

The Vair Fax



From the Editor

Hello Everyone

Spring is here and so is the Pollen here in GA. Time to wash it off and get ready for Springfest! If you haven't registered, please do so SOON!

We will not have a meeting this month due to Springfest. Hope to see you there!

On another note (see Chuck's article at the end of the newsletter), please keep Mrs. Shirley Smith in your prayers.

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**April Meeting
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Upcoming events

April 6, 2026 – Summit Racing Parts Cruise In - McDonough, GA 6-8 PM

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

June 22-26- Corsa International Convention-Gettysburg, PA

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From the Prez-

Well, we had another small meeting in March, but John and Lorey Purdy made the long trip from way over on the east coast and Mike and Dale Niday came from Chicken Town (Fitzgerald), it was good to see them again. The weather was a little cool, but clear, so Joan and I decided to drive the convertible (top up though) as it needs to be driven some. I was glad we did, it was the only Corvair there, it ran great and a nice trip. We talked cars, and caught up a bit while we were waiting on lunch, then on to the meeting. The big discussion was, of course, our upcoming Springfest weekend preparations. At the meeting time we had received 55 registrations and as of this writing we have 85. I reported the golf carts are arranged and we talked about how we will use them this year. We discussed the Bingo games and the prizes for them. Joan was contacted by Summit Racing Equipment, who wanted to send some supplies for the show. They sent a couple of soft side coolers, caps, stickers, bags, display cards, coupons and more. So, everything is coming together, we just need everyone that hasn't sent in your Springfest registrations, to get them sent in. Don't forget, get your room reservations, the special rates will end shortly. There will not be a "regular" meeting this month (April) since we have the show on the 17th & 18th.

Summit Racing Equipment will be having Cruise Ins at their store in McDonough starting April 6th from 6 to 8pm. They invited us to this first one because it will be featuring Air Cooled engine cars. Joan and I are planning on taking the Convertible and the Rampside and would like for anyone who can, to come and join us there. They will be having more Cruise Ins and we will get Clay to put them in the newsletter.

Hopefully, this finds everyone well or on the mend. The weather is getting nice, so lets get our Corvairs out on the road, let them be seen and enjoy the ride.

7th Annual Cumberland Mountain Corvaire Cruise-In -by Chris Law

Joan and I left early on a very cool Thursday morning and headed north. The Ramp ran great and about 450 miles and 9 hours later(not counting the time change), we arrived, safe, sound, and DRY this time, at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville Tn. Within a couple or 3 hours, there were a few more arrivals, with one having a difficult time getting there. The group decided to go eat at the Beef & Barrel restaurant. After some good food and conversations, we returned to the cabin. If you haven't been there, some of the cabins, like the one we stayed in, were built by the CCC program, back in the day. They have of course, been updated and modernized a little bit. It is a beautiful place to stay, even this year with NO SNOW!

Friday morning Joan and I went around to the Rec Hall for registration, parking the Ramp and of course I had to clean off all the bugs that were hitchhiking a ride. David Iwaniki parked his '65 Greenbrier, that was experiencing technical difficulties, next to the Ramp. So, after a bit, we proceeded to troubleshoot and diagnose his troubles. After a while, it was time for the long trip (about 2 or 3 miles) over to the DEEP DRAW YAK RANCH. Yep folks, I did say YAK ranch. The owners moved there from Michigan, found this 50 acre ranch and decided to raise purebred Yaks. There were 6 Corvairs with about 19 people that went. I didn't really want to go, but I conceded and was glad I did. It was very interesting and I didn't realize how little I did know about them. The Yaks are like big dogs with horns, good natured and among other things, don't smell, WHO KNEW?? They also had free range chickens for eggs, ducks, geese, Jerusalem donkeys and rescue miniature horses. Then it was time to head back to the Park for more looking and car talk. After a while it was time to caravan out for dinner. About 20 of us went to the Beef & Barrel, which worked ok for me because I already knew how to get there. Our service and food were good again. Afterward, Joan and I got the Ramp filled with gas, found the Walmart to pick up a few things and headed back to the cabin.

Saturday morning, Joan and I headed to the Rec Hall for donuts, get parked for the display and clean more bugs off, to be ready for SHOW TIME ! I believe there were 25 vehicles in the display, including 2 Rampsides, 2 Greenbriers, a Corvan and an Ultravan, with a lot of nice Early and Lates. The 1962 Corvan (Crusty), was alternate powered, with a mid-mounted blown, Big Block Chevy 489 ci pushing about 760 hp, (maybe a little under powered?) Around 3pm the display started breaking up, so we headed for our cabin to cleanup a little , then to the Park restaurant for a late lunch/early dinner. Then back to the Rec Hall for the Presentation Program. We had car trivia games, awards, and

drawings. A BIG congratulations to the 3, Knoxville Area, Choo Choo, and Music City Corvair Clubs, and all their volunteers, for another great Cruise-In weekend. Afterward we headed back to get packed up for the return home trip.

Sunday morning, we finished loading, went and made a reservation for our cabin for next year, and hit the road. The weather was nice, the Ramp ran great, until about 90 miles from home, which was about 5 miles north of Richland. I found out something VERY important, I can't ween the Ramp off of gasoline, even though I tried. We made it safely off the highway and I proceeded to trouble shoot the loss of power to the point of shut down. Now even though the symptoms indicated no fuel, I knew it couldn't be out of gas, my gauge showed just above ¼ tank full. I have a former coworker/friend, David, who lives about 20 miles from there, so I called him, he said it would take him about 45 minutes, but he would bring me some gas. While we were there waiting there were numerous cars and trucks that slowed down, but kept on going. About 20 or so minutes after I called David, a truck pulled in behind us. The man's wife had seen us as she passed by, got home, and told her husband (a car guy), there was a really nice FORD Econoline pick up on the side of the road, he should go check it out. So since he was only 2 miles down the road, he came on up to see. He said as he went by (going north to turn around) that HEY that is a Corvair, even better! As we talked, we found out he has an Early with a front mounted V8, very pretty red car and he, Dave Quam, wanted to join Heart of Georgia club. Shortly after, David arrived with the gas. I let the electric fuel pump run a little bit to prime up the line and it fired right up. 5 miles down the road to Richland, we filled up, said our good byes and Thank Yous and headed home. With a full tank of hi test ,the Ramp ran great the rest of the way home. So, our 8 or 9 hour trip wound up being a 12 trip. Oh Well, that is just another Corvair adventure, the kind that keeps us from getting bored and makes life interesting.

Secretary's Report – Chuck Smith

March Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:44 by club
President Chris Law

9 members attending, 1 Corvair
Springfest will be here soon.
55 registrations as of 3-7-26.
Everything is set up with City of Helen managers
Dash plaques are in
Registration will close at 12pm on Saturday
Drivers are needed for golf carts
Summit Racing Parts in McDonough GA will be
hosting cruise in type car shows during the warmer months.
April 6th will be featuring air cooled vehicles
Meeting adjourned at 12:44

A note from Chuck about Mrs. Shirley Smith (Chuck's Mom)

To all our Corvair friends and family,
I want to let you know what is going on with Mom.

About two months ago, after a mammogram, a mass was discovered. After further examination, it was determined that the mass was an aggressive form of cancer. As many of you know, Mom had a mastectomy on the left side about eighteen years ago. The surgeon wants to try and shrink the mass, before he does this mastectomy. So, Mom is going through two series of chemo, four sessions, then a break, then four more sessions if necessary.

Mom has gone through the first 3 sessions with no problems at all, thankfully. If there is minimal change, they may have to increase the dosage.
Please keep Mom in your thoughts and prayers.

Chuck

