

# NEWS FROM THE



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

## NEXT MEETING

Lil D's Dugout  
3051 S. Irby St.  
Florence, SC  
Jan. 13, 2020  
6:30 PM for eating/fellowship  
7:00 PM for Club Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

January 1, 2020



Robinson's Ramblings'

Happy New Year to a great bunch of "old car nut's" and an organization that I am really proud to be associated with. We did have a super good 2019 and I know 2020 will be even better. We have a good start on planning for our Antique/Classic Car show in April and we have a good leadership team in place to guide the club this coming year!!

I want to challenge each member to bring in a new member this year. If we could do this, we could double the size of our club and have a bigger impact on the old car hobby in the Pee Dee and in our community. All it takes is asking someone you know to come to one of our meetings and since we are now at Lil "D"s for our meetings, we have a much better venue than we did in 2019.

Thanks to Vice President Tom Spence for setting up our Christmas Party at Tubb's. I think everyone had a great time, I know I sure did and the gift exchange was a hoot as usual!!!

See you all in January and remember once again, we truly are a people organization and the love of old cars is the glue that binds us together,

Al Robinson

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### 2020 CLUB OFFICERS

President Al Robinson 496-7207  
Vice Pres. Tom Spence 773-0189  
Secretary/ Susan Pace 230-0212  
Treasurer.

### CLUB WEBSITE:

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**2020 Car Show Schedule**  
**Swamp Fox Old Car Club**  
**Antique Classic Car Show**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2020**



## The Editors Turn

This issue of the newsletter has two photo features.

The first feature is a sequential view of the club Christmas party starting with the business meeting, followed by some great food and a fun gift exchange.

The second is a Swamp Fox Rides feature “The Educated Shoebox” by Julian Stewart. It is an interesting look into the history and restoration of his 1951 Ford. Thanks Julian for submitting your story and pictures.

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

Happy New Year!!

Curt Smith  
Editor



# Pictures from the 2019 Club Christmas Party --- The Gathering, Social Time

(Photos by Curt Smith)



## The Business Meeting

(Photos by Curt Smith)



Al calls the meeting to order.



Al introduces the officers and board.



Al tells it like it is.



Al is about to adjourn the meeting.

Tom adds “**One More Thing**” to the agenda.....

Tom presents the **Founders Award** to Al, The Swamp Fox Old Car Club Founder.

Congratulations!!

(Photos by Curt Smith)



Meeting Adjourned.

Dinner Time



The Gift Exchange.... Fun Time -- Game On!  
Select it or steal it!!

(Photos by Curt Smith)



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# Swamp Fox Rides

## “The Educated Shoebox”

What you see in the pictures that follow, is the history of my classic 1951 Ford. This story is not one of just its technical being. It is also the story of how it was a conduit to life's experiences for three generations

For the past four and a half years, it has been my labor as well as my privilege, to restore this car. It is my hope that it looks as comparable as it did the day it came off the assembly line in Norfolk, Virginia in January 1951.

As our family legend goes, my grandfather, Mr. Toland Stewart, bought the car brand new. We have been told he paid cash when he purchased it from Hunter Motor Company here in Florence. He had a farm at the corner of Ebenezer and Hoffmeyer Crossroads. This was his primary vehicle until his death in 1966. After his death, my father Gus Stewart took ownership of the car.

My recollection of learning to drive happened with this car. My granddaddy's farm was right down the road from where I-95 was being constructed. Before the highway was paved, my father would take me out on the graveled highway there and teach me the mechanics of driving.

During the late '60s and early '70s, the car began its education. My sister drove it to high school in her junior and senior years. Upon her graduation, she drove the car to the University of Georgia. When it had completed its course of study there, my brother drove it to the University of South Carolina for his undergrad studies.

My opportunity to enrich its education came when I attended Newberry College. After two years, my brother once again took the limited ownership while he attended law school at the University of South Carolina. Its final course in its advancement for higher education came when I drove it to the then Francis Marion College.

Its education is not the only element to the story. It has been a vital part of the story of my immediate family. The picture of the couple standing beside it was taken in December of 1980. It is that of my wife, Debbie and me before we were married. It is also the car we borrowed from my father and drove it away from the church on our wedding day.

As time went on, my father put the car in his garage at his home here in Florence. He drove it sporadically, but it seemed to have served its purpose.

In 1988, my family and I were visiting from Pennsylvania. Since we now had a house with a garage of our own, my father told me to take the car. So, I drove it from South Carolina to Pennsylvania.

In 1990, after relocating to Tennessee, I had the car shipped from Pennsylvania. We lived there for fourteen years where it was garaged and driven occasionally. Then in 2002, I made the decision to put the car in storage until my retirement, buy a motorcycle. I had the car stored in a friend's warehouse for thirteen years. In June of 2015, it came back to Florence.

