

NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 21, 2016 MEETING – Hanser House

The February Meeting saw lots of our members in attendance. The restaurant provided great food and fun as the Daytona 500 played in the background. The Activities Committee has come up with many exciting, if not unusual activity options for the year. Many of those ideas were presented to the membership to determine interest.







March Birthdays

3/7 Richard Mahany 3/12 Arnie Guesno

3/36 Sal Gaglione

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Our members, Harold & Donna Dobbins took 2nd place overall in the first Cruise-In of the year at Denny's in Surfside on February 6th, in the cold and rain. His beautiful 2014 Stingray C-7 was the class of the show. There were 104 cars showing at this Cruise-In.

Below are four of our member's cars in the picture at Denny's.



Harold picked up his 2nd award of the season on 2/13 at Hooter's in North Myrtle Beach, yes - for the car!!

February 20 Cruise-In was at Hwy 55 Burgers in Murrells Inlet. 84 cars showed up for a beautiful Saturday show. At least 11 of our members were there with their Corvettes for the fun.





The February 27th Cruise-In at Burger-Fi saw member Dave Smith take the Cecil's Choice trophy home.

Remember "Cars and Coffee" for 2016 is back starting March 6th. Spring is rapidly approaching.

February 26, 2016 had George Washnak and his band, The English Channel, playing to a packed house at Mulligan's Bar in Little River. As always, great food, great music, and companionship among Grand Strand Corvette Club members.







On February 27, members enjoyed a local theater production at the Theater of the Republic in Conway for “Urinetown – The Musical”. Gathering before the show at the Rivertown Bistro for dinner completed a fun evening. Thanks to all who attended and helped put this together.



Corvette Trivia

C1 - 1953 to 1962

In 1953, the original front emblem and horn button on the “Autorama” Corvette featured crossed American and Checkered flags. It was discovered that using an American Flag on a product trade mark was against the law and the emblem was changed before the Autorama.

The hash faces up on the fender of the 1953 Autorama Corvette and on the production cars it faces down.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1953 the first Corvette, Serial # E53F001001 rolled off the assembly line and Corvette production began.

The rarest Corvettes, VIN #1 and 2 were said to be destroyed but there are no records of such and no eye witnesses.

The first Corvettes were actually “rolled” off of the assembly line and Chevrolet made no provisions for grounding the fiberglass car, so they would not start.

The first 5 Corvettes produced did not have a rear view mirror.

Of the 314 Corvettes hand built in 1953 only 183 were sold due to only “average” performance and the high price tag of \$3,513.00, or \$168.00 more than the Jaguar Xk120.

There are 13 vertical bars (or teeth) in the grill of the 1956 Corvette.

The Polo White color was last used in 1957.

1957 was the first model offering limited slip differential as an option.

1958 was the last year of the “cumulative engine revolution counter ” tachometer which first appeared in 1953. In 1958, the tachometer was

used on the 230, 245, and 250 HP cars, but not on the 270 and 290 hp vehicles.

Sun visors became a Corvette option in 1959.

In 1960, nylon belted tires became an option for Corvette. Previously only cotton belted tires were available.

1961 was the last year of the “Wide Whitewall” tires

1962 was the last “solid rear axle” Corvette offered and also marked the end of the power top on the Roadster.