

# NEWS FROM THE



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

## NEXT MEETING

Lil D's Dugout  
3051 S. Irby St.  
Florence, SC  
Mar. 9, 2020  
6:30 PM for eating/fellowship  
7:00 PM for Club Meeting

March 1, 2020



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Bjorn Sirum 3-16  
Patrick Casey 3-20



## Robinson's Ramblings'

Sure seems like February has gone by in a hurry, I represented our AACA club at the local Presidents dinner at the AACA annual meeting in Philadelphia Pa. on Feb.7. Gail and I got back from Philly on the 11th and I thank VP Tom Spence for conducting the club meeting on the 10th. The annual meeting was a great experience. I was able to meet all the AACA national officers as well as attend the great trade show that they do in conjunction with the annual meeting.

The Awards banquet Sat. evening was a super experience, meeting a lot of the award winners and seeing the on screen pictures of their vehicles. It was super special to me as I was awarded the Mini-cycle National Award for my 1951 Whizzer Sportsman Motorbike!!

I would also like to congratulate Curt Smith on receiving the National Award of Excellence for his work on our club newsletter. I think everyone will agree that Curt does one fine job on our publication!! Our club benefit's every month from the work that Curt puts into getting club information out in a timely manner and in a super format. THANKS-CURT!!!

## 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**  
**Swamp Fox Old Car Club**  
**Antique Classic Car Show**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

## Robinson's Ramblings' con't

April 18 will be here before we know it and we still need additional sponsors for our Car Show. Remember that this show is to support Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the more we can raise the more we can donate to a very much needed program. Curt is Chairman for the Show and we have a subcommittee to make sure we are moving along in preparation for the show.

Every member please put on your schedule to attend Cars and Coffee on Mar. 14. We will do a mini classification and judging school for all club members at this get together. We will need each of you on show day April 18 and the school we will conduct will help us prepare for the most important job we do at our show!!

Once again, remember-LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO DRIVE BORING CARS!!!!!!

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# Swamp Fox Rides

## Whizzin' to Philly

This is the story of how a 1951 Whizzer Sportsman Motorbike made it to the AACA National Award Stage in Philadelphia Pa.in Feb.2020. The story really starts in 1951 when a 12 year old kid got his first taste of something with 2 wheels and a motor. That was the year I got my hands on a beat up 1946 Whizzer motorbike and I was hooked forever more. By the time I was 14 I had a pretty good business going buying junk Whizzers, fixing them up and selling them to other aficionados of the marque!!

I had enough money saved up by my 14th birthday and was able to purchase a slightly used 1951 Whizzer Sportsman for the princely price of \$50. The kid that had it didn't want it and his Dad sold it to me. Man, I was in Whizzer heaven. Even at that time a Sportsman was just about the most desirable of all the Whizzer models you could get. I got it running and for almost 2 years, that was my transportation to school and well, anywhere I wanted to go! I wore it out, rebuilt it, wore it out again and rebuilt it one more time. By that time I was 16 and my girlfriend of the month did not want to ride on the back of my Whizzer any more. I graduated to a 1940 Ford coupe and Whizzers were forgotten for many years.

Fast forward to around 1990 and thanks to a buddy of mine who bought an old Whizzer motor, that he knew nothing about and called me to see if I knew anything about a Whizzer, I got the "bug" again. As most of you know, I have restored one of every model that Whizzer built over the years and have a collection of them that I show in AACA competition and also ride when the weather is good.

The Sportsman is still my favorite motor bike. I have 2 that are duplicates of my original Green Sportsman. One is a 1950 model and the one that got the AACA National Award in the Mini-cycle Category is a 1951 model, the same as the one I rode when I was 14. It was partially restored by a friend of mine from Canada and I completed the restoration in early 2019. I entered it into AACA competition at the South Eastern National AACA meet in Charlotte in 2019 and received the 1st Junior award. It was nominated by a National Award Panel of judges to compete in the Mini-cycle category at that meet.

It is a real honor just to be nominated for a National Award and I really was surprised when I got the letter that said I would be receiving the Award at the AACA Annual meeting in Philly this year. Now you know how a 1951 Whizzer Sportsman got to the Award Stage in Philly!!!

Al Robinson





## The Editors Turn

This year we had the honor of receiving the AACA 2019 Award of Excellence for our newsletter, the News from the Swamp Fox Old Car Club.

Thanks for providing the content each month, especially your unique Swamp Fox Rides stories.

Thanks too, for allowing me to photograph your special rides. Hopefully the pictures add the visual impact that you desire.

Your personal touch is what makes our newsletter special.

Curt Smith  
Editor





# Antique Classic Car Show

**April 18, 2020**

**2441 Hoffmeyer Road  
Florence, SC**



**18 CLASSES**

**(8 Antique & 10 Contemporary)\***

**TROPHIES TO TOP 2 IN EACH CLASS PLUS**

**3 BONUS TROPHIES INCLUDING BEST ANTIQUE, BEST CONTEMPORARY, BEST OF SHOW  
DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 150**

**REGISTRATION FEE \$25 (no credit cards)**

**REGISTRATION 9:00 AM TO 12 PM**

**JUDGING BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON**

**AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 3:00 PM**

For more information visit our website: <http://swampfox.aaca.com/>

Or call: Al Robinson 843-496-7207,

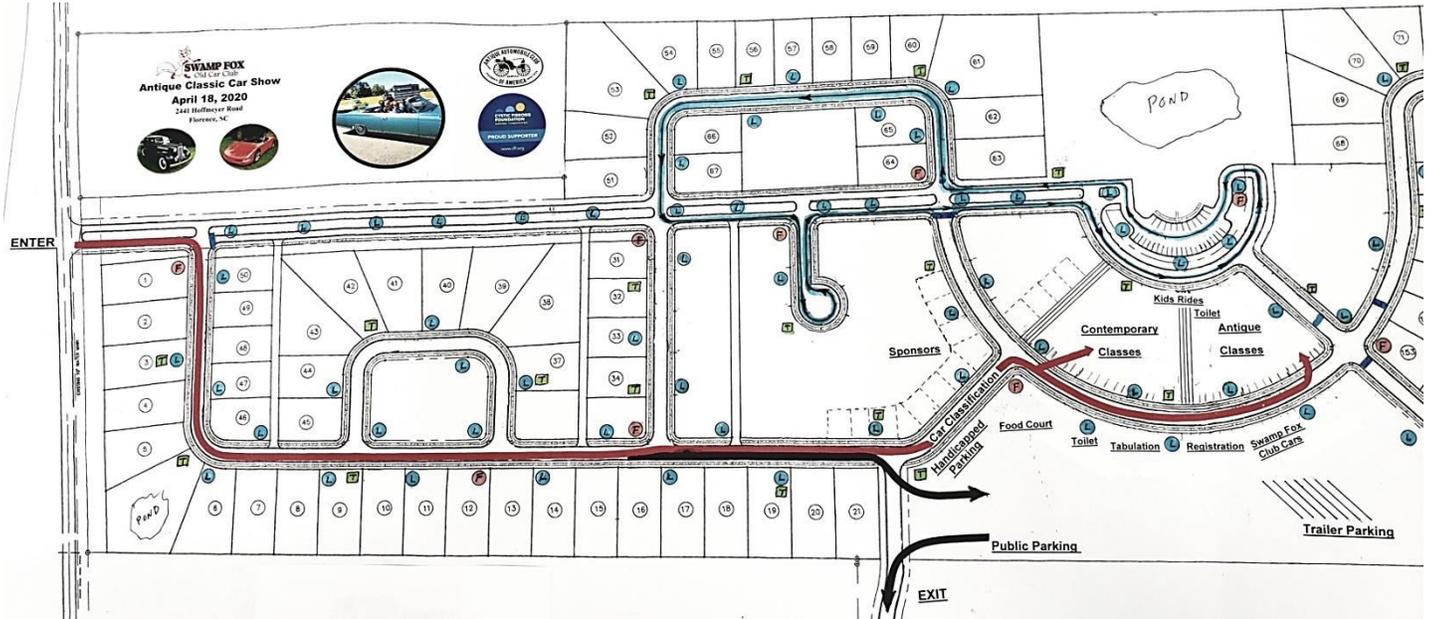
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Susan 843-230-0212



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ON SITE FOOD VENDORS  
CAR TRAILER PARKING  
SHOW RAIN OR SHINE**

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION**



**MID-EASTERN**

*Rigs and Rods*  
8th Annual  
*Cruise-In*

All Proceeds Benefit:

Duke Cancer Institute & Special Olympics South Carolina

Bring Your Ride  
And Join Us  
At This Free Event

March 14th, 2020  
10 AM - 4 PM  
225 Bellinger Ln.  
Gaston, SC 29053

Free Food,  
Games, Giveaways,  
& Tons Of Fun!

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## Future Car Shows of Interest

**March 7, 2020**

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Fear Chapter – AACA Antique Auto Show, 9am to 3pm**  
Mayfaire Town Ctr., 1055 International Drive, Wilmington, NC

**March 13 -14, 2020**

**Darlington Raceway, Speed and Feed BBQ Festival**  
1301 Harry Byrd Hwy, Darlington, SC

**March 14, 2020**

**Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am**  
1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

**March 14, 2020**

**Mid-Eastern Rigs and Rods Cruise In, 10am to 4pm**  
225 Bellinger Ln, Gaston, SC

**March 19-21, 2020**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Run To The Sun Car Show, 10am to 5pm**  
2501 Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC

**April 2-5, 2020**

**AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals and Charlotte Auto Fair**  
Charlotte, NC - Hornets' Nest Region

**April 11, 2020**

**Cars & Coffee Highland Park UMC, 9am to 11am**  
1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

**April 18, 2020**

**Antique Classic Car Show - Swamp Fox Old Car Club, 9am to 3pm**  
2441 Hoffmeyer Rd. Florence, SC - Swamp Fox Region

**May 9, 2020**

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

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

**June 13, 2020**

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

1300 Second Loop Rd. Florence, SC

**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

**October 7-10, 2019**

**AACA Eastern Fall Nationals**

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