

NEWS FROM THE



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

CAIN'S Bar-B-Que
1502 Pamplico Hwy.
Florence, SC
Thursday
Nov. 12, 2020
6PM Dinner/Meeting

November 1, 2020



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Darlene Felker	11-7
Kelly Key	11-11
Tim Spence	11-21
Tom Spence	11-21
Bill Edwards	11-27



Robinson's Ramblings'

It looks like we have all survived another month without any major Covid problems. Hopefully that will continue thru November and we can celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends without anything unusual happening. It will be interesting to see what the Covid situation looks like after the elections on Nov. 3!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2020 CLUB OFFICERS

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

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We have a great slate of Officers and Directors proposed for our 40th anniversary year in 2021. We will vote on approval for this slate at our next meeting at Cain's BBQ on Nov. 12.

Proposed Officers are Chairman of the Board-Al Robinson, President-Tom Spence, Vice President-Cheryl Floyd and Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Pace.

Proposed Directors are Curt Smith, Dan Dembowski, Kit Fulmer, Doug Floyd and Freas Hontz.

2020 Car Show Schedule
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/7/20
(CANCELLED)

Robinson's Ramblings' con't

We have a great leadership team put together for 2021, so please support them thru out this coming year. We are poised to have a GREAT YEAR so start looking around for new potential members. We will need lots of help for our activities in 2021!!!

As we go thru 2021, I will be reviewing, on a monthly basis, some history on our Swamp Fox Car Club. Stay Tuned!!!

Don't forget MON DEC.14 for our annual Christmas Party at Tubb's restaurant. It will be lots of fun as usual. Drive a NON- BORING car to the party if you can!!

Al Robinson



The Editors Turn

In this month's issue we have two features.

The first is a Swamp Fox Rides story titled "When Old Was New: The story of the preservation of a 2000 Corvette". It is an example of a car that has been used sparingly and cared for so as not to need a restoration.

The second feature is called "St. Anthony Cars for a Cause, Cruise-In with a Purpose" by Tom Spence. In it he explains the origins of the cruise-in and how it benefited the food pantry and the church. It was a great success and thanks go to Tom and the other club members that supported the event.

Beginning in the January, 2021 issue of the newsletter I will add a "Parts and Cars for Sale" section. If you would like to place something on the list just send me your information including a description of the item, price, and your contact information via email.

Curt Smith
Editor

Swamp Fox Rides

When Old Was New: The story of the preservation of a 2000 Corvette.

The fifth generation of the Corvette was introduced in 1997 and was produced thru 2004. The first model was introduced as a coupe in 1997 and followed by the addition of the convertible in 1998 and the hardtop in 1999. All three body styles shared the new exterior, interior, LS1 engine and transaxle as part of the completely redesigned fifth generation car.

Soon after the new car was introduced I began further research and developed a case of "Corvette Fever". This was not the first time that I had come down with the fever. By 1999 it was time to treat my fever by ordering a new 2000 Corvette convertible.

The ordering process was simple, load it up and add it up. The only question was what should the color be, Red or Blue. Well the book by the same name says "All Corvettes are Red". So too was this one, Torch Red. We ordered the car from Steve Moore Chevrolet in Florida on 6/4/99. It was built on 11/8/99 and delivered to the Florence Chevy dealer on 11/15/99.

The first trip with the new Corvette was to attend the Rolex 24 hour race at the Daytona International Speedway, February 5-6, 2000. Before the race we took the opportunity to take a parade lap of the Daytona Speedway road course with the Corvette Club. On the return trip to Florence it rained all the way back.

We repeated the same trip and parade lap experience the following year, February 3-4, 2001. The highlight of this race was to see Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Jr. along with the other factory drivers Kelly Collins and Andy Pilgrim race the #3 C5R Corvette during the 24 hour race. They looked like they were having fun.

Another trip that we have made many times in the fall is to attend the Petit Lemans sports car races at Road Atlanta in Braselton, GA. It is a scenic facility with a 2 1/2 mile road course. We have enjoyed taking parade laps with the Corvette, top down, and then watching the races from many locations around the track. Think of it as a 10 hour car show in motion. Its lots of fun for everyone!

But the story of the Corvette would not be complete without emphasizing the continued effort to preserve and maintain the car in its original configuration and condition. We have enjoyed the car for the last 20 years and hope for many more. It is garage kept and used sparingly. Yes, the paint is original, as is the top, interior, drivetrain, etc. The mileage is now showing 19,154 miles.

