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NEWSLETTER OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

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Oil Spots

In case there's any doubt, it's officially (and FINALLY) "car season," folks. Yesterday, we had a good turnout for our tech session (as Gary Swiatowy's son asked, "how many Corvair guys can you fit into a garage?"), and then I helped Gary get his last 3 cars (fittingly, all 'Vairs!!) out of storage; beyond the activities, it was also a state of mind (as Gary said as we were on 1 of our return trips to get a car, "I feel like it's "car season!"). All I can add is: Get out and enjoy it, as much and as often as you can!!

I won't lie; here's a cut-&-paste from last month's newsletter, which will be in every newsletter for the duration of the show and cruise season! --> Be sure to check each month's newsletter for our schedule, as well as for other events that might be of interest (if anyone knows of an event that should be listed, please contact Gary Swiatowy, so that he can include it) and/or that are announced as the season progresses. I hope that we can be at as many events as possible as a group; it's an amazing sight to see the 'Vettes and 'Stangs arrive and park together, so let's keep in contact with each other *re:* our individual schedules, so that we can do the same.

Our "real" May meeting will be an indoor meeting, but, with the great weather that's forecasted for the next few days, I remind everyone about Adrian's, on Grand Island, 1st monthly cruise on Monday, May 9, and about WideWaters, in Lockport, weekly cruise on Wednesday, May 11. Both of these cruises are new this year, and both Toni (from Adrian's) and Marty (from WideWaters) are more than willing to make their events very cruiser-friendly, so I encourage everyone to support them!!

Here's the agenda for our May meeting. If there is anything else anyone wants to talk about, please bring your ideas/suggestions/comments to the meeting or, if you can't be at the meeting, please feel free to contact me with them before the meeting.

AGENDA - NFCC May, 2011 Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2011 - 7PM

First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda

- A. Call To Order
- B. Secretary's Report
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Old Business
 - 1. membership drive
 - 2. NFCC Club Event/Summer Get-Together
- E. New Business
 - 1. NFCC charity donation
- F. "Car Talk"
- G. Next Meeting Confirmation
- H. Adjournment

Hope to see all of you at the meeting -
Until then, stay "safe at any speed!" - Joe

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MINUTES - NFCC April, 2011 Meeting

Monday, April 18, 2011 - 7PM

First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda

submitted by Joe Pendolino

A. Call To Order

- 7:10PM

B. Secretary's Report

- *The Minutes of the NFCC March, 2011 meeting were approved.*

C. Treasurer's Report

- *Bob Guerin presented the Treasurer's report; it was approved.*

- *N.B.: It was decided not to include account balances in the future Minutes; rather, it will be noted "presented/approved." Any member wanting a detailed report should contact Bob directly.*

D. Old Business

1. tech session(s) topic(s)/date(s)

- *The day/date/time for the "front suspension" tech session on Bill Gworek, Sr's. car is set for Saturday, May 7, 8AM, at Gary Swiatowy's house.*

2. membership drive update

- *Joe Grifasi has begun distributing "dealer" letters to area Chevy dealers.*

- *Joe Grifasi will begin to distribute "member" letters to past members; he also distributed them to those at the meeting, for their use when talking with potential members.*

- *Joe Grifasi reported that he is continuing to update our membership list.*

- *Joe Pendolino distributed business cards to those at the meeting; any member wanting more cards can obtain them from Joe or from Bob Guerin.*

- *Joe Pendolino will e-mail a PDF of the new letterhead to Joe Grifasi and Gary Swiatowy.*

- *Joe Pendolino has registered "www.NiagaraFrontierCorvairClub.org" as the club's domain name and will investigate pointing the name to a CORSA-hosted website. He requested that everyone bring their ideas re: website content to the May meeting, so that he can begin to develop a website.*

- *Joe Pendolino will contact Rich McClive to obtain the Club banner.*

3. NFCC Club Event

- *It was decided to combine the Club Event and the Summer Get-Together on Saturday, August 13 (raindate: Saturday, August 20).*

- *Bob Guerin will plan the day, choosing from/possibly combining a boat cruise through the Canal locks and a Niagara Wine Trail winery tour, and ending with a picnic at the Olcott weekly cruise; he will report his plans at the May meeting.*

4. 2012: 40th Anniversary of NFCC

- *Dick Daimler informed us that determining the Club's anniversary year by the newsletter "Volume No." is not completely accurate, as its use was not always adhered to; in fact, the NFCC was actually founded in 1973.*

- *Since this new information established 2013 as our 40th Anniversary year, Joe Pendolino suggested that this item be tabled until 2/12, which would still allow ample time for plans to be made.*

E. New Business

1. NFCC Summer Get-Together

- This will be combined with the NFCC Club Event, as noted above.
- As an additional get-together, Joe Pendolino extended an invitation to his annual Pig Roast & Pool Party, on the 4th of July.

