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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

It's that time, Vairs at the Fair. I took my car out for a spin yesterday and did some "tweaking" to get it ready. I still need to wash it this week and maybe with a little luck, I will have time to wax it as well. Hope to see yall at the fair and at the Hanger for some good food Friday and Saturday night!

Clay

October Meeting
There will be no October meeting
Due to Vairs at theFair
Friday Night Hospitality and Saturday's Taco Bar
Will be at the Warner Robins Airpark Hanger
123 Air Park Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088

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

8:30am 1st Saturday of each month

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From the Prez.....

Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages! Welcome to the 2023 edition of 'Vairs at the Fair! Yes, it's that time of the year again. Funnel cakes, corn dogs, 50.00 turkey legs, and the Grand Opening parade. This is a great time of the year; the sweltering summer is history, there is a definite coolness to the air in the mornings. As of this writing, the weather on fair weekend will be just about perfect.

There is a slight time change this year, concerning when we need to be at the parade staging area. The time to leave the host motel will be 7:00 on Saturday morning to drive to the old Piggly Wiggly building on Hwy 41 in Perry. We will then proceed to the staging area by 8:00. We can "gently" toss candy to the kiddies along the parade route, so be sure and get some that you like!

And don't forget about the Friday evening hospitality cookout at the airplane hangar, with a hopefully fun trivia contest after we eat. Brush up on your memories of old advertising slogans. This will be the subject of most of the questions.

After a fun day at the fair, we will meet again at the hangar, for more food and fellowship. Our meal this night will be Senor Grant's famous taco bar. We tried that last year, and it was very good.

Looking forward to seeing you this weekend!

Chuck

As promised last month, here is more about the 1948 Tucker. This time, a comparison of the Corvaire and the Tucker.

CORVAIR

Largely envisioned by one man,

Ed Cole.
Initial vision of rear engine design, little change in execution .
Engine as originally planned, two castings, aluminum, separate heads and cylinders.
torque

TUCKER

Largely envisioned by one man,

Preston Tucker.
Same
Engine as originally planned,589 cid, fuel injection, slow turning, hydraulic valve actuation, mounted sideways, two converters not feasible.

Final engine design, 12 basic parts much heavier, more costly.

Projected weight...288 lbs.

Actual weight.....366 lbs.

Displacement.....140 cid.

Horsepower.....80 @ 4400 rpm.

Torque.....85 @ 360 rpm.

Engine, air cooled

Car itself was unit construction.

Designed with virtually flat floor for more interior space, floor to bottom of frame for step-down design.

Car designed around rear engine

Suspension - coil springs at all four wheels, engine mounted behind axle, swing axle for low cost, simple design.

Corvaire ceased production for various reasons: Mustang, Camaro, Nader's book, could not meet new safety mandates due to go into effect in 1970

Final engine design, 7 aluminum castings, lighter than original, less costly.

Projected weight...385 lbs.

Actual weight.....320 lbs.

Displacement.....335 cid.

Horsepower.....66 @ 3200 rpm

Torque..... 372 @ 1750 rpm

Engine, water cooled, re-designed from an air-cooled engine.

Car was separate body on frame construction.

Same.

Tucker was designed as concept, was to be the "best" post-war car, and expense was not of primary importance. Suspension- rubber, torsionalastic, high cost, swing axle used for space reasons. Engine mounted behind axle, though an original design was over rear axle. concept and because engine and related components cost so much, rest of car was economized to fit economy compact concept

Tucker ceased production after a large amount of adverse publicity about Preston Tucker and questionable business practices.

Secretaries Report

By Shirley Smith

The Heart of Georgia Corvair Club met Sept. 9, 2023 at Dickey's Peach Packing Shed. Those attending were:

*Tim Vossler

Lonnie Lewis

Keith and Sharon, Burkingstock,

Sylvia and Les Campbell

Tye and Janet Howard

Chuck Smith

Shirley Smith

Clay Grant

Chris and Joan Law*

James Powell

*Those who drove Corvairs.

Springfest 2024--A Rally is planned for Friday or Saturday morning but someone is needed to plan the rally.

Fair-Saturday morning

Instructions regarding the Fair in Perry were discussed. Participants for the parade going into the fairgrounds will line up in the Board of Education parking lot at 7:30 am. From there will be the drive to the bank parking lot to wait for departure to the fairgrounds.

The Friday night get-together, Hamburgers/Hot Dogs will be served. A Trivia Game will follow. Saturday night tacos will be served. 50/50 will be held Saturday night. The location will be the Hangar, same as last year, both nights.

Maggie Valley 2023 will be for the weekend following the fair. Parking for trailers will be provided.



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