

#### THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 40, No. 1

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#### 2017 VCE Officers

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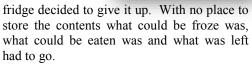
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Treasurer: Howard Tutt hftutt@yahoo.com 936-524-7611

#### VCE Mailing Address

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043 From the Prez: Sitting here the day after Christmas wondering how it all went by so fast! We started out our holiday weekend on a roll. Thursday morning we found our



Friday, after refrigerator shopping, I went over to Russ' house and we got my 140 engine running. It has been sitting in his shop for several years and I have been collecting parts for it over that time. Between what I had for it and quite a few borrowed items from Russ we got it together enough to start up. It ran real strong and sounded good; I think I have a keeper. More parts are on the list to make it a drop in replacement when my current motor lets me know it's time for a rest.

Saturday and Sunday were filled with preparations for Christmas and taking care of our grandson. It makes the holiday more special when you can experience the excitement of a child this time of year.

We'll skip what I got for Christmas this year; I'm not sure how I got on the naughty list... Definitely not car parts. But we all had a good time with family, food and fun. Up early and to bed late. So now here I am wondering.

For those of you who missed the Christmas party we all had a good time. It was very different holding our party in a more public place but the room we had was pretty well set apart from the rest of the restaurant. Thanks Howard and Russ for setting it up for us.

There were no elections held because the turnout at the party was so small. The weather was frigid and I supposed that kept most of you warm and snug at home. Make sure you make the January meeting for our officer elections and a good meal.



Next Meeting: Date: Friday, January 19 Time: 7:00 PM Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship

2018 will be here in less than a week with the cruise ins, car shows and other annual club events coming up fast. Make it one of your resolutions to do something more with your Corvair this next year.

That's it for now, time to go check out the after Christmas sales!

Remember, clean it up, crank it up and get that Vair out there!!!!!!!!

John

#### VCE December Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

After dinner at Golden Corral in Pelham, the December, 15, 2017, meeting was called to order at 7:20PM by President John Cleveland. With 19 members and 2 youth attending, a quorum was present.

#### **Notes about Meeting Agenda**

As this was the Christmas party, the agenda was highly abbreviated.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*The Oil Drop* containing the minutes of the last meeting was available for review by the members present.

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#### <u>Happy Birthday</u>

Denise Cleveland – January 2 Wilma Siemens – January 27

#### (Continued from page 1) Financial Report

There was no financial report.

To make a dues payment, please send your check to our Treasurer: Howard Tutt 1945 Linden St.

Leeds. AL 35094

#### **Events**

Date	Event	Place
2/23-24/2018	Corvair Lover's Holiday	Pensacola Beach, FL
4/28-29/2018	Springfest	Helen, GA
5/18-19/2018	Corvairs at Barber	Leeds, Al

#### **Club Officer Elections**

After no nominations were made for President, the Chair entertained a motion which was made, seconded, and passed to defer elections of 2018 officers to the January, 2018, meeting.

#### **New Business**

A spirited game of Dirty Santa was enjoyed by all.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to donate tonight's \$95 collection from the membership to the Corvair Preservation Foundation. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to donate a matching \$95 from the club's treasury to the MG Watson Chapter of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association.

Post Meeting Update: At the conclusion of the meeting, an additional \$20 was donated for the CPF for a total of \$115. In the spirit of the original motion, the matching donation to the CCRA will also be \$115.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 19 at Fullness Christian Fellowship

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

#### "Springfest 2018" 34 years of Corvairs in Helen, Georgia

Sponsored by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia, Queen City Corvair and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts

Enjoy all the usual events as we celebrate our 34th year.

Clark's Auto Parts will be there with his load of parts.

Auto Cross and hospitality party on Friday.

Saturday, Presidents Choice (new this year), People's Choice, V.C. Races, Rally and more.

#### **Motels:**

Helendorph River End 706-878 2271, \$129.00 per night 2 nights minimum for riverside, \$104.00 per night for standard rooms.

Baymont Inn 706-878-2111 \$74.00, Surestay Inn 706 878 2191 \$65.00 per night.

Country Inn and Suites 706-878 9000, \$99.00.

Ask for Corvair rates, all reservations should be made before April 1, 2017.

### Information:

Lillian Law, <u>lawjandl@aol.com</u>, 229 883 4123, cell 229 291 0567 Visit our web site <u>www.corvairspringfest.com</u> for more info. and updates.

## "Springfest 2018" Planning Meeting, January 13, 2018

Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia, Queen City Corvair and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts

The annual planning meeting will be held at Clay Grant's Place at 940 Weldon Rd., Forsyth, Ga.. All members interested in making our 34th Springfest a success is urged to attend.

We will be making decisions and filling positions needed to make this the event we have a reputation for.

This is a chance to meet our newest members and finalize our plans. There is something for everyone to do. You may have an idea that will be helpful. Clay will prepare the meal. Lunch will be served 12:00 noon, with the meeting to follow. We need to get a head count for the meal. Please RSVP to Lillian before 9 January.





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# Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Christmas celebration

he Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts held their annual Christmas party at the Golden Corral, December. 15, 2017.

As John mentioned in his 'prez sez' letter attendance was down but as always, a good time was held by all.



Judi Cannon, Claudia Tutt, and Brenda Cork posing for their Christmas portrait.

Our first 'Dirty Santa' game was a success and no one really got their feelings hurt. Two or three Corvair related items were exchanged and John put his craftsmanship to work on a couple of others.



Danny Robertson salutes as he is designated 'Sargent of the Guard' for the presents.



The restaurant provided a secluded room with plenty of space for the festivities.

It was great to see Al and Joan Birks again. They drove over from Mississipi and after the party, spent the night in Birmingham.



Jessica Thullen smiles knowingly as her Grandfather, Russ attempts to move his fingers together.



Three generations of the Wood family were in attendance.

## **Corvair Art**

This page is highlighting the talented skills of a couple of artists.

At to the right is a sketch drawn by a fellow that we met at the Clay County Swap Meet and Car Show this past November in Lineville, Al. Ian Jones caters to all car, truck, and motorcycle lovers no matter the make model or year. Ian and his wife live in Pigeon Forge and is within driving distance of Helen, Ga. We have

a tentative spot on his calendar for vending at Springfest 2018.



Our next artist I happen to know very well and

have admired her work for 60 years! My sister, Loretta Proctor Cannon grew up with me and rode in the family 1960 Corvair all over the world. Because I was a year older and after receiving my drivers license, she rode on many occasions with me in my very first car which, of course, was a Corvair. Last year's Springfest was an opportunity for her to join me once again in the Corvair world and she is hooked. She has drawn all her live but this is her first attempt at automotive art.

Our baby sister, Cindy is crazy about panda bears and the color red. She too was able to attend Springfest with Judi and I and fell in love with any Corvair that happened to be red.

This was drawn by Retta for Cindy as a Christmas gift from the two of us



Ian's Corvair sketch drawn especially for Vulcan Corvair...Click on the link: <u>Hot Rod Pencil</u>





And of course everyone knows 'Shorty'! Not sure if she got the drivers caricature in this rendering of the shortened Loadside correct. The drawing will be presented to Russ in honor of his 80th birthday which was on 20 December of this year.











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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## The 33rd Annual Corvair Lovers Holiday & Car Show February 23 & 24, 2018

Host Hotel: Days Inn Pensacola Beachfront www.daysinn.com/hotel/21564 16 Via De Luna Drive Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 850-934-3300 or 800-934-3301 Mention the "Corvair" for the special rate \$79 Inland, \$89 Sound Side (Parking Lot) and \$109 Gulf Front

Pet Friendly: Paradise Inn 21 Via De Luna Drive Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 850-932-2319 Pensacola Beach RV Resort 17 Via De Luna Drive Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 850-932-4670

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For information contact June Lindsay at 5670 San Vair Street, Milton FL or Call 994-2161.



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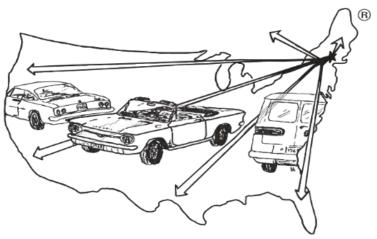
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VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.



#### THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 40, No. 2

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#### VCE Calendar



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#### 2018 VCE Officers

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Secretary: Danny Robertson dannyjoerobertson@outlook.com 256-509-2236

Treasurer: Russell Noble rtnoble@southernco.com 205-529-0759

#### VCE Mailing Address

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043

The Prez Says: Our VCE elections were held last night, and a thank you to a nearly complete new set of officers who stepped up for what I hope will be an exciting new year for Corvair Enthusiast, especially of the Vulcan type. As mentioned at the meeting there will be a few changes for the upcoming year. We have a committee for the preservation of Corvairs, a committee for compiling a club calendar and a committee to provide us with a vehicle to show off those Vairs and provide VCE with a social type avenue to draw us closer together. Of the three new committees it will be time that tells which will have the greatest impact on our club but I hope everyone will use and participate in all these programs. I am not the inventor as some of these ideas are from past experiences and I am not sure why they were not still being utilized but fully intend to promote them for the good of VCE. I believe the Calendar will be the most useful on an everyday basis. Thank you, Billy and Judi Cannon, for accepting this new addition to the Oil Drop. Our quarterly outing will be a most exciting way to show them Vairs off and enjoy visiting some out of the way points of interests in the beautiful state of Alabama. Thank you to our outgoing President John Cleveland, for your past service but more importantly for stepping up to serve as the facilitator for the Quarterly Outing Committee. He not only displayed excitement for the new endeavor but had fond memories of past excursions. And for the last addition to the VCE experience, the Corvair Preservation Committee, thank you to Russ Thuleen. This is nothing new for you as over few last few years I have spent a number of days in the Thuleen Corvair Garage working on many projects where I have grown in Corvair knowledge as well as enjoyed his antics and friendship. I hope everyone will begin to take advantage of all that can be experience around the Thuleen Corvair Garage as well as the On The Road version. I have been on the list for quite some time for a much-needed clutch replacement on my 63 turbo, so off to Russ' for yet another Corvair experience.

Next Meeting: Date: Friday, February 16 Time: 7:00 PM Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship

Here's hoping she makes it over Double Oak Mountain. See you out there and drive them Vairs! Howard

#### VCE December Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

The January, 19, 2018, meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President John Cleveland. With 19 members attending, a quorum was present.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*The Oil Drop* containing the minutes of the last meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

The financial report was presented by outgoing treasurer Howard Tutt. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

To make a dues payment, please send your check to our newly elected VCE Treasurer:

Russell Noble 3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, AL 35243

Date	Event	Place
2/23-	Corvair Lover's	Pensacola
24/2018	Holiday	Beach, FL
4/28-	Springfest	Helen, GA
29/2018		
5/18-	Corvairs On the	Birmingham/
19/2018	Track	Leeds, Al

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#### Happy Birthday Louise Hartline – February 23

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#### **Club Officer Elections**

The following were the nominations and results for the election of 2018 Officers.

Office	Nominees	Made By	Seconded	Result
President	Howard Tutt	John Cleveland	George Miljus	Passed
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Russ Thuleen	John Cleveland	Russell Noble	Passed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Communication)	Billy Cannon	Russ Thuleen	Several at once	Passed Unanimously
Secretary	Danny Robertson	Billy Cannon	Russ Thuleen	Passed Unanimously
Treasurer	Russell Noble	Billy Cannon	Marshall McDuffie	Passed Unanimously

#### **Committee Reports**

#### Springfest

There was a planning meeting 1/13 in Forsyth, GA. VCE members in Attendance were: Billy & Judi Cannon, John Cleveland, Danny Robertson, Russ Thuleen, and Howard Tutt. They reviewed the budget and reviewed committee reports. VCE is to provide name brand, non-diet drinks. Springfest t-shirts will be in medium shades of green and blue. Blue polo shirts will be available. If you want the polo shirt, write that and the size on the registration. People are needed to help with kitchen, cleanup, and other areas.

#### Corvairs on the Track (formerly Corvairs at Barber)

**Movie Committee** (Howard Tutt, John Cleveland, and Russ Thuleen): The committee submitted 3 choices to Coyote Drive-In: American Graffiti, Cars by Pixar, Smokey and the Bandit.

**Banquet Committee** (Howard Tutt, Russ Thuleen, and John Cleveland): We need 2 additional volunteers for decorations and choosing the meal supplier. They've already checked out Carlile's Barbeque.

**Car Show Committee** (Russ Thuleen, Russell Noble, and Howard Tutt): There was a discussion of awards for the Car Show at Coyote. The number settled on was 4. All vehicles (not just Corvairs), will be judged by all the people at the Drive-In.

#### **Old Business**

There was a discussion of the club's income and sources.

#### **New Business**

Newly elected President Howard Tutt offered some thoughts as to the direction he wanted to see the club take in the next year.

- As the mission of the club is to promote the preservation and enjoyment of Corvairs, Howard Tutt appointed a "Running Corvair Committee" headed by Russell Thuleen. Everyone is a member of the committee. The idea is to get all our Corvairs running.
- Howard would like to have a running calendar of events. Billy will chair a committee for the calendar. Judi will assist.
- Howard would like to have a quarterly drive. John Cleveland volunteered to head the Road Trip Committee.

The club discussed membership on the VCE Facebook group as we have seen many requests since last year's Barber event. We talked about screening new requests to join using a Facebook function that allows up to 3 screening questions. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to use the 3 screening questions Steve Daniels proposed to try to vet requests to join the VCE Facebook group.

John Cleveland will have some temperature testing equipment he can use to baseline members' thermistors and gauges. Billy Canon showed a fabulous pencil drawing done by Ian Jones of Kodak, TN. There is a proposal that one of his drawings will be part of the President's Best of Show award at Springfest 2018.

#### Drawings

Danny Joe Robertson drew the winning ticket for the 2018 Corvair Calendar and the \$33 Gas money pot was won by Leslie Thuleen.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be at Fulness Christian Fellowship on February 16th.

#### **Tech Sessiong**

We had fun with flywheels, cylinder barrels, and coolers.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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# Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts (VCE) 2018 Calendar



he VCE calendar is the brainchild of our new president Howard Tutt. The idea is to have a go-to calendar for each upcoming month that can be printed and attached to your fridge or bulletin board etc. etc.

I will attempt to place a picture of VCE members car/truck/van for each month. Loosely tied to corresponding birthdays for that month. Because there are a few months with several birthdays, I will need other ideas on publishing the member Corvairs for the 12 months. A suggestion was to post 12 member vehicles pictures and a vote be taken for each calendar month's 'pin-up'. All ideas are welcome!

Judi and I are on this calendar committee and will be soliciting for input during the development of the calendar. It is for the club!

For this year we have started a month behind but if the concept catches on, following years will be more complete.

Next page is a sample calendar for the month of February and I have a picture of the Hartlines Rampside because it is Louis's birthday on February 26th.





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Howard's 63 tr and inline fuel	arbo clutch, electric filter installation	t fuel pump and en	gine to body seal re	eplacement <b>1</b>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	<b>10</b> Clyde's grand daughter's car (late model) for a gas tank replacement
11	12	13	14	15	<b>16</b> VCE Monthly Meeting. 7 PM Fullness Chris- tian Fellowship	17
18	19	20	21	22	<b>23</b> Corvair Lovers He Beach, Florida	<b>24</b> oliday, Pensacola
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The Anniston Star (Anniston, Alabama) · Sun, Jan 17, 1960

he year was 1959-60 and a brand new 'revolutionary' car was about to be sold to the public.

Here are samples of advertising by one of the prominent small town dealerships of the day. I found these quite by accident while doing a bit of family genealogy and history research on another project.

Interesting to me was the fact that the gentlemen that bought the 1st Corvair in Anniston, Ala. was stationed at Ft. McClellan. Col. AW Chapell. Not pictured is the 1st 1960 Chevrolet that was also bought by someone stationed at Ft. 'Mac", Sp5 Elida J. Morrow.

Mr. Marlon R. Mize (The Corvair Specialist) died at the age of 81 in 2007. He was a fellow Navy Veteran and retired from Anniston Army Depot and the Chevrolet dealership.

The Anniston Star (Anniston, Alabama) · Fri, Aug 12, 1960 · Page 2











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## "SPRINGFEST 2018" Registration Form

Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, Queen City Corvair Club, and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts

#### April 27-28, 2018 in Helen, Georgia

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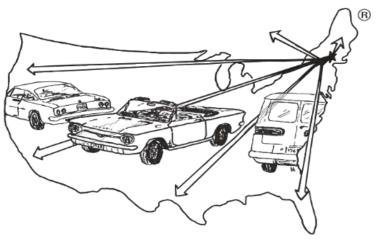
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March 2018

The Prez Says:

An update to the clutch for the 63 turbo; Corvairs are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you will get. Seems like there have been many hands involved over the years and most Vairs have a similar history. There was a late model bellhousing, an early flywheel, with a late pressure plate and an early throw out bearing. Coupled with a completely wore out pilot bushing, I didn't realize how special I was to make it over Double Oak Mountain! Over it I did get and thanks to Russ & John all parts were identified, early parts were coupled with early parts from Clark's and Russ' private stash and things are going back to a more rational workable drive train. We also found engine to body seals were badly deteriorated as well as foreign substitutions of a very exotic imagination (house carpet, duct tape and caulk) as well as missing hose clamps and wore out air hoses. If all that wasn't enough, during the final stages of buttoning up the axle re-installation, we found 2 backing plate studs were stripped generating yet another order to Clark's for what we hoped was the last thing we would need. Thus, the chocolate reference is truly descriptive.

I mention all this because while I thought I purchased the necessary parts for this somewhat major repair, you must be prepared to react to the conditions dealt you. You must be mindful that your own, as well as experienced eyes like Russ' are not x-ray and cannot predict what you may encounter as we travel down the road of Corvair ownership. Calm heads and a little extra capital will get you through most any crisis. But when we start a project we must do what is necessary to keep Russ' Corvair Garage open for the next Corvair experience. It may require additional time and or capital to get back on track. What ever it takes, be mindful that things will probably come up and must be dealt with to keep your car in a safe operable condition. My 63 shifts like it was a new car. Thanks

Next Meeting: Date: Friday, March 16 Time: 7:00 PM Place: Fullness Christian Fellowship

John and especially Russ for getting it, to quote Ol' Willie, back on the road again, and be sure to drive your Vairs!

#### Howard

#### VCE February Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

The February 16, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Howard Tutt. 12 members were in attendance.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*The Oil Drop* with the minutes of the January meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by John Cleveland, seconded by Billy Cannon and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

A motion was made by Clyde Cork, seconded by Judi Cannon and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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Date	Event	Place
2/23-	Corvair Lover's	Pensacola
24/2018	Holiday	Beach, FL
4/28- 29/2018	Springfest	Helen, GA
5/18-	Corvairs On the	Birmingham/
19/2018	Track	Leeds, Al

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#### Happy Birthday

Claudia Tutt – March 21 Richard Stolzman – March 29 Pete Wood – March 31

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#### **Old Business**

#### Corvairs On The Track

We have 8 registrations so far with 7 Holiday Inn Express 7 reservations, 3 of those have not yet registered for the event.

#### Springfest

Reminder that VCE is to provide name brand, non-diet drinks. Lillian provided update by e-mail; The Valve Cover Race team is in place. Richard Payne called and confirmed that he would be at Springfest and will do the flag presentation for us. We have 45 registrations. At upcoming meetings please remind your members that we need early registrations. I have to make name badges and packets.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### Calendar:

Billy Cannon continues the monthly events calendar with Club specific information. He reported that an online calendar is available with local car shows and events. The link is: <u>http://impatientcreations.com/Events/Cruise\_Nights.htm</u>

#### **Running Corvair**

Meeting March 3rd at Russ Thuleen's to change the gas tank and pan gasket on Clyde Cork's granddaughter Erica's car.

#### **Traveling Vair**

John Cleveland has proposed a trip to Tuscumbia on the 17th of March, stopping places of interest will be further discussed at the next meeting on March 16th.

#### **New Business**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Last February VCE passed a motion to remove mention of monies from written communications. However, this is in conflict with the by-laws Article III, Section 3e: The treasurer shall present a monthly report of finances at club meetings and in the newsletter. The by-laws should reflect our motion removing mention of monies from the newsletter. As previously discussed it is not our intention to hide anything and we will continue to read the treasurer's report at meetings and discuss it with members who are not able to attend.

