

NEWS FROM THE SWAMP FOX Old Car Club



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

Lil D's Dugout
3051 S. Irby St.
Florence, SC

June 8, 2020

6:30 PM for eating/fellowship
7:00 PM for Club Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rob Warfuel	4-6
Tom Smith	4-12
Freas Hontz	4-17
Jennifer Edwards	4-20
Kit Fulmer	4-22
Steve Abbott	4-30

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:

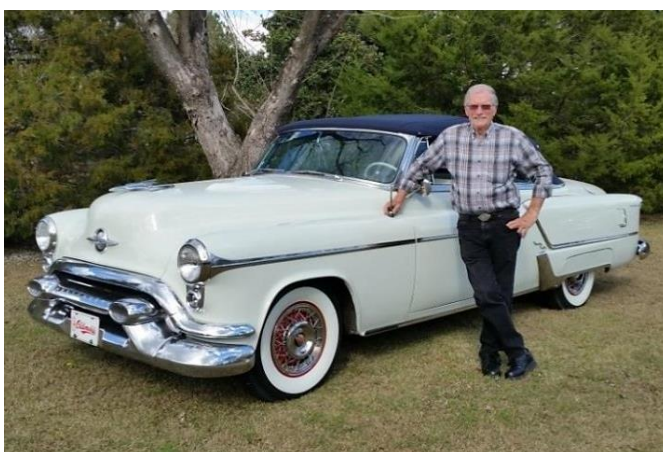
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The April 18, 2020 Swamp Fox Old Car Club Antique Classic Car Show has been RESCHEDULED to April 17, 2021 (due to the coronavirus)

2020 Car Show Schedule
Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington, SC 10/10/20
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/7/20

April 1, 2020



Robinson's Ramblings'

Well, car folks, it looks like things are kind of on the back burner for a while due to this crazy coronavirus. I guess we will have to get used to it until probably about June. Your officers and board of directors held a "by phone" board meeting and elected to suspend any club meetings until June. We will continue to issue a monthly newsletter and keep you all posted on any new developments. Cars and Coffee will be on hold as will be Charlotte and the AACA show until June. All the area shows have been postponed or cancelled until we are thru the pandemic.

If you have a car project (or two), now is a good time to make some headway. I am going great guns on the 57 Olds that I should have had done 2 years ago!! I hope to get it done by the end of summer depending on when SMS gets the interior to me. They have a 3 month lead time so it will probably be the 1st of June before I have it in hand.

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I know none of us expected anything like this in 2020, we had all hoped to be getting ready for our great April show at this time. Life kind of hands you lemons at times so at least, let's make some good lemonade!!!

Stay safe, pay attention to what our leadership is asking us to do and we will be in good shape, I hope, by our June car club meeting.

Al Robinson



Antique Classic Car Show
April 18, 2020
2441 Hefner Road
E. S.