2. NFCC summer meeting/cruise/show schedule

- No additional events were added.
- Gary Swiatowy reminded everyone to check each month's newsletter for both scheduled and unscheduled events.

F. "Car Talk"

- Gary Swiatowy and Bob Guerin shared some items from their collections.
- Gary Swiatowy and Joe Pendolino talked about the possibility of showing Duece Of Spades in Buffalo.

G. Next Meeting Confirmation

- Monday, May 16, 2011, 7PM, at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda.

H. Adjournment - 9PM

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Club Membership - \$10.00 per year for e-mail newsletter. \$15 per year for postal newsletter.

Dues may be paid at monthly meeting or by mailing:

Sending to the Club address: Membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.

-----Membership APPLICATION-----

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...NFCC EVENTS, AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

May 9th, Lockport Monday cruise starts.
May 9th, Adrian's Monthly cruise
May 13th Freewheeler's Cruise at the Whistle Pig starts.
May, 16th, **NFCC Meeting**, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda
May 18th, NFCC Cruise at Wide Waters Drive-In, 767 Market St. Lockport. **Rain Date May 25th**.
May 19th, Akron Cruise starts.
May 20-22nd, Dunkirk Swap Meet.
May 21st, 1st annual Engineering Car Show, Alice's Kitchen, 3122 Sheridan Dr.
May 28th, The Caz car show, Cazenovia Park.. 825-2412
May 29, Grand Opening of Online Auto Connection, 2989 Transit Rd. Elma. 675-5395
May 29, Sunday Super Cruise, Olcott, NY 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
May 30th, Wilson Memorial Day Cruise & Flea Market, Rt 425 Wilson NY
May 30th, Lockport Monday Night Super Cruise, Ida Fritz Park.
June 4th, Olcott Sat Cruise starts.
June 5th, GM Car show, Glen Campbell Chevrolet, 824-2368
June 5th, St. Columbans Lawn Fete & Cruise, Silver Creek
June 5th, Sports Car Festival, Farmington Park, Farmington, NY. <http://www.mgcarclub.com/wny/>
June 10-12, CNYCC Recall, Syracuse, <http://www.cnycorvair.com/Recall2011.php>
June 11, Burgard Car Show, 400 Kensington Ave, Buffalo, 824-0211
June 11, Freewheeler's Super Cruise, Whistle Pig, 7001 Packard Rd. Noon – 4:00 PM, 285-6119
June 11, Super Cruise, Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, 8445 Greiner Rd. Clarence.
June 12, Lake Erie Region AACA Car Show, Elma NY, 254-3926
June 13th, NFCC Meeting Adrian's, Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island.
June 14th, Elmwood Village Cruise Night, 4:30-7:00 PM, 881-0707
June 17th, GM Engine Plant, Open house
June 18th, GM Powertrain Car Show, Tonawanda
June 18th-19th, Darien Lake Father's Day Car show, 675-5395
June 19th, Miller Hose Father's Day Car Show, Newfane, 799-4974
June 19th, Clutch Artists Spring-a-rama, Transit Fire Hall, 6772 Main St. Williamsville
June 20, NFCC get together, Alice's Kitchen Super Cruise, Sheridan Dr. at Alberta.
June 25-26, Niagara 2011 Car Show & Swap Meet, Rt. 78 Lockport, Swap info 542-2585, Car show info, 895-7099
June 26, Main Street Music and Arts Festival, Niagara Falls 534-1546
July 2 100 Anniversary of the Automobile Club of Buffalo Country Club Opening Clarence Town Park 11:00 AM-3:00 PM about 50 pre selected brass era cars allowed in display area.
July 3rd, Tri-Five Car Event of the Summer Clarence, NY 634-1149
July 8th, Paddock Chevrolet Super Cruise, Kenmore 876-0945
July 9th, Pirates Festival Car Show, Krull Park, Olcott, NY 799-4974
July 9th, Bugs in the Garden, Rose Garden Restaurant, Clarence, NY 795-3569 (Corvairs welcome)
July 10th, Ford Lord's Car Show, George Lamm Post, 962 Wehrle Dr. 668-8434
July 10th, Olde Sanborn Days Cruise In. Sanborn Fire Hall, Rt. 429, Ward Rd. Sanborn 731-9623
July 13th, Corvette's of Buffalo, Salvatore's Italian Garden Super Cruise. 225-1188
July 15th, NFCC Get together St. John's Car Show & Lawn Fete, 2021 Sandridge Rd. Alden 5 -9:00 PM 937-1767
July 17th, Cops and Rodders Poker Run & Super Cruise, Stafford Fire Hall, Stafford, 585-507-7392
July 18th, Alice's Kitchen Super Cruise, Sheridan Dr.
July 20th, Canal Fest Super Cruise. Tonawanda & N. Tonawanda 240-1471
July 23rd, Cambria Car Show, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd. Cambria , 434-8948
July 24th, Cruise In on the Parkway, Rief Estate Winery, 15608 Niagara Parkway, Niagara On The Lake, Canada
July 27th NFCC Meeting, Beechwood Homes 2235 Millersport HWY, Getzville
July 29th, St. Leo the Great Car Show, 885 Sweet Home Rd. Amherst, 390-9500
July 30th, Quaker Days Car Show, Orchard Park, 662-1806
July 31st. Thrilla in Marilla Car Show, Marilla NY 393-3749
July 31st, Dick Pendleton Car Show, Grand Island, 583-0723
July 31st, Good Shepherd Car Show, 5442 Tonawanda Creek Rd. N. Tonawanda, 425-1481
Aug 1st, Taste of Clarence Cruise night, Clarence Town Park, 10405 Main St.
Aug 5th, NFCC Get Together, Whistle Pig, 7001 Packard Rd. Niagara Falls.

