005 was the first year for keyless access and start.
- The Convertible model was a late introduction in 2005 with no Z06 available this year.
- One factory-painted Torch Red 2005 Corvette actually carried the Precision Red paint code (27).
- 2006 saw the re-introduction of high performance Z06 model, weighing only 3132 pounds with a 427 cubic inch dry sump engine producing 505 HP.
- A six-speed paddle shift automatic transmission was introduced as an option in 2006.
- Daytona Sunset Orange Metallic, a popular color choice in 2005 & 2006, was replaced by Atomic Orange in 2007, an extra cost color choice.
- Two special editions were introduced for the 2007 model year... the Arctic White Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Z06 (399 built) and an Indy Pace Car replica convertible in Atomic Orange (500 built).
- Jetstream Blue Metallic was announced as a new exterior color option for the 2008 model year, also available on the Z06.
- For 2008, a 427-Limited Edition Z06 was made available in Crystal Red Metallic paint with all 505 units hand signed by retiring Corvette Assembly Plant Manager, Wil Cooksey.
- The total 2009 Corvette production run of only 16,956 cars was the lowest since 1962's production run of 14,531 units (not counting 1997's run of 9,752 cars due late introduction of the new C5).
- The 2009 ZR1 was the first 200+ mph production Corvette ever made.
- The 2009 ZR1 was the first production Corvette ever built with a roots-type supercharger as standard equipment, developing 630 horsepower.
- The 2009 ZR1 was the first production Corvette to retail for over \$100,000.
- The 2009 ZR1's LS9 engine develops 630 horsepower but actually has less displacement than the Z06's 505 hp LS7 engine (376 vs 427 cubic inches).
- In 2009 consumers had their choice of nine different Corvette configurations including coupe, convertible, Z06, ZR1, Competition Sport, and GT1 Championship editions.
- 2010 saw the return of the legendary Grand Sport model nomenclature but with less exclusivity than the 1996 limited edition of only 1,000 special VIN-sequenced, uniquely painted blue & white cars.
- The 2010 Grand Sport model replaced the Z51 performance handling option and features the base LS3 engine but is equipped with the wide body panels, larger wheels/tires, and other parts derived from the Z06.



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- Two Z06 exclusive options debuted in 2011. The CFZ Carbon Fiber package featured black carbon fiber splitter, rockers, roof panel and body-color ZR1 style full-width rear spoiler while the Z07 Performance Package had Brembo ceramic brakes, Magnetic Ride Control, larger Michelin Pilot Sport 2 tires and competition gray 20-spoke wheels.
- The ULZ Carbon Limited Edition package for the 2011 Z06 was created to celebrate Corvette's 50th anniversary at LeMans.
- Carlisle Blue was a new color added to the lineup in 2012, retiring the popular Jetstream Blue Metallic color.
- To celebrate its 100th birthday, Chevrolet created a racing inspired Centennial Edition appearance and suspension package for the entire line of 2012 Corvettes. Available on all models, it features Carbon Flash Metallic paint with Centennial Satin Black wheels and red brake calipers.
- Black was not available as an exterior color in 2012 in favor of the special Carbon Flash Metallic paint featured on the Centennial Edition.
- The 2013 model year marked Corvette's 60th Anniversary and the final year for the C6 generation.
- To celebrate Corvette's 60th Anniversary, GM offered a special 60th Anniversary package available on all 2013 Corvette models plus a 427 Convertible Collector Edition.
- The 2013 60th Anniversary Package featured an Arctic White exterior with Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede accents. An optional graphics package added fulllength racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue and a tonal stripe stitched into the convertible top.
- The 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition was the fastest, most capable convertible in Corvette's history, blending elements from both the Z06 and ZR1 models.

C7 ... The Newest Generation...<u>2014</u> - <u>2015</u>



- 2014 marks the introduction of the seventh generation Corvette... the C7.
- The new LT1 6.2L V-8 base Corvette engine delivers 455 HP, 460 lb-ft torque (+5 in each with the addition of the optional Performance Exhaust System).
- The 2014 Corvette is the first to be equipped with Direct Injection technology with ensures a more complete burn of the fuel in the air-fuel mixture, improving combustion efficiency and thus contributing to increased power and fuel economy.
- Active Fuel Management, or cylinder deactivation, is a first-ever application on Corvette and helps save fuel by imperceptibly shutting down half of the engine's cylinders in lightload driving.
- The 2014 Corvette convertible features a standard power top which can be lowered at speeds up to 30 mph, or from outside the car using the key fob remote.
- The big news for 2015 was the introduction of the C7 Z06 featuring a brand new 650 HP supercharged LT4 engine. For the first time, the Z06 could now be ordered as a coupe with removable roof panel or a convertible with choice of a 7-speed manual transmission or new 8-speed automatic.
- For 2015, the previously optional Performance Data Recorder (PDR) was included at no extra charge with the Navigation system.

