## Welcome to the New Year with Grand Strand Corvettes

#### JANUARY 2016 MEETING – SAM SNEAD'S

The January Meeting saw so many of our members in attendance the restaurant had to open another section to accommodate the 40+ people there. Elections were completed and the 2016 slate of Officers for GSCC are:

Pat Hicks – President George Washnak – V.P.

Denise Lopes – Treasurer Cindy Baine – Secretary

Harold Dobbins – Director at Large

**Committees for 2016** will be tasked with many exciting events and issues to promote our Corvette lifestyle.

Director – Membership, Mickey Sharp

Director – Activities, Cindy Baine

Director – Marketing & Publicity, Albert Phillips

Car Show Chairman - Richard Harris

NCM Ambassador – Pat Hicks

Nominating Committee – Mickey Sharp

Web Master - Pat Hicks

GS Corvette Newsletter Editor – Larry Baine

### 2015 Cameron Village Ladies did it again!!

Mike Casey Toy Run collection of toys for children of deployed armed service personnel, a great cause. 14 Corvettes showed up to thank our appreciated friends



# President Obama appreciates a nice ride! 1963 Split Window Coupe



## **January and February Birthdays**

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
1/1 Tom O'Boyle	2/2 Darlene Hicks
1/3 Dave Smith	2/7 Eileen Sharp
1/8 Richard Perigord	2/8 John Lopes
1/9 George Washnak	2/19 Patti Nesbitt
1/12 Brenda Copeland	2/20 Denise Lopes
1/14 Brenda Phillips	2/20 Bill Shipley
1/17 Harold Dobbins	
1/21 Ellen Edwards	
1/31 Albert Phillips	

My apologies for any that were missed – I am old and may not have seen them on the list.

We want to thank all of you who participated in 2015 events, helped with functions, and gave your time and energy to the betterment of Grand Strand Corvettes in 2015. It is due to your efforts the year was a success. Jason's House, The Mike Casey Toy Run, Monthly Meetings, Cars and Coffee, The GSCC Corvette Show and day to day operations depend on our members volunteering their time. Our President, Pat Hicks did an awesome job keeping things running smoothly!!

#### **MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

Our member George Washnak plays guitar and keyboards in a band called the English Channel. He sings too. Any excuse to party works for this club!! This is at the Bull & Bush in Surfside on January 22.



Everyone always has a great time listening to the classic British music from the 1960's.

## **Corvette Trivia**

#### In the Beginning

In 1951, a group of Harley Earl's "Special Projects" crew began work on a GM sports car. Bob McLean designed a general layout for the car.

The project was code named "Opel."

- William Durant, the founder of GM, said a wallpaper pattern he saw in a Paris hotel in 1908 inspired the bow tie logo. Supposedly, he ripped off a small piece of it and brought it back to Detroit.
- The man who named the Corvette was Myron Scott; then Chevrolet's Chief photographer.
- The Jaguar XK120 is believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette.
  - The Corvette was the first and last car with a "Wrap-Around" windshield.
- Corvette was not the first to be made with a fiberglass body, but it was the first to be built by a company the size of Chevrolet.
- Corvettes have been assembled in three different cities. Flint, St. Louis, and Bowling Green.
  - "Turbojet" as first used on Corvette engine air cleaners with a horsepower rating of greater than 390hp.