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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

Oil Spots

Corvairs don't leak oil; they just mark their territory."
Gary Swiatowy, 2/05

Given that it's FINALLY stopped raining and that I'm sure you'd all rather be outside with your cars than being inside reading, I'll keep this short and sweet - just 3 quick things -

1) We had a good turn-out at our WideWaters' "raindate" get-together, and I hope for an even better turn-out at our planned June dates. Here's a thought: as long as the weather holds, why not go to both Adrian's and Alice's Kitchen? In addition to the planned dates, I hope to see as many as possible at as many events as possible. Even though the weather may be car-friendly now, we're ending the rainiest May in recorded Buffalo weather history, so . . . As promised, here's my monthly cut-&-paste from previous newsletters, 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. Let's try to go to as many events as a group as we can. It's an amazing sight to see the 'Vettes and 'Stangs arrive and park together; let's keep in contact with each other *re*: our individual schedules, so that we can do the same.

2) For those who are available, the Central New York Corvair Club will be hosting its Annual Recall weekend on June 10 - 12, 2011. Details can be found at www.CNYCorvair.com/Recall2011.php, or you can contact me.

3) June is "dues month" for your 2011-2012 membership.

Like I said - short and sweet - 3 quick things! Soooooooooooooooooooooo, why are you still inside???? Get out there with your 'Vair!!!!

Here's the agenda for our June meeting; we'll keep the meeting brief, so that we can enjoy the weather and our cars. 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 June, 2011 Meeting

primary meeting date: Monday, June 13, 2011 - Adrian's Custard & Beef, 2335 Grand Island Blvd., Grand Island - meet by Joe Pendolino's car @ 7PM

alternate meeting date: Monday, June 20, 2011 - Alice's Kitchen, 3122 Sheridan Drive, Amherst - meet by Joe Pendolino's car @ 7PM

- 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
 - 3. NFCC charity donation
- E. New Business
- 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

Minutes of Meeting

DATE: Monday May 16, 2011
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: First Trinity Lutheran Church

Our meeting was called to order by Joe Pendolino at 7:00 PM. We had 7 members in attendance and a chance to discuss agenda items outlined in the May Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Guerin read the Checking account / Treasury balance to us, and it was approved.

Old Business

Membership Drive

Joe Grifasi distributed a listing of our present members for review. The membership list is being up-dated showing current mailing and e mail addresses.

Web site

Joe Pendolino provided status of the NFCC web site. Currently the "Domain" is registered and work is on going. It will be designed to migrate to the CORSA site and, among other topics, will include:

- Cruise and show listings
- Tech sessions
- Corvair related links

NFCC Summer Get-together

Bob Guerin gave an up-date on a summer event for the club. One of the possibilities, generating enthusiasm, is combining a Boat Cruise through the Canal Locks with a luncheon afterwards and ending with a cruise night in

Olcott. At this time, plans are being made for 8/16 or 8/20 depending on availability of reservations. This should be a very interesting day.

New Business

NFCC Charity Donation

Joe Pendolino suggested we donate to Assumption School / Care Center. Ken Kittles daughter has been greatly helped by this group. A motion was made to contribute \$100.00, seconded and voted on.

Canal Fest

Joe Pendolino mentioned Canal Fest will be on 7/20 this year and advised help will be needed for parking and etc. Please contact him if you can help this year so he can plan "staffing".

I hope everyone has located their water wings to cope with the May Monsoon. Hopefully, you make it through the rain with minimal problems – maybe Corvairs can float like VW's do.

NFCC Secretary
John Dawley

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

- June 4th, Olcott Sat Cruise starts.
- June 4th, Newstead Fire Company car show, Cummings Rd. Akron.
- 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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with the long bolts coming out without the caged nuts spinning. The 2 rear bolts broke as expected, but we replaced those.



The NFCC had a "tech" session at my garage in Gasport where we did a transplant of a front suspension on Bill Gworek's 69 convertible. Bill Jr. did a great job prepping the donor suspension so it would be ready to go in. We started at 8:00 AM because we had no idea if we would run into any "problems". The job went well



Everyone got involved to some degree.



Used the torch a couple times to loosen things up a bit.



The 68-69 suspension is especially prone to the dreaded tin worm eating away at it due to an extra shield installed to protect the suspension that only made matters worse!
Here is a close up so you know why we replaced the front cross member.



Bill Jr. packing wheel bearings.





The job actually went pretty well with no real difficulties. We had time for pizza and wings for lunch and actually had it all wrapped up by early afternoon.

All wearable suspension components were replaced. Experience from last time around led to me purchasing a threading tool for the strut rods so we could re-thread. Also installed new adjusting nuts.



Joe Grifasi volunteered to take the pictures while the rest of us were busy.



What are the odds of having 2 Rampside at one cruise night? Eric Holz and Bob Guerin both showed up at the Lockport Monday Cruise for Truck Night. And I didn't know and didn't bring the Greenbrier!



I came in the 66 Monza



NFCC get together at Wide Waters drew several members, and another Corvair showed as well.





Eric made it to Wide Waters with the Rampside.

**Reminder: 2011 to 2012 NFCC dues are now due.
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Thanks!**

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