



The Vair Fax



From the Editor

Hello Everyone

We had another great day at the GA National Fair. Thanks to all that attended. A HUGE thanks to Joe and Ronda Gail for having us at the Hanger again.

I am excited to announce our neighborhood is hosting a car show for all makes and models in November. Flyer attached at the end of the newsletter. My hope is we have more Corvairs than anything else there. Chuck Smith and I have already registered. We hope some other Corvair members can attend.

I was always intrigued by a newspaper article my Uncle Tom had framed on his desk. I recently ran across this article and have included it in the newsletter. I decided to Google it as well and this is what I found. Mrs. Martin literally took her Corvair to the grave.
<https://www.corvaircorsa.com/heaven.html>

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**November Meeting
November 8th Noon
Lane Southern Orchards
50 Lane Rd, Fort Valley, GA 31030**

Upcoming events

November 8th – Meeting Lane Southern Orchards – Noon

November 15th – Riata Car Show- 9 AM to Noon (flyer attached)
All makes and models
83 Triple Crown Way Forsyth, GA

December 13th – Christmas Party at the Hanger

Our 52st Year!

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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:

<https://www.redbubble.com/shop/ap/167051754>

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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.

<https://www.redbubble.com/people/VairyCool6069>



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From the Prez-

Well we have 2025 Vairs in the Fair in the books, more on that in my article, as well as some pictures. Next up will be our Saturday November 8th meeting at Lane's Southern Orchard, Fort Valley, at noon. Come on and join us, in your Corvair or not, just come.

Don't forget our Dec. 13th meeting will be our Christmas Party at the Hanger in Perry, at noon. We need a head count by Dec. 8th, so we can order the food (we are giving Clay a well deserved break) . Also bring a gift for a boy or girl or both, any combination will work, to go to the Ronald McDonald House. They really appreciate the gifts.

Fair Pictures











Secretary's report – Chuck Smith

(not really secretarial information this month) LOL

There is just something about Corvaire people. Always willing to help a fellow club member, no matter the problem, no matter the time.

Driving the '67 4-door to the hangar for the pre-fair get together on Friday afternoon. The car was running great, until it wasn't. While it did run good at speed, whenever I would slow down to come to a stop, it would begin shuddering and was difficult to keep running. It cut off and got to where it was hard to start back up. Finally, one block way from the motel, it stalled and would not start up. In the middle of Warner Robins traffic during rush hour!

After repeated attempts, it started and ran long enough to get it rolling into a shopping center parking lot. Just as we got rolled to a stop, Chris called to let me know that he had placed a safety cone to block a parking space for us to park. I thanked him, and told him that was great, but that I was dead in the water! Chris of course wanted to know what I was talking about. After I told him what was going on, he said that he and Joe were on the way.

After about 20 minutes, they arrived, and the troubleshooting began. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that it was something with one of the carburetors, most likely the left one, as Joe felt like the car was running on only 3 cylinders. The "hand over the carb" method was tried, and it seemed to help some. The car had cooled off by this time, so Joe offered to nurse it to the hangar. We made it, only by timing the traffic lights so we hopefully didn't have to stop, and by putting it in neutral when we did have to stop.

After our meal, an impromptu tech session was held. Participating was Joe Gleaton, Chris Law. Clay Grant, Billy Bruce, Tony Ellison, and me, mostly in an observing capacity. After some carb adjustments, it was thought that the problem was solved. But no, it was not to be. Before we could make it back to the motel, the car began to stumble and try to stall once again. We did make it, but just barely.

The afore mentioned group stayed out in the parking lot until after 10pm trying to figure out the problem. Tony took the top off of the left carb, took out the jet to see if it was blocked, which turned out to be ok. Tony next removed the stone filter and tried to blow through it, and no air was passing through it. Aha! Problem found! Put everything back together. ran it up and down the road, ran great. But... Got up the next morning, left the motel headed to Perry and the Fairground. Halfway there, you guessed it, the "problem" reared its ugly head again. Barely made it to the meeting site. If I could have found a gun, I would have shot the car! But upon further discussion, it was determined that the "problem" was occurring about the time the engine was getting warmed up. Another Aha moment. This time, the correct one.