Therefore, in keeping with Article VIII of the club's by-laws, a formal notice was issued at the February 16th meeting and will be in the March newsletter that the by-laws will be amended to correct this at the April 20th meeting, to read as follows:

"Treasurer – the Treasurer shall have custody of all club funds and deposit/withdraw such funds as required by the Board. The Treasurer will be responsible for filing the Club's tax return if required by law. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed through the Club. The Treasurer shall present a monthly report of finances at the Club meetings and the figures will be maintained in the meeting notes but removed from the distributed newsletter."

A notation will be placed in the newsletter that the Treasurer's report was read and accepted instead.

#### **Meeting Venue**

VCE has been given notice by Fullness that the March meeting will be our last one that can be held there.

John Cleveland has inquired at another church close by but has not yet received an answer from them.

Russ Thuleen and John Cleveland will look into a new permanent meeting site.

Meeting at restaurants was discussed.

Russ Thuleen offered his house/shop for a couple of meetings a year.

Billy Cannon offered the Goodwater Baptist Church Fellowship Hall as a place for the April meeting. After discussion, it was moved and accepted to convene the April meeting at the Church on April 21st (Saturday) at 12:00 pm for a cookout/picnic style lunch.

#### Other

Danny Robertson made the new banner for Corvairs on the track @ Barber and brought it to the meeting. Howard is going to take it to Pensacola and display it there during the Corvair Lovers' Holiday.

Billy Cannon has updated the Club roster and passed a printed copy for members in attendance.

#### Drawings

A new format was introduced. Judi had 10 envelopes, and winning ticketholders picked one envelope per ticket drawn until all 10 were chosen. Only one envelope had the money, the others had a VCE decal inside. Carol Keller drew the winning envelope with \$40.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be at Fulness Christian Fellowship on March 16th.

#### **Tech Session**

Russ Thuleen held a tech session on clutches, pressure plates, release bearings and bellhousings. He explained the differences between the various models and which ones worked together. He also answered some questions Ed Keller had about carburetors .

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## 1965 Greenbrier Roof Replacement



he storms of April 26th 2011 that devastated the Lake Guntersville area affected VCE members in many ways. About 6:30 that morning, an EF-2 tornado crossed the lake and swept across the property of Bob and Wilma Siemens on Buck's Island toppling trees on the majority of the Siemens Corvair collection. It also cut through the woods and left a tangle of snapped trees at the 2,000-acre park's landmark Point Rock, a high, rugged overlook of the forested valleys below.

VCE members made several trips to help Bob and Wilma clean up some of the mess and through the efforts of other charitable organizations managed to remove necessary vegetative debris from their hill.



But this is the back story to the topic of this article. One of the vehicles that was salvaged was a white and red 1965 Greenbrier Deluxe pictured above as it was after the storm. A large pine tree had fallen on the shed that the truck was stored under. It was a team effort by all concerned to extract the truck. Four of us managed to hold up the shed while the other two team members pulled the vehicle out into the sunlight.

Russ bought the roof damaged GB from Bob with all intentions of getting it back on the road as a daily driver and slowly through the past few years has been straightening and jacking the roof structure close to it's former position.



Now it is time to remove the damaged roof skin and replace with a donor roof that Danny Joe cut from the van that was kept as a parts vehicle (also damaged in the storm).





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## 1965 Greenbrier Roof Replacement (cont.)

And so begins a series of articles as we go through the process of putting this rare Greenbrier back on the road. What do you think Russ, should it's name become 'Lazarus'?



Mark McCary, a long time friend of VCE and body shop instructor at the Shelby County School of Technology, has volunteered to show us the ins and outs of roof repair and replace. Above he is making the first cut into the roof as Russ looks on.



Sparks fly as the first 'exploratory surgery' cut breaks through into the interior of the Greenbrier.

And soon enough the front of the top section is lifted to reveal other structural elements that will have to be accessed so that Mark can repair and ready for the donor roof skin.





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Stay tuned for further info and pictures of the process as Russ, Mark and other VCE volunteers continue with putting right what was made wrong almost seven years ago.

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11	12	13	14	15	<b>16</b> VCE Monthly Meeting. 7 PM Fullness Chris- tian Fellowship	17 VCE road- trip to Tuscumbia
18	19	20	21 Claudia Tutt Birthday	22	23	Cruise-in <b>24</b> Ashley Furniture, Fultondale
25	26	27	28	29 Richard Stolzman Birth- day	30	<b>31</b> Pete Wood Birthday



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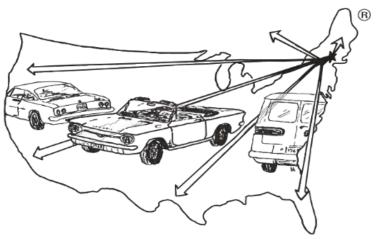
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April 2018

The Prez Says:

The first quarter is now over, and it has been very busy. We have made gains on the Keep them Vairs Running commitment, but it seems like the hurrieder you go the behinder you get. We have two major projects ahead. One is a major brake rebuild the other is a suspected dropped valve seat. We have several car lifts with in the club and it may require the use of all of them to keep the Keep them Vairs Running committee going. But we will survive. It is wonderful to see the Vairs on the road and the appreciation and satisfaction on the face of the owner when the project is finished. But as it was with my clutch job, usually you uncover more than expected. There is always something to do to keep those Vairs going.

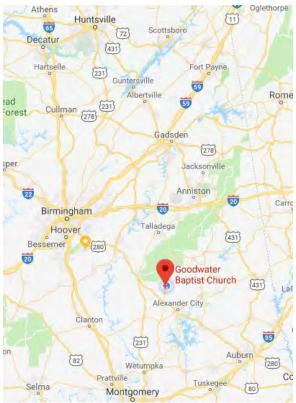
We are looking forward to Springfest. April 27 is almost here. Then we will have our hands full with Corvairs on the Track, May 18 & 19. And soon both will be another Corvair memory. Then we will be looking forward to our first official Traveling Vair experience in a long time, with a visit to the Rattlesnake Saloon (exact date to be determined). Choo Choo has indicated an interest to join us on this one!

With all we have going on, there should be something that appeals to everyone. It is my hope we have something for you. If not, you can always suggest what you would enjoy. Someone else may have had the same thought but were not sure anyone else would join in.

Also, I received a sales brochure from Clark's. There are some fair prices on everyday items. Look at the back of the Oil Drop if you did not get one and try to support Clark's as they have contributed a lot over the years to support the Corvairs community.

A hardy welcome to the new Vulcan families John & Diane Bredehoft and John & Marvann Harris.

As you know, we recently lost our meeting venue and that has brought forth the idea that we can meet in various places allowing us to Next Meeting: Saturday, April 21 12:00 PM Goodwater Baptist Church 160 S Main St. Goodwater, Al 35072



visit new areas and see new things. Maybe we can take an occasional 'on the road meeting' in the future. Also, please take time to offer up a prayer for Brenda Cork's brother who is going through challenging times.

Howard

#### VCE March Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

The March 16, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Howard Tutt. 15 members were in attendance.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*The Oil Drop* with the minutes of the February meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by John Cleveland,

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seconded by Billy Cannon and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

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#### **Old Business**

#### **Corvairs On The Track**

The Prez Sez: "I would like to encourage all VCE members to stay at the Holiday Inn Express to make everyone feel welcome, by visiting with attendees. I have two complaints of some of the other Corvair events we attend:

- Some past events we are left on our own at the end of the day activities
- Events are carried on and the Corvairs never move from the parking lot

Our Barber event is planned so that both issues are taken care of. As a club, we encourage our members to step up and function as hosts by staying at the hotel and visiting in the hospitality room.

With the addition of DJ Ray to the car show, it would be helpful for VCE to solicit door prizes from local suppliers such as O'Reilly, Auto Zone, Advanced Auto, tire stores and oil change specialists etc. I have not seen a good reason to solicit in the past when as many attendees were from out of the area as were from the local area. By upping the door prize give away we can give everyone a ticket for door prize or let DJ Ray use them to increase his 50/50 sales. By adding the door prize to the flyer it would increase open car show attendance and offer a value to those who contribute door prizes."

By show of hands it was agreed to have DJ Ray distribute door prizes at the car show on Friday.

Billy is going to design and have printed, sponsor window cars that include; 'music by DJ Ray', 50/50, door prize drawings, and locations of where registration forms can be obtained.

John, Howard, Russ and Billy volunteered to solicit door prizes and distribute flyers for the car show. The flyers will serve as both registration and vehicle display cards. (see example top section of page 5)

#### Springfest

VCE is to provide 19 cases of name brand, non-diet drinks. Motion was made by Danny Robertson, seconded by Billy

Date	Event	Place
4/14/2018	Westview Baptist Car Show	Sylacauga, AL
4/28-29/2018	Springfest	Helen, GA
5/18-19/2018	Corvairs On the Track	Birmingham/Leeds, Al

Cannon to purchase drinks from club funds. Motion passed. Judi Cannon, Cindy Cannon & Loretta Proctor will conduct the Helen Merchants visit to solicit Springfest raffle items April 3-5.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### Calendar:

Billy Cannon continues the monthly events calendar with Club specific information. And asked members for calender input suggestions. He reported that an online calendar is available with local car shows and events. The link is: <u>http://</u>impatientcreations.com/Events/Cruise Nights.htm

#### **Running Corvair**

Last Month: Russ and Howard helped Billy change the rear axle bearing on Judi's car which was discovered while repairing the Powerglide shifter.

Clyde and Brian Cork helped John Cleveland with his brakes.

Russ and John helped change the gas tank on Erica's car (Clyde's granddaughter).

Upcoming: New member, John Bredehof needs to do brake repair.

New member, John Harris needs help with a dropped valve seat.

Howard Tutt has a motor swap coming up.

#### **Traveling Vair**

John Cleveland's proposed trip to Tuscumbia had to be postponed d/t lack of time to review the route, it will be rescheduled at a later date.

#### Coyote Drive In Movie (details on page 5)

#### **New Business**

#### **Meeting Venue**

VCE will no longer meet at Fulness Christian Center! John Cleveland has inquired at Horizon, it is just up the hill from Fullness. He has received no answer from the Church's executive board as of yet but word is that we will be approved.

#### Drawings

David Hausenfleck donated an Alabama shaped key rack for the drawing which was won by John. John also won the gas money drawing which amounted to \$26.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be at Goodwater Baptist Church Fellowship hall on Saturday, April 21st at Noon. Billy is providing Hamburgers and Hotdogs for an old fashioned charcoal grill cookout. Other members are to bring chips, potato salad, beans, drinks, desserts, etc.

#### **Tech Session**

None this month.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

CORSA is also on Facebook



Happy Birthday Teressa McDuffie – April 4 Billy Cannon – April 21

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## May 18, 2018

## Gates open @ 5:00 PM Awards Presented at ~ 7:40

PRESENT THIS FLYER for FREE Admission! 50/50 Drawing & Music provided by DJ RAY EXAMPLES CHOICE Best of Show 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> COYOTE Managers Award!



Coyole Drive-In Leeds 6200 GRAND RIVER PKWY SUITE 510 LEEDS, AL 35094

Our Coyote contact is Rich Schwarte CFO for Coyote.

Here are Friday's event details:

- The movie will be American Graffiti and would usually cost \$350.00 which will be waived.
- Coyote will co-host the Open Car Show and permit all cars and passengers with a Car Show Flyer free admittance.
- Coyote will also provide VCE with 50 car passes for Corvair use.
- Gates will open @ 5:00 pm with car show beginning thereafter and peoples choice voting ending at 7:30 pm.
- People who wish to view Car Show entries will be granted free 'walk in' admission.
- Corvair on the Track (COTT) attendees eating during the car show in the Cantina will be utilizing a specified register which will run a tab which will be paid by club check at the end of the night. All items on the menu will be available to us except for alcoholic beverages (which can be individually purchased). Popcorn soft drinks and burgers / chicken etc. is included in the COTT registration.
- There will be 3 People's Choice trophies as well as 1 Coyote Manager's choice award, all supplied by VCE.
- VCE will provide ballots and tabulate the votes.
- DJ Ray will announce the winners @ 7:40 pm providing entertainment during the car show and until awards presentation. In order to recoup his gas cost, he will offer a 50/50 drawing as is done at cruise ins.
- VCE will distribute Car Show flyers / registration form at Alabaster, Fultondale, Tannehill exit off 459, Home Depot / Trussville and others as manpower permits.
- There are 4 movie screens all of which are available to COOT and car show attendees. Each screen will be showing 2 features including the American Graffiti screen. Car Show attendees will get free admission. After the car show it is requested they go to the Cantina or gate and pay for admission to the movie (wink-wink- nod-nod). It has to do with contracts with movie studios and not allowing unpaid attendance.

All of these stipulations have been agreed to by the parties noted but still require final approval of The Shops Of Grand River which Coyote will retain.

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## 1965 Greenbrier Roof Replacement (Part 2)



ork continues on Russ Thuleen's white and red 1965 Greenbrier Deluxe.

Russ and Mark have removed the damaged front section of the roof. Mark has dismantled and measured the donor roof and Russ now has our '64 8 door in his shop as a ready 'damage free'example also for measurements and comparisons.

Unfortunately Mark has had a bad fall and fractured his collar bone. This has delayed progress quite a bit but here are pictures of the project as it now sits.



Drivers side front with alignment braces temporarily installed.



Drivers side top view of damaged roof skin and bracing cuts.





Side view with undamaged drivers door fitted for alignment.



Pass. side front with alignment references and identified issues.



Alignment reference top of door and roof is almost there.



Donor roof and windshield standby for installation.

## "SPRINGFEST 2018" Registration Form

Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, Queen City Corvair Club, and Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts

#### April 27-28, 2018 in Helen, Georgia

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Signature of Registered Guest

Mail this form to:

SPRINGFEST 2018, c/o Lillian Law 163 Laurelbrook Drive Leesburg, GA 31763 Signature of Registered Guest



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2008

### From the Prez

My how time flys when you have a hundred things to do before you're ready to leave. By the time you read this Springfest at Helen will be less than two weeks away. Lots of cars, great food, maybe a swap meet find or two, hmmm...I hope everyone is ready to go.

I hope you are also thinking ahead to our day trip to the Dismals on Saturday, May 17th. Harold has offered to grill hot dogs and hamburgers. We'll finalize drinks and sides at our next meeting (April 18).

All of the regular cruise-ins are up and running for the season. It's time to show off those Corvairs. Pete



Rockin' out at the February 2008 meeting

### Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Vestavia Hills Library on Hwy 31

Bring a dish for potluck supper and drive a Corvair to the meeting with your VCE chums

### Calendar of Events

Apr 25-27	<u>Springfest</u>
	Helen, GA
May 3	Orphan Vehicle Celebration
	Snellville, GA
Jun 23-27	CORSA National Convention
	Ventura, CA

### VCE Membership Drive Update

Records indicate that 22 members have paid their dues. This compares with 32 paying members/families for 2007. So, if you are still around and want to retain membership please send in your dues per the instructions below.

- Editor

### March VCE Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Wood, after a delicious potluck dinner. A Treasurer's Report was given by Russ Thuleen in the absence of John Hathaway. The club has \$624.00 in account. Dues for 2008 are now due and to date 22 memberships have been paid. There were 19 people in attendance this month.

Further discussion about the May trip to Dismals National Park took place. The date will be Saturday, May17th. It was decided there will be no meeting the Friday (May 16th) before the trip. Harold Hartline will cook lunch with the club providing the meat.

Pete talked more about a Fall trip as well. Possibly driving the Natchez Trace or to Cheaha. This trip is possible for October and will be discussed further at meetings.

Richard Stolzmann motioned for adjournment. No tech session was held after the meeting this month.

Russ Thuleen

President: Pete Wood 205/956-6832 Vice President: Richard Stoltzmann 205/467-6444 Secretary: Russ Thuleen 205/678-7979 Newsletter: Russell Noble 205/822-6092

Treasurer: John Hathaway 205/408-4063 Hospitality: Harold Hartline Arrangements: Jewel Hinkle

## BLAST FROM THE PAST 10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

## Tech Topic: That Pesky Rear Oil Leak...

Ever <u>really</u> looked at the rear skid plate on your Corvair? Yes, the stamped metal plate under the rear balancer/pulley with the big bolt through the middle... behind the rear motor mount and seals the rear housing from road grime and such? Yes, the one that Corvair 'professionals' recommend that you drill several holes in it so that the inevitable oil that accumulates can drip out? That's the one. According to my personal Corvair guru now located in Coral Gables, EVERY Corvair will have oil in the skid plate. The source? Well, GM pressed a shaft into the rear housing for the oil pump idler gear to ride on - and oil, as is its nature, finds a way to seep out through the bore. Had GM not drilled all the way through and just recessed the dummy shaft bore, there would be no leak. I guess the bean counters caused this. Anyhoo, there are several ways to 'fix' this. The most effective and permanent way is to 'weld over' the shaft where it meets the housing surface. However, for us cheapo and low miles drivers, there is a nice temporary fix that can be done easily. It involves one of my favorite friends, Mr. J.B. Weld. Here goes.

Remove the rear grill. Support the engine and remove rear motor mount and skid plate. Lower engine carefully a few inches to access rear housing easily. Clean housing area where the pump shaft is bored with acetone or brake cleaner. Clean again. Mix ole' JB and slather nicely. Let cure 24 hours and reassemble. Voilá! A nice dry engine. WARNING: My consultant warns this will not hold on a high miles vehicle.



Getting ready...light is good.



Tidy work habits are essential.



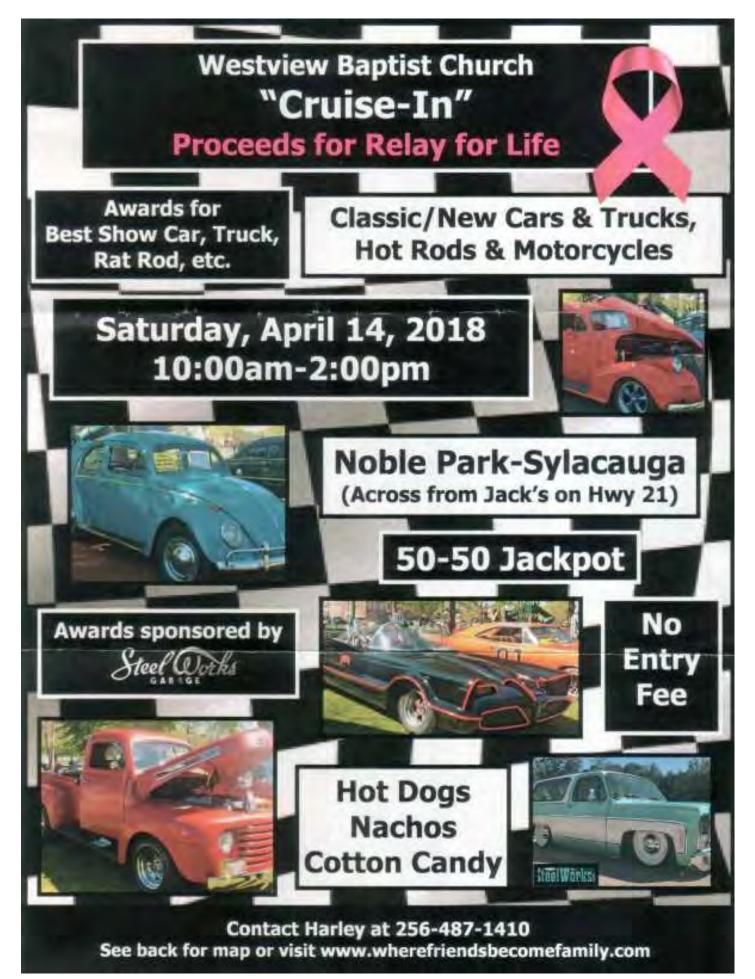
Engine support for lowering and access.



JB Weld applied over shaft bore.

In closing, I did this fix before (credit to Frank Ranelli) and it lasted about 6 years of 1,000 miles per year driving. These were short trips...my esteemed consultant says this won't last on prolonged trips. - *Editor* 







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Pints of Por-15 gas tank sealer. c5353x AT \$9.00 ea.

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Michigan main bearing set, full flange style .010" cx7308 AT \$50.00 for the set.

Set of Hi-Tech pistons +40 for 61-63 with C7720 reconditioned rods all pressed onto these pistons cx8765 AT \$508.75 for the set less \$192 for rod cores when returned

## Blemished set of 140 HP roller rockers

New set perfect mechanically, but finish is blemished from manufacturer, save \$\$. <u>cx8910</u> AT \$325.00

## SCRATCH AND DENT SPECIALS

CX8514 These are new 2nds of our C7709CTP convertible door sills, they are softer and are shinier than they are supposed to be. <u>cx8514</u> AT \$65.00 for the pair.

