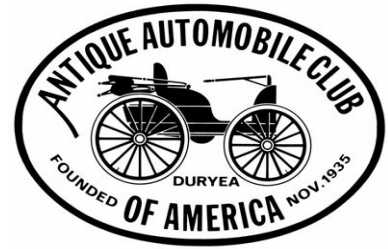


NEWS FROM THE



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 38th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

Golden Corral
2510 David
McLeod Blvd.
Florence, SC
Aug. 12, 2019
6:30 PM for eating/fellowship
7:00 PM for Club Meeting

August, 1, 2019



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Carol Key 8-1
Jim Ramsey 8-3



Robinson's Ramblings'

Hope you all have enjoyed the special edition that our great newsletter editor put out covering the Auburn-Cord - Duesenberg Museum tour that Curt, Bill and I had the opportunity to do while we were in Auburn for the AACA Grand Nat'l car show. If you ever have a chance to be in this area of the country, take the time to see what's there, it's more than worth it!!!

It's been good to see all the Swamp Fox members that have been to the many car shows and get together's over the past month. Joe's Grill, Cars and Coffee, Highway 55, Darlington Downtown Cruise-In all had Swamp Fox folks and their cars in attendance. We are letting other clubs know about our car club and that we think their car clubs are important to the old car hobby in the Pee-Dee when we attend these functions. KEEP IT UP!!

Both Curt and I had a chance to talk with Nick and Abby about a week back. They are doing well in Florida and are working on stuff for our upcoming car shows. We do miss them and they miss us, but they will be back for the Christmas party in December!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2019 CLUB OFFICERS

President Al Robinson 496-7207
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Secretary/ Susan Pace 230-0212
Treasurer.

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[2019 Car Show Schedule](#)
**Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington,
SC 10/12/19**
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/2/19

Robinson's Ramblings' con't

Tom, Curt and I also had a good get together with Pecan Festival Head, George Jebailey, and got resolution on additional space for the Pecan Festival show. Planning is in progress for the Sweet Potato and the Pecan Festival shows as well as some advance planning for our April Show at Hoffmeyer Place.

Reach out to someone you know or meet and invite them to join the Greatest Car Club there is-SWAMP FOX!!

Al Robinson

Swamp Fox Rides

The story of a 55 Chevy and an old friend

As most of you know I recently achieved AACA Senior Grand National level with my 55 Chevy Hardtop, the result of campaigning the car thru the 4 step process in AACA judging. It takes a lot of work and some significant expense to get a car thru the process. I hope I can tell you just how important doing this was to me because it is a tribute to a very special friend and a co-founder of the Swamp Fox Car Club.

Those few who remember George Cruikshank know that George and I founded the Swamp Fox Club in 1981. George was a key member in the development of our club and he and I shared lots of "Old Car Adventures" over the many years we were friends. This brings us to the story of how the 55 Chevy got its place in my life.

About 20 years ago, George got tired of doing A-Model Fords (of which he was an expert at) and decided to do something different. He got wind of a 55 Chevy up in Cary, NC that someone had started restoring and gave up on. He called me and wanted to know if I could haul another old car back to Florence on my trailer. Since this was about the 5th car I had hauled for George, I knew we were in for another "Adventure" together.

We headed up to NC with the trailer to get the car, however neither one of us was quite prepared for what we found!! This 55 Chevy was in more pieces than we could believe and it was obvious that one trip wasn't going to get this mess back to Florence. George just about backed out on the deal but the price was pretty good so we started loading stuff up. The 1st trip got the frame and parts of the body, the second trip got the rest of the body, the engine and most of the mechanical parts. I think George made one more trip with his pickup to get the rest of what we could not get on the trailer.

Over the next 2 years a rotisserie off frame restoration was done on the car. George did most of the work, I helped with several steps and Ivan Hucks did a lot of the finish body work and painting. The car was completed in 1999 and George drove it a few times over the next few years but was never shown in AACA competition. Then it sat in Georges shop for over 10 years and was never run.

Fast forward to Jan 2016, George had some very serious health issues that were getting worse and he called me and asked if I would like to have the car. We agreed on a price and I got the tires pumped up enough to get the car out of his shop and finally got it started so that I could drive it to my shop. It had some very serious mechanical issues that ultimately resulted in having to dismantle most of the engine to solve. The basic bones of the car were so good that I decided to see if I could turn it into an AACA show car. Thus started a concentrated 3 month effort, almost every day, to get everything done to put it into show quality shape for the AACA Regional National Meet in April 2016.

