

NEWS FROM THE SWAMP FOX Old Car Club



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 36th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

TAKKI'S RESTURANT
609 Pearl St.
Darlington, SC
Sept.11, 2017

September 1, 2017

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Curt Smith	9-7
Wayne Mears	9-15
Debbie Stewart	9-21
Jesse Hill	9-22
Stacey Spence	9-28

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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Swamp Fox Old Car Club
Antique & Classic Car Show
Saturday, September 9, 2017,
Florence Flea Market - Florence, SC.



Robinson's Ramblings'

Well gang, the Swamp Fox AACA Club car show season is about to begin. The Classic car show at the Florence Flea Market is Sept.9 and we need every one there. We have spent a lot of time on judging training so we are the best prepared for a car show as we have been in years. I appreciate the effort and dedication each of you have put into the club so far and each of the entrants for this next show will recognize the professionalism of our club. We have a super reputation for putting on 1st class shows. Let's be enthusiastic and let each participant know just how much we appreciate them being there!!!!

The next show will be the sweet potato festival in Darlington on Oct 14. Wayne and Rena Mears are the co-chairpersons for this show, so the program is in good hands.

Our final show, the Pecan Festival in Florence, will be Nov 4. Our Pecan Festival "expert" Tom Spence is the chairman for this show. Please

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keep these dates free as we will need "all hands on deck" from now on out.

My thanks to Vice President Sammy Lee for getting all the "stuff" straightened out with the Flea market folks. They are the financial sponsors for the Sept 9 show and we need to put on a good show for them.

My thanks also go to Curt Smith for the great club newsletter we are now putting together. Please think about an article on "your ride" and get it into Curt. We want to feature everyone in the club and their car as we go forward. You will also enjoy the feature articles by Dave Lahr who is an old friend of our club and is a respected National Judge and a longtime member of the Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA club. Dave is one of the most knowledgeable people I know on "old car" history. He has agreed to send copies of many of the write ups he has done for the Hornets' Nest publication for us to use as we go forward.

Again, my thanks to all the club members in advance for your help and participation on our shows coming up. We will be busy for the next 3 months!!!

Car for sale: Tom Smith, one of our former members, has a Porsche Cayman S, non-turbo, 3.4 liter, 6 speed manual up for sale. The car has 55,000 miles on it. Price is \$26,000. Contact Tom at Mickey Finns or at home.

Swamp Fox Rides



Hi, we are Stephen & April Bailey, we both are originally from Darlington. We have been married for 21 years. Our children are fur babies, 3 yorkie's, Riley 4, Khloe 10mths, and Bently 5mths, we also have 2 Jack Russell's and 2 cats. I work at Raceway Ford in Hartsville, I have been there for a year and 7mths. Stephen is a volunteer fireman for the City of Darlington for over 20 years and also works at the City Water & Sewer Department. We both love going to the beach and car shows. In his spare time, he likes fixing up trucks and cars. He is on his second truck fixing it up and his first car. As for me I leave that stuff to him. In my spare time, I like to run 5K's and I enjoy decorating but my favorite is being a mommy to my wonderful fur babies. Stephen's projects currently are a 2000 Extreme S10 truck that he has had since October. We also have a 2012 Camaro he is working on. His goal one day is to have a 1969 Camaro to fix up and show. We have now been with the car club for 10mths and so far, we really enjoy being a part of such a wonderful group of people. We sincerely thank you for welcoming us into your family.

Stephen and April Bailey

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 from the Judging Seminar.



2017 Car Show Schedule

Antique and Classic Car Show, Florence, SC
Fall Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte, NC
Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington, SC
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC

September 9, 2017
September 21-24, 2017
October 14, 2017
November 4, 2017

Automotive History

On March 31, 1932 the Ford Motor Company added yet another dimension to low-price motoring-V-8 power. Despite the great economic depression, the new Ford V-8 which cost just a few dollars more than its four-and six-cylinder contemporaries, once again established Ford as the world's leading producer of automobiles. In 1929, after the introduction of the Chevrolet Six, Henry Ford told his engineers that the next major advancement in Ford cars would be an eight-cylinder engine. Based on his philosophy, "the fewer the parts, the less risk of trouble," Ford and his team began designing a simplified V-8 engine. By keeping the number of machined parts and castings to a minimum, a low cost for the V-8 was achieved. Although almost 70 years old, Henry Ford worked in the plant alongside his engineers and craftsmen, to straighten out any problems that occurred. By the spring of 1930 the first experimental engines were completed, and a year later, after many refinements, the new engine was nearly ready for mass production.

Rumors of the new Ford engine had been circulating in newspapers and motoring magazines for many months. And when Ford called back 30,000 laid-off workers, the suspense grew. About 75,000 customers, who knew little about the upcoming Ford, were so sure it would be an outstanding car that they placed deposits before the V-8 was introduced. People were so eager to see the new Ford that, on the first day it was exhibited, more than 5 1/2 million persons across the nation visited Ford showrooms.

This new Ford, designated the Model 18, featured an L-head V-8 engine with a 221 cubic-inch displacement which produced 65 horsepower. With Ford's smooth-shifting, three-speed transmission it could quickly accelerate to a top speed of 75 mph. The 106-inch wheelbase chassis was offered with 14 different steel body styles, all with shatterproof glass. Production problems plagued Ford for the first few months, and as a result, only 212,057 units were produced in 1932. This was about 15 percent of the original forecast. Nonetheless, Ford had again created a car that would make the motoring world take notice. It was affordable, fast, reliable and had good road-holding qualities. The infamous outlaws John Dillinger and Clyde Barrow both sent notes to Henry Ford praising the speed of the V-8. In England motorists welcomed the Ford V-8. One British automotive journal summed up the new car, "it is...all that can possibly be wanted." In races held in Southeast Asia, South America, Europe and North America, the V-8 Ford established a respectable string of victories. Fords won so many races that many other companies warned their dealers not to accept challenge matches. As a result, most cars then racing in the United States were Ford V-8s.

Meanwhile, Henry and Edsel Ford and their staff were continually improving the Ford V-8 engine, chassis and bodies. Sales steadily increased, and in 1935 almost a million were sold, reestablishing Ford as the world's bestselling car. As proof of Henry Ford's unerring judgment, the V-8 engine developed in 1930 remained in production until 1954, powering millions of cars and truck.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA