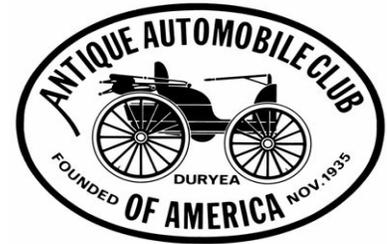


NEWS FROM THE SWAMP FOX Old Car Club



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

Location

TBD

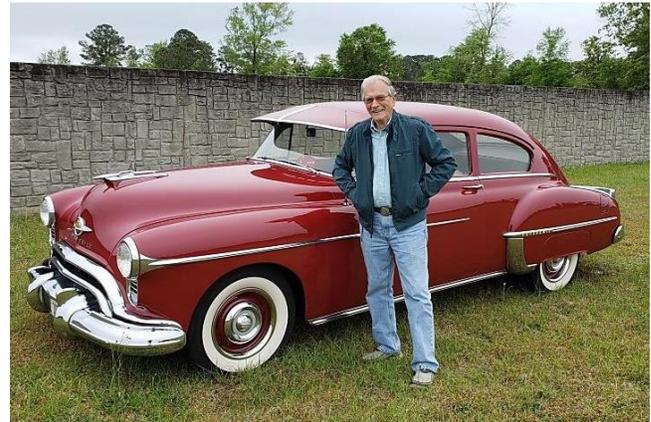
Florence, SC

July 13, 2020

6:30 PM for eating/fellowship

7:00 PM for Club Meeting

June 1, 2020



Robinson's Ramblings'

June is about here and we are still dealing with the "stuff" from the virus. It looks like we will lose our meeting place at LiL Ds as will the Palmetto Cruisers. The Board is looking at options for club meetings for the rest of the year as well as activities for our club throughout the summer months.

We are tentatively planning a club meeting after Cars and Coffee at Southern Hops on June 13. Tom Spence has talked to them and they are very receptive to having us there with as many of our old cars as we can bring. Put this on your calendar for June. We may have to do some creative things for meeting places throughout the rest of the year. We will keep everybody informed as we go along.

I hope each of you are doing ok and doing the things to stay healthy and away from the hospitals. We want each Swamp Fox member to be with us for a long, long time.

Just remember, Life is STILL not boring when you can drive a good old car!!!!

Al Robinson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Donna Smith	6-2
Luther Johnson	6-17
Al Robinson	6-18
Doug Floyd	6-19
Belinda Casey	6-20
Rex Huggins	6-23

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
Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington,
SC 10/10/20
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/7/20



The Editors Turn

In this edition of the newsletter I am introducing a new feature called Swamp Fox Road Trips. In this first offering we have the stories of two road trips to experience thanks to our club VP and Trip Organizer, Tom Spence.

He has long been an advocate of driving and enjoying our old cars in addition to participating in car shows. I hope that you enjoy the stories and pictures of each trip and will join us on our next Swamp Fox Road Trip.

Curt Smith
Editor

UPDATE!
Car Club Meeting/Social
11 AM, Saturday, June 13, 2020
Southern Hops Brewing Co.
911 South Sunset Acres Lane, Florence, SC

Swamp Fox Road Trips

Road Trip, Coronavirus Caravan! 5-2-2020

Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden

Bishopville, SC

<https://www.pearlfryar.com/>

In an effort to prevent social shutdown insanity and exercise our cars several members from the club took a road trip to Pearl Fryars Topiary Garden in Bishopville on Saturday May 2nd. We met at the now partially open Magnolia mall at 10:30 and were off after some much needed greetings and in person conversation. Our group included Curt and Donna Smith, Tom and Michelle Smith, Cheryl and Doug Floyd, Gail and Al Robinson, Tim Spence, Freas Hontz, Celeste and me! The weather was beautiful, all of the cars ran well and a great time with lunch was had by all. Of course we had to investigate a forlorn old truck and a rusting 2 door hardtop made by " OR " slowly returning to mother earth. It was a great way to spend a Saturday and a much needed adventure. Something tells me another one is on the way soon. Tom

