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From the Editor

Well I am running behind again. Not sure if I can make it to the meeting Saturday but I will try. I am teaching a class at the Training center Saturday morning so it depends on how fast I can finish then get to Warner Robins. I hope to see everyone there! Looks like we have a busy schedule the rest of the year, I am looking forward to it and seeing everyone often!

Clay

AUGUST 2018 MEETING

The August meeting will be held at Old Times Country Buffet in Warner Robins, GA

**July Meeting
Old Times Country Buffet
Warner Robins, GA**

LOCAL CRUISE-INS**1st Saturday of the Month:**

Peach Outlet Mall, I-75 exit 149,
Byron, GA

Contact:

Marvin Shealy at 478-956-4144 or
Rick Goulding at 478-922-6383

**Sonic, Hwy 27 and Monroe St,
Tallahassee, FL**

Contact:

Rueben at 850-894-5815

2nd Saturday of the Month:

Steak & Shake at 2999 Watson
Blvd in Warner Robins, GA

Contact: Paul at 478-396-2622

3rd Saturday of the Month:

Dairy Queen in Thomasville, GA

Contact: Steve Gordon at 229-226-2266

**What-A-Burger at Appalachee
Parkway, Tallahassee, FL**

Contact: Rueben at 850-894-5815

4th Saturday of the Month:

Ole Times County Buffet at Old
Macon Mall in Macon, GA

Contact: Rick Goulding at 478-922-6383

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Price – August 4th

David Clamp – August 12th

Tye Howard – August 13th

Eleanor Bruce – August 18th

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Upcoming Events**Choo Choo Corvair Classic August 16-18, 2018**

Registration form and information is attached in this newsletter

Corvair Picnic September 15th – Home of Mike and Dee Dee Gassman

Clay will be cooking the meat, everyone else please bring a covered dish or dessert

VAIRS at the FAIR” OCT. 4, 5, 6, 2018

Heart of Georgia Corvair Club, Warner Robins, GA.

Saturday Corvairs lead the parade into the Georgia National Fair in Perry, GA. And display them Lakeside for the public to view. Friday night hospitality party at the host motel. Saturday night Bar-b-que. No judging, no awards, just fun with Corvair Friends and our favorite cars. Quality Inn And Suites, 215 Margie Drive, Warner Robins, GA. 478 953 6866, Corvair rate \$65.00 rooms & \$75.00 Suites. Rates good Oct. 4-5-6, 2018. Reservations by Sept. 1. Come early and visit the Museum of Aviation as a group Friday morning. Contact Lillian Law 229 291 0567, lawjandl@aol.com

November 1-5 Hilton Head, SC -

December 8th – Corvair Christmas Party at Lillian Law’s home**THE SWAP SHOP**

FOR SALE: 1962 Corvair 4DR sedan. New ignition system, new carbs, new A/C compressor (installed, but not completely hooked to system). Good black interior seats, original tube radio works, almost new tires, good paint (Candy Apple) with just a few spots of surface rust under paint. In addition I have what I believe to be a complete engine for a 1960 Corvair, new pistons, cylinders, bearings, just is not put together, along with a transmission. I also have a complete engine for a 1963 (ran when pulled out). It has a new torque converter, new starter. Distributor is off of engine as well as carbs. I have the carbs as well as more parts for the 63 engine. Will sell every thing for \$2000 or best offer. Contact Steve Weigandt at triglide1941@yahoo.com

FOR SALE 1965 Monza sedan for sale. Blue exterior and white interior. This car was restored in 2004 and won its class at that year’s Springfest. It has the 110 hp motor, powerglide, Clark’s interior, dual exhaust, electronic ignition, high-output alternator, wire wheel covers, good tires, two new spare tires, Clarks’s lower control arm bracket. Pictures can be seen on Craigslist- Savannah, GA(search Corvairs). The car is located in Glennville, GA(about 60 miles west of Savannah). Please contact Dennis Stanfield at dbscpa@windstream.net. phone number 912-654-3496(work) or 912-654-9594(home).

FOR SALE: 1964 Monza convertible 4 speed car that I am not going to be able to complete restoration. It was running when I put it in storage. It is a 110 HP engine. Also have a 140 HP that I would like to go with the car. (needs to be rebuilt) This leaves me with a 1963 Spyder and a 1970 Chevelle SS that are giving me all that I can handle. The car is in storage in Eatonton, Ga. My number is (478) 968-0239. Contact Mack McCrary at mccrary0239@yahoo.com **Posted 05/2016**

For Sale: 1965 Monza Coupe, 140 engine, automatic transmission, does not run, complete car. Located in Watkinsville, Ga. David Gueth 706 614 6333, davidgueth@rocketmail.com. Pictures available, make an offer.. **Posted 11/27**

From Lillian:*Corsa Convention 2018**Submitted by Lillian Law*

Heart of Georgia and Atlanta Corvair were well represented at the 2018 Corsa Convention although we did not drive our Corvairs. Billy, Wendy and Kevin Price drove Kevin's water pumper. Mike Gassmann, Billy and Eleanor Bruce, myself and my sister Willie Harper flew. We missed having our Corvairs there.

Pittsburg is an interesting City. There are bridges, hills and water everywhere.

The Convention was well attended, one of the best Hospitality Rooms ever. There were many interesting Corvairs. Many rain showers but did not cause any event to be cancelled. As always it was good to see our many friends from all over. The sad part is many of our friends are gone. On a brighter note it is good to see some of the younger generation coming to these events. The report was that several "Keystone Light" beers were consumed in the parking lot in memory of James. I am sure he looked down and smiled.

Congratulations to our friend Ronnie Jenkins for winning the Best of Show or as it is called the "William L. Mitchell Award". I like the fact that a Corvair driven to the Convention won this award.

One of the highlights for me was a visit to the "Flight 93 Memorial". Eleanor, Willie and I joined Jeff and Kim Murrell for the trip. It was a nice drive through rural Pennsylvania. The memorial was so well done and very informative. A great tribute to those brave men and the "American Spirit" as they faced certain death they thought of saving others.

Our thanks to the Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club and the many volunteers for another enjoyable Convention. I, for one am looking forward to the 2019 Convention in St Charles, IL.

HEART OF GEORGIA CORVAIRS – Shirley Smith

The July meeting opened with Chuck welcoming all.

Those attending were: Chuck Smith, Tim Vossler, Billy & Eleanor Bruce, Joe Gleaton, Lillian Law, Chris & Joan Law, Tye & Janet Howard, Joan & Tommy Couch, Vernon Bryant, Billy & Wendy Price, Shirley Smith.

Item: Future events were discussed.

They are: August 16 & 17 - Choo Choo in Chattanooga.

September 15 - Meeting at Gassman's Peachtree City.
Bring covered dish

October 5 & 6 Vairs at the Fair
Plan to visit Air Museum Friday afternoon - 1 1/2 hour tour
Thursday night dinner on your own
Friday night hospitality dinner
Saturday night Joe's son has volunteered to cook for us again

this year. Ladies bring dessert.

50/50 Sat. night - all registered guests.

December 8 Christmas Party at the home of Lillian and James.
(Personal note-I just could not leave him out, sorry)

Item: Lillian read a thank you note from Clarks for all the help given to them in unloading and taking down the displays.

Item: The Heart of Georgia Corvairs will make a donation to the Corvair Museum in Memory of James Law.

Item: Next meeting is August 11 at the Ole Time Country Buffet in W.R.

From The White House – Well I lived in a white house – Chuck Smith – President

Wow! Time has slipped up on me once again. Apologies to our editor, for waiting until the last minute to send my article for this month's newsletter. The CORSA International Convention in Pittsburg PA is now history. Looking forward to reports from our members that attended the convention. It appears that our dance card is full for the rest of this year. Later this month is the Choo Choo show in Chattanooga, September is the joint meeting with Corvair Atlanta at the Gassmanns home, with cruise in to follow. October of course is 'Vairs at the Fair, and in November is our every other year invite to Hilton Head. And to wrap the year up in grand fashion we have our club Christmas party at the Law home. Hope to see everyone at all of these events!

Take care, see you soon.

Chuck

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Man this is going back many, many years; I don't know if I can even remember that far back but I will try. I guess it was in 1965 and I was a young Air Force SSgt stationed at Bunker Hill AFB, Ind. and Crew Chief on our first Supersonic Bomber Aircraft, the B58 Hustler. One of my fellow Hustler Crew Chief's Richard Hudon bought a new 1965 Corvair Monza coupe (he could afford a new car since he was single and had free room and board—I was married to my dear wife Eleanor and we had three little girls to take care of and we were driving a patched up 1955 Buick Special). Anyway, a lot of folks laughed at Richard with his little rear engine Corvair. Now in Indiana during the winters, we had plenty of snow and the wind blew most of the time so we experienced huge snow drifts. They quit laughing when he had the only vehicle that could plow right through all the snow drifts.

