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April 2018 MEETING – Logan’s Roadhouse, Myrtle Beach



IT'S FINALLY SPRING!!



Car shows, Cruise-Ins, Cars and Coffee, and Easter Weekend in Myrtle Beach, what more could a Corvette owner ask for? Our April Meeting on the 8th was a packed event at Logan’s Roadhouse across from Coastal Grande Mall in Myrtle Beach. George Washnak, our President

reviewed club information and reminded everyone the car show is coming up and volunteers are needed for the many positions we will have to staff for that day.

Mickey Sharp, Membership Chairman, reviewed the current membership numbers for Grand Strand Corvettes, now at 60 members on the roster. All Corvette owners are encouraged to attend a monthly meeting and see all GSCC has to offer. Discussion of making a “year of purchase” complimentary membership available to purchasers of Corvettes from Jud Kuhn Chevrolet and Coastal Chevrolet approved at the March meeting has been implemented.

Activities options for our members were presented by Debbie Washnak, Activities Committee Chair. Upcoming events include the Pelicans baseball game where a “Parade of Corvettes” around the warning track at the park is always a blast. This year will also have a “Parade of Harley’s” at the same game. Debbie and her Committee have been working hard to prepare for the Grand Strand Annual Club Picnic. This will be on June 10, 2018 at Huntington Beach State Park in the picnic area. This will be a catered event so please let Debbie know ASAP if you are coming if you haven’t already done so. She also gave more information on the upcoming trips to Biltmore Estates and the Georgia Mountains Cruise. Check our website for more information on exciting and fun times.

Our planning for the 2018 Grand Strand Corvettes Car Show is moving along nicely. We have now 250 flyers already distributed along with posters in 10 locations along the Grand Strand. Vendors, door prizes, goody bags, etc. are already being put together. Let’s make the 2018 show the best ever!!

6th Annual Open Car Show



in association with



Saturday October 13th, 2018

Jud Kuhn Chevrolet 3740 Highway 9 East, Little River, SC 29566

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Refreshments, Vendors, Music, Door Prizes and Free Admission!!!

\$20 tax deductible donation for cars and trucks entering the trophy competition. All Proceeds will be donated to Jason's House and Special Ops Wounded Warriors

Registration for the Judging will be 9AM-11:30AM

Pre-registration is available, details on GSCC website <http://grandstrandcorvettes.com/>
Dash plaques for the first 100 cars registered

Trophies will be presented at 3PM with Trophies for 1st – 3rd place in Six categories Ford, Chevrolet, Mopar, Import, Truck, Custom/other. Separate trophies awarded for best entry 1984 and earlier; 1985 and later and of course the Grand Prize BEST IN SHOW and a People's Choice award



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See our Inventory at <http://www.judkuhnchevrolet.com/>

We look forward to everyone being there for the fun. ALL TYPES of cars and trucks are welcome, so invite your friends from other car clubs and come join us on October 13th at Jud Kuhn Chevrolet.

CARS AND COFFEE IS BACK!!!

Don't forget, the first Sunday of each month at the Bagel Factory in Carolina Forest, just off 501. Free coffee for those showing their cars. The first 2018 gathering was March 4th. The April Cars and Coffee fell on Easter Sunday morning and was postponed until April 8th to allow our car friends to enjoy Easter morning with their families. Even though it was a week late, the fun was worth the wait. A smaller turnout than normal was experienced due to the unusually cold, windy, and wet conditions of the morning.

Our website has been updated with current information. Check us out
www.grandstrandcorvettes.com

On March 30, 2018, a good gathering of club members had dinner at Maggie D's. Everyone enjoyed the great food and fellowship with John Magliotti and his staff. While not an "official" club event, the turnout was great and the parking lot looked like a Corvette dealership!! Thanks to Lori Russell for the pictures.



Jason's House is coming up quickly beginning in June. Please make plans to participate and don't forget to look for Hot Wheels Corvette cars to give to the kids as they get their rides in our Corvettes each weekend!! As Toys-r-Us is closing, there are none left there to buy, and we tried!! Below is a short description of this incredible group of volunteers that helps explain our passion.

What is Jason's House?

A sign at the back of the Surfside United Methodist Church noting this as "Jason's House" lets out-of-town visitors know they've come to the right place.

The row of brightly colored Corvettes and the Surfside Beach fire truck in the parking lot also gives an indication something special is happening here. Inside, volunteers are gathered in the reception area, ready to offer a warm Myrtle Beach welcome to the families with young cancer victims who've come to enjoy a week at the ocean and "get away from it all."

"They're getting away from hospitals, doctors, and chemo," explained Elaine Paige with Jason's House. The idea for Jason's House, which is not really a house at all, started at Surfside United Methodist Church in 1984 with a husband and wife dealing with the loss of their son.

"Jason Lewis was the little boy who died of cancer," Paige said. "His parents moved to Myrtle Beach after his death and said, 'Oh my goodness, wouldn't he have loved to live here with all the fun things to do?'"

They decided to bring other children to the beach to enjoy the things they knew would have meant so much to Jason. The program has expanded significantly since it began 32 years ago. With the help of social workers and doctors at 14 hospitals in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina, Jason's House now brings 60 families here every summer.

Those families begin arriving the first weekend in June and continue through the last weekend in August.

Paige says that while a week at the beach is wonderful for the kids, it also offers a much needed break for the parents. Some of them have

never been on a vacation before. And for some of them this will be their last vacation because the children won't make it," Paige said.

This is why Grand Strand Corvette members feel so strongly in our commitment to this wonderful charity.

