

NEXT MEETING

CAIN'S Bar-B-Que 1502 Pamplico Hwy. Florence, SC Thursday August 12, 2021 6PM Dinner/Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Carol Key	8-1
Jim Ramsey	8-3
Scott Truett	8-15

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2021 CLUB OFFICERS

Chairman Al Robinson 843-496-7207 President Tom Spence 843-773-0189 Vice Pres. Cheryl Floyd 843-250-5885 Secretary/ Susan Pace 843-230-0212 Treasurer.

CLUB WEBSITE:

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2021 Car Show Schedule Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington, SC 10/9/21 Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/6/21 August 1, 2021



Tom Talks

Happy August, folks! Traditionally the hottest month of the year around here so drink plenty of water, find shade whenever possible and enjoy that thing called "A/C" in your more modern conveyance!

Fall is just around the corner and that means more local car shows, Regional and National events are scheduled. Plan on attending the next meeting for updates about our shows and to discuss a possible club road trip.

Also feel free to contact any former club member and invite them to our 40th Anniversary/Christmas party. Details forthcoming.

Encourage someone to come with you and check out our club (no old car required) as new members bring new ideas and energy! And for those of you in "manual" mode just remember, "3 pedals, no problem!"

Tom



While doing the current edition of our club history, it really struck me that 40 years ago this August was the starting point of the Swamp Fox Car Club. A group of guys shooting the breeze at the Kingstree car show in August of 1981 was where it all began. There were no active car clubs in the Pee Dee at that time and the idea was "hatched" to get one going.

I guess we had some visions of what a great car club should be, but never would I have thought at the time that all the current car clubs in our area would have resulted from offshoots of the club we put together in 1981. I am still proud of all the great people who worked so hard to make it happen. I am doubly proud of the great members we have today who are still making it happen!!

Now you know "the rest of the story"!!

Al Robinson, Chairman of the Board

Swamp Fox Car Club History 101

I am dedicating this edition of club history to some of our members who have passed on. The various pictures should bring back some memories to several of our club members. Almost everyone who is pictured had held an office at one time or another in our car club. The News Journal picture of Swamp Fox club officers and directors from 1996 should also ring a few bells!!!

Picture 1 is Luther and Sherry Johnson. Sherry passed away a few years back. Luther is a Past President and is one of our many year active members and has been a major asset to our club!

Picture 2 is Doward and Allie McConnell. Both served on the board several times. Doward was the best Transmission Technician in Florence for years. Both Doward and Allie have passed on.

Picture 3 is Dr. T. J. Wilson and his lady friend. T.J.(as he was known) was our club secretary for several years. He was a retired Professor from S.C. State. He passed away about 10 years ago.

Picture 4 is Ponnie and Ann Gastor. Ponnie was one of our founding charter members and served on our early board of directors. Ponnie was a hearing aid specialist in Florence for many years. Both Ponnie and Ann have passed away.

Picture 5 is Jerry and Sherrill Fussell. Jerry was a Past President and was our club treasurer for many years and boy did he keep a tight rein on the club finances!! Jerry passed away a couple of years ago.

Picture 6 is yours truly and my wife Marilyn. Marilyn passed away in 2006 and was the Swamp Fox Car Club charter secretary and Newsletter Editor for several years. I am an official OLD BUZZARD!

Picture 7 is Kelly and Carol Key and the Gastor's. Kelly, while not a charter member, is our 2nd oldest original club member. Kelly is a multiple time Past President and has held several offices over the years.

Picture 8 features two of our clubs greatest members, Jesse Hill and his wife Harriet. Jesse was probably our clubs greatest cheer leader over the years and passed away about 6 years ago. Jesse was a Past President and was our long time Newsletter Editor. (Just prior to the honorable Curt Smith)!!

I hope this walk down memory lane brings back some good reminders of super people who have served the Swamp Fox Car club over the years. While some of you won't remember all of these folks, many of you will. Just a good reminder of what keeps a club like Swamp Fox active and relevant for 40 years!!!

Your ex-officio, whatever, in charge of "Old Stuff" Al Robinson





CLUB OFFICERS-From left, Dr. T. J. Wilson, Mrs. Dru Morgan, Doward McConnell, Sherrell Fussell, Tom Keys, Craig Brooks, Maynard Slack and Barbara Brooks.

Swamp Fox Old Car Club installs new club officers

The members of the Florence Swamp Fox Old Car Club celebrated their Annual Christmas Dinner Gala on Dec. 9 at Jewel's Deluxe Restaurant in Darlington. The club also installed its new officers and members of the board of directors for 1996, during the festive event.

The newly-elected officers are; president, Tom Keys, vice president, Craig Brooks, secretary/treasurer, Sherrell Fussell, chaplain, Dr. T.J. Wilson, editor/public relations director, Barbara Brooks. New members of the board of directors are Mrs. Dru Morgan, chairman, Doward McConnell, Maynard Slack and Tim Owens.

The club has had a very successful year with the sponsorship of the following programs and activities: the Annual Florence Car Show, the Marion Old Car Show in Marion, participated in several car shows throughout South and North Carolina and was represented at the National Antique Car Show in Hershey, Pa..

The club has also accepted a new project as its sponsorship.

The Darlington County Youth Boys Home, a home for troubled young boys, will be served by the members of the Swamp Fox Car Club as mentors and the sponsorship of a summer picnic and a cruise in the old cars.

The first meeting and picnic was held in November of this year and was very successful. "In a humanitarian outreach to these troubled young boys, club members hope to instill in them a positive sense of values and redirect their lives so they will become productive citizens.

(Photos by Al Robinson)











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Future Car Shows and Activities of Interest

<u>August 14, 2021</u> (Sat) <u>Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC</u>, 9am to 11am 1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

<u>August 21, 2021</u> (Sat.) Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford, 9am to 11am – ESC Mustang Club 600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

September 9-11, 2021 >AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals< Greenville, SC – South Carolina Region

September 9-11, 2021 >Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Event- Charlotte Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Pkwy. South, Concord, NC - Hornet Nest Region

September 11 2021(Sat.) Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am 1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

September 18, 2021 (Sat.) Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford, 9am to 11am – ESC Mustang Club 600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

October 9, 2021 (Sat.) >Sweet Potato Festival – Swamp Fox Old Car Club</br>

Darlington, SC – Swamp Fox Region

October 9, 2021(Sat.) Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am 1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

October 16, 2021 (Sat.) Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford, 9am to 11am – ESC Mustang Club 600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

<u>November 6, 2021</u> (Sat.) ><u>Pecan Festival – Swamp Fox Old Car Club</u>< Florence, SC - Swamp Fox Region

<u>November 13, 2021</u> (Sat.) <u>Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am</u> 1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

<u>November 20, 2021</u> (Sat.) <u>Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford, 9am to 11am – ESC Mustang Club</u> 600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

December 11, 2021(Sat.) Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am 1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