Remember it's only original once. Drive it and preserve it.
Curt Smith

2000 Corvette Convertible
6-Speed Manual

EXTERIOR: Torch Red
INTERIOR: Black Leather Trimmed

CODE	MODEL AND FACTORY OPTIONS	MSRP
1YY67	2000 Corvette Convertible	45,320.00
1SA	Equipment Group 1SA	N/C
1SZ	Preferred Equipment Group Discount	N/C
	Standard Equipment Group	N/C
Z51	Performance Handling Package	350.00
FE9	Federal Emission Requirements	N/C
	No Emission Override Desired	N/C
	5.7 Liter SFI V8	N/C
MN6	6-Speed Manual	815.00
QF5	High Polish Aluminum Wheels	895.00
	P245/45ZR-17 Front, P275/40ZR-18 Rear	N/C
AQ9	Adjustable Bucket	700.00
AG2	6-Way Power Passenger's Seat Adjuster	305.00
CJ2	Electronic Dual Zone Air Conditioning	365.00
T96	Fog Lamps	69.00
B34	Front Floor Mats	25.00
AAB	Memory Package	150.00
	AM/FM Stereo ETR w/S&S, Cassette	N/C
U1S	Remote Compact 12-Disc Changer	600.00
JL4	Active Handling System	500.00
UV6	Head Up Display	375.00
T82	Twilight Sentinel	60.00
N37	Power Telescoping Steering Column	350.00
	Solid Paint	N/C
70U	Torch Red	N/C
193	Black Leather Trimmed	N/C
41T	Black Convertible Top	N/C
SUBTOTAL MSRP		50,879.00
ADJUSTMENTS		0.00
DESTINATION CHARGE		580.00
TOTAL PRICE (\$)		51,459.00



Delivery day in Florence

(Photos by Donna Smith)

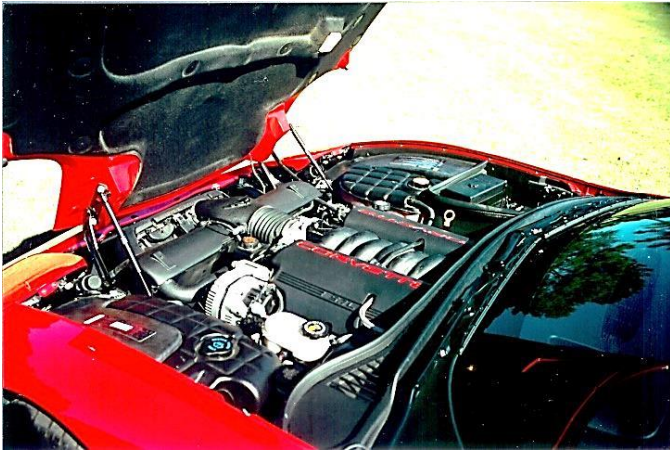


It's home

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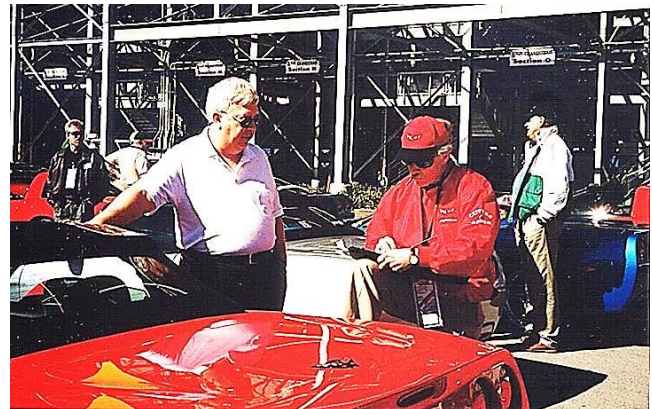
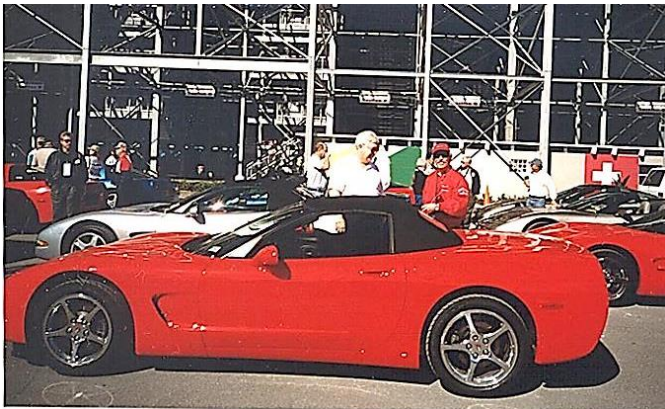


