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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

A HUGE Shoutout to my Corvair family for your support the last month. For those that don't know, I lost my Dad in August after a brief illness. Your calls, texts, flowers, food, and visitation to his services were MUCH appreciated. I have always loved the fact that Corvair people are my second family.

Hopefully you received the email about the September meeting change. It should be a fun time at Indian Springs State Park. There will be lots of good food and fellowship.

Don't forget to register for Vairs at the Fair . (form in Newsletter) I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ken Arnold, if you were around Corvairs in the South East, you knew or knew of Ken.

Dean Gemberling sent in a great article and some pictures.

Clay

**September Meeting
September 21st
Indian Springs State Park, shelter #5,
678 Lake Clark Rd, Hwy 42, Flovilla, GA 30216-2309 Noon
This is a joint meeting with Corvair Atlanta
Please RSVP for a head count**

Upcoming events

September 13-14 - Maggie Valley, NC - Vairsinthevalley.com

October 4-5 – Vairs at the Fair – Perry, GA

October 17-20 Choo Choo Corvair Fall Classic – Ringold, GA - choochoocorvairs.com

Local area cruise ins

Cars Cruzin and Coffee
8:30am 1st Saturday of each month
5915 Zebulon Rd Macon GA

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Secretary's Report

Meeting was called to order at 12:33 by President Chris Law.

Twelve in attendance, 3 Corvairs driven.

Welcomed new members John and Lori Purdy, from Richmond Hill GA. They own a '65 Monza.

Convention trip was discussed.

Upcoming Maggie Valley event was discussed, several Heart of GA members are going.

Looking into getting 2025 Springfest T-shirts through Amazon.

2024 Springfest profit was 1688.00 per club.

2025 Springfest profits will be divided by % of workers in each club.

September meeting location to be determined, joint meeting with Corvair Atlanta was suggested.

(Decision was later made to have picnic at Indian Springs State Park on Sept.21.)

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Smith

Secretary

From the Prez.....

From the Prez- Hello out there in Corvair Land, we had another good group at Lane's Southern Orchard for our August meeting. We had 3 Corvairs and no, Joan and I were not in one this time, we had another commitment that would not have been a good place for it. 2 came all the way from the Savannah area. 1 was our 2 newest members, John and Lorey Purdy from Richmond Hill, in their Red with Gray trim '65 Corsa. The other was Al and Donna Lane in their Red late model convertible. The 3rd, was Joe and Rhonda Gail in their Red '64 convertible.

We discussed Vairs at the Fair, and if you still need to make your motel reservation, it is Quality Inn Centerville, Ga. 478-953-6866, be sure to tell them you are with the Corvair group to get the correct rate.

We talked about Vairs in the Valley- Maggie Valley NC coming up Sept. 13 & 14. Most of you should have received an email with this info. But in case I missed someone, here you go. Several of us are planning to attend, which brought up the discussion about our Sept. meeting being the same weekend. We decided the best thing to do was to move our meeting to the 3rd Sat. 21st, which is also Corvaire Atlanta's regular date and maybe having a joint meeting. I talked to Frank Metasavage, he had it brought up at their meeting and they agreed. So we will have joint meeting/picnic at Indian Springs State Park, Shelter #5 at 12:00 PM on the 21st. Heart of Ga is supplying the meat-Barbeque and fried chicken, also sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade, and buns. We are asking everyone to bring something to go with either or a dessert, also anything different you want to drink. We will need a head count to know how many to prepare for, so please contact Frank, Joan, or me. More info to follow in the newsletter, map, etc...

A ParkPass is required for all vehicles. Price for ParkPasses are not included with the reservation. Overnight guests pay only one ParkPass fee for the duration of their stay. The daily ParkPass is valid at all state parks visited the same day and is not valid at state historic sites.

ParkPass fees are as follow:

1-12 passenger vehicles \$5 per day or \$50 annual ParkPass;
13-30 passenger vehicles \$30 per day or \$75 annual ParkPass;
31 or more passenger vehicles \$70 per day or \$250 annual ParkPass;
Georgia active duty military/veterans \$3.75 per day or \$37.50 annual ParkPass.

