

NEWS FROM THE



Swamp Fox Region

CELEBRATING OUR 39th YEAR AS AN ACTIVE CLUB

NEXT MEETING

Southern Hops Brewing Co.
911 South Sunset

Acres Lane

Florence, SC

July 11, 2020

11 AM Saturday, Meeting/Social



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dan Felker	7-1
Stacie Warfuel	7-8
Gail Blunk	7-15
Celeste Spence	7-16
Harriett Hill	7-23
Mary Fincher	7-26

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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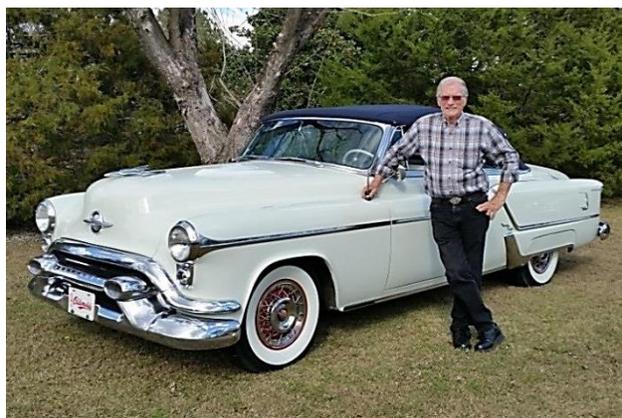
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2020 Car Show Schedule
Sweet Potato Festival, Darlington,
SC 10/10/20 (CANCELLED)
Pecan Festival, Florence, SC 11/7/20

July 1, 2020



Robinson's Ramblings'

Once again the Pandemic has taken its toll on car "stuff". The Sweet Potato Festival has been cancelled for 2020 and we still are not sure about Pecan Festival. As of this newsletter it is still on, so stay tuned!!

I really encourage each of you to keep being vigilant in what you do each day to keep from being exposed. We have been very fortunate so far as a car club and I hope we can all make it into 2021 healthy and ready to get back into all the "good ol' car stuff" that we enjoy so much!

All of us "car guys" can really self-quarantine by spending time each day in our shops, working on those special projects that seem to get postponed by "life in general". One of these days I may get caught up on my restoration projects, thanks to the pandemic?????

Charlotte Auto Fair is currently on for Oct 22-24, but based on my conversation with their office, it is not totally firm until Aug 1. Again stay tuned!! Hershey is off and I really hate that, but I understand because of the crowds and the international influxes that meet brings. I have sold parts to people from all over the world over the years and have always met some great "car people" at Hershey!!

Robinson's Ramblings' con't

I encourage you to read Freas Hontz's story closely on his "85" Olds Cutlass, It is a great story about acquiring a super nice low mileage car. They are only original once and this is a great example of an 80's vintage car that is becoming very collectable!!

Your Board of Directors is looking at additional things we can do safely as a club over the next few months. Our monthly meetings will take place at the end of the Cars and Coffee parking lot on the 2nd Saturday of the month for July and August. Plans are to drive as many old cars over to Southern Hops for a "proper socially distanced lunch" after Cars and Coffee. Hope to see you all there on July 11.

Al Robinson



The Editors Turn

Below are a few pictures from our Saturday, June 13th Club Meeting/Social held at Southern Hops Brewing Company. It was scheduled to begin after the Cars & Coffee at the Highland Park UMC. The location and food were great! Everyone had a great time.

Our next Club Meeting/Social will also be held at the same location on July 11, 2020 at 11AM.

(Photos by Curt Smith)



(Photos by Curt Smith)



Swamp Fox Rides

1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham

This car originated in Phoenix, Arizona. The first owners were a retired couple who bought the car in 1985. The story goes, the husband was a retired military gentleman and played golf every day from 9AM to 1PM while his wife stayed at home. She didn't drive so she had no way of getting around except for her husband. After a while the husband started feeling guilty about his wife sitting at home so he decided to buy her a car. So he took her to the nearest Cadillac/Oldsmobile dealership. They stood looking at the cars and he told her that she could have any Cadillac she wanted. She looked at the cars and looked at him and said the Cadillacs looked to ostentatious.

So he asked her what she liked and she picked the Sage Green Olds Cutlass Supreme Brougham. Now there was one small problem, she never learned to drive so she had to get her learners permit and learn to drive in the Oldsmobile. Now you would think that since she had a brand new car and recently passed her driver's test she would be driving the wheels off the car. But she didn't, she would drive the Olds once a week to the mall that was about 2 miles away. They did take it to San Diego once but that was the only long trip the car took. Most of its life it sat in a dark garage being used to go to the mall once a week.

Eventually the husband passed away and then the wife soon followed. The daughter inherited the house and the car. So for several years the daughter cleaned out the house and her husband drove the car periodically. He put new tires on it along with a new battery and hoses. When they finally were ready to sell the house, they knew the car had to go also. But they wanted it to be purchased by someone who would take care of it. They listed it in Cars.com and waited. That is where I come into the picture.

At the time (March 2014) I was living in Southern California and working as a consultant. Every week I would fly to Penna to work in Wilks Barre, PA. One night as I was sitting in my hotel room, I decided to peruse cars.com. I thought it would be fun to find an 80's Olds Cutlass wagon to use as a second car to get groceries or mulch or other items I would need around the house. I didn't find any wagons and started casually looking for 80 to 85 Cutlass Supreme 2 doors.

Back in the 80's when I lived in Penna I would go to Florida for a week in March to get away from the winter weather. I always loved renting a 2 door Olds Cutlass. They had a certain style that was appealing to me. I thought, what the heck, why not look for one. How expensive could they be? I found a few but they were high miles and in other parts of the country. But I did find one in Phoenix, Arizona. The ad said it was green with a green velour interior and only 22,000 miles on the odometer. And the car was in excellent shape. Since there was not a phone number to call I e-mailed the person. I figured the ad had been listed for several weeks and was most likely sold. I logged off my computer and went to bed.

Several weeks passed and no word from the cutlass owner. I thought, well it sold so no problem. Three weeks later I was sitting in my hotel room and checking e-mail. I logged off but then remembered that I needed to send an e-mail to someone. I logged back on and saw that I got an e-mail. It was from the Olds guy. I thought, well this should be interesting. He told me he still had the car and that it was in excellent shape and when did I want to come see it? I replied that I was flying home the next day and could drive over from SoCal to see the car.

Since I was off on Friday I drove over to Phoenix (5 hours across the desert) and arrived to see the car in the drive way. I wasn't disappointed. It was as he described it. I looked the car over and then drove it. The car was practically brand new. The only issue was that the heater core and the A/C compressor were bad but he had new ones in the trunk. We talked a bit and one question he asked was what was I going to do with the car if I bought it? I thought that was a strange question but said, "I am going to drive it home and park it in the garage. I don't have to do anything to it except take it to car shows."

We chatted a bit more and his wife came back to the house with their dog. He introduced me to his wife as "The guy that is going to buy the Olds." I was a bit taken back since we hadn't agreed on a price and I hadn't agreed to buy it. I then asked him why he asked me what I was going to do with the car. He said that he had many offers to buy the car but when he asked that question, most of the guys that wanted to buy it were going to make it a low rider or put air bags on it and as I stated earlier, they really wanted someone who would take care of the car. We agreed on a price and when I would pick it up.

I made it through the week and got back to Phoenix on Thursday evening. My nephew picked me up at the airport and we had dinner. I stayed at a hotel and the next morning he picked me up and dropped me off to get the car. We did the transaction and I got the keys and drove off in my new "old" car. As I was driving it out of Phoenix, it started to dawn on me that I was driving a 29 year old car and didn't know much about it. What if it breaks down in the desert? How will I call for help since there are areas of the desert where there is no cell phone service? The car performed flawlessly across the desert. I set the cruise at 75 and floated down the highway. This was one purchase I didn't regret making.

I have taken it to several car shows and the first time I took it to Hershey Fall Meet it got its first junior. They say that the 80's cars are boring and not worth buying but I would have to disagree with anyone that says that. I feel lucky that I was entrusted to take care of the Olds.

Freas Hontz



Cutlass Supreme



(Photos by Curt Smith)





(Photos by Curt Smith)



Automotive History

1886 Daimler

In 1886, Gottlieb Daimler, one of the leading pioneers of the internal combustion engine, built the first car to be powered by a high-speed engine. Daimler, born on March 17, 1834, in Schorndorf, Germany, practiced engineering throughout Europe. In 1872, as technical director for the Duetz Engine Works, Daimler made many important improvements in their stationary gasoline engines. He was not satisfied with the ponderous engines he was working with and envisioned a lightweight, high-speed engine that could be adapted to road vehicles.

In 1882 Daimler went into business for himself and, and with Wilhelm Maybach, developed the first high-speed internal combustion engine. Slow by today's standards, his engine, which had a range of 700 to 900 rpm was, nevertheless, more than three times faster than the other "explosion" engines of the period. An inveterate experimenter, Daimler kept improving his engine and, in 1885, mounted one version on a wooden, bicycle-like vehicle, thus creating the world's first motorcycle.

Daimler was more interested in engines than in motor vehicles. He regarded his engines as accessories to be installed on the family carriage in place of the horse. His first automobile, the 1886 Daimler, reflected this belief. It was a wooden four-wheel coach powered by a Daimler high-speed engine sticking up through the rear floor boards. The engine was connected to the rear wheels by pulleys, belts and gears. There was no differential, and the rate of the car's movement was adjusted by tightening and loosening the belts. Despite the car's buggy-type steering and lack of sophistication (compared to Benz's Dreirad, for example), it ran well, reaching speed of about 10 mph.

Because Daimler knew he could rely on it, he used a hot tube ignition system, rather than the more advanced electrical ignition preferred by Marcus and Benz. The hot tube was a hollow platinum rod, closed at one end, and which screwed into the side of the cylinder much like the modern spark plug. A Bunsen burner heated the tube to a glowing red, causing ignition when it came into contact with the gaseous mixture in the cylinder on the compression stroke. Daimler's patented hot tube ignition was used until the turn of the century, when it was replaced by more versatile electrical systems.

After the first success with his first automobile, Daimler's reluctant attitude toward car manufacture changed. His subsequent cars, with advanced tubular steel chassis, reflected Daimler's genius in both body and engine development and became quite popular. However it was the Daimler engine, which was exported and licensed in other countries that represented a milestone in automotive development. By 1990 most of the cars traveling along European roads were powered by Daimler high-speed engines.

David Lahr
Charlotte NC Hornets' Nest AACA

Future Car Shows of Interest

July 11, 2020

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

August 8, 2020

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

August 21-22, 2020

AACA Annual Grand National
Allentown, PA

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 (Cancelled)
Hershey, PA – Hershey Region

October 10, 2020

Sweet Potato Festival (Cancelled) - 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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