Fast forward a few years to 1969 and I was still in the Air Force, stationed in Viet Nam. In the middle of a 12 month isolated tour in a Combat Zone you got a seven day R&R (Rest and Recuperation) so I met Eleanor in Hawaii. Again, one of my fellow Hustler Crew Chief's had a 1960 Corvair as a second car. He let Eleanor and I use the Corvair and we had no problems at all until my R&R was up and we were headed to the Airport for my return to Viet Nam. Along the way, the fan belt broke (I know this has never happened to you) and the engine overheated to the point it would shut down. I would let it cool down enough to get it started and try again. Finally, it just would not start anymore. By this time I was in a panic mode; here I am about five miles from the Airport and we are stranded on the side of the road with a broken down Corvair. Now this serious stuff, I am running out of time to catch my flight back to Viet Nam. Missing the flight could mean I would have been AWOL (Absent Without Leave) from a Combat Zone and I could be Court Marshalled. Here we are stranded on the side of the road in Air Force uniform with a full duffel bag trying to flag down any mode of transportation I could. Finally a Good Samaritan stopped his cab and gave us a ride to the airport. I barely made my flight back to Viet Nam. This should have made me to never want to see a Corvair again.

Fast forward again to about 1978 and I am still in the Air Force and stationed at Offutt AFB, Ne. Our girls are now grown up and in High School and I was trying to keep them in Volkswagen's so Eleanor and would not have to haul them around to all their school activities. I had a little VW Baja Bug that I drove to work most of the time and was looking for a Kar Magia convertible. I was having no luck in finding one and this MSgt that worked for me wanted my Baja Bug and had a 63 Corvair convertible he wanted to trade for it. I had flash backs to 1969 when a Corvair almost sent me to the brig so I wanted no part of another Corvair. Finally he wore me down enough that I agreed to take a look at the little 63 convertible. The rear wheel wells were all rusted out, rear plastic window was gone, front floor pans rusted out and overall the car was in sad condition. It also had a Canadian flag decal on the dash pad. But, there was something about that little Corvair that intrigued me and I got the strange feeling that it was begging me to "save it". Now I could write a book about what I went through the next two years in restoring the car such as I could not find any good rear quarter panels so we used ones off a Nash Rambler and many more obstacle's I went through in making the car road worthy. It worked though since the little red 63 convertible became my daily driver for the next 20 years or so. By the way, the car is still in our Corvair Family and has been owned by our current newsletter editor Clay Grant for about 18 years.

I would have to say, of all the Corvairs I have owned and driven since 1978 (and there have been many), the little red 63 convertible that was saved from the crusher was one of my very favorites.

Billy Bruce

Heart of Georgia Corvairs



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2018 CHOO CHOO CORVAIR CLASSIC

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

REGISTRATION FORM - August 16-18, 2018

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Club Affiliation: _____
Names of Children in your group: _____

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO TAKE PART IN ANY EVENT

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00 PER PERSON; \$30.00 PER FAMILY.....\$ _____
SATURDAY ONLY \$10.00 PER PERSON; \$20.00 PER FAMILY.....\$ _____
VENDOR FEE: 10.00 PER TABLE (OUTSIDE SPACE).....\$ _____
PEOPLES CHOICE: \$8.00 PER CAR.....\$ _____
AWARDS BANQUET & BUFFET: \$33 PER ADULT.....\$ _____
COKER TIRE MUSEUM TOUR: FRI 2 PM..... Yes _____ No _____

PEOPLE'S CHOICE REGISTRATION

(ALL CARS ON DISPLAY WILL BE JUDGED FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE)

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: year _____ color _____ model _____
____ early open ____ early closed
____ late open ____ late closed
____ forward control ____ specialty

Liability clause: Entrants and participants by execution of this form release and hold harmless Choo Choo Corvair Club, Inc., Choo Choo Corvair Club members and officers, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Inc. and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of this show from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and /or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participants to his or her personal property (including family members and friends)

REGISTERED GUEST _____ INT _____ SIGN _____ INT _____ SIGN _____

CHOO CHOO HOTEL REGISTRATION: MENTION CHOO CHOO CORVAIR FOR DISCOUNT RATE - Contact at (423)266-5000

Please mail form to: Choo Choo Corvair Club, P.O.Box 9222, Chattanooga, TN 37412

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