

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
June 8, 2020

6:30 PM for eating/fellowship
7:00 PM for Club Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Phil Murphy	5-8
Grover Fincher	5-19
Debra Abbott	5-24
Susan Pace	5-29

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2020 CLUB OFFICERS

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2020 Car Show Schedule
Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington,
SC 10/10/20
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/7/20

May 1, 2020



Robinson's Ramblings'

Another month has been lost to the Corona "stuff", most of the good spring car "stuff" has been cancelled and I think everyone is about to go crazy not being able to go anywhere. There is one bright side, however, if you have any restoration projects what a great time to do them. I don't have to social distance myself from an old car that I am working on, as I don't think any of them are disease carriers (other than rust dust).

I have made lots of progress on two of my resto projects, the 57 Olds hardtop (that should have been done about 3 years ago) is now ready for the interior installation and while I am waiting for SMS out in Oregon to get all the interior stuff made, I started on the 57 Olds convertible project. I spent most of the last 2 weeks parting out a very rusty 57 Olds convertible parts car, the donor car for the 57 convert restoration project.

So there are things to take up this suspension of all our lives as the Pandemic is brought under control. I never thought I would live to see something like this and I hope each of you are doing ok and looking forward to more normal times, SOON!!!

Al Robinson

Robinson's Ramblings' con't

Breaking News! Swamp Fox SWAT Team rescues Fearless Leader.

On Sunday, April 26, the SF SWAT Team came to the aid of yours truly and Gail who had (Ugh!) run out of gas in a 55 Chevy out on Alligator Road. The SWAT Team consisting of Tom Spence and Tom Smith and their wives, and Tim Spence and his son brought Fearless Leader 2 gallons of badly needed gas and saved the day!!! It was quite a sight to see a 37 Cadillac, a 63 Cadillac, a Neat Yellow Jeep and a 55 Chevy ragtop all congregated at the intersection of Alligator and MacLairin to bail out "Fearless Leader" who did something DUMB!!

Now for the lesson of this story, when your gas gage does not work and you keep track of your gas by car mileage, remember that when you run your cars during the winter to keep them limbered up, that it burns up a lot of gas and no miles get put on the car (duhh!!)

PS: The gas gage just got fixed, sending unit float had a crack in it, filled up with gas and sunk which caused gage to register continuously empty!!!

Yours Truly "Fearless Leader"



"When this Chevy was new, gas was just 25 cents per gallon. I've got just two more gallons left."

Other News!

Photos by Curt Smith



This guy wants to be the first in line for next years show!

Swamp Fox Rides

What! Another Olds in the Collection!!

As most of you know, I have a rather eclectic collection of old cars; I have a serious disease brought on by being born with rust in my blood. Don't know which of my relatives gifted it to me but some one sure did. In any case I do believe that you can never have too many old cars (as long as you have places to hide them and your significant other is reasonably ok with your disease).

So this brings me to my latest addition to the collection, a 1950 Olds Rocket 88 2 door fastback. I have a special love for the 50 Olds body style and having raced one on the Drag Strip (and a few country black tops back in the day) I have been looking for a good fastback for some time.

This one entered my life more by accident than design. I headed out to Mansfield, Ohio with Kit Fulmer last September to pick up a 50 Olds convertible project that I had purchased from a guy in the national Olds Club. While we were loading up a very apart 50 Olds convertible and all the boxes of parts that went with it, I spotted this month's feature car back in his shop. I made him an offer, he took it and another trip to Mansfield a week later brought it to Florence.

The car is an older restoration, reasonably done, a few issues that I will take care of, but basically a great example of a very desirable Olds. The car still has the original seat upholstery with all the rest being redone perfectly. The guy who did the car was not much of a painter and at some point I will redo some of the paint work. The Rocket 88 303 cu.in.V-8 runs great, the 4 speed hydramatic shifts just like the one in my 50 Olds race car did and it is a fun car to drive. Best of all the price was more than fair!!

Al Robinson

Photos by Curt Smith



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Automotive History

1875 Marcus

Siegfried Marcus was in the driver's seat when the world's first practical motor car made its historic debut in 1875 on the streets of Vienna, Austria. Not only did he drive the car, but he also invented it, and built it in his workshop at 107 Mariahilferstrasse. He called it the Strassenwagen (road wagon), and much to the consternation of the local public, he drove it along the streets of Vienna, one test run covering a distance of about 7 miles.

Siegfried Marcus was born in Malchin, Germany on September 18, 1831. He left home as a teenager to find work. Employed by an engineering firm, he assisted in laying the first telegraph cable between Berlin and Magdeburg. To his lifelong fascination with mechanics, he added another interest: electricity. He used his experience in both fields to create the Strassenwagen.

After moving to Vienna, Marcus opened his own small shop on the Mariahilferstrasse. In an attempt to invent the electric light he discharged an electric spark in an atmosphere of fuel vapor. His unsuccessful experiment ended with an explosion but it gave him the idea for an internal combustion engine and led to the success of the Strassenwagen.

He planned to use the force of exploding fuel vapor to drive a piston and generate power. Working in secrecy for fear his invention would be stolen, he completed his engine. He built a carburetor to convert liquid fuel into gaseous vapor. His electric ignition system was an outgrowth of his experience with electricity. By 1860 his engine was workable, but it was sometime between 1863 and 1866 before he harnessed it to a vehicle. As a test bed for his engine, he chose a simple handcart.

Busy with other projects, Marcus let his vehicle gather dust until 1875 when he used his earlier experience to create the Strassenwagen. He redesigned his engine to create a horizontal, single cylinder, four-cycle unit which developed a maximum three-quarters horsepower. He constructed a buggy-like body with a solid oak frame and mounted the engine underneath the rear seat. A belt drive transmitted power to the rear axle and a conical clutch was located beside the flywheel. To steer the car he developed a worm and roller mechanism that pivoted the entire front axle, rather than turning each wheel individually. The primitive buggy brakes pressed on the iron-shod wooden rear wheels.

The Strassenwagen was ready for a trial run in public, but the public was not ready for the Strassenwagen. The police promptly imposed restrictions on the operation of the vehicle, and Marcus, whether because of the poor public reception or because of his interest in other inventions, failed to push development further. Only three Strassenwagens were built, one of which is exhibited today at the Technisches Museum. So well was it constructed that in 1950 it was driven triumphantly once again as crowds of onlookers cheered. Seventy-five years after its first test drive, the ancestor of all motor cars still performed like a champion.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA

Future Car Shows of Interest

June 12-14, 2020

AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals and Charlotte Auto Fair (RESCHEDULED)

Charlotte, NC - Hornets' Nest Region

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

September 24-26, 2020

Run To The Sun,

Former Myrtle Square Mall, Myrtle Beach, 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



SC Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington
October 10, 2020

REGISTRATION
\$ 20.00
9:00 - NOON

&

SC Pecan Festival, Florence
November 7, 2020

Year End
Cash
Drawing

24 Distinct Classes
DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 100
TROPHIES AWARDED TO TOP 3 IN EACH CLASS
BEST NON-PRODUCTION
BEST PRODUCTION
MAYOR'S CHOICE

- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY SWAMP FOX AACA CLUB MEMBERS
- JUDGING IS A POINT SYSTEM
- NO SWAMP FOX OLD CARS WILL BE JUDGED

MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE SWAMP FOX OLD CAR CLUB

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