

NEWS FROM THE SWAMP FOX Old Car Club



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 37th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING TAKKI'S RESTURANT

609 Pearl St.
Darlington, SC
July 9, 2018
6:30 PM for eating/fellowship
7:00 PM for Club Meeting

July 1, 2018



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dan Felker	7-1
Sally Porter	7-6
Stacie Warfue	7-8
Celeste Spence	7-16
Harriett Hill	7-23
Mary Fincher	7-26
David Allan	7-29



Robinson's Ramblings'

July got here awful fast it seems like and it got pretty hot in a hurry as well. Make sure your old cars cooling systems are in good shape before you do a lot of cruising around. It's no fun getting stuck somewhere if a hose pops or a fan belt breaks and you are out in the boonies!! I carry a spare fan belt, a new set of hoses and some tools whenever I take an old car to the beach or to a car show that I am driving to that is several miles away.

Thanks to Nick and Abby for a great cook out party at their home. Those of you that didn't make it missed some of the best barbequed hog I ever tasted, plus a lot of good side dishes that the members who attended brought. Gail and I sure did not go home hungry and the socializing with all the club members was just plain relaxing and FUN!!!

Don't miss the July meeting. We will have a guest speaker, set up by director Tom Spence. Drive an old car. It looks pretty cool with our club cars sitting around Taki's restaurant on meeting night. Invite a potential member to our July meeting. It will be a good meeting to showcase our car club and let folks know that we are more than just a car club. We are truly a people organization and the cars are the "super glue" that keeps us together.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2018 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Al Robinson	496-7207
Vice Pres.	Sammy Lee	992-6082
Secretary/	Susan Pace	230-0212
Treasurer.		

NEW CLUB WEBSITE:

swampfox.aaca.com
Email:swampfoxoldcarclub@gmail.com

2018 Car Show Schedule
Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington, SC
10/13/18
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/3/18

Robinson's Ramblings' con't

As I mentioned last month, we still had a few people who had not paid their AACA dues. I think we are just about up to speed on this. The AACA will update our National paid up list as of July 1. This will be the cutoff date for all Swamp Fox members and our Fire Chief (Susan), aka our outstanding Club Secretary/Treasurer, will publish an updated membership/phone/E-mail list that will be given to all members in good standing.

Tom Spence also has the magnetic Swamp Fox bumper stickers ready to go. They will be available at the club meeting. My thanks again go to Curt who does such a great job on our Newsletter. Each month he bugs' the ---- out of me to get my lowly contribution in (hopefully on time) sometimes!!!!!! Thank Curt for the job he has done, we now have the best Newsletter our club has ever had.

HUG AN OLD CAR or your wife today!!!

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Attention July 9, 2018 Meeting Notice

Michael and Mike Woodall of the Professional Import Service on Irby Street will be our guest speakers. They will tell us about their new automotive service business and the services they will be providing. Please plan to attend.

2018 Car Show Schedule

Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington, SC
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC

October 13, 2018
November 3, 2018

Unfinished Business – Pace Named Club Fire Chief

At the regular June meeting of the Swamp Fox Old Car Club, Susan Pace was recognized for her outstanding efforts to resolve all of the problems and put out all of the fires that occurred during the planning and production of the Inaugural Swamp Fox Annual Antique Classic Car Show. She is hereby named Swamp Fox Old Car Club Fire Chief.

Of course, the honor and duties of Fire Chief will be added to her regular duties as Secretary / Treasurer of the club and she will retain the special benefit program that applies to all volunteer positions, the “MORE” program. The program goes like this. The more you do, the more you get to do!!

Susan. Thank you for all of your continued great work toward making the club a success.

Your Volunteer Show Chairman
Curt Smith





The Editors Turn

Recently The Hot Rod Power Tour passed through the area and I took the opportunity to take a few pictures at the local hotels. Everyone that we talked to was having fun driving their cars and swapping stories. Here are just a few cars that we observed.

Curt Smith







2018 Cookout at Nick and Abby's











Show Winning Recipes

Tomato-Cucumber-Onion Salad ---- Susan Pace

8 tablespoons vegetable oil

4 tablespoons vinegar

4 tablespoons sugar

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon pepper

3 English cucumbers

1 container grape or cherry tomatoes, cut in half

1 large red onion, thinly sliced

Combine first 5 ingredients in a jar; shake well. Layer the cucumbers, tomatoes, onions. Pour marinade over vegetables: refrigerate 2 hours before serving. Serves 8.



Automotive History

The 1907 Thomas earned its place among the great automobiles of history by winning the most ambitious auto race ever attempted, the New York-to-Paris race of 1908. The entries followed a torturous route from New York City across the United States to Alaska and through Siberia and Europe into Paris.

With cars entered from France, Italy and Germany, the race inevitably became an international test of automotive supremacy. As the only American entry, the Thomas was on trial to uphold America's growing reputation for rugged dependable cars.

The race was announced in 1907 by the French newspaper Le Matin. A set route across the United States was established with transportation by ship from San Francisco across the Pacific Ocean. Next the route led across Japan, Manchuria and Siberia, following the trans-Siberian railroad, and continued through Europe to Paris. The race, co-sponsored by Le Matin and the New York Times, attracted three French entries; a Motobloc, a Sizaire-Naudin and a De Dion Bouton. The Italians, who had won the preceding year's Peking-to-Paris, entered a specially equipped Züst. The German entry was a giant Protos, built in a national effort to prove the superiority of Germany's auto industry.

In the weeks leading up to the race, the press clamored for an American entry, but no producer seemed willing to be able to compete with the sophisticated European autos. Finally, with just three days remaining before the race, E.R. Thomas, a manufacturer from Buffalo, New York, notified his production manager to choose a car from the company lot to be entered in the great race. Thomas, a former bicycle maker, had built a successful business producing simple rugged cars for the roads of rural America. Despite the fact that his cars were almost primitive by European standards, Thomas was so confident of their durability that he had challenged Rolls-Royce to a race in 1907, after C.S. Rolls had belittled American autos. Rolls turned down the challenge.

The car Thomas entered was a race about version of the 1907 Thomas Flyer Model 36. It has a four-speed transmission and a double-chain drive. With a four-cylinder, 60 horsepower engine, the Model 36 Flyer could reach 60 mph on good roads. The car's fenders were replaced by long, thick, wooden planks, which could be removed for use in case the car got stuck, and it was fitted with extra gas tanks and spare tires.

On February 12, 1908, a crowd of 250,000 people saw the racers off from New York. Forty-one days, 8 hours and 15 minutes later, the Thomas arrived in San Francisco well ahead of the second-placed Protos. On the Asian leg, the German crew resorted to illegal tactics, and although they arrived in Paris ahead of the Thomas, Le Matin declared that the Thomas had won.

It was a great triumph not only for the Thomas but for the American auto industry as well. By winning the most demanding race in automobile history, the Thomas was assured of a place among the great cars of all time. At the same time, the American automotive industry demonstrated conclusively that its products ranked with the world's best.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA