

Vair-iations

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

PREZ SEZ

NOTE: Unfortunately three of the attending members cannot attend the March meeting due to a scheduling conflict. We will check the church for availability the following Wednesday and email time and date. Sorry for the inconvenience. We were so engrossed in the constitution at the meeting that I failed to get the next meeting date in.

Well, the first and most important thing to tackle at the next meeting is the new Constitution and By-laws. Please read through the copy because you have only March to make comments before the April Annual Meeting vote, when it is the only time of the year when it could be changed.

Also, to defray the winter doldrums, the Clutch Artist Car Cruise/Show Calendar is out. Let's discuss where we want to go! We will pick those cruises/shows that our members are involved with and those we want to attend for other reasons. We will also pick times and places to meet ahead of the show to meet to motorcade in.

Also, we have to readdress this membership after dues are due thing. The consensus at the February meeting was to hold onto a member for six months past due date. However this would allow these delinquent people nomination and voting rights at the end of the year. I don't think this makes sense and I would like to see who else agrees.

Anybody want to volunteer their expertise to host a tech session at a meeting or home? How about suggestions for meetings over the summer at cruises or shows? How about just a breakfast, lunch or dinner get together at random? Any excuse to drive our Corvair will do. Let's come up with some ideas.

Till next month.....

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NOTE: The March meeting has been postponed to March 26th at 7:30 PM

February 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: President Patrick Murphy, Vice President Joe Pendolino, Newsletter Editor Gary Swiatowy, Membership Chair Joe Grifasi, John McCulloch , Allan Augustine.

Call to order at 7:32 PM.

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Joe Pendolino motioned and Joe Grifasi seconded.

Treasurer's Report made by Bob Guerin thru Gary Swiatowy: \$1324.49

Membership Report: New updates were incorporated. Then the list was passed around for additions/corrections. As soon as Joe Grifasi types a revised list, he will forward it to Gary Swiatowy for emailing to the members.

Old Business:

1. Christmas Party. Comments were made about the good food and great company.

New Business:

1. Joe Pendolino proposed exchanging a thumb drive for his dues. This drive would be used to keep all club newsletters etc. Gary Swiatowy has most newsletters of his years which will be put on the drive. Proposal approved.
2. A copy of Constitution and Bylaws were read and discussed so changes could be proposed for publication in the newsletter and voted on at Annual April Meeting.
3. Membership was discussed as to how long to keep a member past their unpaid dues due date. It was voted that a member would be held for six months. [see next month's agenda below]
4. Gary Swiatowy has a list of former members for perusal.
5. Patrick Murphy mentioned a Corvair for sale on Craigslist. [It has since sold]

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Joe Grifasi and seconded by Joe Pendolino. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Joe Grifasi had a photo album of Lake Placid pictures. As there was no time to look at these, he will bring it back at the next meeting.

MEETING AGENDA for March 2014

Attendees:

Meeting to Order

- I. Corrections and Acceptance of Previous Meeting's Minutes
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Secretary's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Constitution and Bylaws
- V. New Business
 - A. Revisit Unpaid Membership
 - B. Clutch Artist Car Show/Cruise Calendar
- VI. Next Meeting Date/Time
- VII. Motion to Adjourn
- VIII. Show and Tell or Tech Stuff

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-----

NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

NAME _____ CORSA Member? Yes/No _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE _____ Check one: E-Mail _____ Postal _____

Niagara Frontier Corvair Club
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...NFCC EVENTS, AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

- Mar. 26th NFCC Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Niagara Falls Blvd. 7:30 PM**
- March 21st-23rd Buffalo Motorama, Buffalo Convention Center**
- Apr. 16th NFCC Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church Niagara Falls Blvd.**
- April 27th Maple Festival Car Show Franklinville**
- May 4th Rod and Customs Automotive Swap Meet, NEW LOCATION, Sanborn Farm Museum 2660 Saunders Settlement Rd. Sanborn. Info 626-3619**
- May 10th Pack Rat Swap Meet.**
- May 16th-18th Dunkirk Swap Meet**
- May 31st. Spring AACA meet at Amherst UB Campus, AACA members only may enter a car.**
- June 21st & 22nd Niagara 2014 Car Shows and Swap Meet**

NOTE: This calendar of events is not complete, there are many more events that are listed on the Clutch Artists calendar of events list that I e-mailed to you. More info on the events I have listed here are on that list as well. If you are a member who does not receive your newsletter by e-mail, if you contact me I can e-mail you a copy of the calendar of events to an e-mail address you may have access to. Gary gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com 716-439-5194

And plenty of the details on upcoming shows and cruises can be found at the Show and Cruise News website: <http://showandcruiseneews.com/> or better yet subscribe and you may see your car in the pages!

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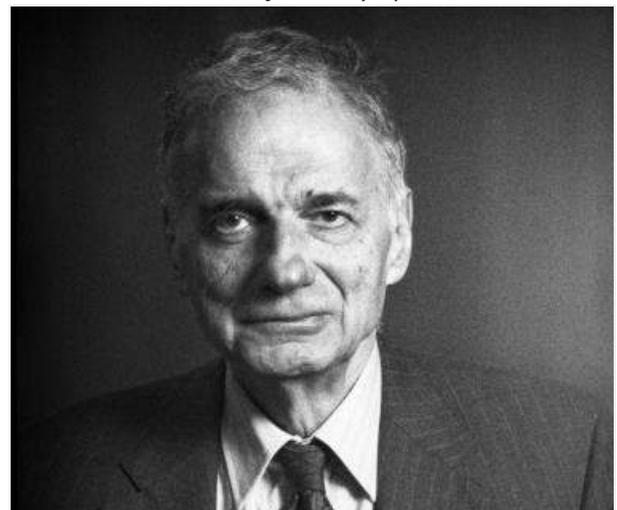
I e-mailed a copy of the Clutch Artists Calendar of Events to all e-mail members. Several bounced back to me because the mail box was full. If you want me to re-send. Let me know via e-mail. I reduced the file size so it should go through.

Happy Birthday, RalphNader!

On February 27 the Corvair's nemesis, or friend, Ralph Nader turned 80.

From this recent photo you can see that this man can still barely crack a smile; since he never had an automobile driver's license during his years of automotive notoriety, he could not truly enjoy the

handling of the car he made the poster child of his influential book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*.



Swapping Wheels on Your Corvair

<http://autoxer.skiblack.com/tires.html>

From Corvair Atlanta Connecting Rod Newsletter!

Early Model Interchange Information

Early model '86 to '90

Corvairs have 4 lugs on a 4.5" (114.3mm) bolt circle. Other cars with the same bolt pattern are:

Acura Legend	
Chevy Nova, Chevy II	'60 to '64
Chevy Sprint	'85 to '87
Buick Special, Olds F-85	'61 to '63
Datsun/Nissan, most RWD models	to '89
Dodge Colt	'79 to '92
Ford Falcon, Mustang (6 cyl)	'60 to '73
Ford Granada, Maverick	'81 to '83
Hyundai	all years
Infiniti G20	'91 - '96
Infiniti M30	'90 - '92
Mazda 323	'86 to '89
Mazda 626, RX7	'83 to '87
Mazda GLC	'81 to '85
Mazda RX-7 GSL/SE	'84 to '88
MGA, MGB, MGC	all
Mitsubishi, most 4 lug	all years
Nissan 240SX	all 4 cyl
Nissan Altima	'93 to '01
Olds - F-85	'61 to '63
Plymouth Arrow, Sapporo	'79 to '88
Saab, all	to '87
Toyota, most RWD except PU and MR2	up to '85
Triumph TR3 through TR6	all

Late Model Interchange Information

Late model '64-'80's

Corvairs have 5 lugs on a 4.75" (120.7mm) bolt circle. Other cars with the same bolt pattern are:

Buick: Regal, Century, Special (most mid-size)	
Chevrolet: most RWD, through 1/2 ton vans and trucks (includes S-10 and 4WD models)	1949-2005
Corvette	all
Jaguar XJ, XK	'69 - up
Oldsmobile: 442, Cutlass, F-85, Toronado (most mid-size)	'60's-'80's
Pontiac: GTO, LeMans, Firebird, Grand Prix (mid size)	'64-'80's

66 Yenko Stinger Prototype!

http://www.hemmings.com/classifieds/dealer/chevrolet/corvair/1599075.html#UxL4PFBO_Ds.email



CORSA-----Are you a member?

CORSA is a world-wide organization with 4,200 members and 125 local chapters worldwide. Founded in 1969, it is a large and enthusiastic group of automobile enthusiasts and one of the best single marque clubs in the world. CORSA, a non-profit organization, was incorporated to satisfy the common needs of individuals interested in the preservation, restoration, and operation of the Corvair. CORSA's long range goal is to promote reproduction of parts and render technical assistance to increase your enjoyment of the Corvair, and to further the general public's appreciation of the car. We have one of the highest quality publications issued by any single marque automobile club. The CORSA Communique is a professionally edited, high quality magazine published

monthly. CORSA is governed by a member-elected Board of Directors with selected committees in charge of such varied activities as Parts and Repair, CORSA Chapters, Concours, Competition, Museum, and a host of other activities. A full time business office and staff serves as a clearinghouse for world-wide CORSA and Corvair information. If you share our enthusiasm for these superbly engineered and styled cars, why not join our Society today? Domestic dues are only \$45 for 1 year. We also offer a 12 month Virtual Membership for \$37. We are sure you will find it a worthy and rewarding investment!

. Membership Benefits include:

- CORSA Chapter Network - A network of over 125 local and special interest clubs, covering 45 states as well as Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, and France
- Parts and Repair Network - Over 30 expert parts suppliers and repair facilities throughout the US and Canada, many of which ship parts world-wide
- Award-winning Club Magazine - The Communicate is a multi award-winning, full feature magazine packed with features about Corvairs, historical articles and technical tips
- Publication Archive - An ever-growing archive of downloadable (PDF) newsletters going as far back as 1969!
- A 5% discount on classic car insurance from Hagerty*

MY CLASSIC CAR – V8 CORVAIRS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCc1Mmn6gX0&app=desktop>



Jon Miller's Corvair at Cavalcade of Cars.



1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Mid Engine
350 SBC rebuilt .30 over
2 speed "Big Car" Powerglide
Corvair 3.55 differential
Mustang front disc brakes
Custom built sub-frame by J. Wasserburger
Engine cover insulated and upholstered
Stock suspension
BB 69 Camaro radiator up front
Originally low mileage rust free car from
southwest





Jon Won the Best Engineered award at the Cavalcade!



I UNDERSTAND JOE PENDOLINO WAS PRESENTED THE MATT DAVERNE MEMORIAL AWARD AT THE CAVALCADE OF CARS.

THIS AWARD IS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES CHARITABLE WORK INVOLVING THE CAR HOBBY. CONGRATULATIONS JOE!

SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER MATT DAVERNE AS THE DJ AT OUR FOUR CLUBS AT THE AIRPORT EVENT. MATT HAS SINCE PASSED AWAY.



LORDS OF THE CAR HOARDS PREMIERES MARCH 17 at 10 PM ET/PT ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL

<http://tvbythenumbers.zap2it.com/2014/03/05/lords-of-the-car-hoards-to-premiere-march-17-on-discovery-channel/242440/>

All New Series Features Custom Car Icon Rick Dore and Wrestling Superstar Chuck Palumbo

(NEW YORK, NY) -- Every year finding unrestored classic American cars is becoming a thing of the past. But there's a secret treasure trove of automotive relics that still exists: Car Hoards -- the last frontier of the American Classic Car. Now, hot rod guru, Rick Dore and WWE superstar Chuck Palumbo are out to rebuild legendary cars and help car Hoarders thin out their stockpiles of classic cars in LORDS OF THE CAR HOARDS to premiere on Discovery Channel Monday, March 17 at 10 PM/ET.

Each episode features Dore and Palumbo helping car Hoarders by offering them a deal: pick one dream car from their overcrowded car collection to rebuild while covering the costs of the remake by parting with and selling other cars and car parts from their massive hoard. Every hoard is a surprise, a treasure hunt, and Dore and Palumbo don't always know what they're getting into. Junky hoards mean tight budgets and tight deadlines which is unknown in the custom car world. The pressure is on and they don't always get along, but together they have a passion for cars that touches these Hoarders' lives, changing them forever.

The first episode features Gregg Tariske, a Corvair Hoarder!



With boundless energy and enthusiasm, Gregg speaks to everyone he meets as if he's known them his entire life. And if you encounter him, it's likely that the conversation will move quickly towards Corvairs. His love affair with Chevrolet's small, rear-engined vehicles began as a child when his family would head out on road-trips in a Corvair station wagon.

Today, the postal worker is the Inland Empire Corvair Club's most active member, trading and restoring cars with others.

Kregg's girlfriend of 10 years, Beth, is also a fan of Corvairs but her tolerance only stretches so far, and he finds himself sneaking newly purchased vehicles onto his property while she's out. His biggest concern is that city authorities will discover how many cars are stashed on his land and force him to part with them.

The Hoard :

On Kregg's driveway sit two beautifully restored '65 Corvairs and another is undergoing a V8 conversion in his garage. But the back yard of his small suburban house is a different matter. Over 20 vehicles are spread out on the garden. One or two are drivable, a similar number are destined for the crusher, but the overwhelming majority could be candidates for sale or restoration.

The only problem is that Corvairs are not very valuable. Although stylish and nimble, the cars aren't powerful enough to pique the interests of most gear-heads. Kregg may be able to sell some of his '60s and '70s coups, station wagons and vans, but rather than raising vast sums of cash for the restoration, it's likely that the job will depend on combining parts already owned by him and his Inland Empire Corvair Club pals. This could take place at a 'swap meet' located on his property, while he fires-up his customized Car-BQ – a Corvair with a meat grill installed in its trunk. As well as his beloved '61 Lakewood station wagons, Kregg has four '64 Greenbrier vans that could be combined to create a radically customized surf-dude bus.

Hoard Highlights: Around 25 cars, almost entirely composed of 'underdog' Corvairs. Approximate value: \$25,000 according to the owner (minus keepers \$16,000).

- '65 Corvair Corsa Coupe (\$5,000)**
- '65 Corvair Four Door (\$4,000)**
- '65 Corvair with Chevy V8 (\$6,000)
- '65 Corvair Monza Convertible (\$2,000)
- 2 X '61 Corvair Lakewood Wagon (2 X \$600)
- 4 X '64 Chevrolet Greenbrier Van (4 X \$500)
- '61 Rampside Pickup (\$400)
- '52 Chevrolet Pickup (\$2,500)
- ** Not for sale

Possible Restoration Projects

'61 Corvair Lakewood Wagon

The same model that started Kregg's obsession with Corvairs – he rode in one as a boy on family holidays. His light blue wagon is a great candidate for restoration or customization

'64 Chevrolet Greenbrier Van

Kregg's red and white Greenbrier is in good condition and all the parts needed for a full restoration could be cannibalized from other vehicles he owns, in order to make the perfect Californian surf bus.

'65 Corvair with Chevy V8

The cream coupe which Kregg fitted with a huge Chevy motor has sat in his garage half finished for months. It could be worked on and flipped for a profit.