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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

I think we found a great meeting place for the colder months, the food was delicious and we had a private room for our meeting. Because we didn't book in time, we will not have the private room but the dining room is spacious and we should have a nice back corner of it. Hope to see you Saturday, it is our last meeting before Helk

Clay

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**March Meeting March 9th - Noon
Lane Orchards
50 Lane Rd. Fort Valley, GA 31030
Exit 142 off of I-75 GO west on Highway 96 for about 5 miles**

Upcoming events

March 9th - Club Meeting- Noon – Lane Orchards, Fort Valley, GA

April 19-20 Springfest 2024 – Helen GA

July 22- 25 –2024 CORSA International Convention – Dayton, OH

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

Heart of GA Corvairs

February Meeting held at Lane Orchards Cafe, Fort Valley GA.
Meeting started at 12:40 pm.
Meeting location was approved by everyone.
New name tags were given out to those who purchased them.
Rooms at the host motel for Vairs at the Fair are ready to be reserved.
New price is 80.00 for a regular room.
Hilton Head Concours is first weekend in November. Waiting for information.
Springfest website is up. Register online or by printed form.
At this time, about 40 registrations have been received
Ad is in Communique.
Slot car racing is being looked into.
Motel reservations need to be made soon.
Autocross will return this year.
Spectators for autocross will be situated farther back from the track, for increased safety.
Door prizes will be needed.
Food, water, and drinks will be purchased at one time by Clay and Chuck.
Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm/

Respectfully submitted;
Chuck Smith
Secretary

From the Prez.....

Greetings, we had a very good meeting at Lane's Orchard outside Fort Valley, even though the weather was overcast, cool, and windy. Lane's is a very nice place and the food was good, too. We had a pretty good turn out but would like to have more show up. Springfest – At this writing, we are up to 60 registrations. So far most are online, with a few mail-ins. It doesn't matter which way you choose, either way will work. If you haven't already, go ahead and make your registrations for the show and motel. Check out the website – corvairspringfest.com . By the way, please bring a prize with you to Springfest, it doesn't have to be expensive, but it should be something that is unused. We will be meeting at Lane's outside Fort Valley again, for the March 9th meeting. I hope to see everyone there!
Chris Law

MAGGIE VALLEY 2024

BY Chris Law

We started our adventure to Vairs in the Valley, Maggie Valley, NC on Thursday morning about 7:00 am, dark, raining, and 35 to 40 mph cross winds. We drove like that, except for the dark, for about 4 hours, then the rain let up, but not the wind. We met Chuck Smith and Mrs. Shirley in Madison, got something to eat and proceeded on North. The only thing “out of the norm” was our GPS provided scenic ride through downtown Sylva, NC. Upon arriving at the 5 STAR MOTEL in Maggie Valley, around 5:00 pm, we found that a few of our friends were already there. The Ramp was the dirtiest I had ever seen it, so it had to be washed immediately, in the motel parking lot, before anyone else saw it! After supper at POP’S BUTTS on the CREEK, I went, filled up with gas, and up to this point it was running GREAT.