Aug 7th, Niagara County Fair Car Show, Rt 78, Niagara Fairgrounds, Lockport,
 Aug 12th, Wendellville Car Cruise, 7340 Campbell Blvd. Pendleton.
 Aug 13th, Niagara Falls Cruisers Super Cruise, Hyde Park, Pine Ave, Niagara Falls
 Aug 13th, Cataract Cruisers Car Show, Academy Park, Rt. 104, Lewiston.
 Aug 14th, South Buffalo Seneca St. Car Show, 827-0709
 Aug 14th, Rotary Club Car Show, Amherst Northtown Center(Pepsi Center)
 Aug 15th, Alice's Kitchen Super Cruise, Sheridan Dr.
 Aug 21st, Martin's Fantasy Island Car Show, Grand Island
 Aug 22nd, NFCC Meeting, Lockport Cruise Night, Ida Fritz Park, Lockport
 Aug 24th, Medina Super Cruise, Medina
 Aug 28th, Hartland Vol Fire Co. Car Show, 8945 Ridge Rd. (Rt. 104) Gasport
 Sept 3rd, Olcott Beach Car Show, Krull Park, Olcott. 418-3132
 Sept 4th, NFCC Meeting, Autumn Sports Classic Car show, Como Park
 Sept 5th, Lockport Super Cruise, Ida Fritz Park, Lockport.
 Sept 17th, Akron Car Show, Main St. 542-4050
 Sept 17-18th, September to Remember Swap Meet & Car Show, Orlean's County Fairgrounds, Rt. 31, Medina 585-798-0445

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Corvair Fuel Gauges, from Virtual Vairs

How the Corvair fuel gauge operates. There are two coils working against each other. Both coils are attached to the ignition circuit and receive battery voltage whenever the switch is ON. The coil that pulls the needle towards F (call this the F coil) is

grounded at the instrument panel and thus applies a constant magnetic force. The coil that pulls the needle towards E (call this the E coil) has more windings for greater magnetic force and is grounded through the variable resistor attached to the fuel tank float. When the fuel tank is full, the resistance in the sender is high (either 30 or 90 ohms), which reduces current and magnetic strength in the E coil; allowing the F coil to pull the needle to F. When the fuel float is at the bottom of the tank the sender is at 0 ohms, the E coil develops full current and enough magnetic force to overcome the force of the F coil; pulling the needle over to E. When the ignition switch is turned off both coils lose power, magnetic force drops, and the needle remains in the position it is at.

If there is a break in the wiring to the tank sender or failure of the tank sender that creates an open circuit, the F coil will not be balanced by any magnetic force from the E coil and the needle will swing to the right way beyond the F mark on the gauge. If there is a loss of ground on the dash, the needle may swing way to the left or operate erratically with the operation of the dash lights, turn indicators, etc.

