

The Vair Fax



From the Editor

Hello Everyone

We had a good turnout for the Christmas party. The food and fellowship were excellent. I attended Corvair Atlanta's party the next day and enjoyed it as well. The new year is here and Springfest will be here before we know it. Please plan to attend and help out if possible. Our January meeting will be at Lane Southern Orchards. Hope to see you there on the 10th.

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**January Meeting
January 10th Noon
Lane Southern Orchards
50 Lane Rd
Fort Valley, GA 31030**

Upcoming events

Springfest – April 17-18, 2026 – Helen, GA

Our 52st Year!

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Heart of Georgia Shirts and Merchandise Now Available Online

Support the club by buying apparel such as t-shirts & hats as well as coffee mugs and other merchandise imprinted with the official Heart of Georgia Corvairs logo.

100% of the royalties from every sale of merchandise imprinted with the club logo will be donated to the club.

Visit the following link:

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VAIRY COOL GRAPHICS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Dean and Judi Gemberling proudly announce that their new online merchandise store is open for business. Like many of you, we were frustrated with the hit-or-miss quality of t-shirts as well as the lack of fresh Corvair designs. After much prayer, time and effort, we started Vairy Cool Graphics. We encourage you to browse the neat Corvair designs that can be imprinted on a nice selection of apparel and merchandise such as coffee mugs, mouse pads, magnets and much more. As we continue to add more designs, if you have an idea for one, then please share your thoughts with us. Click the link or scan the QR code below to get started.

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From the Prez-

Hey guys and gals, I hope everyone was on the “NICE” list like me and had a great Christmas. I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all the folks who made our Christmas party a big success. There was lots of good food, a game and lots of presents collected for the Ronald McDonald House. It was good to see some people we haven’t seen for a while, able to attend. To those who were unable to attend, for whatever the reason, you really missed a good one. Rhonda Gayle put together a trivia game for us to play that was a lot of fun. We had a few really good players and had a 4way tie for 1st place- Ms.Shirley Smith, Dale Niday(not Mike), Tim Vossler, and Cheryl Endfinger(and not Tom). The business part of the meeting was short, electing officers for 2026. So if you were not in attendance, we will notify you of the office you were elected to- just kidding. There was a motion to keep the officers as they are currently, it was seconded (rather quickly I might add) and called to vote, which was unanimous, so ya’ll are stuck with me for another year.

I am not really sure how it happened, but 2025 is a done deal. It seems like only yesterday we were just getting started in January and by golly, it’s January again. We have had many good times and some sad ones too, as we have lost some very special people. As you are reading this, we are embarking on a new year -2026, that I hope will be a great one for the Heart of Georgia Corvair family. Our January 10th meeting will be at Lane Southern Orchard, Perry Ga at 12 noon. I will be looking forward to seeing you there – in your Corvair, or not, just come on.

Tucker Facts – a series by Chuck Smith

How big was the Tucker factory?

In 1946 Tucker corporation secured the world's largest factory, the old "Dodge Chicago" plant on S. Cicero Avenue, that was used to produce B-29 aircraft engines during World War II. It spanned over 475 acres with the main building of the Tucker Corporation covering 93 acres, making it at one time the largest building under one roof. Today that portion of the Tucker plant houses the world-wide manufacturing for Tootsie Roll Industries and the stores of the Ford City Mall.

What are some of the features that make the Tucker special?

The Tucker is known for its "Cyclops" headlight which turns with the wheels to light around corners. It also had the first padded dash, a windshield designed to pop out on impact, a rear mounted helicopter engine capable of sustained speeds of 120 mph, independent suspension, a pre-selector transmission based on the Cord-810, a passenger safety chamber, large six passenger interior with flat floor, and an aerodynamic design with doors cut into the roofline.

Didn't Tucker have legal problems?

A Federal Grand Jury indicted Preston Tucker and several associates on charges, which included mail fraud, conspiracy, and several Securities and Exchange Commission infractions. Following one mistrial, Tucker and all defendants were found not guilty on all charges. The acquittal came too late to save "The Car of the Future", and the assets of Tucker Corporation were sold at public auction in October 1950.

Part III next month.

All information courtesy of
Tucker Automobile Club of America Inc.