RE-SCHEDULED



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 (no credit cards)
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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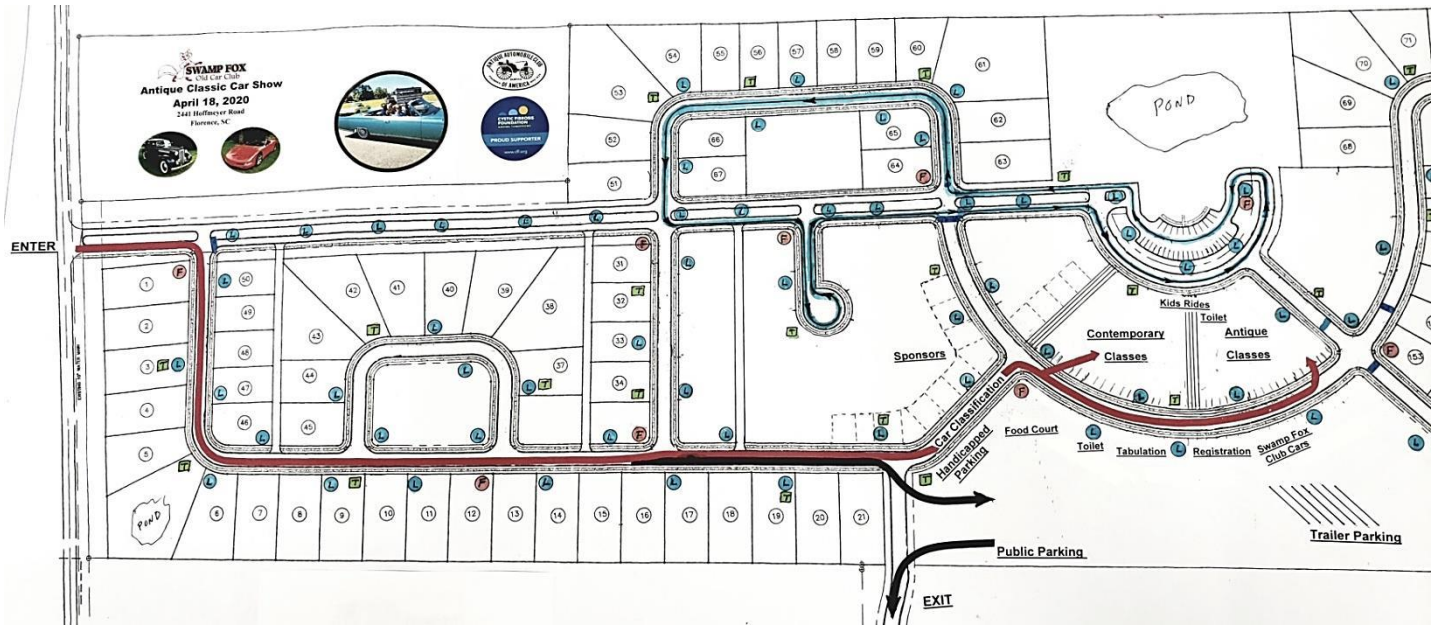
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Swamp Fox Rides

As most of you know I not only love old cars, I kind of have a soft spot for Oldsmobile's. As a teenager I rebuilt a 50 Olds coupe and raced it on the dragstrip (did pretty well). Later on I put a 58 Olds J-2 engine (the one with the factory tripower) in a 50 Olds hardtop with a 37 LaSalle transmission and had a lot of fun with that. My final race drag racing project was a 57 Olds 2dr. hardtop that I built a 600 HP engine for, again with a 37 LaSalle transmission and many chassis modifications. It was "Evil" on the strip or on the street but I finally had to give up racing after I got out of the Navy and went back to college to study Mechanical Engineering. I couldn't afford to be a drag racer and a college student!!

I never lost my love for Oldsmobile's and I now have a 1949 club coupe, a 1950 rocket 88 fastback, the 1957 88 hardtop I am just finishing up the restoration on and the 1953 98 convertible that is featured here. I did not restore this one; I had the opportunity to purchase it at the AACA Hershey fall meet 4 years ago. The car has all the options that could be put on an Olds 98 in 1953.

It has one odd "option" that really is not supposed to be still on the car. After some research, it turns out that this car was a dealer demonstrator and it has a dealer installed solenoid valve that allows the power steering to be locked out. This was to let the sales guys show how great power steering was since this was the newest development for Olds in 1953. These were supposed to be removed when the car was sold, but for some unknown reason it was not on this car. It actually has a factory switch under the dash that disabled the power steering.

I always wanted to have a 53 Olds 98 in my collection, along with a 50 Olds Rocket 88 and a 57 Olds 88 to duplicate my original 57 race car. I am very fortunate to have been able to get my hands on this 1953 convertible; it's a great driving car!!!

Al Robinson



(Photos by Curt Smith)



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Automotive History

The Volkswagen occupies a unique position among the great cars of history. It was designed during the 1930s by the automotive genius Ferdinand Porsche, and the same basic design remained in production for more than 30 years. From Wolfsburg, Germany, site of the largest single auto manufacturing plant in the world. Volkswagens are exported to dozens of other countries. And year after year, the little "Beetle," or Type 1 as it is officially known, has attested to the soundness of Porsche's original design. By October, 1974, 18 million Type 1 Volkswagens had been sold, far outstripping the sale of any single model of any other manufacturer.

