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From the Editor

Hello Everyone

Sorry I missed the meeting last month but hope to make it Saturday the 7th. Helen will be here soon so please get your registrations in and make your hotel reservations. It looks like the Corvair Lovers Holiday was a success. I haven't been in many years but hope to make it next year! I have included a lot of pictures thanks to Chris Law.

See you on Saturday the 7th at Lane Southern Orchards

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**March Meeting
March 7th - Noon
Lane Southern Orchards
50 Lane Rd
Fort Valley, GA 31030**

Upcoming events

March 20-21 – Cumberland Mountain Corvair Cruise In - Contact Wesley Knowles for more information (865)806-9621 - Contact Cumberland Mountain State Park for lodging.

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

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

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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.

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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.

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From the Prez-

We had a good meeting at Lane Southern Orchard in February. There were a few members we hadn't seen in a while and 2 Corvairs. Joan and I drove our 64 Convertible (not with the top down- too cool) and Keith & Sharon in their beautiful 64 red 4 door. We had good food and catchin up, then called the meeting to order. We started with Springfest shirts since Joan & I had ours for samples to see actual shirts in different colors, dark blue, forest green, and light gray, and how to order them on the Springfest website. Joan talked about registration and handed out forms to those that wanted one. At the meeting we had received around 30 registrations and as I am writing this, we are up to about 50, a combination of mail in and online. If you haven't sent yours either way, please go ahead and get it done. Don't forget to get your motel room reservations SOON, to take advantage of our special rates and availability. I can report that we have the Georgia Peanuts for the goody bags and the dash plaques are here also, for the people who preshow register.

We discussed the Corsa International Convention in Gettysburg Pa, June 21-27 and who was planning to attend. If you are thinking about going, you need to get your motel reservation done soon, especially if you want to be in the Host motel. You can make motel reservations from the Corsa website and the room rate is \$159.00 per night. They are also making that rate available for before and after the Convention, for people who want to be there longer. There is another motel on the adjacent property that is available if wanted/needed. The Convention registration is available on the Corsa site now. We discussed our tentative "caravan" route and where to stop for the night going up. On Sat. June 20, we will meet up at Madison Ga on I 20 and travel to Statesville NC . Sunday, travel the remaining miles to Gettysburg Pa. Anyone wanting to travel with us is welcome to do so.

Joan and I will be unavailable for the normal March 14 meeting date, so we discussed having the meeting without us, or moving to another date. The decision was to move the date to the first Saturday, March 7, noon, at Lane Southern Orchard, Fort Valley. This will be the last meeting before Springfest, so we will look forward to seeing you there "in your Corvair" or not, just come on!!

Secretary's Report

Heart of GA Corvairs – February Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:34 by club President Chris Law.

11 members in attendance, 3 Corvairs driven.

Springfest registration is open.

There will only be 5 door prizes. Tickets are to be placed in the box in front of each prize that you would like to win.

Richard Payne will again present the colors.

Golf carts were well received last year. Drivers will be needed again for this year.

Car show parking... display cars will be in a designated area, on the same lot as people's choice.

New style dash plaques. In the past, the plaques had sharp edges: the new ones will be more flexible.

Those who wish to get together and travel to the Convention in Gettysburg, meet at Ingles Market in Forsyth. Time to be announced later.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Smith
Secretary