Upon its return to where its story began, I have worked to bring it back into focus. Everything is original to the car with the exception to the side view mirrors and the seatbelts. The chrome has been re-chromed, the engine and transmission has been rebuilt, wiring and all other items restored to its originality. The back windshield still has the FMC Alumni '79-'80 sticker where has been since I put it there.

I need to mention the support that I received with this project; the paint and body work was by Jonathan Rivers at Phaze3Kustoms. The interior work was done by Don Wolfe at Don's Trim Shop. Technical support and majority of parts were supplied from Chris Whittington of Shoebox Central, Oklahoma City. Early Ford V8 Sales, Piedmont SC, did the rebuild of the engine and VanPelt Sales, Batavia OH, did the transmission. Chrome plating was done with R&D Finishing and Tri-City Plating, both out of Elizabethton, TN. Last but not most important, the many hours of blood, sweat and tears from my garage.

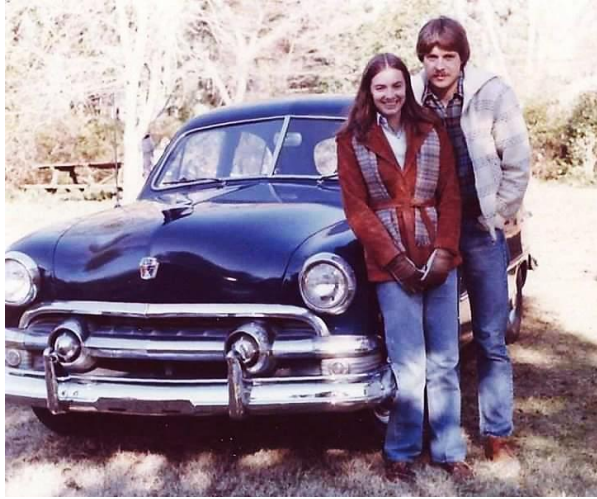
And finally the vanity plate on the tail end cannot be ignored. That was the suggestion of my wife Debbie. I must mention that she tightened a few bolts or two, moved the seats in and out more times than she can count, and moved the hood and trunk lids along with many parts up to the attic and back to the garage numerous times.

I am very proud of the outcome. As I have said it was a labor of love. I would like to think my grandfather and father would be proud also.

Julian G Stewart  
December 23, 2019



(Photos by Julian Stewart)



1980



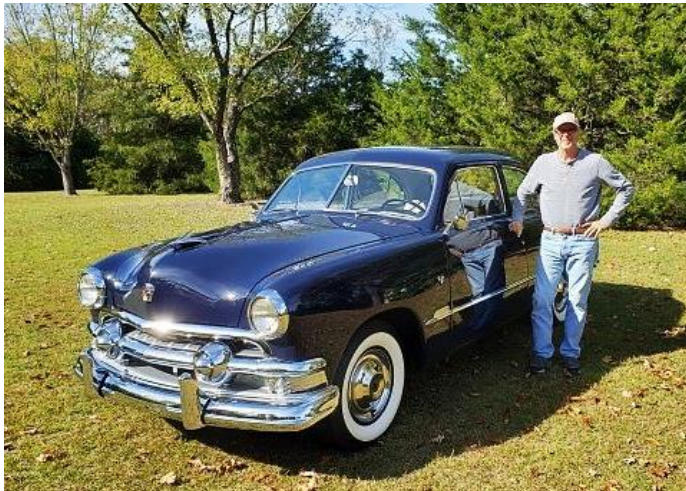
1989



(Photos by Julian Stewart)



(Photos by Curt Smith)



(Photos by Curt Smith)



## **Future Car Shows of Interest**

**January 11, 2020**

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

**February 8, 2020**

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

**March 14, 2020**

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

**April 2-5, 2020**

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

**April 11, 2020**

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

**April 18, 2020**

**Antique Classic Car Show - Swamp Fox Old Car Club**  
2441 Hoffmeyer Rd. Florence, SC - Swamp Fox Region

**May 9, 2020**

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

**June 13, 2020**

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

**July 11, 2020**

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

**July 23-25, 2020**

**AACA Annual Grand National**  
Allentown, PA

**August 8, 2020**

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

**September 12, 2020**

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

**October 7-10, 2019**

**AACA Eastern Fall Nationals**  
Hershey, PA – Hershey Region

**October 10, 2020**

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

**November 7, 2020**

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



# Antique Classic Car Show

**April 18, 2020**

**2441 Hoffmeyer Road  
Florence, SC**



**18 CLASSES**

**(8 Antique & 10 Contemporary)\***

**TROPHIES TO TOP 2 IN EACH CLASS PLUS**

**3 BONUS TROPHIES INCLUDING BEST ANTIQUE, BEST CONTEMPORARY, BEST OF SHOW  
DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 150**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$25**

**REGISTRATION 9:00 AM TO 12 PM**

**JUDGING BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON**

**AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 3:00 PM**

For more information visit our website: <http://swampfox.aaca.com/>

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**ANTIQUE CAR KIDS RIDES  
ON SITE FOOD VENDORS  
CAR TRAILER PARKING**

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION**