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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

I decided last month's meeting was a good day to drive my convertible to the meeting. Boy was I wrong! I almost melted. Maybe by next month, I can drive it.

It's September and that means the fair is around the corner. Be sure to get your registrations in to Joan ASAP

A huge shout out to Chris Law this month for great coverage from the Choo Choo show. Lots of pictures and details of the event are listed in this month's newsletter. We are headed back to Dickey Farms next Saturday (the 9th) at 11:30 AM

Hope to see you there,

Clay

September Meeting
Dicky Farms
Musella, GA
September 9th, 11:30 AM

Upcoming events

October 6-7 Perry, GA Vairs at the Fair

October 13-16 - Maggie Valley

November 10- 11 Perry GA Auto Fair 9am-5pm Ga National Fairgrounds

Local area cruise ins

Cars Cruzin and Coffee
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From the Prez.....

Hello all, and welcome to the September edition of the 'Vair Fax. Did I say September? Wow. Times fun when you're having flies.

'Vairs at the Fair time is almost upon us. Please get your registration to Joan; I still need to mail mine. I set a very fine example, don't I? Something new we are going to try this year. We are going to have a trivia contest, kind of like we had at our club meeting a few months ago. This will happen at the Friday night hospitality party. The plan is to divide into two sides, with one person on each side to signal when their side has the answer. Should be fun!

Please note that the September meeting will be at Dickey Farms, in Musella GA, at 11:00. Hope to see you there!

Chuck

How many of you remember the 1948 Tucker? The brainchild of Preston Tucker, the Tucker Torpedo was a sleek, aerodynamic car, that was only produced for one year. Preston Tucker was an engineer/entrepreneur, who invented a revolving gun turret during WW2, and a Jeep-like vehicle that would top 110 mph. The turret made Tucker a lot of money, the vehicle not so much. The U.S. Army said that it was too fast to be practical.

The Tucker automobile was full of built in safety features. The car itself was of body on frame construction, with the body extending to the bottom of the frame, which gave more leg room. It had a flat floor, a front trunk, and a "Cyclops Eye" third headlight that turned with the front wheels, so that you could theoretically see around corners. It had a windshield that popped out in one piece in case of an accident, and virtually no dashboard on the passenger side. This was so that in case of an accident, the passenger could dive onto the floor and be protected by the crushable front end.

The Tucker was powered by a re-designed Franklin air cooled helicopter engine. To be able to use this engine, engineers worked tirelessly for 55 days and re-designed it for water cooling, keeping only the original dimensions, crankcase, crankshaft, rods and pistons. They added a water pump, changed the characteristics of the crankshaft, and figured out starter, generator and distributor locations, and an automotive carburetor to replace the aircraft type originally used.

The Tucker Corporation folded after building only 50 cars, amid charges of fraud, short-cutting in production, misplaced funds, and stock discrepancies. In all, thirty-one charges were filed against Tucker and his associates. And even though all charges were found wanting, the damage had been done.

Next month, I will show you the comparisons between the Corvaire and the Tucker.

Information in the above article is courtesy of:

The Compleat History of Corvaire

for the Corvaire Nut Volume 1

by John Wipff

Secretaries Report

By Shirley Smith

The Heart of Georgia Corvair Club met August 12, 2023 at the 478 Restaurant. Those attending were: Chuck Smith

Shirley Smith

Clay Grant

Keith Burkingstock

Sharon Burkingstock

Mike and Dale Niday

Chris and Joan Law

Vairs at the Fair will soon be here. Registrations are needed before September 5. Host Hotel-Quality Inn. 215 Margie Dr., Warner Robins GA. \$75.00 rooms,suites \$85.00. Friday night Southern Hospitality Party. Saturday Georgia National Fairgrounds. No judging.

Saturday night 50/50

The planning meeting for Springfest 2024 will be in November. More information coming.

Heart of Georgia Newsletter needs help. Clay and Chuck do their best to inform about articles related to Corvair activities. They would like to see more information about member's activities-members' travels, problems with their cars (or not), some fun things going on in their lives or personal happenings.

September meeting will be second Saturday, September 9, 11:30 at Dickey's Peach Shed in Musella, Ga.

Choo Choo Show

By Chris Law

Our Choo Choo Trip

On August 25th & 26th the “New” Choo Choo Corvair Classic event was held in Ringgold Ga. at the Farm To Fork Restaurant. Joan and I (Chris) left early (7:30 am) Thursday the 24th for the 300+ mile trip. We decided to take only 1 vehicle this time, so we drove the Rampside. We have done a little work on it, new front shocks, new carpet in the bed, new toolbox with a Corvair emblem and a newly recovered rear seat with a Chevrolet bowtie on it. We were having a pretty good trip, stopped in Thomaston, and filled up with gas, got Joan some buttermilk and continued up hwy 19. When we were passing by the Atlanta Motor Speedway, we decided to check with Billy Bruce, to see when he was leaving and if he was going alone. He said he was leaving in about an hour and alone, so we went to his house, to let him go with us. Billy and his '61 Lake wood and us in the Ramp, headed north, still going cross country by way of 92 and 41. I mentioned we “filled up” in Thomaston and it appears we got some “bad” gas, because the Ramp started running worse the farther, we went. We found an Advance Auto Parts store, got some Seafoam in the tank, and continued. We arrived in Ringgold around 5:00 pm, got checked in and found out there was a Cruise -In going on at the restaurant. So of course, we had to join in, along with a few more Corvair friends. None of the Corvairs placed but we had a good time.

Friday morning brought setting up and catching up ,with some exploring the Ringgold and Chattanooga area .Raymond Paul brought his race car , Jim Frese , Wesley and Bonnie Knowles ,Jeff and Kim Murrell ,James and Shirley Neyman , Billy Cannon ,Jack Green , Steve and Sherri Daniels , Donnie Bird , Amy Mohr , Richard and Sandra Sande , Stan Gee and Angela Blanks ,Phillip and Peggy Gilliland , Lori Harris and Mark Guider , Jim and Mrs. Ann Guider and more were there . While we were talking, an impromptu tech session broke out. Wesley Knowles and friends concluded; he had a bad fuel pump. Of course, somebody had a new one – by the way How many Corvair mechanics” does it take, to replace a fuel pump, a few but less than a dozen and SUCCESS.

Saturday Morning was off to the races for some fast runs. Joan and I didn't go, we decided to sleep in and then get ready for the show. We had some more cars come in and of course the "racers" returned, in all about 20, I think. Saturday night brought the Banquet and awards. 1ST time racer Amy Mohr had the quickest start time .027, unheard of. The Heart of Georgia group did pretty good. Raymond Paul got Fastest Time, Joan and I got 1ST place Forward Control, Angela Blanks 2ND and Jeff Murrell 3rd. Billy Bruce got 1ST Eary 1960-1964 AND BEST OF SHOW. After the Banquet we went up to the motel lobby for some music and a sing along with Darrell Varley on banjo, Janey Varley on mandolin, and Billy Cannon on guitar.

Sunday morning brought an early breakfast down at the restaurant and then we headed back South. The Choo Choo club picked a great place to have their event. The restaurant and bar had good food and service, and did I mention the ICE CREAM parlor? The motel rooms were very nice, and parking was good also.





