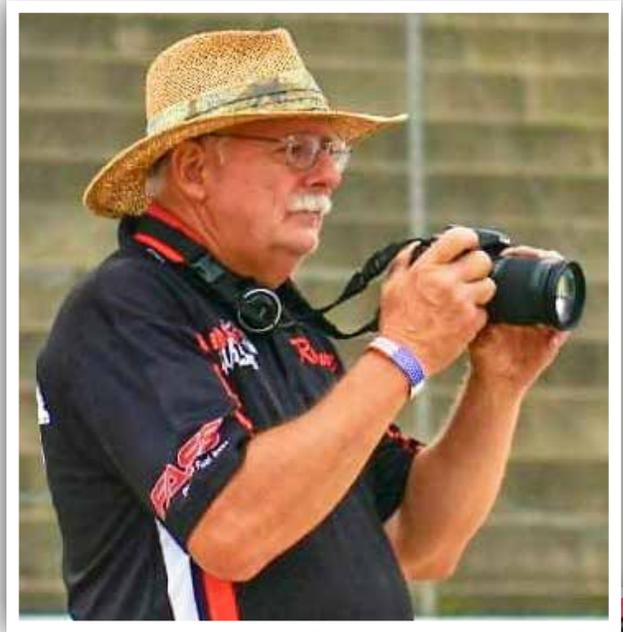


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Ronnie Sox

If Ronnie Sox had a logo, it would be a “wheel.” He’s been rolling along at full speed for just about all his life, and in his so-called “retirement,” it’s all big rigs and drag racing. Plenty of good causes have benefited from his drives, and he enjoys photography, recording a lot of big events and volunteering.

This Lexington citizen comes from a family that has near-200-year-old roots here. His father was a farmer who went into the well-drilling business and passed away at the age of 51; his mother is doing well these days at age 92.

“My first paycheck came at age 12,” he recalls. “This was working in the family business, well-drilling. In high school, I drove school buses; then, while I was a student at Midlands Tech, I got a job with UPS unloading trailers after school. Soon a full-time delivery job came open, and several years later I moved into a full-time tractor-trailer position where I stayed until retirement.” Although he retired from UPS in 2014, he continued that affiliation by doing seasonal Christmas delivery for several more years. (Note the Wheels.)

Here’s how Ronnie Sox describes his current activities: “I spend my time working with FASS Big Rig Racing, following

big rig truck racing. I take pictures at all these events and donate them to the groups to use for publicity for future events.”

For the past five years, he has helped with The SC World’s Largest Convoy for the Special Olympics. This group raises some \$40,000 to \$50,000 each year. And while you’re watching Santa Claus in local Christmas parades, sneak a look at Santa’s driver. There’s Ronnie, at the wheel of a 1951 American LaFrance ladder fire truck. This kid is still working on growing up!

He enjoys looking back on the big changes he has seen in this community over his lifetime. “I-20 went through my dad’s farm,” he says. “Mineral Springs Road went from dirt to pavement; Hwy 1 and 378 went from two lanes to five. Two police cars for the town, fire service was voluntary back then. In 1983, I was one of the three UPS drivers serving all Lexington addresses.”

Ronnie has been married to Angela Griggs Sox since 1983. ■