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Corvette parade laps at the Rolex 24 at Daytona

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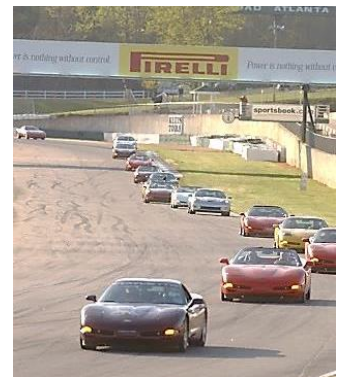


Corvette Chief Engineer David Hill autographing the owner's manual.



Corvette parade laps at Road Atlanta

(Photos by Curt Smith)



St. Anthony Cars For A Cause, Cruise-In With A Purpose

So with all car events shot down in flames for 2020 a certain car club was looking for something to do to lift spirits and garage doors. A very informal cruise in was proposed and accepted to have an event at St. Anthony school/church on Saturday October 10. This date/time would also grab the people who attend the Cars and Coffee event. Thankfully the weather held out and 50 or so cars/trucks of all years and even one motorcycle attended.

Registrants were encouraged to bring nonperishable food items or a monetary donation as cost of admission and in return received a free lunch ticket! Swamp Fox members were encouraged to drive their rides as well for they too were eligible for judging. Ten wonderful trophies from the Curt Smith home for wayward trophies were awarded by the St. Anthony students to vehicles that met the strict criteria of "because I like it". Of note 5 of the 10 were originally headed to club member's cars but were gently redistributed to thankful recipients.

The school raised over \$950 and multiple red wagon loads of canned goods for the food pantry. Thanks to all club members who attended/ helped set up as this event could prove to be a useful format for future shows.

Tom Spence



(Photos by Curt Smith)



(Photos by Curt Smith)



(Photos by Curt Smith)



Success!!
Congratulations goes to Tom Spence for all his great work!

Automotive History

The Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 was considered by many to be the most technically advanced sports car built before World War II. The 8C 2900 was unquestionably a near-perfect combination of grace, beauty, power and agility. The origins of the 8C 2900 can be traced to 1931 when an outstanding eight-cylinder engine was developed by Alfa Romeo's chief engineer, Vittorio Jano. This new straight-eight had a 2.3-liter displacement and featured twin overhead camshafts, plus a supercharger. The cylinder block, nondetachable head, crankcase and valve covers were cast in weight-saving aluminum alloy. Mounted in a single-seat Grand Prix chassis, the 8C 2300 engine was nearly unbeatable on the race track.

Over the next few years, the engine received several modifications, including enlargement of the cylinders, which raised the displacement to 2.9 liters. In 1935 the Alfa Romeo racing team, directed by Enzo Ferrari, created a two-seat sports car designated the 8C 2900A. Six of these two-seaters were built for the company's racing team and were very successful. Often called "Two-Nines" because of their 2.9 liter displacement, they became the prototypes for the more popular and comfortable Two-Nine B models, introduced in 1937. The high price of these limited-edition cars and the fact that Alfa Romeo was involved in building aircraft engines for the Italian government limited production to 30 Two-Nine B models.

Because of rule changes in several major races forbidding superchargers, the Two-Nine B saw less competition than the A Model. However, in 1938 four specially prepared Two-Nine B Alfa Romeo roadsters were entered in the Mille Miglia. These cars, with lightweight bodies of exceptional styling, captured first, second, and third places. At Le Mans, in a streamlined Two-Nine coupe, the Alfa Romeo team led for 18 of the 24 hours, but a broken valve forced them out of the race despite a 100-mile lead. A month later in the 24-hour endurance race at Spa, Two-Nines won first and second place. Many other events in Europe, England and South America were also won by Two-Nines raced by both the factory and by private owners.

War ended production of the 8C 2900 series in 1939. But after the armistice, racing drivers who were able to obtain the prewar wonders began reestablishing the legend of Two-Nines. In 1947 the Mille Miglia was won by an unsupercharged long-wheelbase Two-Nine coupe. The next year in the first Watkins Glen Grand Prix, Alfa Romeo dealer Frank Griswold thrilled American spectators by winning the event in his ten-year-old Two-Nine supercharged coupe. Then in 1951 the great racing driver Phil Hill won the Del Monte Handicap in California and placed fourth in the Pebble Beach Cup race in a 1938 Two-Nine roaster. On three continents over a period of some 15 years, the Two-Nine Alfa Romeo set new standards and built a legacy for all performance cars that were to follow.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA

Future Car Shows of Interest

November 6-7 2020

AACA Special Fall Nationals

Gettysburg, PA - Hershey Region

November 7, 2020 (Sat.)

Pecan Festival (Cancelled) - Swamp Fox Old Car Club

Florence, SC

November 14, 2020 (Sat.)

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

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

November 14, 2020 (Sat.)

13th Annual NAZ Car Show, Wallace Church of the Nazarene, 8am to 3pm

3610 Hwy 177, Wallace, SC

November 21, 2020 (Sat.)

Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford / VW, 9am to 11am – ESC Mustang Club

600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

November 21, 2020 (Sat.)

Cruisers for Cops, Palmetto Auto Auction, 9am to 4pm – Palmetto Cruisers

832 S. Governor Williams Hwy, Darlington, SC

December 12, 2020 (Sat.)

Classic Car Cruise - In and Toy Drive, 9am to 2pm, Highland Park UMC

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

February 11-13, 2021

AACA Annual Convention

Philadelphia, PA

April 8-10, 2021

AACA SE Spring Nationals, Charlotte Auto Fair

Concord, NC - Hornets Nest Region

April 17, 2021 (Sat)

Antique Classic Car Show - 9am to 3pm --Swamp Fox Old Car Club,

2441 Hoffmeyer Rd. Florence, SC

September 9-11, 2021

AACA Southeastern Fall National

Greenville, SC – South Carolina Region

13TH ANNUAL WALLACE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

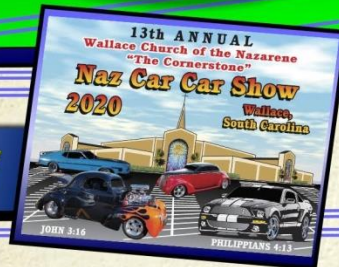
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CONTACT PASTOR BOBBY NORRIS (EVENT ORGANIZER) 843.479.6671

SHOW RULES

Naz Car Club / Wallace Church of the Nazarene, Wallace SC, are not responsible for accidents, injuries or loss during show. Music is provided for show. There is no music played in or near vehicles. All participants must open their vehicle's hood, trunk or bed for proper judging. All vehicles with tubs-narrowed rears will be in PRO-STREET CLASS. (No Exceptions)

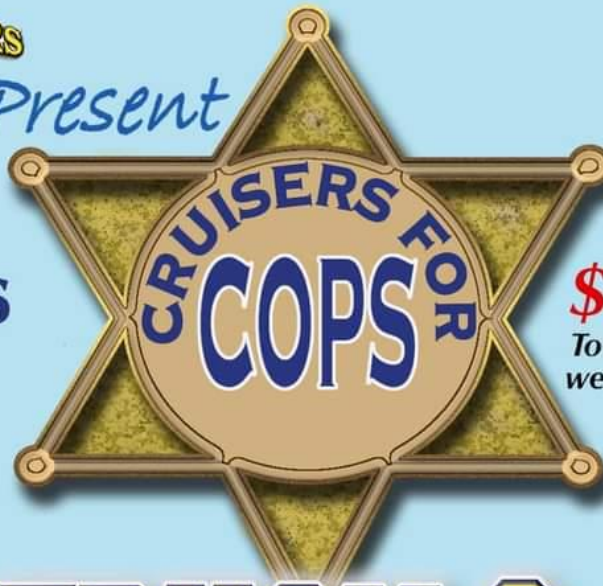
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For More Information, as well as for upcoming events, please contact:
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Classic Car Cruise-In & Toy Drive

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Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

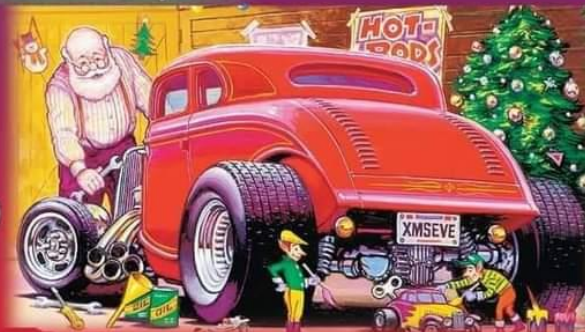


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