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September 2018 MEETING – Damon's Grill

Myrtle Beach, S.C.





With this view, great food, and friends from the Grand Strand Corvette Club, what more could you want? The September 2018 meeting was held on September 9, 2018 at Damon's Grill on the oceanfront in Myrtle Beach. The food was great and the fellowship even better. The view from our seating area was postcard quality.









Thirty members and two guests were present for the meeting. The format was normal with everyone updating the monthly business of the club. Harold Dobbins and Larry Baine reminded the group that our Car Show at Jud Kuhn Chevrolet is only a month away and help in all areas is still needed. Harold and Larry thanked those who have stepped up and asked others to do the same. Too much help is not possible!!



George Washnak, President, reminded the membership that the Sam Snead cruise-in that had been rained out in July has been re-scheduled for September 29th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and that the members are needed as volunteers.

The club now has 62 members and 2 Honorary Members.

CARS AND CO77EE

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 September Cars and Coffee was well attended with a variety of local cars on display. We have no pictures to share this month.

Our website has been updated with current information. Check us out <u>www.grandstrandcorvettes.com</u>

Jason's House has ended for the season but the need for support is still strong. Please keep this wonderful charity in the forefront of your spring and summer participation activities when we again can hear the laughter and squeals of these very sick children.



Cruise-In's and Car Shows continue throughout the summer all over the area. We have had some really terrible weather this summer affecting the turnouts and leading to postponement or cancellation of numerous shows.



For more information on regional car shows, contact Larry Baine or Harold Dobbins for dates and locations.

NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Every month we ask all members to submit articles, information, activities, etc. to be included in our monthly Newsletter! Pictures of activities are needed from all events. The response from our members is discouraging. 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.

September 2018 Member Birthdays

3 rd Karen Horne	5th – Debbie Washnak
9 th Carol Midkiff	19 th Linda Palfy
21 st Jim Horne	25 th Donna Dobbins

HAPPY

BIRTHDA

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Tech Tips

From 2003 IMSA GTS Drivers Champion—Johnny O'Connell

As some of you may know, early in my career, I spent a lot of time teaching high performance driving. I started at Jim Russell, then a little time at Skip Barbers, a lot of time at Bob Bondurants, and then a little time with the Panoz school. Anyway, it has always shocked me at how little most people know about driving. With this in mind, I figured it might be a good idea to pass along some tips to help people get to be better street drivers. Some of the techniques...as I go along....will be some of the things we do in racing....but most are applicable to everyday street driving. The purpose is, of course, not to encourage you to speed on the streets...(most racers I know run pretty close to the speed limits)....but rather to give you some skills that will hopefully keep you and your loved ones out of trouble. Believe me when I say that it is a lot more dangerous driving on the streets than the race track...and something I have in the back of my mind every time I buckle up. With all that said....we'll start out with the basics...

First thing, and very important, is how to sit in a car. Sounds dumb, but most people don't sit in a car properly. Your average street driver tends to sit too far away from the steering wheel, and thus when they get into a situation where they have to perform, they are unable to do so. Sitting close to the wheel allows you to move it quickly should you get in a skid. At first, it always feels awkward, but with time you get used to it.

Anyway, the rule of thumb more or less is this. You should be close enough to the steering wheel so that you can drape your wrist (either one) over the steering wheel at 12 o'clock...not pulling your shoulder blades off the back of the seat, and have a slight bend to your elbow. For most people, this tends to make them feel a little bit too close, and uncomfortable with their legs. Where it becomes a benefit performance wise, however, is when you get into an oversteer skid (the back end coming around). Being close to the wheel makes it much easier to move the steering wheel quickly so that you can catch the skid. So give it a try...and hey, next time you are watching an in car camera shot of a driver working, take a look at where the driver sits...I think you'll be surprised at how close we really are to the wheel. Be safe!