For information on our park rules and reservation policies please visit our website <http://gastateparks.org/thingstoknow>. Rules and regulations are posted at site offices and must be observed by all guests and their visitors.

Getting There:

GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):

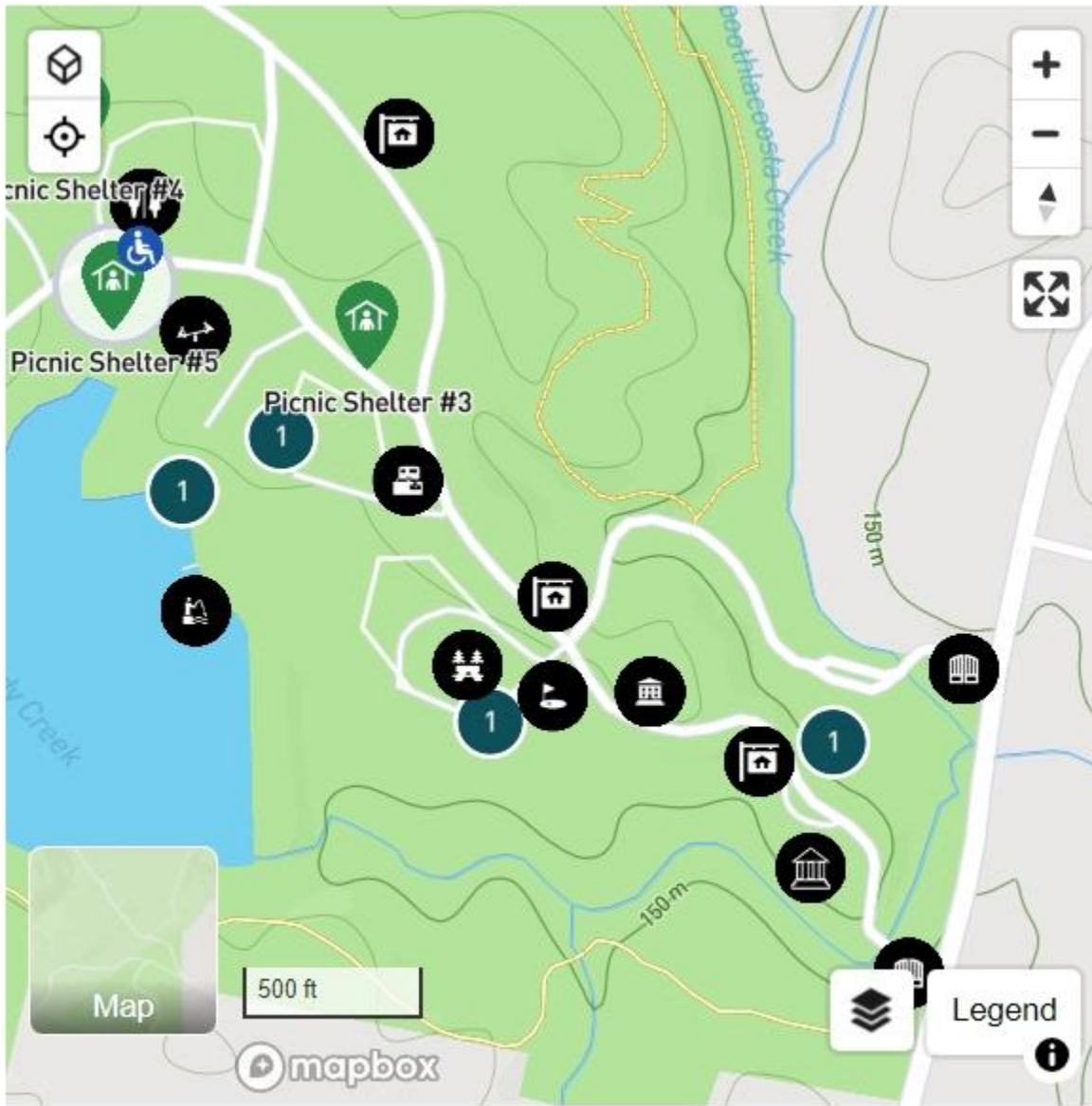
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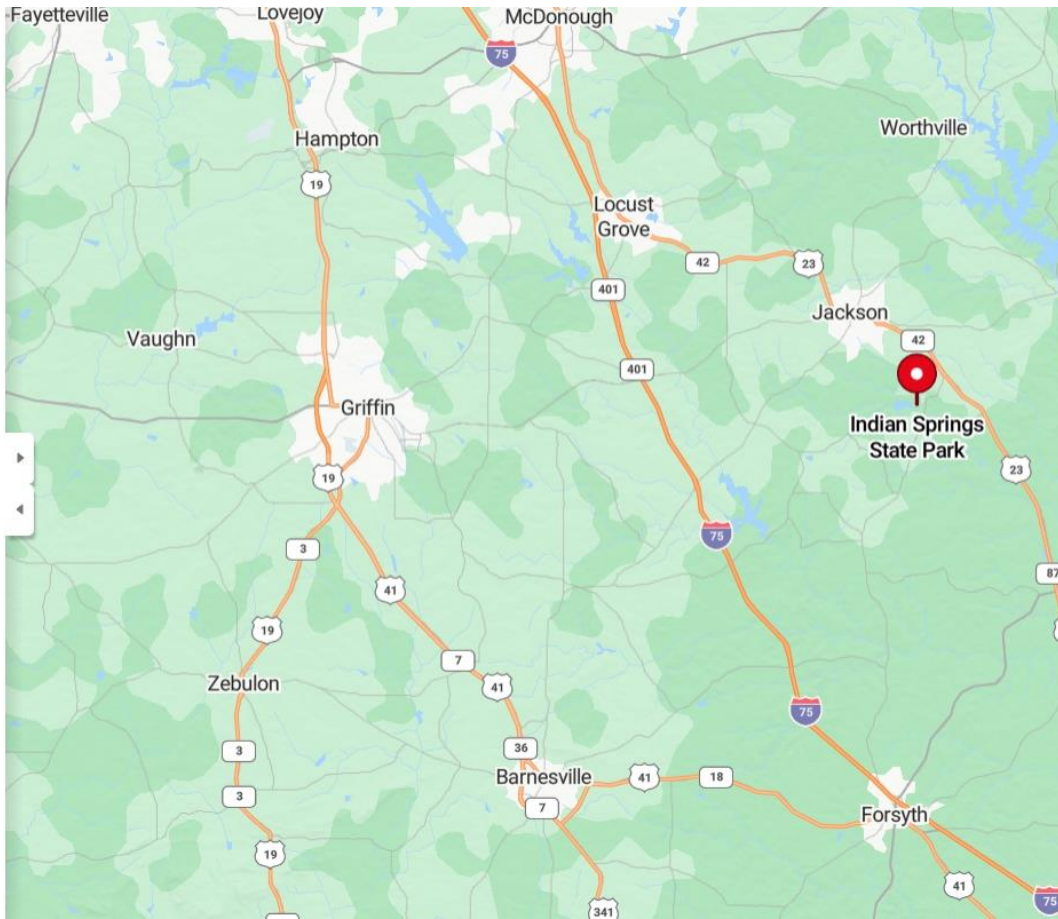
33°14'49"N, 83°55'22"W