Corvaire Lovers Holiday '26 by Chris Law

I spent a few days getting the Rampside checked, rechecked, cleaned/polished and packed, to be ready to go. Thursday morning 02/12, we finished loading and headed south, the weather was a little cool, partly cloudy with some pretty hard wind. The trip down to Pensacola was really good, the Rampside ran great, traffic was not bad, with the only issue being the wind. We arrived around 3:30 cst, got checked in, unloaded the cab and then, the side ramp would not open, the catches would not fully release. I tried working the handles and bumping the ramp, over and over, to no avail, for about 45 minutes. Finally, I found a long skinny screwdriver that would reach the end of the catch enough to move it the last 16th or so (and not damage the paint on the ramp or cab) and success!! Now with the ramp down, I could get the suitcases out of the toolbox. With the truck unloaded I could find out what was not working with the latches. 1st, I have the latches adjusted tight, so the ramp doesn't rattle, but have not had a problem, 'til now. 2nd, I keep the catches clean (no lube for mess and dirt attraction), so between that and the little bit of rust on the catch, then add to that some play because of a loose retaining screw, it would not fully release. Difficulty continued as I could not find, with all the tools I carry, an 1/8" allen wrench to tighten the retainer screw. So, I got it as tight as I could, cleaned up the rust, lubed with white lube from inside the latch assembly and installed it back in the ramp. I closed it and parked it in the designated area for FCs. Ken Hand, Corvanatics Pres., had arrived, so I helped him get his truck unloaded and display set up. Time for dinner, so Joan and I rode to The Point restaurant with Corsa BOD Jack Green and Valerie. There was a group of Corvaire folks catchin up from the last time we had seen each other. We had good seafood and LOUD, but good live music. Friday morning, we headed off to pick up a few things and fill up with gas, then back to pack and clean the bugs off from the trip down. When I tried to let the ramp down to get the cleanup stuff out, guess what, it didn't want to release again. So, I went back through the process again. This time armed with my new allen wrench, I got the retainer screw much tighter and with some synthetic grease from Ken Hand, we were back together and working much better. I got the bugs off and everything put up just in time for dinner. Now, let me tell you, this wasn't just some beanie weanie meal, we had an Italian Chef that prepared a feast. There was spaghetti with meat sauce, spaghetti with Alfredo sauce, Italian meatballs, Asian chicken, red beans and rice, multiple salads and fixins and desserts galore. Everything was Magnifique!!! Saturday morning, he had prepared waffles with multiple toppings and pastries. The ladies had their own special breakfast in the registration room. Then it was time to clean

off all the pollen, to makem shine for the show. There were about 20 very nice vehicles all together, including 5 rampside pickups. They had fun and games too. There was a Corn Hole tournament and Valve Cover races. In attendance were a few notables, Corsa Pres. Titus Stewart, Corsa BOD Dean Gemberling, Corvanatics Newsletter Editor Mike Hill, and a lot of people having a great time looking at some very nice Corvairs. In the middle of all of this was lunch, you guessed it, time to feast again. The chef is also a Bar-B-Que champion and cooked up some sumptuous ribs and pulled pork, with a variety of sauces and all the trimins, and I ate way too much, it was hard to stop. As the show was wrapping up, folks started to load up as the weather report was calling for rain later in the evening and Sunday morning, and nobody wants to load up in the rain. 1 of the late models came in, not running, on a trailer. I have included the picture which asks the question, just how many people does it take to load a Corvair on a trailer?

At the awards ceremony there were many very nice raffle ticket prizes, 50/50 drawing, Corn Hole and Valve Cover racer awards. Our Rampside won Top 5 of the Top Ten, Dean Gemberling and Jack Green were some of our HOG member Top Ten winners. The big winner of the night was Jim Frese from KACC, who got the Long Distance award, and Best Of Show. He also received the not so coveted, Hard Luck award. He was following Richard Payne's dually pulling his 3-car trailer, loaded with 3 cars. A truck ran off the edge of the road in front of Richard, kicked up softball size (best estimate in a split second) chunk of asphalt, completely over Richard's rig, landing in Jim's drivers side windshield, leaving a very large ding. It ain't going to buff out. I have a picture attached.

Sunday morning was a surprise, a little misting rain, not much at all. The trip home was not too bad, more traffic than coming down, but moving good. The wind was the worst, with gusts to 35mph from the northwest. The Rampside ran great and no rain, good trip. Thanks to June and Ed Lindsay and all the West Florida Corvair Club for putting on another great weekend. If you have not attended this show, you have missed a good one.

Corvaair Lovers Holiday Pictures