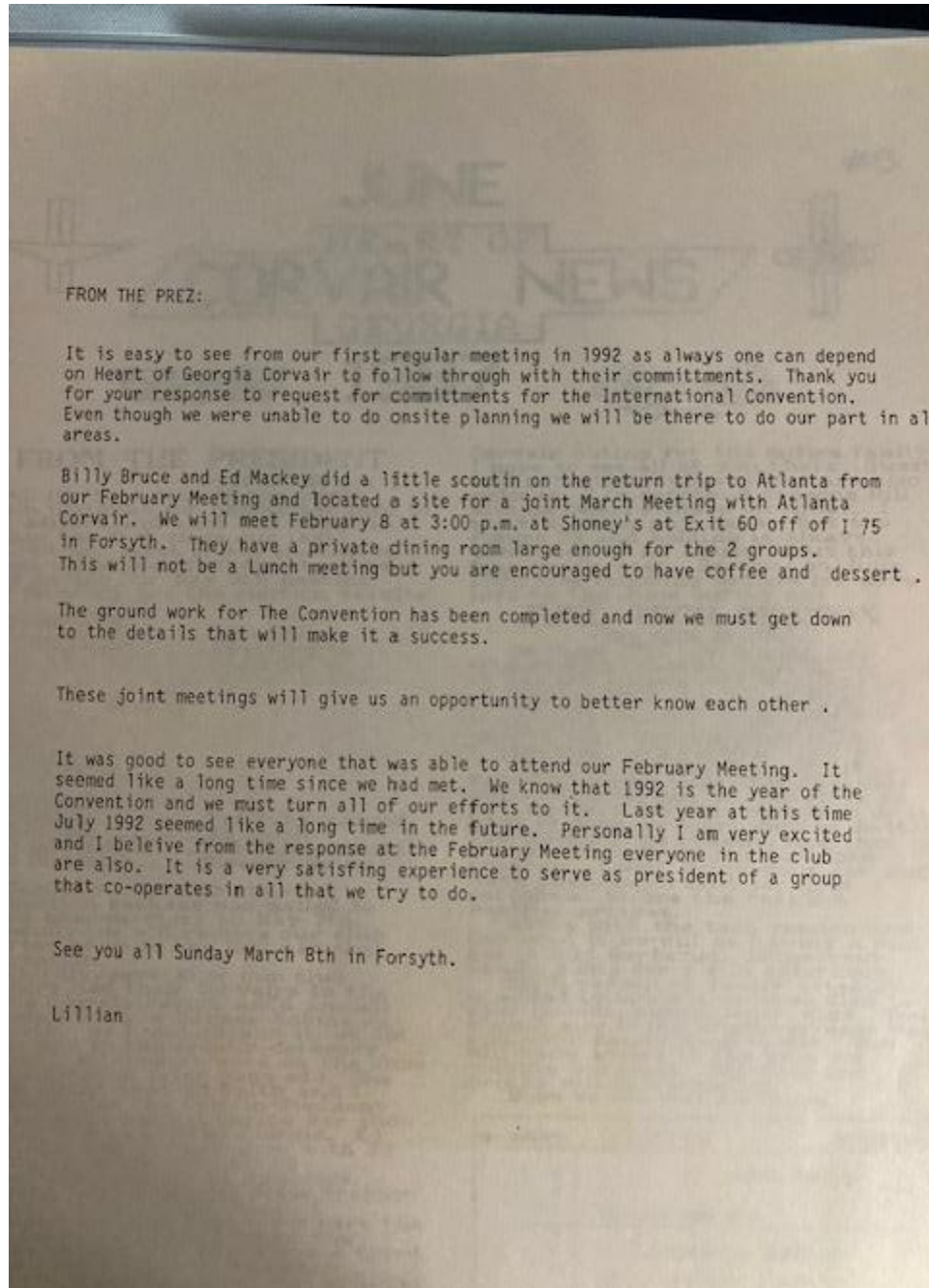
Friday morning, Joan was off with the ladies exploring, then down to the festival grounds to pick up the registration packet. I on the other hand was wiping down the Ramp, to follow shortly. WRONG, the Ramp had other ideas, she did not want to crank, thought I found the problem, battery cable seemed a little loose. Got Mike to jump it off, cranked right up, and off we went. Arriving at the show field, I left the Ramp running for about 30min to charge the battery. After about an hour, we started to go to lunch, the Ramp wouldn’t crank, so another jump. Joan and I went to the Waynesville Autozone for a replacement battery. With the new battery installed, we pulled into the street, to the inside lane, the light changed, we got in the center of the intersection and the Ramp DIED, WOULD NOT CRANK. I told Joan to steer, I would push it. 1 man, from the right lane stopped to help and the next guy in line blocked traffic for us, 2 more guys came from somewhere and helped. We coasted down the hill to a parking lot, and after a very frustrating hour, we finally got it to stay running and made it back to the motel (by this time we were supposed to be on the Rally). I was sure it was “bad gas-water”, and a can of SeaFoam seemed to help, so we drove about a mile or so, turned around and back to the festival grounds, left it running, ‘til we went to line up for the parade through town, at the Stompin Grounds, were I left it running. After about 30min, with Patty and Susan in the back seat, we proceeded in the parade. About a mile into it, the Ramp spit, sputtered and started to die, so I pulled out, into a church parking lot. After the parade finished, several people stopped to help, including Doc Welder and Mark, who got their truck and trailer, loaded me up, took me to the festival grounds, and helped get the Ramp positioned, half on, half off the trailer, and strapped so I could safely get under it to replace the electric fuel pump. Did I mention, all of this is going on in a drizzling rain?

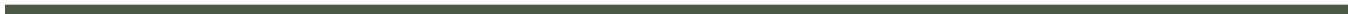
After about 10 or so trips up into the bed of the Ramp, and about 2 hrs, still raining, SUCCESS, it cranked up, and back to the motel for my now cold pizza supper.

Sat.morning early, we cranked up, with a little spit and sputter, but made it down to the festival grounds for the show line up.the show was great, with good live music, and lots of really nice cars and trucks, it was so hard to choose. The Ramp got 2nd place in the FCs and we got the hard luck award, if you can imagine that.

Sunday morning ,after a really good breakfast, we parted with the rest of the group, and along with the Smiths, headed home. The Ramp was still not running right, but better. About 2 hrs later, back in Ga.,we stopped for a bathroom break, and left the Ramp parked on a little bit of an uphill incline. We were there for about 30min. When we pulled back onto the road, the Ramp was running as good as ever and didn't miss a lick, the rest of the way home. All in all, we had a good trip, with a lot of fun, good food and many old and new friends. We are looking forward to next year.

Blast from the Past





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