## Sale I tems: Suspension Bargains

These are parts we sold before our whole new line of suspension parts, these are mostly TRW or Moog parts that have been around for years.

60-64 Non GM outer tie rod end, left hand thread cx7569 AT \$15.30 ea.

65-69 Non GM outer tie rod end, right hand thread cx7571 AT \$18.00 ea.

65-69 Non GM inner tie rod end, left hand thread cx7570 AT \$18.00 ea.

## MONEY SAVER CONSOLES DI SCONTI NUED\$\$

All of our money saver style consoles are discontinued and this is a list of all that we have left on those, we still have all of our exact matching vinyl consoles. <u>C12774</u> <u>C12776</u> <u>C12778</u> <u>C12781</u> <u>C12782</u> <u>C12784</u> <u>C12790</u>

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25% off Clark Wrapped Fan Belt

Same price all quantities 65790 \$13.10 - 25% - 89.80

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Order: A 16 oz. Travel Tumbler with Clark Logo lavailable starting 2/26/18, not available at shows)

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## 25% off Assembly Manuals

All years Cars & Yans - Main Catalog page 2438 tevaluable\* 2017 prices \$17.00 - 25% - \$12.75 (Sale alon applies to collector sets)

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50% off "Complete History" Vol. 1 & 2 (write supplies last) See Main Catalog, page 248 C6153A \$14.40 - 50% - \$7.20

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the following numbers on page 245 were \$1 - 75% - .25
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Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit club dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Corvair automobile. VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.



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#### VCE Mailing Address

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043

## The Prez Sez:

Everyone had heard that our Corvairs on the Track venue was changed to the Talladega Grand Prix Raceway and I have to say that we were truly BLESSED. TGPR served as an excellent substitute as they and John Cook welcomed us with open arms. TGPR is every bit as good as the other track. It doesn't have the landscaping to make it equal but, we didn't drive on the landscape. We had to make an extra 90-minute commute, but Alabama offered some of the most beautiful country side to see and the weather was perfect.

The on the road 'Keep Them Vairs Running' committee made two trips instead of one, but both projects are complete. John H's suspected dropped valve seat turned out to be a broken rocker arm and required two trips, one to diagnose and the second with the necessary parts, but John is driving his and Maryanne's Vair and getting lots of looks, as they have a really nice '63 open PG car. It is a nice parade car, and we hope a fantastic addition for Warner Robins, Veteran's day and the Christmas parades!

John B's car had three wheels with new shoes and cylinders and John had the confidence to tackle the fourth wheel on his own, knowing full well we will be there if needed. He has replaced all his hard lines as well as the master cylinder on his own, so he is there. His 60 closed PG car is a nice solid car and they will certainly also get some looks once his is on the road full time. He will be needing some carburetor work which can be accomplished in a Tec session or at Russ' shop in an afternoon.

I would like to thank Billy and Judi Cannon as well as the Goodwater Baptist Church for hosting our April meeting. An awesome time was had by all and worth the extra drive we made. Keep in mind this is a trip the Cannons make each and every month. We also have numerous others who make considerable commitments to attend our monthly meetings as well. We are fortunate to have so many committed members.

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 Next Meeting:

 SATURDAY, June 16
 6:00 PM

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 101 Cahaba Valley Pkwy E, Pelham, AL 35124

#### The Survey Says:

While the survey was spontaneous, there was a good representation of members present for the **Meeting Place Survey**. The people chose the South Birmingham area for our monthly membership meeting. Also chosen was Saturday in the 6-8 pm time frame. The most popular meeting venue was The Golden Coral. There is no sense trying to re-invent the wheel, so VCE has reserved last year's Christmas party location, Golden Corral, Pelham for Sat. June 16th, 6 - 8:30 PM.

Or next meeting will begin at 6:00 by making your selections at the buffet and blessing will be said promptly at 6:30. This is by no means a permanent situation, but for the near future VCE will make Golden Coral, Pelham AL (205) 682-0150 our monthly meeting home. We did not have time for a short-called meeting during COTT weekend but will see you for our next regular business meeting at the Golden Corral June 16th.

Springfest was a huge success and Corvairs On The Track was just as great. Our busiest time of the year is now over so we will kick back and relax in good 'ole Houston, Texas for awhile. Happy trails to you and hope for a safe summer for everyone. Howard

#### VCE April Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

The April 21, 2018 meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by President Howard Tutt. 18 members and 12 guests were in attendance..

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A printout of the minutes of the March meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Judi Cannon, seconded by Marshall McDuffie and passed to accept the minutes as written.

# Corvairs On The Track (COTT)



hat a roller coaster ride for this years Vulcan Corvairs May event. All the planning and coordination done since the very successful 2017 Corvairs at Barber Motorsports weekend suddenly became a mad scramble just 5 weeks prior to COTT 2018. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were forced to change the Saturday, May 18th Track event from Barber Motorsports track to the Talladega Gran Prix Raceway (TGPR) located over an hours



'The Crowd' stretching their legs and photo opportunity.



drive away from the host hotel.

Our 1st annual all makes car and truck show at the Coyote Drive-In continued as planned on Friday the 17th with 55 registered show entries and 17 Corvairs in attendance. Cruise -In at the Drive-In was sponsored by Fort McClellan Credit Union and we want to thank Curt and Carolyn Sasser from the credit union for their awesome 'on the ground' assistance.

The Holiday Inn & Suites of Irondale served as our host hotel. Karen and her crew provided excellent service throughout the weekend and the hospitality room provided to us was ideal and met our needs perfectly.

Threatening 80—90% precipitation weather forecasts leading up to the weekend kept a few folks away but all the fears were unfounded and we experienced a great, rain free couple of days.

Because of the change in venue on Saturday it was necessary to caravan the Corvairs 1 1/2 hours from the host hotel to TGPR in Munford, Al. On the way we all stopped at "The Big Track', Talladega Superspeedway, for a photo opportunity and chance to stretch our legs.

We cannot express enough appreciation to Mr. John Cook, owner of Track Day Winner, for his coordination and willingness to make sure that the Corvairs enjoyed our time on TGPR. We were allowed 5 laps on the track at 35 mph for everyone and then those of us with helmets were offered the opportunity to test the Corvair's handling ability at 65 mph on the 1.4 mile track.

Time for lunch at 'Chubbie Chicks' restaurant. Pam and her Mother (who has owned 3 Corvairs) provided 35 excellent meals to the hungry and thirsty folks that had just come off (Continued on page 3) Corvair cars and trucks line up in front entrance of the Talladega Superspeedway during the Corvairs on the track event May 17-18 2018.



Lexi, Kayli & Olivia Williams riding with Cindy Cannon.



Jamesie and Shirley Neyman from Choo Choo.

*(Continued from page 2)* of the track.

As an added measure of fun, we provided a modified road rally competition back to the host hotel through some of the prettiest back country that Alabama has to offer.

The COTT weekend events concluded with Saturday evening's catered BBQ Awards Banquet and door prize drawings.

Vulcan Corvairs are grateful for all those that took time to come and visit with us: Heart of Georgia Corvairs, Corvair Atlanta and Choo Choo Corvairs. See you next year!



Mike and Dee Dee Glassman, Corvair Atlanta.



Paul Lewellyn (Guitar Man) and his Fitch Sprint hails from Choo Choo.



Jack Stamps, also from Choo Choo.



Phil Hartline and his Mother, Louise in Harold's 62 Rampy. Phil says; "Who knew driving the truck around the track would be so much fun! "



Chris and Joan Law in James's award winning Rampy.



Russ Thuleen and daughter, Leslie in 'Shorty'.





Danny Joe Robertson and his '64 Spyder.



Jim and Ann Guider, also from Choo Choo.



Billy and Eleanor Bruce from Heart of Georgia Corvairs.



Howard, Claudia, Howard Jr, 'Jet' and Sarah Tutt.



Kevin (The Stig) Fahy and the 'Wayne Track Car'.



Yours truly and the '65 Corsa AutoX.



#### (Continued from page 1) Financial Report

A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Judi Cannon and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

> Russell Noble 3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, AL 35243

## **Old Business**

## Springfest

Twelve VCE members at the meeting indicated their intent to attend Springfest. Russ Thuleen will carry drinks in Shorty, Billy Cannon is bringing the 3-cylinder cutaway engine and towing the grill. Leslie Thuleen is doing centerpieces. Judi Cannon is overseeing the drinks table. Harold Hartline and Howard Tutt are cooking. Louise Hartline and Carol Keller are slicing and plating desserts. Pitch in and help when you can!

There are 2 Hospitality suites this year, One at the Baymont Inn and another at the Country Inn and Suites.

Date	Event	Place
7/23-28/2018	CORSA Convention	Pittsburgh, PA
8/17-18/2018	Choo Choo Corvair Classic	Chattanooga, TN
10/5-6/2018	Vairs at the Fair	Perry, GA

## **Committee Reports**

## Calendar:

Nothing to report. If you have anything to add to the calendar pass it on to Billy.

## **Running Corvair**

Russ Thuleen, John Cleveland, Billy Cannon and Howard Tutt helped John Bredehof get started on his 1960 Coupe brake repair. John completed the job on his own and is now driving the car.

Suspected dropped valve seat on John and Maryann Harris '63 'vert was found to be a broken rocker arm. Russ and Howard helped John with the repair and the Corvair is back on the road. Howard Tutt still has a motor swap coming up.

## Traveling Vair

John Cleveland's proposed trip to the Rattlesnake Saloon in Tuscumbia will be rescheduled.

## Coyote Drive In and Corvairs On The Track

Track has changed to Talladega Gran Prix in Munford, AL. We will be offering Free Lunch from Chubbie Chicks' restaurant to all participants. Discussion on Saturday's events (Including VCE May meeting)

> VCE IS on Facebook...Click on the link: Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page

## Registration committee:

VCE has registered 7 members &, others 19 & total 13 cars Reservation no registration: D. Robertson, A. Birk, R. Thuleen, C. Cork. Last date for extra preregistration drawing chance 4/30

## Hotel committee:

12 reservations (need 20 & 5 no reservation) Gassman, Cannon, Bruce, Sande, Stamps w/ no reservation

## Car show committee:

DJ Ray will use car registration number for door prizes. John and Maryann Harris volunteered to pass out, collect and tabulate car show ballots:

Judi Cannon and Leslie Thuleen volunteered to assign numbers at gate.

Movie committee:

1 designated register for dinner, golf, popcorn w/ coupon. Outlet Mall and Coyote has placed the event on their web sites and on Facebook.

## **No New Business**

## **Meeting Venue**

The church John has been communicating with has decided they would not like to tie up a night in their church, so we still need to find another place to meet. A new committee will be formed after we complete a survey of members. The survey will serve as a guideline and the committee can report to the board so a selection can be made. (see 'The Survey Says' on page 1)

## Drawings

David Hausenfleck was present and donated wooden candleholders and carved centerpieces that were raffled away to all meeting participants. Billy and Judi's granddaughter, Lexi won the gas money drawing which amounted to \$36.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentavily scheduled to be at the Holiday Inn Express during the Corvairs on the Track weekend.

## **Tech Session**

None this month.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.



CORSA is also on Facebook



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Carolyn & Phil Hartline Claudia & Howard Tutt	2 Cruise-in Colonial Prome- nade, Alabaster
3	4	5	6	7	Cruise-in <b>8</b> Pelham What-a- burger, 10% OFF with vehicle! 6-9 PM	Cruise-in <b>9</b> Colonial Prome <b>9</b> nade, Tannehill Downtown Clanton 6-10 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 VCE Meeting, 6:00 PM Golden Corral
17	18	19	20	21	22	Cruise-in Gardendale 5-9 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	Cruise-in Oneonta 6-10 PM

# Cancer Outreach & Community Hope (COACH)



riday May, 4th, Vulcan Corvairs Members met at the Vulcan storage building in Goodwater and Caravaned down to the West Coosa Senior Citizens Center in Weogufca Al. for their annual COACH Car Show and RIB Dinner. All proceeds go to the Coosa County Cancer Outreach volunteer program and is well attended by several of the neighborhood classic car and truck enthusiasts. Corvairs present for this year's show were: Russ Thuleen driving 'The Buck Mobile' ('64 Spyder 'vert), Howard Tutt in his '66 Monza, Cindy Cannon drove the '62 Rampside (Navy Rampy), Judi Cannon brought her Amelia Bedilia ('66 Monza) and I put the '65 Corsa on the road (1st time in many months).

We enjoyed some very good smoked BBQ ribs and a variety of local musical talent but the highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony where the Corvairs really shined. Each Corvair won at least one trophy ranging from Overall Farmers favorite to 1st place Fan Favorite. Howard and Russ had to leave before the awards presentation so Judi and I, (with assistance from my sister Cindy and cousin Brenda) had to haul all the 'hardware' home. I delivered the trophies and plaques to Howard and Russ the following day and Russ promptly states; "I have won many awards over the years but I have NEVER received a 'Farmers Favorite' trophy!"







## BLAST FROM THE PAST 10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

## **JUNE 2008**

#### From the Prez: A Little Recognition

Some of you may have seen my picture in the paper the last week of April. My fifteen minutes of fame came courtesy of Pennzoil and Russell Noble. Pennzoil contacts local car clubs near events they attend every year to solicit nominations for a car club mem-

ber who exhibits "commitment to keep their most prized possession running strong with a clean and responsive engine". Russell (who will forever more be He Who Writes With A Golden Pen) submitted my name for consideration. The result of Russell's glowing praise was a PR guy for Pennzoil calling to arrange for where to send my Talladega race passes and a time and place to display my car. Oh yeah, free synthetic oil for life...or ten years, whichever comes first. Nice.





Race day I met with the guys who run the oil display trailer and had some pictures taken. The car spent the entire morning displayed under the awning at the Pennzoil trailer. I got lots of positive feedback on the car and a little national recognition for keeping an old car running.

#### Pete

## Pennzoil Contest

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VCE's nomination: Pete Wood!

Guess what? WE WON! Yes, Pete got 2 tickets to the 'Dega 500. Wow! Congratulations to Pete for beating out the many other worthy opponents for this coveted prize. Simply amazing. Corvairs really rule the good 'ole USA. - *Editor* 



Send Oil Drop submissions to: <u>GTOChief@gmail.com</u> Office: 256-839-1905 Cell: 256-743-0082 NOTE: PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH.

# Springfest 2018 Results & Statistics

PEOPLE'S CHOICE			AUTOCROSS		
EARLY CLOSED 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rucker Posey	1961 Blue Monza Coupe	Richmond, Va	<u>LADIES</u> MARIAH GLYNN	1 <sup>ST</sup>	32.32
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grady McDaniel		,	PATTI JENKINS	$2^{ND}$	35.90
1 <sup>st</sup> Wayne Whitmire		Jacksonville, Fl Gainsvlle,Ga	JAMIE CHEEK	$\frac{2}{3^{RD}}$	36.90
2	1964 white Moliza	Gallisvile,Ga		3	30.90
EARLY OPEN 4 <sup>th</sup> Chris Wiley	1963 Red Spyder	Nicholasville, KY	<u>EARLY</u>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	32.46
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dick Mohr	1964 Red Monza	,	RONNIE JENKINS	$2^{ND}$	
3 Dick Monr		Alcoa, TN	JAMES CHEEK	$3^{RD}$	34.16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed McClintock	1963 Poymar Red Monza	Cleveland, TN	JIM CHEEK	4 <sup>TH</sup>	34.20
1 <sup>st</sup> Patti Jenkins	1964 White Monza	Rock Hill, S.C.	PATTI JENKINS	4	35.90
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4 <sup>th</sup> Susan Gheen	1967 Yellow/Black Monza	Maryville, TN	CHANDLER BISHOP	1 <sup>D1</sup> 2 <sup>ND</sup>	29.16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Roger Moody	1965 Blue Corsa	Lexington, N.C.	BILLY MCCOLL		29.98
2 <sup>nd</sup> Van Neal	1965 Turquoise Monza	Atlanta, Ga	NATHAN MCCRARY	3 <sup>RD</sup>	30.44
1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Carey	1965 Black Corsa	Bowerville, Ga	DON MARLOWE	$4^{\text{TH}}$	30.64
LATE OPEN			SPECIALTY	. CT	
4 <sup>th</sup> John Rhinehardt	1966 Red Corsa	Roaring Gap, N.C.	BILL PRITCHARD	1 <sup>ST</sup>	31.83
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jerry Wells	1965 Burgundy Corsa	Anderson, S.C.	MARK ALLEN	2 <sup>ND</sup>	32.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Linda Allen	1965 Evening Orchid	Decatur, IL	EDDIE MEADOWS	3 <sup>RD</sup>	34.62
1 <sup>st</sup> Jim Morgan	1965 Burgundy Corsa	Weldington, N.C.	GENE COIT	$4^{\text{TH}}$	34.74
F.C. TRUCKS			MODIFIED		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Billy Cannon	1962 Red /White Rampside	Goodwater, AL	RAYMOND PAUL	1 <sup>ST</sup>	29.70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dee Charest	1964 Green Rampside	York, S.C.	TONY ELLISON	$2^{ND}$	30.72
1 <sup>st</sup> Gary Greenwood	1962 Black Loadside	Anderson, S. C.	MARIAH GLYNN	3 <sup>RD</sup>	32.32
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Jim Cheek	1963 Patina Greenbrier	Inman, S.C.	BILLY CANNON	1 <sup>ST</sup>	41.26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stan Gee	1964 Tan/White Corvan	East Ridge, TN			
1 <sup>st</sup> Neal Mananno	1965 Green Greenbrier	Smyrna, TN	FAST TIME of the DAY (I	TD)	
Four Door			CHANDLER BISHOP	<u> </u>	29.16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paul Hannan	1963 Burgundy 900	The Villages, FL			29.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jamesie Neyman	1966 Blue Monza	Cleveland, TN	RALLY		
1 <sup>st</sup> Dante Bernadina	1964 Red Sedan	N. Charleston, S.C.	HUNTER & CHANDLER B	ISHOP	65 RED MONZA
Lakewood			JOHN & LYNN RHINEHAF		66 CORSA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jewell DeYoung	1962 Blue Stationwood	Greer, S. C.	RON & JENNIFER PHILIPS		65 BLUE MONZA
1 <sup>st</sup> Jim Allen	1961 Blue Lakewood	Peoria, IL	CLIFF TIBBITTS & JOE BR		66 MONZA
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4 <sup>th</sup> Chris Law	1964 Black/Gold Trike	Sumner, GA	VALVE COVER RACES		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Russ Thuleen	1961 Red/White/Blue	Chelsa, AL	ADULT		
2 <sup>nd</sup> James Cheek	1963 Silve Sprint	Inman, S.C	JAMIE CHEEK	1 <sup>ST</sup>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Duane Sipe	1961 Red Diesel Rampside	Hickory, N.C.	GARY GREENWOOD	$2^{ND}$	
ULTRA VAN	1	57	MIKE CALLAHAN 3 <sup>RD</sup>	2	
Jamie Cheek	1968 Tan Ultravan	Florence, S.C.	YOUTH		
			"RACING HANDLES"		
PRESIDENT'S CHO	ICE		07		
BEST ENGINE			"RUSTY" 1 <sup>S1</sup> "THE WINNING ACT"	$2^{ND}$	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mike Garoust	66 Red Corsa	Melborne, FL		$3^{RD}$	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mike Gassmann	65 Green Monza	Peachtree City, GA	"ZANEY ZANE"	3	
1 <sup>st</sup> Frank Metasavage		Columbus, GA	ALSO RACING		
BEST PAINT	00 Aqua Colsa	Columbus, GA	"HOT ROD LINCOLN"		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Larry Woodfin	66 Green Corsa	Lake City, FL	"BOB"		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chris Law	63 Teal Rampside	Sumner, GA	"KHORI"		
1 <sup>st</sup> Dean Gemberling			"HUDSON HORNET"		
U	05 Tenow Rampside	Columbus, OA	"BLACK SHADOW"		
BEST INTERIOR 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mike Hall	62 Tow Truck	Pawnee, IL	"LADY BUG"		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Harold Haraway	63 Red Convertible	Danville, VA	"PIERCE ARROW"		
1 <sup>st</sup> Randy Hall	64 Red Monza	Wake Forest, N.C.			
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Ronnie Jenkins	65 Red Corsa	Rock Hill, S.C.	29 Clubs		
CHAIRMAN'S CHO		D II	26 Auto Cross		
Mike Hall	62 Tow Truck	Pawnee, IL	15 President's Choice		
			59 People's Choice		
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245 Saturday Banquet

50/50 Friday 50/50 Saturday

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Larry Woodfin Neal Mananno

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	Registration Fee (each adult \$12.00)
	Please choose your preference, Chicken Pork Bar-B-Q Dinner
	\$15.00 each adult
	(\$8.00 under 12)
	Amount Enclosed:
Will	you be participating in the parade and displaying your car at the Fair this year?
	YesNo
	Car you will drive in Parade

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate; entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge Heart of Georgia Corvair and the Quality Inn & Suites, their officers and employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Dixie Corvair Classic of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature:

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## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 40, No.7

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## The Prez Sez:

The Corvairs on the Track 2018 is behind us. We would like to hear any suggestions for improvement and or changes to make it a better event. I personally had a wonderful time after all arrangements were firmed up and I hope you had an enjoyable time as well. We were surprised at the June VCE meeting with new members, Jack and Valarie Green. Welcome aboard and Jack, get that 64 Greenbrier on the road as we have the Choo Choo Classic in Chattanooga August 17 & 18 followed by Vairs at the Fair, October 5 & 6. At the Vairs at the Fair this year will be an added road trip keeping with my way of thinking where we show off the Vairs instead of hiding them in the hotel parking lot. Also, we will be getting our Vairs on the Road program kicked off with a trip to the Rattle Snake Saloon in short order.

The Vairs on the Road outing will be looking to July 28 for the trip. Full details will be discussed at the July 21 meeting at the Golden Coral. So, keep the date open and get your Vairs shined up , fill the tank and check the oil because we are heading to north west Alabama for dinner and a time for fellowship. We are also looking for suggestions as to which way the next Vairs on the Road should head.

#### https://locu.com/places/rattlesnake-saloon-

Visit:

tuscumbia-us/ for a look at the menu. Some of the items are a bit pricy but you only go around once and there are some reasonable priced items as well. We can also discuss visiting another venue for our September meeting. There will be no August meeting because a lot of us will be in Chattanooga instead of regular meeting in August. If you have a suggestion for a meeting place, please check availability prior to the July 21 meeting for 9/15, 9/21 as we will be discussing the day and time of our September meeting.

A big thanks to Russ Thuleen who is the glue that holds the Keep them Vairs Running team together to offer this benefit to our members. Next Meeting: SATURDAY, July 21 <u>6:00 PM</u> <u>GOLDEN CORRAL</u> 101 Cahaba Valley Pkwy E, Pelham, AL 35124

Also, be sure to print the calendar on page three (3) of the newsletter and update it with changes to prevent multiple commitments. Also, advise Billy Cannon with items of interest to the club. There are a few of us who hit the regular cruise ins but if you have another option we may just caravan to a new venue from time to time. Watching the faces of people I encounter is the reason I love to get my Vair out of the garage. Hope to see your Vair out there too.

John Cook has invited VCE to return to TGP for more laps September 29th at noon. We have extra helmets available but get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Howard

#### VCE June Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

The June 16, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Howard Tutt. 18 members and 2 guests were in attendance..

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A printout of the minutes of the April meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Harold Hartline, seconded by Ed Keller and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Judi Cannon and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble 3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, AL 35243

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Last Ride: *by Lillian Law* Thursday May 17 James and I traveled five hours to attend Corvairs on the Track (COTT) sponsored by The Vulcan Corvair Club. Due to his failing health we knew he would spend most of his time in the Room. Many of our Corvair friends were attending and visited with him in his room.

Saturday morning, I drove our regular car to the Talladega Gran Prix Raceway in Munford, Al. Our son Chris and his wife Joan had driven our 63 Rampside over for the event.

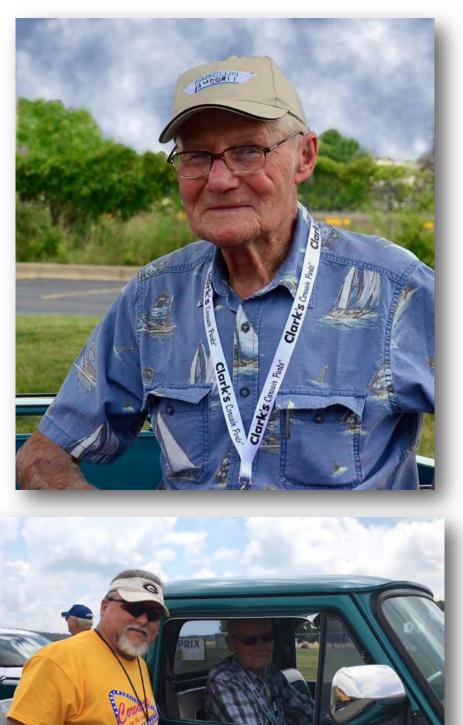
The Corvairs were allowed five laps on the track at 35 mph. Chris drove, and he and his dad went around the track. This was James' last ride in his beloved 63 Rampside.

He was admitted to the hospital on June 5, his 89th birthday and passed away June 7. We were married 69 years.

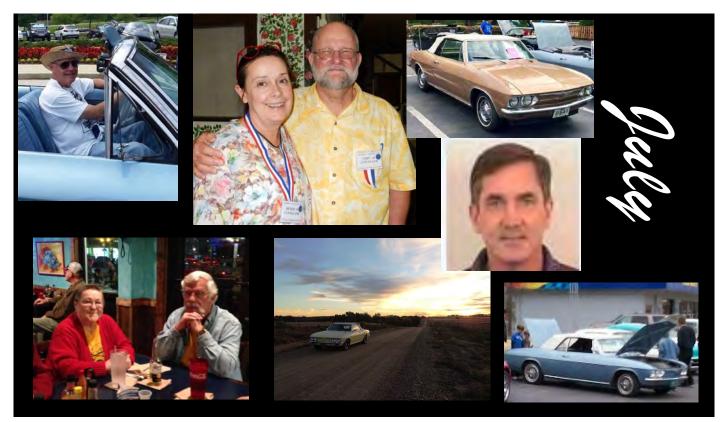
Our Corvair family was very important to him. We cherish the many friends we havemade through the Hobby.

I plan to keep the Rampside and continue to drive it to many events.





The 'prototype' model of James truck. Built by Ken Arnold and presented by Billy Bruce at the Celebration Of Life gathering.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ed Keller	3	4	5	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Marshall McDuffie	Cruise-in Colonial Dairy <b>7</b> Queen, Alabaster 8-12 PM
					1st Friday Gadsden 7:00 PM	Cruise-in Krispy Kreme, Hoover 8-12 AM
8	9	10	HAPPY <b>11</b> ANNIVERSARY Kristen & Kevin Fahy	12	Cruise-in <b>13</b> Pelham What-a- burger, 10% OFF with vehicle! 6-9 PM	Cruise-in <b>14</b> McCalla,, Springville, Win- field & Clanton
15	16	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Russell Noble	18	19	20	21 VCE Meeting, 6:00 PM Golden Corral
22	23	24	25	26	27	Cruise-in Gardendale 28 5-9 PM Cruise-in Oneonta 6-10 PM
HAPPY <b>29</b> ANNIVERSARY Denise & John Cleveland	HAPPY <b>30</b> ANNIVERSARY June & Ed Lindsay	31	1	2	3	4

# Corvair Family Affair

hat is YOUR Corvair experience that is most memorable?

Many clubs have their members do a little special write-up about their personal experiences, why they collect, or how they got into Corvairs,

The camaraderie within the Corvair community is quite evident in the way that we attend events and share stories of our Corvair(s). This is always done sitting at a table or under the pop-up around the car display area. My secret desire is to have instant access to a recorder during these instances. But, since I don't lug around a tape recorder (although certainly possible these days with a smartphone), it would be nice to have written accounts that could be published in the Oil Drop. This is a HINT, dear reader! I NEED ARTICLES!!!

I will lead by example and since my family recently discovered several pictures to go along with our story, submit this article to get us started.

1960 was the first model year for the Corvair. It was advertised as revolutionary, affordable, and designed so that each and every family could have at least one in their driveway (grin).

Such was the case with my Daddy! As a junior ranking US Army soldier with three mouths to feed and another on the way, The 1960 Corvair met all his needs, especially with four doors and that spacious trunk up front. He passed away in 2001 and if he told me which dealership he bought it from, I don't recall. My Mother thinks that it was during his assignment at Ft. Sill Oklahoma and based on the pictures, I'm pretty sure she is correct. In any case he bought it new, his very first brandy new car in his lifetime. He was very proud of that car and we enjoyed him having it.

His Army career took him all over the world and sometimes we could go with him. The white 1960 Corvair served us faithfully with countless adventures throughout the (See The USA, In Your Chevrolet) country and overseas. We were in Tampa, Fl during the Cuban Crisis, Daddy was stationed at MacDill AFB, October 1962 and a couple of months later he came home and proudly announced that we were going to Paris, France. I was eight years old and had NO idea what he was talking about. That was all about to change. SHAPE Headquarters (Supreme HQ Allied Powers Europe) was his duty assignment and after three months of Paris Taxi's and 'hoofing it' up and down the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, our beloved Corvair arrived fresh from it's overseas journey. The little car fit right in with it's foreign cousins and we gladly went everywhere it wanted to take us: Versailles, Normandy Beach, Holland, Germany, Austria and of course, Southern France. And then President Charles De Gaulle decided to 'kick' the US out of his country, so SHAPE was split and re established in Belgium and Germany. Once again the Corvair was packed to the hilt with our personal belongings and it moved us to Mons, Belgium.

After almost a year in the friendly Belgian countryside (I learned more French there than the previous five years in Paris) it was time to come home to 'the land of round door-knobs'. Fort Knox, Ky was now home for the little Corvair and true to form, continued hauling all four (now grown) of the Cannon children and our Mother.

Because it was getting harder and harder to fit us in, what

used to be, the spacious interior, the little car was sold to my uncle (who only had one child) sometime in the very early seventies. Meanwhile, yours truly had come of the driving age and was looking for his very first car. You guessed it, my pride and joy was a marina blue 1965 Corvair 500. Three speed, bench seat, and glass pack mufflers made me a proud young man in high school. Granted, I envied the guys with the Muscle Cars, but my minimum wage job and \$0.30/gal price tag fit me and my little Corvair very well.

So! There it is...the beginning of a continuing love affair with Chevrolet's 'family car' and the family of Billy B. Cannon Jr.



'Billy Bob Cannon (Daddy) 1961, outside Ft. Sill Oklahoma.





Corvair Family, Lou Jean, Bill, Loretta, Bonnie, and Cindy (lower pic next to my car)



Pay attention to the mismatched hub caps, NOT what my sister Bonnie is doing.



Only pic I have of my first Corvair (r). Record snow storm, Augusta, Ga Feb, '73

# 2018 CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC

Hosted by the Choo Corvair Club at the Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo

## **REGISTRATION FORM - August 16-18, 2018**

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Club Affiliation:						
Names of Children i	n your group:					
YOU	MUST BE REGISTEI	RED TO TAKE PA	ART IN ANY EV	ENT		
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## **JULY 2008**

## From the Prez:

As discussed at the last meeting, planning has begun for a VCE drive on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Pete has driven a portion and is looking at the stretch between Nashville and Tupelo. He has checked out hotels and such and will report back to the club.



## 2008 Membership Roster

The results are final and we have some new members and have lost some old ones....28 total paying VCE members for the current year. There are several more on the email list, plus the *OIL DROP* goes out electronically across the nation, and maybe the world! After all, it *is* the *World Famous OIL DROP*.



Preliminary plans are to meet in Nashville and take off on the ride south. Target weekends are the last one in October and the first one in November. Mark your calendars and get those Vairs roadworthy. *Russell Noble (for Pete Wood via phone call)* 

## June VCE Meeting Minutes

The June meeting started with a pizza dinner ordered from Papa John's. Dinner this month was provided by the club. With a reasonable turnout (19 adults and 3 children); Pete Wood called the meeting to order.

A Treasurer's Report was provided by John Hathaway. There is a balance of \$649 in the account.

The only order of business was discussion regarding a fall road trip down the Natchez Trace. Possible starting spots were discussed, as well as the possibility of this being an over night trip. A tentative time frame would be during the end of October or the first of November. This matter was tabled until the next meeting. With no other business the meeting was ended. There was no tech session.

Russ Thuleen

Last Name	First Name	City	State	Zip
Cleveland	John	Hoover	AL	35226
Collier	Tom & Faye	Prattville	AL	36066
Daniels	Steve & Sherri	Birmingham	AL	35242
Doughty	Joe & Rozelle	Birmingham	AL	35242
Dutton	Roy & Connie	Carbon Hill	AL	35549
Hartline	Phil & Caroll	Warrior	AL	35180
Hartline	Harold & Louise	Crane Hill	AL	35053
Hathaway	John	Birmingham	AL	35242
Hinkle	Buck & Jewell	Birmingham	AL	35208
Hunter	Mickey & Robin	Hartselle	AL	35640
Keller	Ed & Carol	Birmingham	AL	35216
McCrary	Jeff	Gardendale	AL	35071
Miljus	George & Ann	Birmingham	AL	35242
Miller	Joyce	Montgomery	AL	36109
Noble	Russell & Debbie	Birmingham	AL	35243
Popinski	Joe & Carol	Hoover	AL	35244
Robertson	Don	Arley	AL	35541
Siemens	Bob & Wilma	Guntersville	AL	35976
Smith	Jerry & Sarah	Odenville	AL	35120
Snider	Floyd T.	Southside	AL	35907
Steadman	Joe & Ann	Jasper	AL	35504
Steadman	Jason & Amy	Nauvoo	AL	35578
Steckler	Leslie	Chelsea	AL	35043
Stolzmann	Richard & Sandy	Springville	AL	35146
Sweet	William & Virginia	Birmingham	AL	35242
Thuleen	Russ & Donna	Chelsea	AL	35043
Witkos	Dick & Barbara	Dothan	AL	36303
Wood	Pete	Irondale	AL	35210





Second chance for all those who missed our day on the track at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway (TGPR). John Cook is truly awesome! Howard received the following on Tuesday, June 19th:

"I wanted to personally thank you and your crew for coming out and running a few laps at our Little Tally event back in May! We were all amazed at those awesome Corvairs and really enjoyed having you come out to join us! We will close our track day season at Talladega the weekend of September 29 & 30 and would love it if you could convince your club to come out and turn a few more laps! Thanks again for a very special day!

John H. Cook"

The only cost is the \$5.00 admittance to get onto the TGPR property.

Anyone interested, email or call Howard and we can get together, do the track, and maybe have lunch afterwards. Proposed date is Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

Bring a DOT approved helmet (passenger and driver) and we can all do the 65 MPH laps or less or whatever makes you happy. The time will be 12:00 noon until we finish our 10-12 laps.

The other opportunity to get your Corvair on TGPR has been offered by Dan, the owner: From: <u>TGPR DAN</u> Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 11:06 AM To: <u>TGPR DAN</u> Subject: Talladega Gran Prix Raceway Track Day (Cars only)

"Hello Drivers,

Thank you for expressing interest in getting on track for some fast laps at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway!

We are happy to inform you that our first track day will be Saturday July 7th, 2018!

The fee is\$160 per driver for the day. Payments can be made to PayPal account tgprinfo@gmail.com

While we are excited to be holding this event, and we hope you are too, there are some specific guidelines to follow and information you need to know.

----- Please read all information thoroughly! ------

- First come first serve! This event may sell out! Limited to 30 drivers!!!
- \$5.00 per person (participants and spectators) entry fee to enter park.
- Every person entering park must sign our release waiver before entry.
- Alcohol use is not permitted by drivers or spectators before 5:00 P.M.
- EVERYONE entering park must attend our drivers meeting.
- Entry to facility will begin at 7:00 A.M.
- Gate crossings will be at the top of each hour.
- Driver registration/ vehicle inspection will take place from 7:45 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.
- Mandatory Drivers meeting will take place from 8:30 to 8:45 A.M.
- Track will go hot for first session at 9:00 A.M.
- Track will go cold for lunch from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Track will go cold at 5:00 P.M. concluding the final session of the track day.
- Campers, toy haulers, tents and canopies are allowed. Please bring tie downs for canopies!
- \*\* Driver, Passenger and Vehicle specific information.
- Drivers and passengers must wear seat belts and full-faced helmets while on hot pit and track.
- Passengers must be 16 years of age or older and provide picture I.D.
- Vehicle occupants will not be permitted to enter race surface area if they did not attend the drivers meeting. (No exceptions/No refunds).
- Convertibles without roll cages are not allowed.
- Vehicles are subject to inspection at any time.
- DOT tires only! No slicks or race tires are to be used.
- Loose parts or panels and fluid leaks of any kind are not permitted on track.
- No passing in corners hand signal passing in straight away areas only!
- There will be 3 sessions per hour with accommodations for hourly gate crossings. If you are with your friends, we will do our best to keep you in a session with your group, but we can not guarantee that specific arrangement.

\*\*\*Additional track rules and information may be viewed by logging on to www.talladegagp.com

Please call 256-252-9200 if you have further questions."



## (Meeting minutes continued from page 1)

## Old Business

COTT

There were representatives of Choo Choo, Heart of Georgia, Corvair Atlanta as well as our very own

Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts.

55 cars and 17 Corvairs participated in the car show at Coyote Drive In. American Graffiti was enjoyed by the car show folks as well as a large number of the Coyote patrons as well.

The Talladega Gran Prix track was a great last-minute substitute track and our sponsor of the day was a very optimistic as well as enthusiastic John Cook Track Day Winner. John stood at the starting line the whole time we were on the track, applauding and cheering the air-cooled engine cousin of the bikes on the track.

Lunch at Chubby Chicks was just in time for those watching their sugar levels and dinner catered by Carliles and was a combination of chopped chicken and pulled pork, Potato salad and some of the best baked beans ever served.

After all the dust had settled, there was a \$17 profit from the weekend. It was pleasing to hear all the positive comments from the car show attendees and Corvair folks that attended COTT!

## **Committee Reports**

## Calendar:

Nothing to report. If you have anything to add to the calendar pass it on to Billy.

## **Running Corvair**

Russ Thuleen, Howard Tutt, George Miljus, Danny Robertson and John Harris met at Russ's shop Saturday morning to replace the gas tank in John's '63 Monza Convertible. The team also located a hole in the fuel line inside the engine compartment and made a temporary patch until John will replace the bad line.

Russ has swapped the drive train in Shorty, going from a 110/4 speed to a 140/Powerglide to make driving in the parades a little easier.

## **Traveling Vair**

The Rattlesnake Saloon is still on the agenda for a future road trip. It is located near Tuscumbia, Al. While visiting their website, I discovered that it is open 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM February-November and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Although they sell alcohol, it is not served until after 5:00 PM. They do have live music.

Billy, Judi, Russ and Leslie attended the Celebration of James Law's life gathering over in Georgia.

## **New Business**

## **Choo Choo Classic**

Choo Choo Registration forms are available. Billy provided

VCE IS on Facebook...Click on the link: <u>Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page</u>

Date	Event	Place
7/23-28/2018	CORSA Convention	Pittsburgh, PA
8/17-18/2018	Choo Choo Corvair Classic	Chattanooga, TN
10/5-6/2018	Vairs at the Fair	Perry, GA

copies at the meeting, he also posted the form to the Vulcan Facebook page. (also located in this newsletter)

## Vairs at the Fair

A trip to Andersonville National Cemetary (James Law's gravesite was proposed for Friday, October 5th. Motion made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Judi Cannon, passed unanimously. Also VCE is going to donate \$100 from club funds to the Corvair Preservation Society Museum in James Law's name. **Membership** 

New Member possibility, Scott Saint of Sheffield, Al. owns four LMs and joined Corsa a month ago.

New members Jack and Valarie Green attended and joined at the meeting.

## Drawings

New club member Valarie Green won the \$30 gas money and Harold Hartline won the \$10 Clark's Gift certificate.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Golden Corral in Pelham on July 21st at 6:00 PM.

## **Tech Session**

None this month.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

## CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 2018



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !

CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLUB will host their friends and Corvair lovers at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel Complex.

Hospitality Friday Evening, Corvairs in the Gardens on Saturday followed by an awards banquet at the Feed Company Saturday Evening. Breakfast on Sunday Moming

Registration Contact : JACK STAMPS @ 423-624-4258 MELVIN HOPKINS @ 706-217-5123 For Registration Form: ANN GUIDER @ 706-866-1158 **NAVY** RAMPY

ost everyone knows that I retired from the Navy way back in 1994.

When I bought Bob's truck from Wilma, I had grand ideas about painting it in some sort of NAVY tribute, especially after Russ finished the 'Ole Glory' red white and blue theme on Shorty.

We have a saying in the NAVY; "Haze Gray and Underway!" and even though Judi protested about the gray color (she wanted Navy Blue), I was determined to stick to the slogan. I started a google search of rampsides that may already be painted gray but believe it or not....no luck. I did however, find one with the correct wheels and proper 3/4view and stance. I played with the first concept in photoshop and got pretty close to what I thought a 'land based' vehicle would look like. After inserting the picture into an issue of the 'Oil Drop'. Steve Daniels shot me an email with some suggestions. We discussed at the next VCE meeting and I incorporated Steve's ideas onto what I had. The result is what you see at the top of the page. The red oxide 'waterline' is along the lower body line of the truck and the 'belt line' white is 'Dazzle Camo". Dazzle was used on early wartime ships to 'break up' the contour line of the vessel in an attempt to disguise the class of ship and confuse the enemy. Many thanks to Steve for the ideas and I think it really looks great!

My intent all along was to paint the truck just like we did while onboard ship.....with a roller and brush! Therefore 'oil based direct to metal' (DTM) paint is what I am using. Surface prep is important but I am only knocking off the surface rust which is minimal. All the small dents and wrinkles over the years build character so they are still visible. Although easy to apply, the DTM requires masking and is quite time consuming. It also requires a longer cure period before exposing to the elements. THIS is what is killing me right now. I LOVE driving my truck but the only seat time I have until it is finished is moving it in and out of the storage building. Vinyl wrap/decals will be used for the detailed graphics (hull number, NAVY, etc.). The goal is to have it ready for the Perry, Ga. 'Vairs at the Fair' parade October 5-6<sup>th</sup>.



Not yet attached: The OEM tail light reflectors, bumper numbers. and NAVY acronym COMNAVCORVAIRFLT.



Steve's ideas applied with addition of FF-1079 (USS Bowen) hull number which will actually appear on passenger side.



My 'original concept' with CG-17 (USS Harry E. Yarnell) hull number.



The gray base coat over the faded and prepped original red. Three coats with 24 hours cure between each.



The white 'belly band' and red oxide 'water line' was masked and painted 3 coats. Dazzle camo applied one side at a time.



**Heart of Georgia Corvairs** 

presents its 29th Annual Dixie Corvair Classic Vairs at the Fair

> October 5-6, 2018 In Perry, GA

Friday Night Southern Hospitality Party Friday Swap Meet in the hotel parking lot

Saturday Parade and Display at the Georgia National Fair

Saturday Night Bar-B-Q Dinner, Raffle, 50/50. No judging, just good fun with Corvair people.

Host Motel is the much-improved Quality Inn & Suites located at 215 Margie Drive in Warner Robins, GA. Phone 478-953-6866 for reservations.

Ask for Corvair Room rate of \$65.00 per night, or \$75.00 per night for a suite. Rates good Oct. 4,5,6 2018 Reservations need to be made by September 1, 2018.

> Come a day early and visit the Museum of Aviation New and refurbished planes on display. Tour museum as a group Friday.

Contact:

Lillian Law (Show Chairperson) at 229-291-0567 or email at <a href="mailto:lawjandl@aol.com">lawjandl@aol.com</a> 163 Laurelbrook Drive Leesburg GA 31763

# **Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair**

## Registration Form / Entry Application October 5-6, 2018

Name			
Spouse	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Email		
Club Affiliation			
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Please choose your p	oreference, Chicken	Pork	Bar-B-Q Dinner
		\$1	5.00 each adult
		(\$8	3.00 under 12)
		Ar	nount Enclosed:
Will you be participating in	the parade and displa	ying your c	ar at the Fair this year?
			YesNo
Car you will drive in	Parade		

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate; entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge Heart of Georgia Corvair and the Quality Inn & Suites, their officers and employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Dixie Corvair Classic of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature:

Mail forms / checks made to: Heart of Georgia Corvair Club

Lillian Law 163 Laurelbrook Drive Leesburg GA 31763



Vulcans LOVE the 'Vairs at the Fair' Who's your buddy?!

## <u>HESCO'S HOBBY SHOP</u> Wood Crafts by Corvair Enthusiast, David Hausenfleck EXCLUSIVE provider of SPRINGFEST 2018 awards! Jewelry Boxes, Classic Cars, Corvairs, Plaques and other Wood Crafts Special Order. 256-525-5087 <u>http://www.facebook.com/hescoshobbyshop</u> hesco@att.net

Exclusive CORVAIR Windshield/Window Service.

Contact: STAN (The Glassman) Hudgins 256-487-1282 desotoglass@yahoo.com



Russell Noble's (Oil Drop Editor July 2008) stately '65 sits proudly among the 'common' cars!. (BONUS Picture from 'Blast From The Past' article)

Send Oil Drop submissions to: <u>GTOChief@gmail.com</u> Office: 256-839-1905 Cell: 256-743-0082 NOTE: PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH. HECK! I don't care.....just send me something!!!!



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America, is a non-profit club dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Corvair automobile. VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.



## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VULCAN CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS Vol 40, No.8

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Billy Cannon <u>gtochief@gmail.com</u> C: 256-743-0058 H: 256-839-1905

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Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043

August 2018

The Prez Sez:

Time once again for Choo Choo. Things are coming and going so fast. We have postponed the Vairs on the Road event to the covered bridges of Alabama until the fall. This should be a very photogenic outing and a valuable time for fellowship for all who attend. The bridges are located all over the state and most can be driven in 2 half day trips, but the southern bridges will require an overnight stay near the beach. Stay tuned for more.

The next meeting will be September 21st at Pizza Hut 1000 Oak Mountain Cir, Pelham AL 35214 6:00 PM. Order ahead at (205) 733-0021 and have your order ready when you get there. We have the Banquet room reserved. Everyone can order the pizza to their liking and we can eat and have our meeting when most are through eating. Again, anyone with an idea where we can meet, check availability for the 3rd Friday from 6 to 9 PM for our October 19th meeting. This needs to be arranged as far in advance as possible so everyone can be notified. Some folks like email, some Facebook and for some a phone call is best, so try to check your suggestion out as soon as possible so everyone can get the word.

Some folks may have noticed our meetings have not included a tech session lately. With the 'Keep the Vairs on the Road' committee, we have had some great tech sessions, involving everything from valve and transmission troubles to replacing brake linings and wheel cylinders and a PG and turbo Carb rebuild on the horizon. There are many areas of upkeep to these old cars, but they are amazingly simple in some respects and quite complicated in others. But with our team involvement, there is 'vairy' little our group can't handle.

Shine up your Vair and check the oil and I'll see you at the Waffle House in Gadsden exit 33 August 17th 8:00 AM for our annual voyage to Choo Choo.

Howard

## Next Meeting:

<u>No Meeting in August,</u> We will be at the CHOO CHOO CLASSIC Chattanooga, Tn. <u>September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be at</u> Pizza Hut 1000 Oak Mountain Cir, Pelham AL 35214 6:00 PM



#### VCE July Meeting Minutes: Call to Order

The July 21, 2018 meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by President Howard Tutt. 16 members were in attendance.

Prayer for dinner was offered by Clyde Cork. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A printout of the minutes of the June meeting was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Clyde Cork and passed to accept the minutes as written.

## **Financial Report**

After some discussion on the report, a motion was made by Danny Robertson, seconded by Russ Thuleen and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble 3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, AL 35243



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Louise & Harold Hartline	2	3 1st Friday Gadsden 7:00 PM	Cruise-in Colonial Dairy <b>4</b> Queen, Alabaster 8-12 PM Cruise-in Krispy Kreme, Hoover 8-12 AM
5	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Chris Brown 6	7	8	9	Cruise-in <b>10</b> Pelham What-a- burger, 10% OFF with vehicle! 6-9 PM	Cruise-in McCalla,, <b>11</b> Springville, Win- field & Clanton
12	13	14	15	16	17 Choo Choo Classic,	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bill Hadley Chattanooga, Tn
19	20	21	22	23	24	Cruise-in Oneonta 6-10 PM Cruise-in Gardendale 5-9 PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# Hit the Road Jack!

ack and Valarie Green live in Oneonta, Alabama and own a 1964 Greenbrier that is having transmission troubles. "It'll go in reverse, says Jack, "And it runs really good but when I put it in 'Drive' it just sits there!"

Russ and Howard drove up to The Green's home in Blount county as part of the VCE 'Running Vairs' program to asses the situation. Turns out the powerglide in the Greenbrier is in dire need of a rebuild.

A tech session and power pack removal was scheduled for Saturday the 28th. After a wonderful breakfast prepared by Jack (of all trades), yours truly, Russ, Howard and Danny followed Jack up the hill to the afflicted Corvair.

July weather in Alabama can be absolutely brutal! This Saturday a slight breeze was blowing on top of the hill, Jack's car lift is outside and it was actually pleasant to work under the Greenbrier. Because of this, and the five of us working together, the power pack was out of the vehicle and on the jack cradle in short order.

Next, Jack will clean everything up, wait on his PG rebuild parts to arrive, and over to Russ's shop for necessary repairs.

STAY TUNED

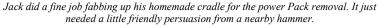


Jack Green gives the 'thumbs down' on the powerglide from his '64 Greenbrier.



'Russ and Danny confirm that the Power Pack is ready to drop ...







Russ, Jack, Howard and Danny observe their handy work as the BAD PG sits on the 'fixit bucket'.







One of this month's 'Birthday Boyz' is Bill Hadley. His picture is on the August Calendar (pg. 2) racing his Corvair with a modified Yenko built engine just prior to buying Stinger YS-119 'Bolero Red' pictured below. This is the Stinger that Bill (third owner) had owned since August 7, 1975. Bill Elliot purchased the

car in 2009 and finished restoration 2010. The car still has its original drivetrain. YS-119 was featured at the 2010 Corsa Annual Convention and was in the Showcase at the 2010 MCACN Event and won a SILVER award at the 2017 MCACN event. Bill Hadley served as crew chief on YS-081, Raced by original owner Dave Roethel in the Washington DC region. Advertised for sale in the Communique (2/73) and subsequently went to North Carolina with 2nd owner Jim Comer. Then back to DC area with a series of area owners.

Bill has been a member of Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts since moving to Montgomery after the devastating 2016 flooding of he and Carolyn's home back in 2016.



# 2018 CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC

Hosted by the Choo Corvair Club at the Historic Chattanooga Choo Choo

## **REGISTRATION FORM - August 16-18, 2018**

Name:	Spouse:					
Address:						
City:			Stat	e:		
Zip:		Phone:				
Email:						
Club Affiliation:						
Names of Children i	n your group:					
YOU	MUST BE REGISTEI	RED TO TAKE PA	ART IN ANY EV	ENT		
REGISTRATION FEE: \$	15.00 PER PERSON; \$	30.00 PER FAMIL	¥	\$		
SATURDAY ONLY \$	10.00 PER PERSON; \$	20.00 PER FAMIL	У	\$		
VENDOR FEE: 10.00 PI						
PEOPLES CHOICE: \$8.0	0 PER CAR			\$		
AWARDS BANQUET & I	BUFFET: \$33 PER ADU	ILT		\$		
COKER TIRE MUSEUM	TOUR: FRI 2 PM			YesNo		
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late open	late closed					
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Liability clause: Entrants and partic members and officers, Chattanoog known damages, injuries, losses, ju her personal property ( including fa	a Choo Choo, Inc. and anyone els adgments, and /or claims from an	e connected with the man	agement or presentation	on of this show from any and all		
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For more info: JIM GUIDER (423)242-8155......MELVIN HOPKINS (706)217-5123

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

### Pictorial of the July VCE Meeting!



The buzzards have descended on the pot luck ...



John Cleveland is a rock star ...



What's that chick doing at the men's table???



One yellow & three blue LMs, one EM and a Scout...





Are these folks kin??

She loves Vairs so much it makes her giddy!

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 20 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**



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### Next Meeting

Date: Friday, August 21, 1998 Time: 7:00 PM Place: Hoover Library

### Refreshments

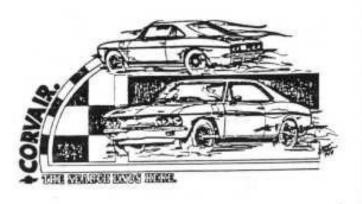
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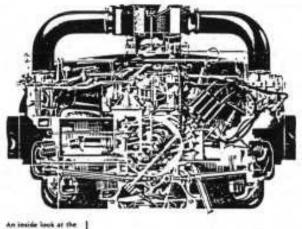
### Happy Birthday

Marie Drake	8/18
Sarah Keeton	8/29
Francis Rothe	8/22

### Happy Anniversary

Harold & Louise Hartline	8/01
John & Juanita Hathaway	8/16
Owen & Joyce Miller	8/12
Jerry & Sara Smith	8/08





An inside look at the radically new Corvair evgine.

### The Driver's Seat

Car Show: Our member, Philip Harrod, reserved space earlier in the year at the Museum at Talledega Motor Speedway for a car show.

Dates reserved are September 25-27, 1998. Initial discussions considered 30 to 40 cars as a minimum to do a show inside the museum. I understand that Philip has released the inside space, but that we are still on the calendar for space on the grounds outside. We must decide at the August meeting what we are going to do. If you are willing to put your car on display at Talledega Friday thru Sunday, September 25-27, please advise Harold Hartline at 205-491-5253 before August 21, 1998. Fund Raising Project: As has been mentioned by our treasurer, John Hathaway, we are not receiving

#### BLAST FROM THE PAST 20 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH (cont.)

enough money through our dues structure to cover expenses. This has happened in the past and the shortfall has been made up by fundraising projects. Early on the club did yard sales, then later an early coupe was The last restored and raffled off. project I can remember was as '65 coupe donated by John Hathaway and an engine donated by Buck Hinkle which were assembled, put in running order, and sold for the club by Frank An earlier donation to the Ranelli. club was a 1960 Sedan by John Hill. Bob and Wilma Siemens are driving the car now.

A suggestion made last meeting seems to be worth considering. The idea is to ask members to donate parts to the club which would then be taken to a swap meet in Tucker, Georgia at Ted's Auto Body, September 19 and put on sale with proceeds going to the club.

To get things started, we have the following items donated by Owen Miller. These are new in the box items. 1 set of convertible top pads and a Dark Blue convertible top boot.

We will discuss and decide at the meeting. Other suggestions are welcome.

Fall Outing: The July 1998 issue of Southern Living included an article on the historic Natchez Trace, which contained the following definition of the Trace: " It began as an animal trail, tramped throught eh wilderness by great buffalo herds and other creatures; then it became a series of Indian trails. Over time it became one of the most important roads in early America.

The Trace can be considered our first interstate highway. From the late 1700's to the early 1800's it was a vital artery connecting New Orleans with the Ohio valley. The Natchez Trace Parkway, a two lane, paved highway administered by the National Parks Service, now parallels the old road."

Driving the full, almost 500 mile Trace takes a good three days. However, there are three convenientday trips to consider. For Central Alabama residents the mid section day trip is easily in reach. It starts in Tupelo, Mississippi and ends in Jackson.

Those of you who have driven sections of the Trace know of its scenic beauty. Add to this the colors of Autumn and it is nothing short of spectacular.

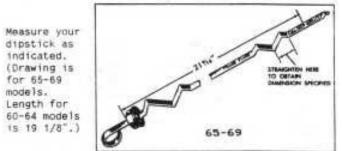
Tentative plans are to drive to Tupelo on Friday, drive the Trace Saturday and return to Birmingham Sunday via I-20. The next question is when? October 16-18 might be good. We will discuss details at the meeting.

HAROLD HARTLINE, PRES



POWERGLIDE FLUID LEVEL .....

Check when engine is warm, at idle and in neutral. The level should be maintained between ADD and FULL. There are some cautions. Overfilling the pan will allow the planetary unit to run in the oil, causing foam and erratic functions. A badly ruptured vacuum modulator will pull fluid down in the filler tube and cause a continuous low reading even when over filled. Check modulator for fluid present in the hose. You can also check this by shutting off the engine and see if the fluid suddenly comes way up on the stick. Also be suspicious if the transmission works fine, but has no fluid on the stick. A final caution is to check your dipstick length:



Original fluid was Type A "AQ-ATF," now replaced with Dexron II. DO NOT USE ANYTHING ELSE.

> HACOA Tech Session, '89 CORSA Convention. (Courtesy Bob Willhelm, Corvair Houston.)

#### (Meeting minutes continued from page 1)

#### Old Business COTT

Barber has indicated May 25 2019 is not available. TGPR has not opened calendar for 2019 to date.

Motion was made to establish May 17,18 & 19 2019 as COTT date by Billy Cannon ,seconded by Clyde Cork and passed. The track chosen will depend on availability, there is no information on TGPR schedule at this time.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### Calendar:

Billy Cannon is continually updating the calendar as he receives new information, go to the link below for the latest local car shows and events.

#### http://impatientcreations.com/Events/Cruise\_Nights.htm

If you have anything to add to the calendar pass it on to Billy.

#### **Running Corvair**

John Harris is getting his A/C operational in his '63 Monza.

Russ Thuleen and Howard Tutt went to Jack Green's in Oneonta to check on his Greenbrier's Powerglide. It was determined that it has an internal problem and the powertrain will need to be removed to access the transmission. We will be meeting at Jack's house Saturday morning at 8:00 AM July 28 to work on his Greenbriar. (See article page 7)

Billy Cannon's Rampside is now painted. Next is the new windshield installation.

#### **Traveling Vair**

A recon visit to the Rattle Snake Saloon was made by Russ & Howard July 8th. The trip took nearly 3 hours taking the most direct route. The walk down to the dining area was about a third longer and was slightly steeper than the entrance into DeSoto Cavern. The dining area was located under a cliff and the picture on the web page was much better than in person. The feeling by Russ and Howard was the trip was not worth the reward.

On a positive note, during their trip to the Green's for a 'Keep Them Vairs Running' trip yielded a new venture the 'Traveling Vairs' could offer as an alternate to Rattle Snake Saloon.

There are 3 of the 14 covered bridges of Alabama located in Blount County. There are 6 covered bridges in north Alabama that can be driven to in a day with a picnic at Palisades Park in Blount Co.

There are also 4 covered bridges in central Alabama, 3 in south Alabama and 1 in Livingston which is south and west of Tusca-loosa.

Date	Event	Place
8/17-18/2018	Choo Choo Corvair Classic	Chattanooga, TN
9/29/2018	Corvair Track Day	TGPR Munford, Al
10/5-6/2018	Vairs at the Fair	Perry, GA
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If interested we could make all the bridges in three trips, 2 one day trips and a third a two-day event with an overnight stay near or on the coast line.

There was interest in the trips and the preferred time would be during the fall color season and definitly cooler temperatures.

#### **New Business**

#### **Choo Choo Classic**

Choo Choo Registration forms are available. Billy provided copies at the meeting, he also posted the form to the Vulcan Facebook page. (also located in this newsletter) Meet to travel to Choo Choo at Waffle House/Gadsden, exit 33 off of I-59 Friday 8/16. Departure from there will be at 8:00 AM.

#### TGPR Sep. 29, 2018

John Cook has opened Talladega Gran Prix Raceway to VCE for September 29, 2018. The only fee is the \$5 gate admission. The time is noon Saturday and we will be doing the 65 MPH maximum speed. Helmets will be required and VCE has a limited number available for use. Howard will need a list of names for those attending. We will be arriving at 9:30 AM and display the Corvairs and watch the activity of the bikes that day. We can meet at the Moody Jack's and depart at 8:00 AM.

#### August & September Meetings

There will not be an August meeting as that is the weekend for the Choo Corvair Classic.

The September meeting venue place, day, and time has not been set as of this time. Members will be notified when a venue is selected.

#### Drawings

Danny Robertson won the \$30 gas money.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Golden Corral in Pelham on July 21st at 6:00 PM.

#### **Tech Session**

None this month.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Motion made by Leslie Thuleen, seconded by Russ Thuleen and passed.

Submitted by VCE Secretary, Danny Robertson. dannyjoerobertson@oulook.com

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> Come a day early and visit the Museum of Aviation New and refurbished planes on display. Tour museum as a group Friday.

Contact:

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# **Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair**

### Registration Form / Entry Application October 5-6, 2018

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Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Email		
Club Affiliation			
	Registratio	n Fee (eacł	adult \$12.00)
Please choose your p	oreference, Chicken	Pork	Bar-B-Q Dinner
		\$1	5.00 each adult
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		Ar	nount Enclosed:
Will you be participating in	the parade and displa	ying your c	ar at the Fair this year?
			YesNo
Car you will drive in	Parade		

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate; entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of the entry form, release and discharge Heart of Georgia Corvair and the Quality Inn & Suites, their officers and employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the Dixie Corvair Classic of any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature:

Mail forms / checks made to: Heart of Georgia Corvair Club

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Vulcans LOVE the 'Vairs at the Fair' Who's your buddy?!

### VAIRS IN THE VALLEY OCT 12—13, 2018 Maggie Valley, NC

CTIVITIES INCLUDE: FRIDAY: ON SITE REGISTRATION, DOOR PRIZE AND 50/50 TICKET SALES, AUTO-CROSS, RALLY, ENGINE RESURRECTION TECH -SESSION PART I, CORVAIR PARADE, CELEBRATION SUPPER AND FASHION FLASHBACK CONTEST, VALVE-COVER RACES SATURDAY: BREAKFAST, PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW, PEOPLE'S CHOICE MODEL CARS, VENDORS, DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS, ENGINE RESURRECTION TECH SESSION PART II, FOOD AND SNACKS ALL DAY, AWARDS CEREMONY AND 50/50 DRAWING

DURING YOUR VISIT TO VAIRS IN THE VALLEY 2018, JOIN US FOR A FASHION FLASHBACK TO THE TURBULENT 1960'S WHEN THE CORVAIRS WERE AMERICA'S HOTTEST VEHICLES AND THE FASHIONS DEFINED THE TIMES.

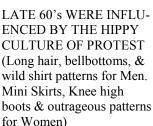
#### CHALLENGE! WEAR AN OUTFIT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FASHIONABLE TO MATCH YOUR CORVAIR MODEL YEAR!

EARLY 60's WERE INFLU-ENCED BY THE NA-TION'S CAPITOL AND THE "CAMELOT" EFFECT (Tailored Suits, ties & upscale casual for Men and Classic Suits & Pillbox hats for Women)









Do your homework. What unique fashion can you come up with that is in keeping with the year your Corvair was made or see if you can fit into those favorite 1960's clothes you still have in the back of your closet.

Wear your outfit for the Friday parade through Maggie Valley and to the Anniversary Cook Out & Party after the parade.

During the evening we will have a prize for the:

- Best Dressed Guy,
- Best Dressed Gal and
- Best Dressed youth (2 years to age 16.)

Join the fun and see what you can come up with for this Fashion Flashback!





INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION\* \$25.00 After 9/30 \$30.00 FAMILY REGISTRATION\* \$30.00 After 9/30 \$35.00 \*EACH REGISTRATION INCLUDES FREE FRIDAY ANNIVERSARY PARTY FRIDAY RALLY (PER VEHICLE) \$10.00 After 9/30 \$12.00 FRIDAY VALVE COVER RACES (PER RACER) \$5.00 After 9/30 \$6.00 FRIDAY AUTOCROSS (REGISTER ON SITE) FREE SAT PEOPLE'S CHOICE (PER VEHICLE) \$10.00 After 9/30 \$12.00 SAT PEOPLE'S CHOICE 1969 (PER VEHI-CLE) \$6.00 After 9/30 \$8.00 SAT MODEL CAR PEOPLE'S CHOICE (PER CAR) \$2.00 After 9/30 \$3.00 SAT VENDOR SPACE (NO TABLES IN-CLUDED) \$10.00 After 9/30 \$12.00 Early registration must be postmarked by September 30. Each pre-registration includes a dash plaque, goodie bag and

**LODGING:** The Smoky Falls Lodge, 2550 Soco Road (US HWY 19) is our host hotel. Call (828) 926-7440. Our alternate motel is Travel Lowes Motel, 3194 Soco Road (828) 926-1732. A block of rooms at each hotel will be held until August 31. Mention **Cor**-

special early registration door prize ticket.

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Send Oil Drop submissions to: <u>GTOChief@gmail.com</u> Office: 256-839-1905 Cell: 256-743-0082 NOTE: PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH. HECK! I don't care.....just send me something!!!!

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VCE dues of \$20/year pay for a family membership and 12 issues of the Oil Drop Newsletter.



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September 2018

The Prez Sez:

Our Mission Statement: Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts is the Birmingham, AL, affiliate of the Corvair Society of America, dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of the Corvair automobile.

When my term began I read the above and realized, everything we stand for is in this simple statement. We have some in our club that live these words, and others who find our group to be a social circle, and then others who fall some where in between. I try to make every endeavor we undertake a mission to sway everyone to understand and believe the VCE mission statement is the path all Vulcans should be on. Pulling together will make our mission one that will draw us closer together as a group and be a model for future office holders and other clubs as well. I believe it is working! While at Choo Corvair Classic I heard; "You sure are lucky to have such a young group that can get so much done." I returned home thinking about that comment as well as who had said it the entire trip. I hit the door, printed a roster, and looked over those names and put an age to everyone on the list. I also noted an approximate age for those who attend most functions. actually participated in the functions and realized some of those on the top end of the age scale are some of the most active and helpful. It is not about age or ability, it's all about attitude and commitment. That's when I realized they were both right and wrong. I am lucky to have such a group, but we are really not a young group, we are a committed group with the best attitude.

I still marvel at one of our newest members. It seems like it was only just a day last week that he had an engine problem and knew nothing about Corvairs. Our Team diagnosed the problem, returned with necessary parts and they then had a runner. A few more problems solved, and he took over. Boy did he take over! He installed A/C in his car, on his Next Meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup> Pizza Hut 1000 Oak Mountain Cir, Pelham AL 35214 6:00 PM



own, without even a question from our group. Nobody told him he couldn't do it, he just followed the outlined steps and now has a car that is cool inside as well as a car that looks cool. Their first real outing resulted in a third-place award in one of the toughest classes at any car show. He still has a few issues, but I am confident he (and we if need be) can handle any situation.

I realize my term is nearly 3/4 over, and the last 1/4 is going to go by really fast. We have TGPR Track Day, Vairs at the Fair, VCE On The Road trip, the Veteran's Day Parade (two of them), all the Christmas Parades and our Vulcan Christmas party. While all these things are going on, we still need to plan the 'Corvairs on the Track 2019'. It seems the busier you are the faster time flies. I would like to thank all those who have jumped in and helped make VCE the respected and admired group amongst our peers in the Corvair world. If we are lacking in some area that keeps you from being a committed member, let me know what we can do to make this the group that scratches all your itches. We have the power when we pull together.

Howard



September

CORVAIR BY CHEVROLET

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Teresa & Marshall McDuffie 1st Friday Gadsden 7:00 PM	Cruise-in Colonial Dairy Queen, Alabaster 8-12 PM Cruise-in Krispy Kreme, Hoover 8-12 AM
2	3	4	5	6	Cruise-in Pelham What-a- burger, 10% OFF with vehicle! 6-9 PM	Cruise-in <b>8</b> McCalla,, Springville, Win- field & Clanton
9	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Judi Cannon	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Valarie Green	12	13	14	15 Heart Of Georgia PICNIC
16	17	18	19	20	Cruise-in Oneonta 6-10 PM 21	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Carolyn Hartline Cruise-in Gardendale 5-9 PM
23 30	24	25	26	27 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Carol & Ed Keller	28	CORVAIR TRACK DAY TGPR

## Vulcan's Annual Pilgrimage To Chattanooga 2018

Contributed by Howard Tutt

he weather for the 2018 show was actually quite cool for August in the south. But John and Maryanne Harris came prepared for HOT weather with their newly installed A/C system in the '63 convertible. They joined Russ, Billy, Judi and I at the Waffle House on exit 183 in Attalla for breakfast and then for the morning jaunt up to Chattanooga. Our trip was uneventful until only 20 minutes to the hotel, John & Marvann's stalled while exiting the freeway so I could fuel up. After a short cool down the old 63 gave in to some coaxing by John and we proceeded along our journey. Once again -only blocks from the hotel- the contrary car showed out like an old mule needing a rest. We proceeded without incident after a short cool down. Russ later made a minor adjustment to the carbs and there was no further incident. The Choo Choo folks-as always- welcomed us with open arms, snacks, and drinks at the hospitality room.

Subway sandwiches for Friday Lunch were provided by Jim and the crew and were a welcome sight for VCE stomachs.

The scheduled Coker Tire Museum was the next event for the day. Billy rode over with me and we joined Al & Joan Birks at the museum. The tour is an annual event for the Corvair folks and is interesting each year as they make additions, updates and changes.

A bit of rain kept a few of us from taking the trolley downtown for the music festival. Russ and I reported back to Billy that he had missed a very good Bluegrass Band and should have risked getting a little wet.

Saturday morning was overcast and the garden pavilion was a little damp for the car display but served as a great spectator area for our beloved little cars. All in all, Vulcans made a mark at the show even though there were some great cars from the other clubs in attendance. I believe the overall car count for the event was 30 cars and 5 clubs present: Heart of



Vulcan Corvairs 'Front & Center displayed in the garden — Birks and Robertson on the left Tutt on the right.



John & Maryanne, Saturday Lunch at "The Stir".



Brenda and Clyde Cork made a surprise visit to the Saturday Car Show.

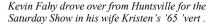


We do more than eat at these functions, but we don't miss any meals either as attested to by our newest member Bill Warren, Kevin Fahe, Danny Joe Robertson, Billy Bob Cannon and Russ Thuleen (yours truly behind the camera).



Our newest Vulcan, Bill Warren with his newly acquired Late Closed from Colorado. Always glad to enlist a new Vulcan.







Danny Joe Robertson, also from Huntsville, came for the Saturday Show and Banquet in his Spyder .

Georgia, Corvair Atlanta, Eastern Kentucky and a transfer from New York, along with Vulcan. There were 65 people in attendance not counting the countless visitors from the hotel that came out to view the displayed cars.

I was proud to be part of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts as we had 12 members make the trip and gained another at the show.

#### (Continued from page 3)

To sum it up, in attendance was Billy & Judi Cannon, Russ Thuleen, Danny Robertson, Al & Joan Birks, Kevin Fahy, John & Maryann Harris, Clyde & Brenda Cork, Howard Tutt and our rookie, Bill Warren. That is 13 in attendance with 3 cars placing and 7 cars total making the voyage.

An enjoyable time was had by all. It is truly wonderful to visit and swap stories (some of which are true) with the folks from the nearby clubs. I am now looking towards Vairs at the Fair October 6th. Hope to see you there too.

More importantly, I hope to see you at our next scheduled meeting September 21st at Pizza Hut (across Highway 119 from the Golden Corral where we held our last meeting) in Pelham.







John and Maryann's newly acquired 63 was their first outing and took 3rd place in the early open class. What a great showing for their first outing.





Al & Joan Birks with there award winning '63' vert. Joan displays the first place Early Open trophy at the banquet.



Russ Thuleen and his highly modified '66 'vert adds a first place Late Open to his collection of numerous awards.



### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*Editors NOTE: Under the leadership of then President, Pete Wood, VCE made extensive plans for the October 24-26 2018 Natchez Trace Drive. I personally think it is time to do a repeat of this event. Several members that made the trip 10 years ago commented on how enjoyable it was.* 

### ITINERARY AND DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NATCHEZ TRACE DRIVE

The Natchez Trace drive begins in Franklin, TN. Friday night we have reservations at the Best Western just off I-65. For those of you who can come early Nashville has a host of attractions to occupy your day. A prime example is the Lane Motor Museum. Lane has a first class display of foreign autos from around the globe. Dinner Friday night is on your own. There are several major chain restaurants near the interstate and a host of local eateries in downtown Franklin.

The tour begins in the Best Western parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Please be fueled, fed, loaded, and ready to go at 8:00 a.m. Beware there is no gas on the Trace. You must leave the Trace and travel to the nearest town to gas up. Plan accordingly.

Once we are on the Trace the policy is to travel at your own pace and stop where you want. It is about 200 miles from Franklin to Tupelo. If you drive straight through you'll be there in about four hours. If you stop to look at most of the sites and roadside exhibits it will take seven to nine hours. There are NPS restroom facilities at many of the pull offs along the trace. My own experience leads me to suggest that you have your own supply of toilet paper on hand; several places along the way were out.

Saturday lunch is a picnic at the Colbert Ferry site. If you elect not to bring your own lunch it is a forty-five mile round trip into Florence, Alabama, for grub.

The last stop on the Trace for the day is the Tupelo Visitors Center. There is a small museum and gift shop there. The guides are most helpful and knowledgeable about the area. Our host hotel for the evening is the Comfort Inn. We have dinner reservations at Vanelli's Greek & Italian Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. It is within walking distance of the hotel.

Sunday morning is the same as Saturday, 8:00 a.m., and ready to go. The drive is only 80 miles to French Camp. There are not as many turnouts on this stretch. I estimate about three hours to this terminus.

Sunday lunch is tentatively planned to be in Starkville. Scheduling for lunch will be fluid to allow for traffic and crowds (home football game at Mississippi State). From Starkville you can take U.S. 82 to I-20 in Tuscaloosa.

For the official Natchez Trace map and more information go to <u>www.nps.gov/natr</u>. There are 4 down-loadable maps that cover the entire road. You may write to; Natchez Trace Parkway, 2680 Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38804-9718, and you will receive them in about 2 weeks.

NOTE: All Trace info researched and provided by Pete Wood. Thanks Pete! - Editor



# AVY RAMPY Windshield Install

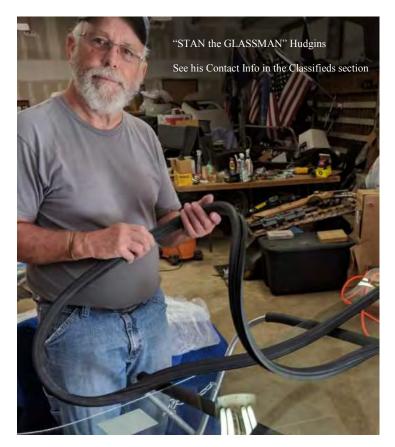
#### am a HAPPY Camper!

The windshield is in and I can now drive it again. Stan the Glassman showed up last week to help instruct Howard, Russ and I on the fine art of installing a new windshield in a Corvair Forward Control Rampside.

The old crack, battered, and 'sand blasted' windshield was removed by Stan so that I could complete the painting of the front of the truck. The new moulding and glass was ordered and ready to go several weeks back. All I had to do was get that four letter word (WORK) out of the way, finish the painting and let it dry and cure really good.

Stan showed up with all the necessary tools, material and 35 years of experience so we knew we were in good hands. Although it is my truck, I stood back and took the pictures for this article while Howard and Russ gave Stan assistance when needed. All in all everything went just as was described by Stan but the fitment of the new glass seems to be 'not quite right'. Some can attest that the corners on the FC windshields just do not seem to lay as well as the factory intended. I will report more after the truck has been driven in the weather and if any leaks develop in those pesky upper corners.

While on business trip to Naval Station Norfolk I was able to pick up a few vinyl stickers and decals that will be used for the detailed graphics (hull number, NAVY, etc.). My goal continues to have it ready for the Perry, Ga. 'Vairs at the Fair' parade October 5-6<sup>th</sup>.





Stan has the glass on his stand and is removing the 'shipping' glue.



A trial fit of the window moulding to ensure it is in the proper orientation.



Ammonia free glass cleaner must be used (for lubrication) when removing stickers with a razor blade.



Howard provides two more needed hands to keep the molding fitted around the curved edges.







'Body tape' is used to hold the molding in place when you run out of extra hands. Glass, molding and rope is well lubricated and ready to go in the truck



Rope placed inside window molding to facilitate fitment on the inside of the cab.



Liberal amounts of ammonia free glass cleaner is applied on ALL surfaces before placing the windshield ...





As I stated in the text, the corners just do not fit well. Stan manipulated and coaxed the rubber with his 'bone tool' until it got kinda close. It may improve as the rubber stretches out a bit. We will see.



Windshield is now installed and looking good. Even though the truck is a deluxe model, I opted out of using the stainless trim because of a couple of reasons. I like the effect!





Pressure is applied from outside while pulling the rope from the inside which effectively forces the rubber over the metal lip.

#### No August VCE Meeting was conducted. Financial Report

Treasurer's Report was presented to Club Officers via email.

#### **EVENTS DETAIL**

#### **Georgia Corvair Picnic:**

Will be held at the home of Michael & Dee Dee Glassman. 119 Whitfield Run, Peachtree City, Ga.



Picnic Lunch at Noon EASTERN Time - bring a covered dish. Car show set up about 3 PM and the show starts at 4 PM. We will caravan from the Glassman home to Partners Pizza on Hwy 85 in Fayetteville Ga.

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Come a day early and visit the Museum of Aviation

Leave motel at 1:00 pm

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**REGISTRATION on following page.** 

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10/12-13/2018	Vairs in the Valley	Maggie Valley, NC

The Vulcan Corvair Club is planning a road trip from the Motel in Warner Robins on Friday in lieu of the Air Museum. Anyone wanting to go along should let Lillian know. It will be best if we let the Restaurant know how many to prepare for. The other option is to just go to the McDonalds.

Schedule for trip to Andersonville National Cemetery & Prison-

er of War Museum Friday Oct. 5, 2018:	
LEAVE MOTEL	11:00 am
Arrive Montezuma for Lunch	12:00 pm
Leave Montezuma	1:30 pm
Arrive Cemetery	2:00 pm
Leave Cemetery	4:00 pm
Arrive Back at Motel	5:30 pm
Hospitality Party	7:00 pm

Note: Montezuma has 2 choices of dining:

- Yoder's Family Restaurant (Cafeteria service, each item has a price, Plenty seating, homestyle Food, great pies) Full meal around \$12.00
- McDonalds

#### VAIRS IN THE VALLEY

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# **Dixie Corvair Classic / Vairs at the Fair**

### Registration Form / Entry Application October 5-6, 2018

Name			
Spouse			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Email	Zip	
Club Affiliation			
		n Fee (each adult \$12.00) _	
	Bar-B-Q P	ork Dinner No	
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	<b></b>	\$15.00 each adult	
		(\$8.00 under 12)	
		Amount Enclosed:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Will you be participating in the p	arade and display	ving your car at the Fair this	year?
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Car you will drive in Parac	de		
In consideration of the acceptance of the the entry form, release and discharge He ployees, agents, representatives, and any Classic of any and all known or unknow whatsoever that may be suffered by any	eart of Georgia Corva yone else connected y n damages, injuries,	ir and the Quality Inn & Suites, the vith management or presentation of losses, judgments, and/or claims fr	eir officers and em- f the Dixie Corvair

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Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al 35043

#### From the Editor:

Here it is October and we are still longing for the cooler weather. Each fall I treasure the change and make grand plans to spend more time in my Corvair storage building where the heat will not drive me out after just a couple of hours. The building was built in the early seventies' and what little insulation it had at that time has degraded to the point that there seems to be no 'R-factor' at all. I have two large floor fans and an extremely large overhead fan that seem to just push the hot air around and unless I am standing in front of the one that pulls somewhat of a cool breeze from outside, they have no effect at all. Yes! I am complaining now, and there will be a time in a couple of month's when the doors and windows will be closed and the heater will be doing it's best to keep the inside of the building just comfortable enough to work in. My opinion is that the months of October and November are the perfect time to catch up on the many Corvair projects that await in this storage building that is just TOO HOT right now. Maybe I should invest in a year round climate control system? Hmmm...

#### September VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The September 21, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Howard Tutt. 10 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Jack Green. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** 

A printout of the minutes was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by John Cleveland and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Danny Robertson and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer: Russell Noble 3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, Al 35243

#### Next Meeting: October 19<sup>th</sup> Pizza Hut 1000 Oak Mountain Cir, Pelham AL 35214 6:00 PM for supper. 7:00 meeting





Benjamin Russell High School Homecoming Parade. Navy Rampy in her new livery with Judi and I, Granddaughters and their friends. BRHS has NAVY JROTC program so we fit right in!



#### **EVENTS DETAIL**

### Heart of Georgia Corvairs Dixie Corvair Classic Vairs at the Fair:

October 5-6, 2018 In Perry, GA. Friday Night Southern Hospitality Party Friday Swap Meet in the hotel parking lot Saturday Parade and Display at the Georgia National Fair Saturday Night Bar-B-Q Dinner, Raffle, 50/50. Host Motel is the Quality Inn & Suites located at 215 Margie Drive in Warner Robins, GA. Phone 478-953-6866 for reservations. Ask for Corvair Room rate of \$65.00 per night, or \$75.00 per night for a suite. Rates good Oct. 4,5,6 2018 Reservations need to be made by September 1, 2018. Come a day early and visit the Museum of Aviation Leave motel at 1:00 pm Contact: Lillian Law (Show Chairperson) at 229-291-0567 or email at lawjandl@aol.com 163 Laurelbrook Drive.

#### VAIRS IN THE VALLEY

OCT 12—13, 2018, Maggie Valley, NC NC Mountain Corvairs C/O John Nickel, 480 Paint Fork Road, Barnardsville NC 28709 email fivcent@rsnet.org Phone # 828-626-3617

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Running Corvair Committee**

Russ Thuleen and Howard Tutt visited Jack Green with a goal of installing the drive train in the Green's 64 Greenbrier. The installation went well but the startup had a minor hiccup. The firing order was checked and adjusted, and the engine came alive once again. The real issue was with the transmission. A quick run through the gears and it was determined, the transmission rebuild was a success. Jack later posted on Facebook, a further confirmation that all is better with the Greenbrier as he has taken the maiden voyage on the road and returned on its own power.

Art Bolton wants to install a gas tank in his car.

#### **Traveling Vair Committee**

While researching Alabama's remaining covered bridges, I uncovered a total of 54 covered bridges remaining. They are disappearing every year. I believe we can visit all them in three weekends. There may be overnight stays on all the trips. Anyone wanting to get in on the routing for the trips can get with me and we can plan together. The bridges are confined to 27 counties of Alabama's 67 counties. I believe we can take pictures of the Corvairs at the Bridges and possibly use them for the VCE calendar.

As a side note we have lost 58 over the years to floods, trees falling on them, poor maintenance and fires.

There will need to some scouting done as far as routes, restaurants, rest stops and/or motels if some trips require overnight stays.

#### **Meeting Place Committee**

Shoneys has opened a new location in Fultondale. The restaurant is located a couple of blocks off I65 between I65 and Highway 31. They currently are not reserving the banquet

Date	Event	Place
9/29/2018	Corvair Track Day	TGPR Munford, Al
10/5-6/2018	Vairs at the Fair	Perry, GA
10/12-13/2018	Vairs in the Valley	Maggie Valley, NC

#### room.

We will meet October 19th @ 6:00 for supper, 7:00 for meeting, again here at Pizza Hut.

Russ Thuleen has volunteered his house for the Christmas party on Saturday, December 15th, at 1:00 pm. Art Bolton is inquiring at his church using their meeting space, it is the St Francis of Assisi Episcopalian church, located at 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham, AL 35124.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Donations

Per our treasurer's report, and in keeping with our long standing policy not to accumulate funds, indicates we are once again able to make donations. Last year we donated to: The Veterans which we donated to last year have lost some contributors this year and a \$250 donation would put a dent in what was lost.

Corsa / Preservation Society donation was matched to exactly what we gave the veterans.

Last year we asked if anyone would like to make a personal donation. Please give your contribution to me or our treasurer and advise us as to how you would like to direct your donation.

Discussion: A lot of us worked our butts off at Springfest. We have \$2700 available, and dues will start coming in soon. Would we like to support these causes again this year? It was decided to donate \$300 each to the Veterans and the Preservation society.

Motion to accept by Russ Thuleen, seconded by John Cleveland, passed.

#### **October Meeting**

We will meet October 19th @ 6:00 for supper, 7:00 for meeting, again at the Pelham Pizza Hut.

#### Drawings

No drawing this month. John Cleveland gave away a Carhartt tool bag.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion made by Harold Hartline, seconded by Danny Robertson and passed.











October

CORVAIR BY CHEVROLET

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	HAPPY BIRTHDAY June Bug Lindsay	3	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bill Warren V	5 AIRS at the FA	<b>6</b> IR, Perry, Ga.
						HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kristin Fahy
7	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Phil Hartline	9	HAPPY BIRTHDAY <b>10</b> Rozelle Doughty	11	12	13
	Phil Hartline		Kozene Doughty		VAIRS in the V Valley, NC	alley, Maggie
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Debbie Noble	15	16	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Emily & Pete Wood	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Sherri & Steve Daniels	19 VCE Club Monthly Meeting	20
21	22	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Howard Tutt	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Steve Daniels	25	Cruise-in Oneonta 6-10 PM	HAPPY 27 BIRTHDAY Harold Hartline Cruise-in Gardendale
28	29	HAPPY <b>30</b> ANNIVERSARY Judi & Billy Cannon	31	1	2	<u>5-9 PM</u>

### Jack and Valarie Green's '64 Greenbrier The 'Keep them Vairs Running' Team Update

Contributed by Howard Tutt

reviously, Russ Thuleen, Billy Cannon, Danny Robertson and Howard Tutt visited Jack Green for breakfast. Our mission: to check out the '64 Greenbrier's transmission. Probably out of adjustment because the transmission would work in reverse, there was no forward. Sadly, the adjustment did not fix the issue as the adjustment simply would not adjust, there was an issue inside the transmission. You may recall we removed the drive train, took the transmission to Russ' shop. Jack kept the engine and differential. Jack did a bangup job cleaning the drive train bay and painting the area as well and cleaning the differential and engine sheet metal and painting the sheet metal. Jack, Billy, Russ and Howard got together and tore down the transmission. There were broken springs, scuffed "O" rings and a broken band. So, an entire transmission rebuild was in order. Parts were ordered. installed and the drive train was put back together waiting for the completion of sheet metal painting.

That brings us to 9/15/2018 when Jack again hosted Russ and Howard for the drive train installation. As you can see from the photo below, the engine is installed. While hooking up the wiring, Russ called an impromptu tek session on wiring. There are always things that can be learned while working on these oldtime capsules. Russ takes the time to show you in the book and it will be more meaningful next time you need to put one together and Russ is not there to hold your hand.





Jack says; "It ain't pretty but she is solid!".





Tech session completed the finishing touches including adding motor oil, differential gear oil and transmission fluid. Levels were re-checked and brought up to operating levels and it was testing time. As usual, when doing this much disassembly and reassembly, there are always a few little issues. It did run on the first try, just didn't run very well. We double checked the firing order, switched a few wires and presto changeo, and it's a very nice runner once again. The main question was did the transmission work properly? One picture tells the story. Jack is one happy guy. All in all, it was a little over three hours and we went from an empty engine bay to a full-scale driver. Jack still must locate and install a few missing engine to body seal sheet metal pieces and nail down a few minor issues like the gas tank installation and putting in a new fuel line from the tank to the engine bay as well as covering up the engine and the trans / diff area. Actually, Jack has a lot of things to do as the seats need to be recovered and installed and he has plans to repaint the interior before he has the outside painted, and there is the glass installation, but the main hurdle is over. Has a runner and will sleep a little better tonight. The Keep Them Vairs Running team has had a wonderful time, teaching and learning and just a very fine fellowship with another Corvair Enthusiast just like us. Hope to see a lot of Vulcans on the next project as although these outings are a lot of work, we had a lot of fun too! We not only had fun, but you can't tell us we don't know Jack. Cause we do know Jack, Jack Green any way.



### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 40 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

Editors NOTE: For ease of reading I have transcribed word for word from the scanned original that John Cleveland provided. The two page newsletter headers are retained. Interesting to note that Norman Rogers was dropped from the mailing list. Also '64 Convertible in Good Condition for \$650.00



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October, 1978

Cheha '78; Simply great! I don't believe anyone had a bad time. I heard nothing but good things from everyone who attended! Attendance for overnight was 47, for the whole event close to 75. Only had a few from Atlanta though. Bob Myracle, new President of the Atlanta club brought his family Saturday. Two more cars showed up Sunday. Swap meet was interesting and a lot of people said we should do it more often. I saw some members needed parts and green stuff changed hands. Before leaving we reserved two days in October 1979, the 12th and 13th. Hats off to Dave Sanders!!

The people's choice concours was a huge success thanks to Jim Plack. First place late model went to Louise Hartline, with a tie for second between Jim Black and Dr. Moody Jacobs. Early model first place went to Donald Fergusun and second to Norman Rogers. Thanks again Jim!!

#### October meeting

The meeting this month is on the 20th and its an important one. We will be selecting a nominating committee and also accepting nominations from the floor for next years officers. If you want to be on the committee, please speak up. Also, if you have a nomination, please speak up. We need to have some opposition for the spaces and not shoe in a new slate unopposed. Please give this some though before the next meeting and try to attend.

#### **Christmas Banquet**

The date is wed., December 20th. This date should be left open, and please try to attend. It will be at Leo's Seafood Rest. Again. We will have our usual Member of the Year Award, Year End Review by Black and Hartline, as well as initiation of new officers. Good drinks and fine food. Be There!!

#### Tech Session

In November I will conduct a tech session on stripping a car for painting. The project will be on Sheila's '63 Spyder convertible. (Yes, I'm finally going to restore it.) Exact time will be given later. If interested, please keep it in mind.

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We fe	el great sympathy for Jim Floyd's family on the d	eath of his	WELCOME NEW M	EMBERS

mother.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

'64 Monza Convertible, 110 4 speed. Triple white. Good condition \$650.00 Dean Koch 942-1393.

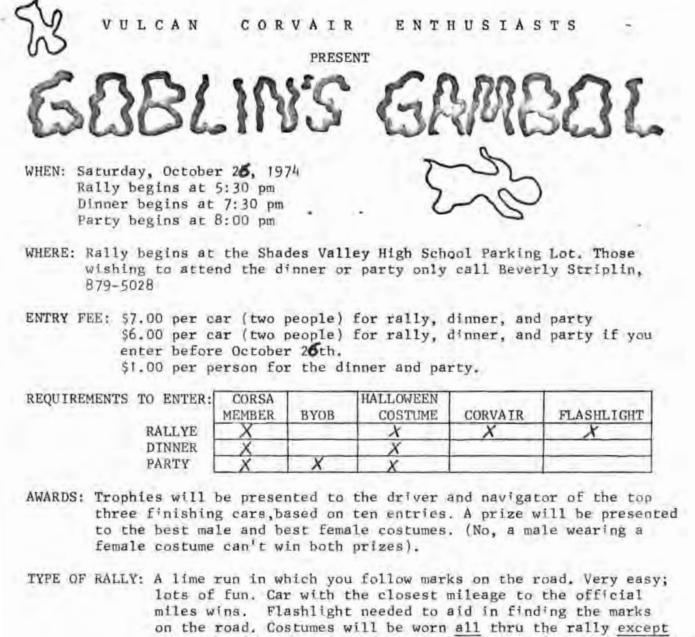
Donald R. Wright

3516 Madison Ave.

Gadsden, Al. 35904

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 44 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

Editors NOTE: Another reprint from the scanned original that John Cleveland provided. Obviously, I wasn't able to attend –grin- but sure sounds like a fun club event to recreate. Probably not enough time to pull together for this year but how 'bout we attempt it in 2019?

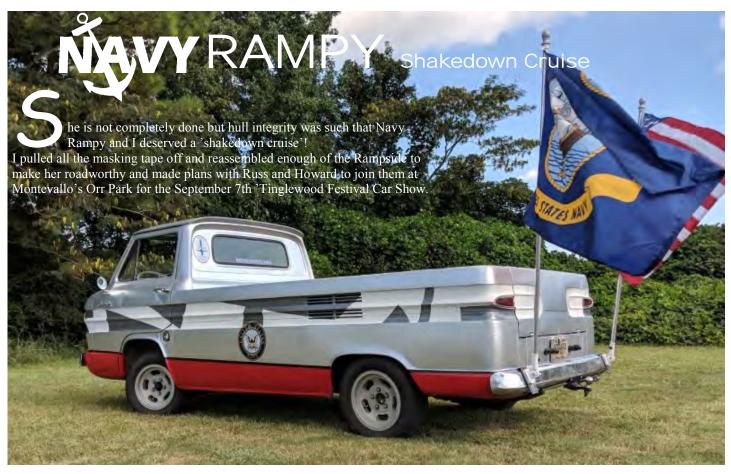


the masks, (for obvious safety reasons and, it's against the law),

TYPE OF DINNER: Informal; hot dogs, potato salad, bake beans, etc.

TYPE OF PARTY: WET!!!!!

NOTE: This event is for Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts members only. This is your activity and so please try to attend if at all possible.



Montevallo Alabama is an hour and a half drive from Goodwater so I left in plenty of time to meet the other Corvairs at 8:00 AM. Time enough to stop for a ham biscuit and cup of coffee. That was not to be...about 20 minutes into the trip the dreaded red GEN light came on and I knew that the approximately four year old belt had decided to let go. Plenty of room on HWY 280 to pull over and change it so fifteen minutes later I was back on the road but now without my 'time cushion'.

No further problems remainder of the cruise and met Howard and Russ at the line-up area for the car show and we parked together. By the time we got our registration numbers it was already hot, humid, and down right uncomfortable. So first things up are the sun shade and lawn chairs and then the Corvair display. Lots of interest (as always) in our beloved cars and trucks. Howard drove out in his Red Monza coupe and Russ in his patriotic Shorty fit in very well with the 'Haze Grey and Underway' Navy Rampy. Next port of call—The Perry, Ga. 'Vairs at the Fair' parade October 5-6<sup>th</sup>.



Interior is about halfway completed. Steering wheel detail, back of cab requires painting and installation of new rubber mat floor covering.



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Original Parts Group (OPG) catalogs for Corvair have finally shipped. Several VCE members have received the catalog and there are mixed reviews about this new Corvair vendor. As an experiment I ordered FC door weather-stripping and a set of 'reproduced to factory specs' FC armrests for Navy Rampy. The weather stripping has yet to arrive and the armrests (as expected) are on backorder with an 'undetermined' shipping date.

VCE IS on Facebook...Click on the link: Vulcan Corvair Enthusiast FB Page

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# November 2018

Prez Sez:

I hope everyone is getting their Vair ready for the season. A couple of seasons I am talking about: First is the parade season. We have lots of fun doing the parades. We usually throw candy in some of the events, so be sure to buy the discounted Halloween candy. We start off the parade season with the Veterans Day celebration. There are two of interest in our area, Birmingham and Anniston. They happen to be on the same day so you will have to choose one. If you don't want to participate by driving your Corvair, be sure to cheer Vulcan on and definitely honor our Veterans on their special day. Starting in December begins the Christmas Parade part of the season. We have participated in the Chelsea and Leeds parades for the last few years as well as others. There is a parade in almost every city, so check with your Chamber of Commerce and get the date for one near you. Let Billy Cannon or myself know your date and stay tuned for Christmas Parade dates so we can possibly get more Vulcans attending this year. A lot of the fun attending the parades is the decorating of the cars. We will discuss some options for decorating your car at the November meeting tech session. Technology today really allows some inexpensive yet awesome options for

Next Meeting: <u>November 16<sup>th</sup></u> St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham AL 35124 7:00 PM for supper. Meeting immediately following.

#### decorating.

So, get your car tuned up and attend the November meeting at the Episcopal Church of St. Francis November 16th @ 7:00 PM for decorating suggestions and parade dates. What a great way to show off and drive them Vairs.

#### **October VCE Meeting Call to Order.**

The Octber 19, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by President Howard Tutt. 18 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Clyde Cork.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A printout of the minutes was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by John Harris, seconded by Russell Noble and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

Was given by treasurer, Russell Noble. A motion was made by Clyde Cork, seconded by Billy Cannon and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer:

Russell Noble 3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, Al 35243



#### **EVENTS DETAIL**

Clay County Car Show and Swap Meet: Lineville Alabama Recreation Park E Main St Lineville, AL 36266 Admission \$2 Veterans Day Parade Anniston: Noble St. Anniston, Al 36201 Parade starts at 2:00 PM on Sunday the 11th. Veterans Day Parade Birmingham: Railroad Park 1600 1st Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233

Parade starts at 1:30 PM on Monday

#### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Dues for 2019 are being collected. Mail to Russell Noble by January 1st.

Christmas party at Russ Thuleen's house 12:00 pm 15th December. We will be starting at noon and eating at 1:00.

We will be having dirty Santa, please limit gifts to under \$20.00.

We will also be electing 2019 officers. There will be a gas tank R & R for a tech session.

It was decided to cater the food, so members only need to bring drinks and desserts. Jack Green volunteered to coordinate desserts so as to minimize duplication, his email address is jackegreen@outlook.com.

**The Heart of Georgia's Christmas Party** is December 8th for anyone wishing to attend. Let Howard know if you are attending so he can tell Lillian Law how many Vulcanites to expect.

**Veterans Day Parade in Anniston** November 11th. Meet at 12 pm in the old Winn-Dixie parking lot. 5 members are planning to attend.

**Springfest planning meeting** in January 12, 2019. We will be leaving Chelsea Whataburger at 5:00 am and let our illustrious President, the Honorable Howard Tutt know if you are attending so as to not be left behind.

Motion by Danny Robertson to make The Episcopal Church of St. Francis our regular meeting place was seconded by Russ Thuleen and the motion was Passed with a resounding 'YES'! Harold Hartline had a tech session with an example of how ethanol can corrode carburetor internals if

the car is not driven on a regular basis. A fuel stabilizer is recommended for any gas if the car is not

being driven 100 miles a month or more.

#### Drawings

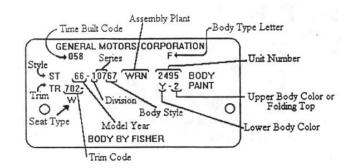
\$41 in Gas Money this month was won by Billy Cannon. Adjourn

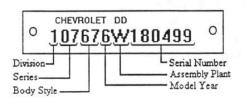
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion made by Clyde Cork, seconded by Ed Keller and passed.

#### We miss you James!



Date	Event	Place
11/3/2018	Clay Co. Car Show	Lineville, Al
11/11/2018	Veterans Day Parade	Anniston, Al
11/12/2018	Veterans Day Parade	Birmingham, Al





### What it all means ...

Body Number Plate

058 = Time built code
66 = Model Year (1966)
1 = Division (Chevrolet)
07 = Series (Corvair Corsa)
67 = Body Style (convertible)
WRN = Assembly Plant (Willow Run)
F = Body Type Letter
2495 = Unit Number
702 = Trim Number (light fawn)
W = Seat Type (bucket)
Y = Lower Body Color (lemonwood yellow)
2 = Folding Top and Color (white)

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

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- 67 = Body Style (convertible)
- 6 = Model Year (1966)

W = Assembly Plant (Willow Run)

180499 = Serial Number (subtract 100,000 for unit # assembled in that model year - this one is 80,499 assembled in 1966)

















Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Clay Co. Car Show	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b> Anniston Veterans Parade	12 VETERANS DAY Birmingham Veterans Parade	13	14	15	16 VCE Club Monthly Meeting	<b>17</b> HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jack Green
18	19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Chris Rothe	21	22 Thankstring	23	24
25	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kevin Fahy	27	28	29 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Russell& Debbie Noble	30	

We all had a great time again this year but hope that more will be able to attend next year. Vulcan has a few new members that could be added to the 'Vairs at the Fair 1st Timers list' for 2019. The 2018 event had fifteen 1st timers (according to event chairperson, Lillian Law). Vulcan had three in attendance: Russ Thuleen, Danny Robertson and yours truly. As usual, Saturday night included a BBQ or baked chicken dinner at Joe's airplane club's hanger.

at the Fair 20

There was no shortage of Vairs or people interested in memories of Corvairs from their past. Young and old alike stopped by to look and admire our display of early, late and forward control Corvairs.

As in years past, Corvairs led the parade to the fairgrounds. Unlike last year, everyone was pleased to lead and not have to follow a Mustang! The parade included very excited spectators diving for the candy we threw to the crowd.

Lining up at the bank allowed some free time to catch up on folks we had not seen since Helen or last year's Vairs at the Fair as well as getting to know some of the first timers. Some of the first timers did not bring a Vair, but all were eagerly placed in old timers who had extra space in their Corvair.

Friday was a special but somber day as we took a 30 minute drive Andersonville, Ga to visit the graveside of James Law, beloved member of Heart of Georgia Corvairs and husband of Lillian Law.

The Andersonville Cemetery is not only the site of the famous Civil War prison, it is also a national veterans cemetery.

There certainly is a lot of history in the cemetery, but it is also near the home of President Jimmy Carter. Maybe a side trip for next year??



### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 20 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**



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#### **Next Meeting**

Date: Friday, November 20, 1998 Time: 7:00 PM Place: Hoover Library

### **Happy Birthday**

Joe Doughty		11/20
Roy Dutton	1.1	11/28
John Hathaway		11/03
Ann Miljus		11/11
Sheila Ranelli		11/15
Chris Rothe		11/20

#### **Driver's Seat**

Servers for November will be Carol Keller and Sarah Keeton

Christmas Party-December 5th, 1998. This year's party will be at the home of Jerry and Sarah Smith in Odenville- more details at the meeting.

**25th Anniversary**- The VCE club will be 25 years old next year. Thanks to Norman Rodgers for the reminder-he has been a member since the inception. Norman suggested that we have commemorative t-shirts printed for the occasion similar to what was done for our 20th Anniversary. Other members agreed that this is some-

thing which should be done, so if you have suggestions please bring them to the meeting.

**Dues Increase**- Our treasurer's reports over the past few months has reflected a dwindling balance in our checking account. To my knowledge, we have never had a dues increase and it is probably over due.



Last meeting, a motion to increase dues from \$15.00 per family to \$20.00 was introduced and passed by the membership.

Quotable Quotes-"I have finally come to the conclusion that laying on cold concrete under a car, with oil dripping on my face, just ain't as much fun as it used to be."-*Grant Snead* 

October outing-Natchez Trace- The following made the drive down the center portion of the Natchez Trace: Joe & Rozelle Doughty, Bob & Wilma Siemens, Peggy Bagby and Larry Gulsby,Frank and Sheila Ranelli, Jon and Sarah Keeton, David Keeton, Ed & Carol Keller,

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST 20 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

and Harold & Louise Hartline.

Our drive started at the Tupelo Visitor Center on the Trace, operated by the Federal Parks Service. The visitor's station displayed many artifacts, books, pamphlets and pictures which gave a quick review of the history of the Trace. A 15 minute movie also covered details and profiles of those individuals who depended upon the Trace over the centuries.

The drive started about 9:00 AM on Saturday morning. The weather could not have been any better; sunny but cool with a definite nip in the air. As you drive the Trace, you see one historical marker after another telling of events and people from another time. You cannot help but marvel at the strength of those who walked the 500 mile Trace from Natchez to Nashville after delivering goods down the Mississippi for sale in Natchez. Nowadays we consider a car without air conditioning to be an unbearable hardship. Our forefathers were definitely cut from tougher cloth.

Driving the Trace is like no other drive. Traffic is limited to cars, campers and bikes- no trucks. And the speed limit is 50 mph. The scenery is spectacular- a forest with very little civilization other than the other drivers. If you stop at one of the many pulloff areas you can actually hear the sounds of silence.

True to their nature, VCE members engaged in their favorite activity at each and every stop. That is-of course- talking and visiting in the parking lot. Who could blame them, with such beautiful parking lots.

Interesting sites along the way included French Camp, a farm and school for children who have no other place to live. They were making syrup the old way. A mule powered machine pressed the juice from the cane, which was then cooked over a wood fire to make syrup. The burning hardwood and the cooking cane juice sure brought back memories to at least one country boy.

Also there were some pleasant hours whiled away Sunday morning at the Mississippi Crafts Center just north of Jackson. Blacksmiths, wood carvers, chair makers and you name it, it was there. There was even a frontier display where you could learn to throw an axe. Bob Siemens learned fast, hit the target on his first throw, or maybe the second or third.

At around 1:00 PM our caravan could not resist one more chance to drive the Trace so we started north back tracking over some of the area just coverd the day before. It was one of those drives you just wish would never end. Harold Hartline, President



# New Meeting Venue

ur October meeting was a refreshing 'back to normal' format that we have been using for many years. Art & Vicki Bolton graciously offered the use of their Parish Hall at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church located at 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Pelham AL 35124.

They approached the church membership and it was agreed that we could hold our regularly scheduled third Friday of the month meetings for October and November. At our October meeting we had a much appreciated larger attendance than usual and everyone was very impressed with the meeting location. Easy access right off of Hwy 119. A beautiful setting for the church, lots of ample parking space and a comfortable upholstered lounge area.



The kitchen is spacious and well equipped for our needs. Lots of room to spread our pot luck supper and desserts. Easy access for line up to get at the food, even if Howard is always first in line.

The dining and meeting area is well lighted with plenty of roomy tables and comfortable chairs.

In my opinion, because of the meeting location, this was the most enjoyable get-together we have had in quite a long time. Negotiations with the church are underway. The Boltons have relayed our proposed terms with hopes that St Francis of Assisi will approve our request and we will no longer have to deal with loud, crowded, very public eating establishments for our monthly meetings. *-Ed.* 







Reminder that this month's important meeting has many topics of discussion, coordination, and event planning for 2019!

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# December 2018

Prez Sez:

I want to wish everyone a Vairy Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. It has been a fast moving year. The most enjoyable part of my Corvair year was the Keep Them Vairs Running functions. Some of the highlights were brake install on a 60 model where I learned there are three types of cars, the early's, the late's and the 60s. Definitely 3 different beasts.

We also did a simple fix that seamed on the surface to be a serious problem. We did a complete engine rebuild, checked clearances, replaced rings, rod and main bearings, gaskets, rebuilt carbs, bench tested and adjusted carbs. We also rebuilt a powerglide transmission.

Even with all that was accomplished, a major pleasure was we got to visit with members in their own elements, getting to know them and help them move along in their quest to become responsible Corvair caretakers. We may own our cars, but we are really preserving for the next owner.

The total engine rebuild was on my Texas car. The powertrain was installed in June after Vairs on the Track. My October trip completed the gas tank and fuel level indicator replacement, new brake shoes, wheel cylinders as well as all brake lines and master cylinder. The ac/ heater duct was removed and the mouse village was bulldozed and removed. All the air hoses were replaced as it had to be done, the old ones were shot. The engine was hooked up to fuel line and wiring connections were made up and a new fuel throttle dimple pivot made and installed, plus a little gas in the tank and a little directly into the carbs and new life was

Next 'Get Together': <u>December 15<sup>th</sup></u> VCE Christmas Party 147 Crossbrook Dr. Chelsea, Al. Starting at noon and eating at 1:00 PM (See details inside this issue!)

given to the 65 four door. All that is remaining is a front end aligment, putting on the tires from the submarine donor and a vehicle inspection for Texas tags to make it legal. Down the road there will be new carpet after the windshield and back glass is resealed.

I hope to see everyone at the VCE Christmas Party December on the 15th at the Thuleen's in Chelsea. You can come early as we will be doing a gas tank R/R and visiting before we eat.

Chelsea's Christmas parade is also the 15th at 10:00 am and last a while, one of the bigger parades for a small town. So, come early or look for an alternate route as the easiest route is blocked by the parade. And remember, we will have a small business meeting in order to vote in officers.

#### November VCE Meeting Call to Order.

The November 16, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by President Howard Tutt. 17 members were in attendance. Prayer for dinner was offered by Clyde Cork.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A printout of the minutes was available for review by the members present. A motion was made by Jack

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December



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9	10	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b> VCE Club Christmas Party
16	17	18 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Carol Keller	HAPPY BIRTHDAY Danny Joe Robertson	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Russ Thuleen	21	22
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Green, seconded by Marshall McDuffie and passed to accept the minutes as written.

#### **Financial Report**

Was emailed by treasurer, Russell Noble and was presented to members by Howard Tutt. A motion was made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Clyde Cork and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**From The Treasurer 11/27/18:** Member Update-we now have 11 members with dues paid for 2019. Keep 'em coming! Bill Sweet (who now lives in Va.) sent in his dues along with a \$25 donation to the VCE cause. Thanks Bill! Also, Bill said he was impressed with all the activities going on in the VCE club.

To make a dues payment please send your check to our Treasurer: Russell Noble

3416 Danner Circle Birmingham, Al 35243

#### **EVENTS DETAIL**

Heart of Georgia's Christmas Party: 12/08/18 at Lillian's House Goodwater Christmas Parade: 12/06/18 Parade starts at 6:00 PM, meet at Corvair Building 5:00 PM. Rockford Christmas Parade: 12/07/18

Parade starts at 6:00 PM, meet at Corvair Building 4:30 PM Leeds Christmas Parade: 12/14/18

Parade starts at 7:00 PM, meet at Howards house 6:00 PM

#### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Dues for 2019 are being collected. Mail to Russell Noble by January 1st.

Christmas party at Russ Thuleen's house 12:00 pm 15th December. We will be starting at noon and eating at 1:00.

We will be having dirty Santa, please limit gifts to under \$20.00. We will also be electing 2019 officers. There will be a gas tank R & R for a tech session.

It was decided to cater the food, so members only need to bring drinks and desserts. Jack Green volunteered to coordinate desserts so as to minimize duplication, his email address is jackegreen@outlook.com.

**Springfest planning meeting** is January 12, 2019. We will be leaving Chelsea Whataburger at 5:00 am and let our illustrious President, the Honorable Howard Tutt know if you are attending so as to not be left behind.

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis as our regular meeting place has not yet been determined. Vicki Bolton will speak with the Church leadership!

**Covered Bridge Report** was given by Howard with the following information:

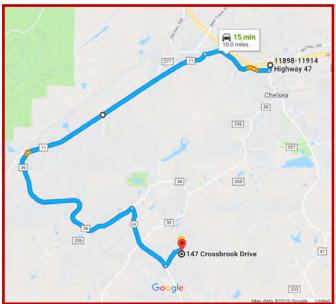
3 legs: North Central, North East, and Southern

Suggestions for North central trip in January to be further discussed at the Christmas Party/Meeting.

The brochure with the North Central area bridges were handed out at this meeting. If you were not present, it is in this issue of the Oil Drop.

#### **TECH** Session

Jack Green gave a tech session on windshield wiper troubleshooting.



#### Christmas Party Directions to bypass Chelsea Parade Route:

City of Chelsea Christmas Parade will start at 10:00 AM on the 15th. Staging and line-up will begin as early as 8:00 AM so it will be difficult to get to our Christmas party at 147 Croosbrook Dr. through the parade route that is along HWY 39 over the RR tracks and ending in the Winn Dixie Parking lot.

From Old HWY 280 turn onto Co Rd 11 for 3.6 mi, turn left onto Co Rd 36 for 3.3 mi, turn right onto AL-69 for 1.3 mi then turn left onto Croosbrook Dr.

#### **Christmas Party Desserts:**

Jack & Valarie Green - red velvet cake with coconut cream cheese frosting Judi Cannon - pumpkin cheesecake Billy Cannon - old fashioned fudge with & without pecans Louise Hartline - pecan pie Richard Stolzmann - blueberry cobbler Sherri & Steve Daniels - chocolate chip cheeseball and lemon squares Maryann & John Harris - Peppermint Brownies Leslie Thuleen - cranberry cake Marshall McDuffie - lemon pound cake Danny Roberson - unnamed confection made with cookies, Kool-Whip and chocolate/caramel syrup Carol Keller – Fruit & Cheese tray Howard Tutt - Chocolate oatmeal no bake cookies, fudge, and brownies.

#### Drawings

\$24 in Gas Money this month was won by Russ Thuleen.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion made by Russ Thuleen, seconded by Marshall McDuffie and passed.

# Clay County Car Show & Swap Meet 2018



Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Russ Thuleen, John Cleveland, and Billy Cannon made the much anticipated pilgrimage to the little town of Lineville, Al. for the 31st annual event.

John and his son Michael came over in the lemon yellow '66 convertible daily driver. Russ opted for his turbocharged Rampside and I made the short drive from Goodwater in my 'Navy Rampy'.

After a breakfast meetup at Jacks, the small Corvair Caravan proceeded to the Clay County Veterans Park where the event is held each year. All proceeds for this event are donated to the Shriners Hospital so the \$20 entry fee is a small price to pay for the welfare of needy children.

We made our way through the 'swap shop' area to our usual hilltop location and after careful placement of the car flanked by the two trucks we staked our claim and set up the sunshade and lawn chairs. A quick look of the cars around us resulted in the usual sighting of Ronald Lett's '66 Monza 'vert. Ronald came over and we got caught up on local Corvair talk and goings on. Not soon after that Robert and Mikey Berkinbine showed up. Mikey's Corvair was not feeling well so they drove over in one of those 'other' cars.

A '65 Corsa 140 'vert was on the field with a for sale sign on it but we were never able to contact the man that was selling it and several other cars. A maroon early coupe was also there and we learned that it belonged to one of the Lett brothers employees.

To see every one of the 800+ show cars that assemble on this 14 acre park you must have your walking shoes on and the game plan is to walk one section at a time. Even then it is very hard to cover the whole enjoyable show and the weather this year was perfect!

Vulcan attendance was down again this year but we will continue to have a fair Corvair presence with the few and the proud.

Thanks Guys!









## Calhoun County Veterans Day Parade

he Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts had to fly solo in 2018 because our Georgia Corvair folks and friends were



unable to attend this year. Once again we teamed with MG Gerald Watson Chapter of the Chemical Corps Regimental Association (CCRA) to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Anniston, Ala., Nov. 11, 2018.

MG Watson was named as Grand Marshall of the parade and as such – because he has always ridden with the Corvairs, we were





at the head of the procession immediately behind the Calhoun County Sherriff's Honor Guard. A position we have been vying for the last few years.

Alabama and Georgia is home to a large Veteran community as well as many Corvair lovers. Last year Five members of Heart of Georgia Corvair came to Anniston to assist their sister club and it was a great success. Sadly, James Law, a USMC veteran passed away this past June. "James loved driving over to Alabama for the Veterans Parade." states Lillian. "I wanted to continue the



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tradition for James but logistically it just couldn't be worked out this year".

Two 'newcomers' from the Vulcan group were able to attend and graciously provided one of their convertibles as the Grand Marshall vehicle. John Harris and his '64 Monza stepped to the plate and led the Corvairs down the parade route.

Jack and Valarie Green proudly flew the POW/MIA flags on their gold '64 Convertible and the color combination was striking.

Returning again this year was Danny Joe Robertson who drove his '63 Spyder 'vert all the way down from the Huntsville area and Russ Thuleen in the 1961 Loadside red, white, and blue, 'Shorty'. I had always told Russ that I needed to paint my Navy themed Rampside as a parade companion to his patriotic tribute to his uncle that was killed during the battle of the bulge. So this was the first parade that both vehicles in their respective liveries rode together. A Veterans Day Parade is all about honoring those that have served our country. As always, it was a pleasure to honor them by



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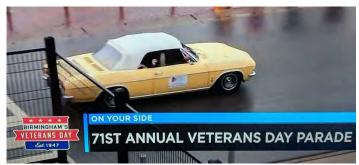
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flying our national and service colors on our Corvair vehicles.

The following Monday, The Birmingham Veterans Day Parade was pretty much a literal wash out. The oldest Veterans Day parade in the country was not canceled and the Daughters of the Revolution were fortunate enough to ride in John Clevland' s 'vert. With the top up of course!





s most know, the fun I have had returning my 1964 Greenbrier to "driver" status has exposed me to Corvair fever. So in late September, I acquired Vob (short for "Convertible Bob") a 1964 Corvair convertible. Howard Tutt went with me the day I bought it. In fact, it turns out that Howard had looked at this car a few weeks earlier but passed up the buy because it was not a Powerglide car. At first glance, it was a simple Corvair convertible but as we looked closer a few thing popped out. First the 4 speed, then the AC unit under the radio, then the remaining A/C parts that had been removed from the engine compartment and



placed in the trunk or as a 12 year old at church calls it – the frunk. After the purchase, I went to the CORSA site to enter the car on the Corvair registry list and discovered I had just purchased a 1964 Corvair Convertible, 4-speed, with factory Air Conditioning – a very rare car. Russ Thuleen provided a donor wiper motor to get the wipers operational. I adjusted the valves, rebuilt the carburetors, and car will fly. This Saturday, I'm replacing the draglink bushing to tighten the steering in final preparation of the cars debut at the Anniston Veterans Day Parade. Happy, happy!



# Vulcan Corvair (7he Seventies)

#### Submitted by Joe Lawley (via Facebook)

"My father, Payton Lawley was a member of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts for several years in the 70's I can remember road rallies going to Mount Cheaha and to Noccalula Falls Park. While going through some of my fathers things I ran across this patch. I am 90% sure this patch was from 1976. Dad was a Corvair collector for years. At one time we had 12 Corvairs in our backyard. one panel van, one passenger van, two trucks and the rest cars. He had made a poster and put it on the wall of our garage. The poster gave abbreviated directions to remove an engine w/o the transmission. If I remember right he had the direc-



tions down to 19 steps to remove the engine and 24 to remove the engine and transmission. To put the engine back he just reversed the order. Since the engine was the same for all of them he always had spare parts. Anyways here is the patch."

Jim Black; "Yep. Still have some on our jackets. I designed the patch when we were members." Chris Rothe; "Frank Ranelli and I bought most of those cars when Payton decided to sell them off. I still have the '62 Rampside."

# Covered Bridges Tour (North Central Alabama)

Approximately 9 Hours & 250 Miles round trip!



Horton's Mill

Located near Oneonta in Blount County and was built in 1934 and is 220 ft. long. It is built over the Calvert Prong of the Little Warrior River and the highest covered bridge in US built over a waterway.



Rosa (or Easly)

Located in Rosa near Oneonta in Blount County near Oneonta was built in 1927 and is 95 feet long. It is built over Dub Branch - Calvert Prong of the Little Warrior River and is the oldest covered bridge in Blount County..



#### Swan Creek Walking Trail

Is 40 feet long and built over Swan Creek in Athens, Limestone County Alabama.



#### Jimmy Lay Trail

21 feet long and was built in 1984 across Sloan Creek NE of Sumiton, Walker County Alabama.

#### Clarkson (or Legg)

Bethel, Cullman County is 270 feet long, built in 1904 over Crooked Creek and was the sight of the Battle of Hogg Mountain, a Civil War Skirmish on April 30, 1863. Cullman County restored the site in 1976 for the Bicentennial.





Romine

Built in 2004 is 35 feet long over Beauchamp Branch west of Athens in Limestone County Alabama



#### Creekwood

Is 35 feet long built over Creekwood Branch near Athens in Limestone County Alabama.



Is 31 feet long built in 1997 across a Tributary of Big Creek NNW of Athens in Limestone County Alabama.



Jeff Barton

45 feet long and was built in 1994 over Mathis Creek and is located 150 yards off of CR 30 NW of Sumiton, Walker County Alabama.

Picture on the left is from Jeff Speas Gallery located on the CORSA website.

### Covered Bridges Tour (North Central Alabama)





#### Governors Park #2

Is 13 feet long built in 1998 over a feed into the pond in Governors Park in Holly Pond in Cullman.



#### Richard Martin Trail #1

65 feet long built over a tributary of Smith Branch 1.4 miles from the trail head near Athens in Limestone County. It is near the Battle of Sulphur Creek, the site of bloodiest Civil War Conflict. Near Elkmont in Limestone County Alabama.



Richard Martin Trail #2

20 feet long and is located on the RMT, a hiking, biking and horseback trail open year round. Near Elkmont in Limestone County Alabama.

Governors Park #1

Swan (or Joy)

Is 36 feet long built in 1998 over a pond in Governors Park in Holly Pond in Cullman.



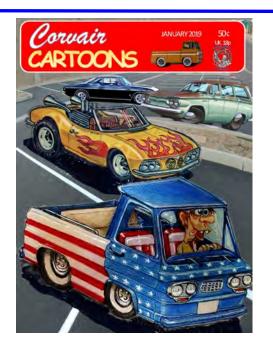
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Is 90 feet long and was built in 1974 acrossa cove of Sky Lake atop Green Mountain at Madison County Nature Trail Park in Huntsville.

tay tuned to the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts Oil Drop Newsletter for a brand new series of "Corvair Cartoons". Starting next month you can check out the tongue in cheek antics of your favorite Corvair Cartoon characters like: 'Tbow', 'Pappy', 'Aponi', 'The Surfer Dude' and the world famous 'Shorty'. Did you know that Dr. Benton Quest, Jonny, Hadji, Race Bannon, and of course, Bandit, experienced many an adventure in a Corvair95 Rampside.

(The adventures of Jonny Quest produced by Hanna-Barbera for Screen Gems)





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