Cruise-In's and Car Shows are competing for turn-out all across eastern South and North Carolina. March 30 saw the Lake City Napa Show, The Easter Show at Inlet Square Mall, and the Rock-a-Bunny Rumble at Suck, Bang, Blow in Murrells Inlet all going on at the same time. What a weekend!! Four of our club members took home Best in Class plaques from the Rock-a-Bunny show, even if one was a Mustang (and yes, she also owns a Corvette with her husband).





On April 14th, 2018, four of our members went to the Hemingway Bar-B-Que and Shag Festival in Hemingway, S.C.. This was a great venue with 116 cars registered for the competition. All four of our club cars brought home trophies.



More April Shows and Cruise-Ins – What a busy month

April 21st Bash at the Beach (19th Annual) – Shallotte, N.C.

Swamp Fox Classic Car Show – Florence, S.C.

Vette's Doin' Charleston – Charleston, S.C.

Solid Rock Church Cruise-In – Murrells Inlet

April 28th Wings and Wheels Car and Vintage Airplane Show – Cape Fear Jetport in Oak Island, N.C.

Dillon County Car Show – Downtown Dillon, S.C.

Ripley's Aquarium Car Show – Broadway at the Beach

Socastee Heritage Festival Car Show at the Swing Bridge off 544

Bill Sigler Memorial Car Show – Conway, S.C.

You can see the “out-of-town” shows are well underway and some of our members are making the trek to represent Grand Strand Corvettes at these shows. We are always promoting our club and the October show at these events, passing out flyers, and expect to gain support and attendance from a more regional base of classic cars. For more information on regional car shows, contact Larry Baine or Harold Dobbins for dates and locations.

2018 Board of Directors

Your **Board of Directors** volunteer their time and energy to make Grand Strand Corvettes a very special group with a common interest. Please feel free to contact any Member of the Board with concerns or comments, and suggestions are always welcome.

George Washnak, President

Harold Dobbins, Vice-President

Cindy Baine, Secretary

Dee Lopes, Treasurer

Pat Hick, Director (Past President)

Mickey Sharp, Director

Marty Abbene, Director

Richard Harris, Director

Larry Baine, Director

2018 Committee Chairpersons

It's the Committees that drive the activities and advise the Board of Directors on issues at hand. These volunteers work tirelessly to make our club shine!!

Mickey Sharp – Membership Chairman

Pat Hicks – National Corvette Museum Ambassador

Debra Washnak – Activity Director Chairperson

Larry Baine – 2018 Car Show Chairman, Publicity and Newsletter Editor

Pat Hicks – Webmaster

All members are encouraged to volunteer for any committee where their talents can be used to further enhance the overall performance of the club. Participation is the key to success.

NEWSLETTER IDEAS

All members are encouraged to submit articles, information, activities, etc. to be included in our monthly Newsletter! Pictures of activities are needed from all events. Please send any Newsletter contribution to Larry Baine, Newsletter Editor to the e-mail listed on the GSCC 2018 Member Roster you received by e-mail. Please send pictures in .jpeg format and text articles in .doc (WORD) or .pdf format (Adobe). I look forward to hearing from you.

April 2018 Member Birthdays

05th – Pat Hicks

08th – Jim Coulter

09th – Daniel Vallone

11th – Lou Palfy

24th – Susan Mgrdechian

27th – Larry Powell

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
YALL!!!!*

Tech Tips from Hagerty's

Best in Show: Getting your car ready for the show season

There are so many different car care products available, it would be impossible to recommend the best ones. Most people find what works best for them. But here's a basic rundown of how to prepare your car for the next show:

1. Clean the engine compartment and undercarriage: It's a good idea to do this first, to avoid splattering grease on an already cleaned car. You might also put towels on the windshield and fenders to keep from getting cleaner on them.

2. Wash the car: Rinse the car, then use an automotive-specific cleaner and a sponge or mitt that's designed for use with automotive finishes. Don't even think about using dish soap; it's too strong. Start by cleaning the wheels, to avoid getting brake dust-infused water all over an already-washed car. Then work your way from the roof down. It's also a good idea to wash in the shade, as soap will evaporate quickly from a hot surface and leave spots and streaks on the paint.

3. Dry the car with a chamois or high-quality microfiber towel. Apply tire dressing only after the tires are completely dry.

4. Clean surface impurities: Some people like to use an abrasive polish to clean stains and sap from the paint and re-store lost shine. Others prefer a clay bar. In either case, follow the directions on the packaging to ensure a good finish and to avoid damaging the paint.

5. Wax the car: Work in the shade. Wax will dry too quickly on hot paint, and will cause hazing and other ugly

imperfections. Apply the wax in thin coats to small sections of the car, buffing the area with a clean towel.

6. Clean the interior: Clean the door jambs, hinges and the backs of the doors. Vacuum the carpets. Clean the carpets with an automotive carpet cleaner (follow the instructions on the can), then vacuum again to get any residue left over by the cleaner. Use a rag soaked in warm water and a small amount of very mild soap to wipe down vinyl and plastic surfaces (again, don't use harsh detergents and cleaners). For leather, use a leather cleaner and conditioner. Don't forget to detail the trunk.

7. Clean the glass: Don't use Windex and other household glass cleaners, as they weren't designed for your car's interior and won't work well. Use an automotive glass cleaner or newspapers and hot water. Either way, you're looking for a streak-free finish.

8. Look over the car's details: Are the wheels and tires original (and does it matter for the show you've entered)? Check under-hood components for neatness and originality. Parts to watch out for are spark plugs and wires, distributor caps, radiator caps and other replaceable filters. You don't want to lose points because you showed up in a '59 Corvette outfitted with Japanese double platinum spark plugs and a generic radiator cap. Most of all, don't forget to have fun!

<https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2015/06/09/show-season>