Dale Dewald
Hancock, MI

The Corvair Song!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSZ7oJdztBU&feature=related>

VAIR-ious Thoughts

**As we sat beneath our shelter
among cars from far and near
we heard a Corvair coming
with its engine in the rear.**

Not as high pitched as a four

**but more mellow than an eight
the pancake air cooled six
has a sound you can't mistake.**

**With independent suspension
and a modern day design,
this unibody construction
was way ahead of its time.**

**A true classic of the 60's,
this vehicle is our favorite.
We'll defend it to the end
even if old Ralph berates it.**

Joe Grifasi



One thing many people don't think about is all the body caulking there is to do when restoring a car. I've been there, done that! Here is a picture of Dennis Dorogi's Sagan Spyder with some of the caulking done.





Cowl area.



Nice and smooth.



Note adjustable mount for the car rotator.

Donor suspension for Bill Gworek's car. This is for the "A" arms and parts.



This is the donor cross member.

pictures of the installation will be in next month's newsletter.



Everyone gets to help!



Did he install the ball joint?



Safety first!



It's all the preparation work that is so time consuming.



Having everything prepped made the installation go quickly.



To all of you (22 so far) who have registered for the new SCG website in the past 2 days, thank you for your support. I have promoted all of you to Contributor status which now allows you to see the additional content available to this user level, as well as grants you the ability to submit posts on the main site (held for approval), plus the ability to post freely on the SCG forum site

Please refer to the Help pages on the site and on the forum site for more details about posting.

I will routinely review all future new subscribers as often as possible (usually at least daily) and elevate all apparently legitimate CORSA members to Contributor status, so please check the site a day or so after you have registered to see if your user status has been changed (you will be able to see the Members Area on the menu bar). If you don't see this after 24 hours please e-mail SCG_officers@Corvair.org for help.

After SCG members have gained experience using the new site (please submit posts, if only to practice), we will eventually elevate them (SCG members only) to Author status, which allows posting without moderation and should open up additional content.

Thanks!

Bill Hubbell SCG president

Hello everyone,

Kent Sullivan, Marissa Andolino, and I have been hard at work getting the new SCG WordPress [<http://wordpress.org/>](http://wordpress.org/) site and Forum up and running. We are launching it with the publishing of the May Communique to coincide with an article Kent wrote about Corvair powertrain jacks and cradles which invites people to the new site to post info on their own equipment.

You can start by going to the site, <http://stock.corvair.org/>, and looking at the site before you register. See what you are able to do in this state-it shouldn't be much - just a home page and some information about SCG and links to various Corvair sites of interest to General and Stock Corvairs

. This is the public face of SCG. If you have any ideas or suggestions for spicing this page up, please send me suggestions.

We would like this site to become a central point for all things related to Stock Corvairs. I know that there are many other people who have been actively working on various Stock research projects, and I have made an initial attempt to link to as many of them as I can, but I am certain that there are many, many more that I have not identified. So please, look over the site and if you have or know of a project that should be listed, or of a web page that should be linked to, etc., notify me and I will add it to the site.

Next, register for an account. You will be sent an e-mail giving you a password to get into the site and you will be granted Subscriber status, which again should not let you do much (to protect against spammers) other than read content. Check the Help File located on the blue menu bar to read more about this user level. Subscriber status will also allow you to enter the new SCG Forum where at this level you have read-only access

After you have registered as a Subscriber, one of the three of us will then approve you for Contributor status which will grant you access to the Members Area with a whole lot of additional content and give you the ability to write posts or comments, but they must be approved by an editor before posting. Once you are elevated to this status you will be able to read help information about writing posts and uploading media content. You will also be elevated to Member status in the Forum where you will be able to post, upload media, and respond to posts.

There is a bit of a learning curve to the site, so we want you to play around in this level for a little while - get used to making posts, uploading media, etc., while we continue to monitor and help you. After a bit, we will elevate SCG members to Author status and they will be able to write and publish their own posts and comments without Editor approval. Non-SCG members will be kept in Contributor status; Membership in SCG has its privileges.

SCG officers and serious researchers will be elevated to Editor Status when they are ready. Editors have considerable Admin control over the site, so we must restrict this level to only the few who require it.

Marissa will remain as the site's sole Administrator and has full control, for safety and security reasons

There is a method to all this madness, as we are trying hard to make a site that will be useful for our group seriously interested in Stock Corvairs while still keeping the spammers under control and preventing inadvertent damage to the site.

The site is being hosted on the CORSA server, and we have implemented (and tested) secure backup procedures, having learned our lesson the hard way.

The site still has some bugs and there are features we are continuing to develop, but with the imminent publication of Kent's article, it is time to open it up to all SCG and CORSA members. Please feel free to post comments or concerns about the site.

I hope you will enjoy it and find it useful.
Bill Hubbell SCG President



<http://www.corvairforum.com/forum/index.php?sid=a4198858af67c302063b0b60168a6f6b> great site!