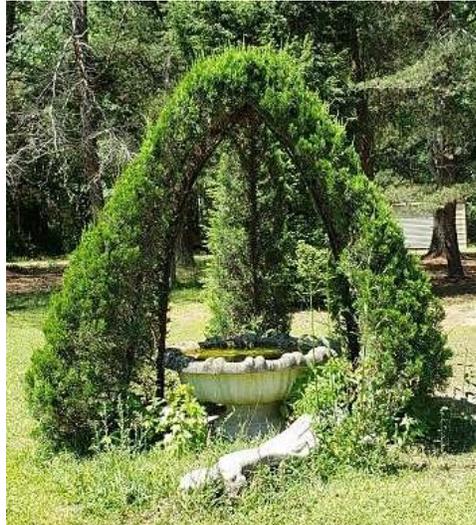
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Road Trip, Coronavirus Caravan! 5-9-2020

McLeod Farms Market

McBee, SC

<https://www.macspride.com/>

We had so much fun on our first trip from self-imposed prison that the warden gave approval for another jaunt. This past Saturday, May 9th an even larger contingent of old rides had an opportunity to burn the carbon deposits away as we drove to McLeod farms to eat, shop and visit. We met at the Krispy Kreme on Palmetto and gave the donut buyers a free and impressive car show! Several more people and cars/trucks took part this time including "the usual suspects" to quote a Bogart movie! The weather was cool but wonderful and the drive was uneventful except for Luther having a mishap in his corvette! We all made it there and enjoyed food, sunshine and a great photo session. This type of event needs to become an integral part of our activities and any future destination spots can be brought up by any of the members. Perhaps even a short school bus with way too many stickers could be commandeered for our next adventure! Life's too short to drive boring rides!

Tom



(Photos by Curt Smith)



Automotive History

1925 Bentley

One of the most important chapters in British motor racing history began in 1919 with the creation of W.O. Bentley's remarkable Three Litre Bentley. At a time when British wins in international competition were in decline, the well-engineered Bentley had, by 1925, established themselves among the world's finest cars. In just a few years, the Three Litre Bentley created a mystique that has inspired men and their car designs ever since. When Bentley, a leading automotive engineer and foreign car importer, announced in May 1919 that he would start building his own line of fine cars, the public and motoring press took special notice. By Christmas, the first Three Litre Bentley was completed and rolled out of the shops located on London's famous Baker Street. Though it was by no means revolutionary in design, the car was built to Bentley's uncompromising standards of craftsmanship, and only the finest materials were used. This resulted in an expensive but strong automobile.

Typical of the Three Litre Bentleys was the Speed model, a specially tuned car designed for high-speed travel. Its four-cylinder engine, with a single overhead camshaft, developed 80 horse-power. This engine, from which the car got its three-liter designation, was the first in British history to be labeled by the capacity of its cylinders rather than the power it produced. With a displacement of three liter, the engine, coupled with a standard four-speed transmission, could power a Bentley down straightaways in excess of 85 mph. Three versions of the Three Litre Bentley were offered, each easily identified by the background color of the car's trademark emblem. "Red Label" Bentleys featured a short chassis, cars with "Blue Labels" were long-chassis models often fitted with a limousine body and those with "Green Labels" were special high-performance cars capable of 100 mph.

It was this quality and durability that gave Bentleys their popularity and filled Britons with new hope for racing victories. For years, Bentley performance kept British racing in the limelight. Within a period of seven years, Europe's most important race-the 24-hours at Le Mans-was won five times by Bentleys. This string of victories in 1924, 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930 was without equal until World War II. A near tragic incident at the 1927 race, dramatically showing the stamina of the Three Litre Bentley, has become legend.

About 9:30 p.m. three Bentleys-running one, two, three-were involved in a major pileup caused by another car spinning out on a turn. Two of the Bentleys were wrecked beyond repair, but the third car, "Old No, 7," suffered less damage. After a wheel was replaced, the car returned to the race, guided through the dark by a single headlamp. At 3 p.m. the next day, with a warped frame, bent axle and only partial brakes, "Old No, 7" was the first car to finish. After the production of 1,633 Three Litre Bentleys, the Bentley Company was purchased by Rolls-Royce. No more Three Litre Bentleys were built, but English racing enthusiasts will always take special pride in the car's domination of international racing in the 1920s.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA

Future Car Shows of Interest

June 12-14, 2020

AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals and Charlotte Auto Fair (Cancelled)

Charlotte, NC - Hornets' Nest Region

June 13, 2020

Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

June 13, 2020

FCA Classic Auto Show, 9am to 3pm

2221 West Bobo Newsom Hwy, Hartsville, SC 29550, (Old Hartsville Shopping Ctr.)

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 (Cancelled)

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



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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