



# The Vair Fax



## From the Editor

Hello Everyone

We had 3 turn out for the Riata Car Show last month. Me, Chuck Smith, and Bud Wilson. Hopefully we will have one in the early Spring next year. They raised about \$250.00 for Tunnel to Towers

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We spent our weekend decorating for Christmas. Now that is over, we can enjoy the holidays. Don't forget our Christmas Party is the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Airpark. I have included a map for those that haven't been there before. Don't forget to bring a gift. Hope to see everyone then!  
Clay

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**December Meeting  
December 13th Noon  
Warner Robins Air Park  
123 AIR PARK DRIVE  
WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088**

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**Upcoming events**

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party at the Hanger

## **Our 52<sup>st</sup> Year!**

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**Heart of Georgia Shirts and Merchandise Now Available Online**

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>

OR scan the QR Code below:



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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-**

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving, Joan and I did, and yes, again I ate WAY too much. We had our sons and granddaughters here, so that made a great, even though short visit.

We had a small but hearty group at our November meeting at Lanes Southern Orchard, with someone we had not seen for a while, Tommy Couch, driving Joan's EM. Looking back at this year, it has been a busy one for us, Joan and I were on the go! We went to a couple of new (for us) shows, Travel Competition Cheer meets in Savannah, Charleston S.C., and Orlando Fl, a challenging ( because of the new car showfield venue) but successful Springfest, a good Vairs in the Valley, another good Vairs in the Fair weekend and many other trips. Along with all the good things that happened this year, we should also all remember those who had/have medical issues and those close to us that passed away this year.

We have one more event for this year, our Sat.Dec.13<sup>th</sup> meeting/Christmas Party, at the Hanger in Perry at noon. It is our annual "business meeting" where we have our club officer elections, and remember, if you are not present, you could be elected to, I don't know, maybe even President!! Our meal this year will be catered, so Clay doesn't have to cook every time. We will be having beef medallions, grilled chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed salad, rolls, German chocolate cake, and pecan pie. We need you to contact Joan or I, by Dec.8<sup>th</sup> so we will know how many to prepare for.

Please don't forget to bring a gift for a boy or girl, or both, any age, for the Ronald McDonald House, it really means so much for the kids that receive them. I know we all have a lot going on this time of year, but please try to attend, we would love to see you all. That being said, if I don't see you there – have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!!

From your PREZ

## **Secretary's Report**

Meeting called to order at 12:40  
by club president Chris Law.

7 members in attendance.

Club is in good shape financially.

Vairs at the Fair was deemed success.

Club Christmas party will be held at the hangar,  
on December 13th. The meal will be catered, and  
toys will be collected, and donated to Ronald  
McDonald House.

Club will donate \$200 more.

Initial Springfest meeting will be held in Dec,  
via webinar.

Springfest T-shirt was shown. Staff will  
have safety vests at Springfest.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Smith  
Secretary

## Frequently Asked Questions About the 1948 Tucker Automobile – Chuck Smith Part 1

How fast was the Tucker?

The Tucker sedan could travel 0-60 mph in 10 seconds, with a top speed clocked at over 120 mph.

Did the Tucker really use a helicopter engine?

Yes, the rear engine Tucker was powered by an Aircooled Motors Franklin ALV-335 166 HP 6 cylinder air cooled engine converted to water cooling. Preston Tucker liked the engines so well that he purchased Aircooled Motors in 1947.

How much did a Tucker cost new, and what are they worth today?

in 1948 the projected retail cost for the Tucker was \$2450, which made it less expensive than a Buick Roadmaster, Hudson Club Coupe, Frazer

Manhattan, Studebaker Commander, and several other models. Today a restored Tucker is valued between \$ 800,000 and \$ 1,000,000.

How many Tuckers were produced, and how many remain today?

Tucker Corporation produced a total of 51 cars- one 1947 prototype, and 50 pilot production cars in 1948 All 51 Tuckers have been accounted for with a total of 47 still remaining today.

What is a Tucker "Torpedo"?

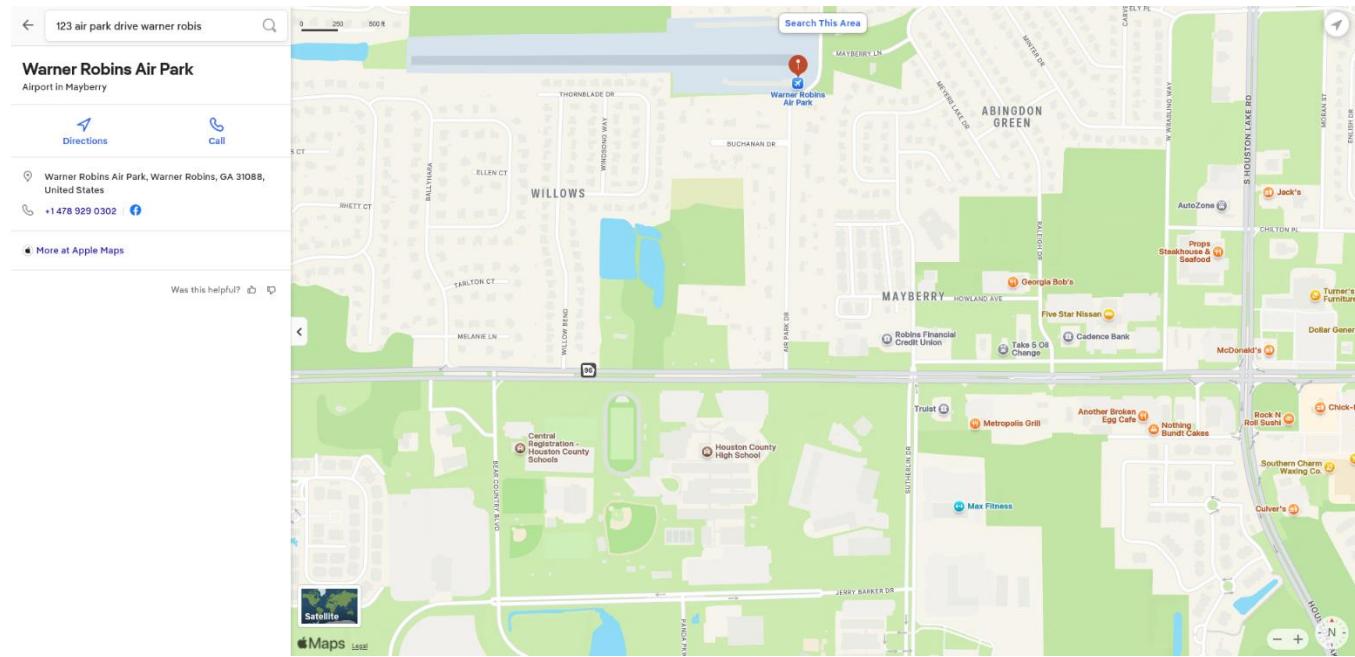
Tucker Corporation used the name "Torpedo" in early promotional materials, but later dropped it. The Tucker '48 premiered June 19, 1947 at the Tucker plant before 5000 enthusiastic dealers, brokers, and members of the press. Many people still call the car a Tucker Torpedo.

To be continued next month!

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