Tony said that meant that when the engine got hot, something electrical was breaking down. He determined that the condenser wire on the coil was bad. He ran a jumper wire straight from the battery to the coil, and the "problem" was finally solved. Only thing: I had to pull the jumper wire off of the battery to turn the car off! Once we got inside the fair, Tony made a permanent connection between the coil and the wiring harness.

This whole story leads me to one major point. Corvaire people are the BEST. My greatest concern was with Mom being with me, what if the car broke down before we could get home?

And let me say that no one wanted any payment for their time and labor. I still owe Joe a fan belt and Chris a stone filter, and I will make good on those.

Thank you so much my friends, I will never forget how much you helped me out of a bad situation.

***P.S. If I omitted anyone who assisted in this affair,
I humbly apologize.***

Vairs in the Fair- by Chris Law

Good News, Vairs in the Fair was a success. I rode the Trike and Joan drove the Ramp so we could have both there. I am even more pleased to say – both ran great, up and back home. This year we had an “ongoing” tech session, starting Friday afternoon. Chuck and Ms. Shirley, in her car, got about 2 blocks from the motel and called for help. Joe Gleaton and I jumped in the Ramp and went to assist. It took a little bit as we were at the Hanger in Perry. By the time we got there, the engine had cooled down some and Joe was able to get (and keep) it running long enough to travel to the Hanger for further troubleshooting and repairs. Friday night was Pizza Night, for a change up. After pizza, a few more checks, adjustments, a new fan belt and it was time to head back to the motel as a test drive. It still was not running good, so with Tony Ellison heading up the team, it was decided that the left carb was not fueling correctly. It was removed, disassembled, all jets and ports cleaned, set the float, and found the “new” bronze filter could barely be blown through. I took one out of my spare carb and that problem was solved, so remounted and adjusted. We decided there was also a wiring issue, so there was a temporary jumper wire made .

Saturday morning started EARLY for me (remember I am RETIRED and don't normally do early) as I was the designated Donut fetcher, at 6 am. After breakfast it was time to head to the meetup down in Perry and pick up a few more people/cars. So, since we got there a little early (no traffic to speak of) the guys decided to make a permanent wire for Chuck. About the time they were done, it was time to head to the lineup, outside the fairgrounds gate. Right on time at 9 am, they led us in and got us parked. We had a pretty good group- 12, comprised of: Johnny Cash, Billy Bruce's Station wagon, 3 Ems, 5 LMs, 2 Trikes, and 1 Rampside. We had a great day, cool but not cold and a lot of interest in our unique vehicles. After the show, it was back to the motel to get ready for our banquet, AND watch the last few minutes of UGA beating KY. Then it was back down to the Hanger, for the Taco Bar Banquet. We had a few more guests show up, that couldn't make it to the Fair, Keith & Sharon Burkingstock and Dean & Judi Gemberling (in their beautiful Ramp). We had a modest group of 22 compared to some much larger groups in the past. The Taco Bar was great and of course Clays peach cobbler. This time we also had birthday cupcakes (even some Clemson orange ones) for Susan Williams- 29 I think. The finale for the night was the 50/50 drawing, and the winner was- Clay Collier. Sunday morning everyone was leaving at different times, so no breakfast gathering. Joan and I finished loading up and headed for home under the threat of rain, I did mention, I was on the Trike. It very lightly sprinkled on the way down to Perry, where we stopped for gas, then it started to RAIN. Lucky for me, we were under a shelter so while I put on my rainsuit, I did not get wet. It rained most of the way home but stopped before we arrived. I believe everyone who attended had a good time and I would like to thank all that came and made the weekend a success.



RIATA COMMUNITY CAR SHOW

Class list:

- 1) American Classic Car 1979 & before
- 2) American Modern Car 1980 & after
- 3) Foreign Classic Car 1979 & before
- 4) Foreign Modern Car 1980 & after
- 5) Classic Truck 1979 & before
- 6) Modern Truck 1980 & after
- 7) Jeep or SUV All ages and models
- 8) Best Decorated Golf Cart or ATV
- 9) Fan Favorite Car or Truck
- 10) Best in Show



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TIME: 9:00AM to 12:00PM

COST: \$10 CAR/ \$5 GOLF CART

OPEN TO: EVERYONE!

REGISTRATION: BY EMAIL or AT THE SHOW- 8:30 AM

JUDGING: FROM 10:00 AM TO 11 AM

AWARDS: 10 TROPIES TO BE AWARDED AT 11:30 AM

