



CELEBRATING OUR 41st YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

CAIN'S Bar-B-Que 1502 Pamplico Hwy. Florence, SC Thursday July 14, 2022 6PM Dinner/Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dan Felker 7-1
Stacie Warfuel 7-8
Gail Blunk 7-15
Celeste Spence 7-16
Harriett Hill 7-23
Mary Fincher 7-26

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2022 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.

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> 2022 Car Show Schedule Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/5/22

July 1, 2022



Tom Talks

Hello again and welcome to the heat known as July!

Stay well hydrated and complete any auto related activities before you fade and crack like a dashboard in Arizona!

Our monthly meeting is air conditioned and quite tasty so plan on attending and bring a guest.

We need to discuss upcoming road trips/events for the club to enjoy and details about a fall show at Five Star Nissan.

If anyone has trophies at home looking for group therapy Curt is a great counselor who can help them find new meaning in life!

Life's too short to drive boring cars!

Tom



Last month I talked about what a great experience the AACA Grand National in Virginia Beach, Va. was and I was thinking about ways to get more of our club members to at least go to some of the AACA shows that are close. There is only one Grand National each year and your car must be an AACA Sr. award winner to be able to enter. This year the AGN was on the east side of the Mississippi, next year it will be on the west side of the Mississippi, probably in California (which is a little too far), but in 2024 there is a great possibility that it will be held in Charlotte which is super close for our club.

The Southeastern AACA National meet is always held at Charlotte in April and I would sure like to see our club go as a group to see some great cars and to participate in the show as well. There is a Driver Participation Class, for cars that are driven to shows so you do not have to have a top show car to be able to enjoy all the benefits of a National Meet. Let's start thinking now about getting a group together for April of 2023!!!

As we go forward in 2022, please reach out to anyone you know who is interested in old cars and get them to one of our meetings. Having an old car is not required to join our club; you just have to have an interest in old cars!!

We have a great leadership team this year and a lot of good activities coming up over the next few months. Let's help President Tom grow the club so we can continue to be a presence in the "old car scene" here in Florence!!

Chm.of the Board, Al Robinson



Swamp Fox Rides

"My Road to the AACA Grand National"

The journey of the Shoebox began long before 2015, that's when the restoration began, relationships were made, new adventures started with my grandfather's 1951 Ford Custom. After four plus years and everything coming together, in April 2021 I entered my first National AACA competition in the Junior Category. The story was published in the May, 2021 edition of the Swamp Fox Old Car Club News Letter; the outcome was winning a National First Prize Award. So, an update; "The Educated Shoebox".

My first opportunity for achieving a Senior Award was at the 2021 AACA South East Fall National being held in Greenville, SC. It was an interesting experience, unlike the Charlotte's. I did not place, not even a 2nd or 3rd, a disappointing event. I'll say this and move on, the '51 showed great and there will be another day. However, in October, I was notified my car had been nominated for an AACA National Award by a select group of national judges while in Greenville. I received confirmation in November that I had won, what category was not known.

The AACA National Convention was held in February 2022 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. My wife Debbie and I attended. The awards for cars and their history in various categories was an experience. That night I received the 2021 National Award for Outstanding Junior Post-War Automobile. It was awesome. The award came in a black trophy box and when opened it had a set of white gloves for handling, now that's first class.

My second attempt for the Senior Award came in April, 2022 at the AACA Spring National held in Charlotte, NC. My second attempt was the charm. It was a great weekend, and cold. My thanks to Al for his hospitality. He makes a good gin and tonic.

After much encouragement from Al Robinson, the Grand National level was next. It was being held in Virginia Beach, Virginia in May. So, it was off to Virginia Beach; Debbie, me and the 2 dogs pulling a U-Haul with the '51 loaded. My daughter from PA came down for the event also, her first AACA event. A field of 342 cars, all makes and models. For the second time I saw a 1911 Thomas Flyer, a remarkable automobile. A very rare 1929 DuPont Model G was on display. Only 237 Model G's were produced from 1929 to 1932 and DuPont only sold a grand total of 537 from 1919 to 1933. Al's 1946 Lincoln Continental was there, along with 2 of his Whizzers both winning Grand Nationals. It was a great weekend. The '51 was awarded a Grand National First Prize Award along with a Preservation Award. It felt great.

I am very appreciative of all the encouragement I have received. And I think my grandfather would be very proud of his car.

What's next for the '51? A Senior Grand National Award in 2024!

Julian G. Stewart



2022 Grand National Show - Virginia Beach, VA.

































Future Car Shows and Activities of Interest

July 2, 2022 (Sat)

Cars & Coffee Kelleytown Baptist Church, 8am to 11am

2609 Kelleytown Rd. Hartsville, SC

July 9, 2022 (Sat)

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

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

July 16, 2022 (Sat)

Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford, 9am to 11am - ESC Mustang Club

600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

August 6, 2022 (Sat)

Cars & Coffee Kelleytown Baptist Church, 8am to 11am

2609 Kelleytown Rd. Hartsville, SC

August 13, 2022 (Sat)

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

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

August 20, 2022 (Sat.)

Cars & Coffee Reichenbach Ford, 9am to 11am - ESC Mustang Club

600 N. Coit St. Florence, SC

September 9-11, 2022

>Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Event- Charlotte Motor Speedway<

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

October 1, 2022 (Sat.)

>11th Annual Queen City Corvette Show / Bloomington Gold Show – 8am to 3pm <

4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28262

October 4-7, 2022

>AACA Eastern Fall Nationals- <

Hershey, Pennsylvania – Hershey Region

November 5, 2022 (Sat)

>Pecan Festival Car Show - Swamp Fox Old Car Club<

Florence, SC – Swamp Fox Region



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11th ANNUAL QUEEN CITY CORVETTE SHOW

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2022

SPECTATOR ADMISSION FREE - GATES OPEN @ 8AM - SHOW DETAILS & REGISTER @ queencitycorvette.com