I told George I was going to turn the 55 into an AACA National show car, he just laughed and said you will never do it (I said-watch me!!). At that point George couldn't do much so he would come over while I was working on the car, we would talk and I would work. We shared some special time together talking about all the trips to Hershey and other "Old Car" stuff we had done over the years.

I got the "55" done just in time for the Charlotte Meet and was able to get the AACA 1st junior award-step one in the process. When I got back from Charlotte, I took George to the next Car Club meeting and gave him the 1st junior trophy. I think that pleased him more than anything I could have done. I told George that I was going to try for the AACA Sr. award at the New Bern Regional National Fall Meet in late August and kidded George that I was going to keep that trophy if I was able to get it. George was in the Presbyterian hospital in failing health at that time so I called him and told him I got the Senior. I think he was even more pleased than when I gave him the 1st Junior trophy.

George passed away 3 weeks later and I lost a very good friend and "Old Car" buddy however his memory lives on in that Sr. Grand National "55" Chevy we hauled back all those years ago!
Now you know "The Rest of the Story"

AL ROBINSON

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Automotive History

Andre Citroen designed the 1934 Citroen-the first really successful front-wheel-drive car-so well that it was produced for 23 years without a basic design change. Radically designed for its time, the front-wheel-drive Citroen proved to be a durable car noted for its remarkable traction on any road surface.

Front-wheel drive had been attempted on many occasions by car builders in Europe and America, but had met with limited success. Then in the early 1930s Citroen, the French company known for such innovations as a half-track that became the first vehicle to cross the Sahara Desert began studying Front-wheel-drive. Under the creative eye of Andre Citroen, who founded the firm in 1919, the Model 7CV was developed. When this advanced car was unveiled in the spring of 1934, its front-wheel-drive assembly and welded all-steel unitized body and chassis construction created much excitement in the motoring world.

A 1.6-liter overhead-valve four-cylinder engine powered the new Citroen. The 36-horsepower engine was conventionally located under the hood and behind the front axle. However, when compared to traditional arrangements, it was mounted backward. The three-speed transmission was placed in front of the engine and ahead of the front-drive-wheels. For increased performance, a more powerful version was also introduced in 1934. It featured a 1.9-liter engine that produced 46 horsepower. The front-wheel-drive assembly was connected to the integrated chassis and body at four points near the bottom of the engine-compartment wall. In essence, the mechanical drive components could be disconnected from the body for service in much the same way a horse was unhitched from a carriage. No frame was used in the construction of the 1934 Citroen. Instead, a stiff, flat floor served as the body's spine, the major body parts were welded to the floor.

Three body styles-a sedan, a coupe and a sporty roadster-were built by the factory. Each one was handsomely designed with a swept-back grille and flowing front fenders, The company's double chevron trademark was incorporated into the grillwork. The 1934 Citroen was an impressive performer. Curves and sharp corners, even in poor weather, could be easily negotiated since the cars were pulled along by the front wheels rather than being pushed by the rear wheels. Thus, road traction was never broken as the wheels maintained a constant grip on the road surface. Because of this superior handling and the car's rugged reliability, the Citroen 11CVs became popular for use in road-rally competition. Frenchman Francois Lecot demonstrated this durability in a marathon drive during 1935 and 1936. Driving 19 hours a day on open highways Lecot covered just under 250,000 miles (400,000 kilometers) without major trouble.

Each years sales of the Paris-built four-cylinder car remained high. Not until 1957, after 708,339 of them had been built, was the front-wheel drive pioneer phased out.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA

Future Car Shows of Interest

August 10, 2019

Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am
1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

August 31, 2019

Hwy 55 & Beef Jerky – Palmetto Cruisers, 5pm to 8pm
Woody Jones Blvd. Florence

September 14, 2019

Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am
1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

September 28, 2019

Hwy 55 & Beef Jerky – Palmetto Cruisers, 5pm to 8pm
Woody Jones Blvd. Florence

October 5, 2019

Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am
1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

October 9-12, 2019

AACA Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA – Hershey Region

October 12, 2019

Sweet Potato Festival - Swamp Fox Old Car Club
Darlington, SC – Swamp Fox Region

November 2, 2019

Pecan Festival - Swamp Fox Old Car Club
Florence, SC - Swamp Fox Region

April 2-5, 2020

AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals and Auto Fair
Charlotte, NC - Hornets' Nest Region