

NEWS FROM THE



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 36th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

TAKKI'S RESTURANT

609 Pearl St.

Darlington, SC

Nov.13, 2017

6:30 PM for eating/fellowship

7:00 PM for Club Meeting

November 1, 2017



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rena Mears	11-8
Kelly Key	11-12
Wendy Felker	11-16
Wendy Dembowski	11-16
Sammy Lee	11-16
Tim Spence	11-21
Tom Spence	11-21
Bill Edwards	11-27

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rob Warfuel

2017 CLUB OFFICERS

Pres.	Al Robinson	496-7207
Vice Pres.	Sammy Lee	992-6082
Secretary,	Rena Mears	250-1152
Treasurer,	Susan Pace	230-0212

NEW CLUB WEBSITE:

swampfox.aaca.com

Email:swampfoxoldcarclub@gmail.com

Swamp Fox Old Car Club
Pecan Festival Car Show
Saturday, November 4, 2017,
Florence, SC.



Robinson's Ramblings'

Thanks to all the dedicated members who turned out for the Sweet Potato Festival Car Show. Special thanks to Sammy Lee and Tom Spence for taking care of needed show details and to Susan Pace for getting all the show pictures taken. We also had several new members helping out with judging and the training from Curt Smith's judging schools was very apparent. We started the trophy presentation at 3:02 pm the best that we have ever done.

Special thanks also, to Gail, Abby, April, Susan and Rena for keeping us straight and doing a bang up job on car registration. Linda Allen sold the tar out of 50/50 tickets, one of the best 50/50 drawings we have had.

The end result was a great day, over 90 cars competing, and everything wrapped up by 4pm.

Fast forward now to Nov 4, our biggest show of the year, headed up by Show Chairman Tom Spence. We need every member of our club out to help make this show go smoothly. The weather forecast looks good, I would anticipate a record turnout for cars. Please, Please be there at 7am (ugh!!) to help with set up and all the "stuff" that has to be done.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

I would like to take a few lines this newsletter to recognize the contributions that Jesse Hill has made to the Swamp Fox AACA car club. As most of you know Jesse has been facing major health problems for quite a while, just continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

For many years Jesse was the Newsletter face of our car club, many times he had to chase down information for our monthly publication. Jesse was also the leader in getting us into the computer age several years back. You could always count on Jesse to get anything that was needed, done in a timely manner and 1st class as well.

Special people like Jesse have a special place in this crazy old world and always fill a special place in the hearts of the organizations they dedicate their efforts to!



Jesse just celebrated his 80th birthday on September 22. Jesse and Harriett have been in the club since the early 90's.



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NEXT MEETING

We will elect officers and directors at the Nov 13 meeting. I have listed a few functions of each for your consideration. We will take nominations from the floor as well as present candidates for consideration by the nominations committee headed up by the Vice President.

President-responsible for managing the club, running the meetings (regular and board) and overseeing the health and growth of the car club.

Vice President-fills in for the President in his absence, oversees club programs and carries out duties as assigned by the President.

Secretary/Treasurer-maintains records of club meetings, keeps in touch as necessary with AACA National, and handles all club finances including tax exempt filing annually. Sec/Treas will report these records at all club meetings.

Directors-Three elected and 2 to 3 appointed by the President as deemed necessary.

Logistics Director- responsible for club equipment, its procurement and condition. Handles movement of the trailer and assures its condition.

Show/Materials Director-assures all materials for car shows are available such as trophies and dash plaques. Makes sure show chair persons have what's needed for each show. Makes sure sound system is in order. May chair one or more shows.

Director at large-Responsible for club programs along with the Vice President and carries out duties assigned by the President.

Appointed Directors - Newsletter Editor. Webmaster, Public Relations are examples.

Look over these functions and see how you can serve our great club in 2018.

LOOKING FORWARD

We have had a super year so far, many accomplishments, many successes, new members and some great socializing. We need to continue this into 2018, our 37th year as the Swamp Fox AACA Old Car Club. The Officers and Directors are looking at some new car show plans and looking for new leadership in our great car club. We need to keep growing the club as a lot of the potential plans for 2018 will need more members like the ones we have and like the new members who have joined over the past year.

Just remember, WE ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST A PEOPLE ORGANIZATION. OUR LOVE OF OLD CARS IS THAT SPECIAL "GLUE" THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER.

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Swamp Fox Rides



She didn't say no!

Ownership of my 1951 Packard began with an EBay bid in 2005. I was trolling the cars on EBay and saw this car for sale. It was unusual and not a car you see often. I asked my wife if I should bid on it and she did not say no! She did not say yes either but I took that answer and ran with it. I was outbid and thought that a new search was in order however the car was re-listed for unknown reasons so I bid again after asking for more pictures. I was successful and purchased the car sight unseen. Not the smartest thing to do however it was as described and not a rust bucket. It was located in Ashville N.C. and I sent a roll back to get it....and have not stopped having fun since!

The official name of my car is a Packard 200 club sedan, of which only approximately 6700 were made that year. Astral blue color with an Ultramatic 2 speed automatic tranny, heater, radio and dual sun visors. No carpet, manual steering and brakes probably make this a special ordered car. Packard's lineup for that year started with the 200 business coupe with no back seat, then my car in 2 and four door body styles. Going up the price range bought you a 300 or the deluxe 400 4 door sedan with all the bells and whistles. Packard club membership through the years only list 2 other cars like mine. I never tire of answering 2 common questions that most people seem to ask: "what kind of car is that?" and "who made that?"

I try to find OEM Packard parts when I have repairs done to keep it as original as possible. It has been repainted once and the door skins are new. I have added radial tires and seat belts for safety and I gave in and replaced the expired 2 speed with a Chrysler 727 torqueflite 3 speed which was sorely needed. The car is a joy to drive, very well built and gets used often. I have been the getaway car for many weddings, participated in parades and attended many regional car shows. One year at a Darlington race track show I "converted" it into a period racer that Don O'Dell drove to victory in 3 races at the Milwaukee Wisconsin Fair Grounds in '53 and '54 before NASCAR was born. I can't imagine ever selling it because it is now part of the family and I am sometimes known as "the Packard Man."

Tom Spence



SFOCC Members: You too can be featured in an upcoming edition of the SFOCC Newsletter. Just submit a picture(s) of you and your car along with your car related story to swampfoxoldcarclub@gmail.com.

Pictures of the Charity Cruise In at Neighborhood Walmart



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