The Volkswagen owes its existence to Porsche's visionary dream for a small car priced so low that every family could afford to own one. But from the end of World War 1 to the 1930s, Porsche was unable to get sufficient financial backing to make his dream a reality. Because his ideas were radical, it would have been expensive to develop the kind of car Porsche had in mind. He envisioned a car with room for a family of four—a car that would cruise all day at highway speeds and still deliver well over 20 miles per gallon. His dream car was to have a new kind of engine—a flat air-cooled engine with four horizontally opposed cylinders. It would be placed behind the rear axle, where its weight would give added traction. For stability, each wheel would be independently suspended with torsion bars to cushion the ride.

Finally, with the backing of the German government, Porsche produced three test cars. They were driven day after day until each car had logged 30,000 miles. Under this punishment, each of the cars broke down several times. But repairs were made and the testing never stopped. Finally, in 1937, after car had been driven its quota, an official report was sent to the German government; "... most of the shortcomings could be overcome without great difficulty." This report marked the beginning of a full-scale effort to perfect the car and to begin production as quickly as possible. Funds were earmarked for 30 additional test cars, and when they were ready, 200 drivers totaled more than 1,242,000 miles of test driving. At last the Volkswagen—the people's "car"—was ready.

In 1938 the German government laid the cornerstone for an enormous Volkswagen factory, and at the same time the car, in its final form was placed on display. Even before the factory was completed, the car was being built in other plants. After the outbreak of World War 2, the giant new Volkswagen plant was converted to war production.

When the war ended, workers returned to the plant to begin assembling cars from prewar parts. But materials were in short supply, and it wasn't until 1948, when Heinz Nordhoff assumed direction of the plant, that the Volkswagen revival began. That year, 19,244 cars came off the assembly line. The year 1949 marked the production of the 50,000th prewar Volkswagen. Within a few years the little "Beetle" was a familiar sight not only on the Autobahns of Germany but also on highways throughout the world.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA

Future Car Shows of Interest

April 18, 2020

Antique Classic Car Show - Swamp Fox Old Car Club, RESCHEDULED to April 17, 2021

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 12-14, 2020

AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals and Charlotte Auto Fair (RESCHEDULED)

Charlotte, NC - Hornets' Nest Region

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

September 24-26, 2020

Run To The Sun,

Former Myrtle Square Mall, Myrtle Beach, 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 Automobile Club of America
Southeastern Spring Nationals
April 4, 2020 at Charlotte AutoFair**
Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA
Meet Email: aacact@windstream.net

AACA
Southeastern
Spring
Nationals
Information
Region
Office
704-841-
1396
Anytime

CHARLOTTE
SPRING MEET
AUTOFAIR
CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY
April 2-5, 2020

Host Hotel
Embassy Suites Hotel
5400 John Q. Hammons Drive N.W.
Concord, NC 28027
Phone Direct: 704-455-8200
(Located one mile from Speedway)
Ask for "Antique Auto Club Rate"

Hornets Nest Region
Antique Automobile Club of America
9307-H Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC 28270

Vehicle Registrations
Will Be Handled
With the Customary
AACA Process.

December 1, 2019



SC Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington
October 10, 2020

REGISTRATION
\$ 20.00
9:00 - NOON

&

SC Pecan Festival, Florence
November 7, 2020

Year End
Cash
Drawing

24 Distinct Classes
DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 100
TROPHIES AWARDED TO TOP 3 IN EACH CLASS
BEST NON-PRODUCTION
BEST PRODUCTION
MAYOR'S CHOICE

- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY SWAMP FOX AACA CLUB MEMBERS
- JUDGING IS A POINT SYSTEM
- NO SWAMP FOX OLD CARS WILL BE JUDGED

MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE SWAMP FOX OLD CAR CLUB

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