From Atlanta I-75 south, exit #205 turn left, 10 miles to Jackson.

Take HWY 42 south, 5 miles to the park.

From Macon I-75 north, exit #188 turn left 15 miles to the park.





Kenneth Harris Arnold, age 86, passed away on 16 August 2024 at his home in Riverdale, Georgia. Ken was born 17 December 1937 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and lived there until his father relocated the family to Georgia in search of work. He grew up, graduated from high school and began attending Southern Technical Institute, now known as Southern Polytechnic State University. Ken spent most of his free time working on cars and racing them alongside his gearhead buddies. While at Southern Tech, a recruiter convinced Ken to join the U.S. Army where he trained to be a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. As a gifted mechanic, he was selected as Outstanding Graduate and went on to serve his country for 6 years. Honorably discharged from the Army around 1951, Ken began working at Delta Airlines putting his talents to great effect as a tool designer. When Delta offered early retirement in 1982, Ken jumped at the chance to spend his days buying, selling, repairing, modifying and racing anything with an engine, especially his favorite automobile, the Chevy Corvair. Ken began racing Corvairs at age 40, starting out on the local dirt track circuit then eventually moved on to quarter mile drag racing. During the week he would prep his yellow '65 Monza coupe with the high-compression, reverse-rotation Buick 215 V8 mated to a stock Powerglide, then compete against others in the Sportsman class to win many races with a 13 second elapsed time. Ken was also a V8 Corvair pioneer, having designed and fabricated the special bell housing adapter that mated reverse rotation Buick/Olds 215 V8 engines to stock Corvair transmissions, nicknamed the "Arnold Transaxle". Earlier this year, Ken was honored with a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the V8 Registry Corvair club for his remarkable innovations, joining Rick Norris and Chuck Rust, the only other members with this distinction. Ken rescued and rebuilt hundreds of Corvairs throughout his lifetime. His engineering, fabrication, bodywork and painting skills were legendary as illustrated by the fact that no less than 4 Forward Control Corvairs, that he personally restored or rebuilt, but now owned by other Corvair fanatics, were on display at the 2024 Springfest event in Helen, Georgia. One of those Corvairs was his prized 1963 Corvair 95 Rampside with the SB305 V8 mounted in the bed of the truck, mated to a TH350 transmission and C4 Corvette rear end. Painted Goldwood Yellow with a white stripe, Ken was justifiably proud of the tasteful and unique aspects of such a cool and fast truck. When age-related health issues began to impact his life, Ken began the process of finding new caretakers for his Corvairs. I was in the right place at the right time when Ken agreed to sell me his V8 Rampside, followed 2 years later by my purchase of his 65 Monza drag car. Little did we know that this was the beginning of our wonderful relationship. As we grew closer, our phone calls became more frequent and I made many more visits to see him and his bride, Judy. My Judi and I loved meeting Ken and his Judy for lunch at Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson. Ken would tease me about how good the "maters"

(Buckner’s famous stewed tomatoes) were whenever we were unable to meet them for lunch. Despite me being the current caretaker of the V8 Rampside, Ken and I referred to it as “OUR truck”. I would send him photos of all the show vehicles including the V8 Rampside on display along with the trophies we won so that he could enjoy the shows as much as I did. Ken would help just about anyone and enjoyed fixing their cars, tractors and the occasional lawnmower, though he had little patience for fools and those who refused to heed his sought-after advice. Ken and Judy were married for nearly 50 years and have three terrific children in Jeff Arnold, Keith Arnold and Denise Cashman. Ken and Judy were also animal lovers having raised, loved and buried many dogs and cats over the years. Ken Arnold was a highly skilled mechanic, well-known Corvair enthusiast, V8 Corvair pioneer and Corvair racer. Most importantly, he was my mentor, my very close friend and my second Dad. My respect for Ken was exceeded only by my deep love for him. I miss him terribly.

Dean F. Gemberling with special thanks to John Lanning, President of the V8 Registry



“VAIRS AT THE FAIR”

HEART OF GEORGIA CORVAIR CLUB’S 33rd annual October 4-5, 2024
Host Hotel-Quality Inn, 215 Margie Drive, Warner Robins, GA, \$85.00 Rooms,
Suites \$95.00

For Reservations 478-953-6866 and mention Corvair Club Before September 5,
2024

Friday Night Southern Hospitality Party
Saturday Georgia National Fair Display in Fair Grounds
Come early and visit the Museum of Aviation
No judging- just great Corvair Fun with Corvair Friends

Saturday Night 50/50

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-
mail _____

Driving a Corvair: Convertible Yes _____ No _____ Other Corvair Model?

Registration \$20.00 per adult: Number _____
\$ _____

Bar-B-Que Dinner \$20.00 per adult: Number _____
\$ _____

Children under 6 each \$7.50: Number _____
\$ _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

We need pre-registrations please. Make Checks to “Heart of Georgia
Corvair Club”

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