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Oil Spots

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

Our tech session last month was very productive and informative (and the pizza was good, too!) - the show/cruise season has arrived - the sun is out (more often than not) - let's get our 'Vairs out, too!!!!!!!

Speaking of the enjoying the sun & our 'Vairs & some great food (smoooooooooooooth segue, huh??), I'd like to propose that this month's scheduled indoor meeting be held at WideWaters Drive-In, in Lockport. The forecast is for good cruisin' weather, so I ask you: would you rather sit inside or get some fresh air? WideWaters is actually closer for most of the regulars at our meetings (except for me - the only place closer would be my living room!), so let me know what you think. I ask that those who are planning to attend the meeting let me know their choice by 9PM on Tuesday, May 17, so that I can e-mail everyone re: where we'll be.

I'd also propose that we change an event on our show/cruise schedule. On Wednesday, May 30, we had scheduled to go to WideWaters, but the free Shredd and Ragan cruise at Gratwick Park in N. Tonawanda will feature Classic Non-Muscle Cars, including Corvairs, that nite. This has been a very well-attended cruise at other venues (this is the 1st year that this cruise will be at this venue), so I'd like to have a nice display of our 'Vairs, complete with our banner, to really get some notice of our club. Again, please let me know what you think. I ask that those who are planning to attend that nite let me know their choice by 9PM on Tuesday, May 29, so that I can e-mail everyone re: where we'll be. Hmmmmm, since this change can be accomodated if we change our May indoor meeting to be at WideWaters, . . .

Our basic show/cruise schedule will be in each month's newsletter; I encourage each club member to suggest other events. AND, I'd be remiss if I didn't repeat Pat Murphy's great/wonderful/fantastic proposal of us meeting somewhere before an event so that we can arrive and park together. Let's keep in touch with each other re: where we'll be!

Speaking of suggesting other events and meeting somewhere before (yet another smooth segue - I'll be here all week, try the veal!), Pat Murphy and I will be meeting at the Tops Market on Grand Island Blvd. on Monday, May 14 @ 5PM to go to Adrian's Custard & Beef's monthly cruise; all are welcome to join us.

This week is really shaping-up to be a great, great start to our show/cruise season - Monday at Adrian's, Wednesday at WideWaters, and Friday at New Covenant!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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, 2012 Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 - 7:30PM if at the Church

either at

First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda *or* WideWaters Drive-In, 767 Market St., Lockport, NY (NOTE: if at Wide Waters Cruise is from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
(*the polls are now open - cast your ballot!!*)

- A. Call To Order
 - B. Secretary's Report
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Membership Chairman's Report
 - E. Old Business
 - 1. NFCC website update
 - 2. NFCC Summer Get-Together update
 - F. New Business
 - G. Next Meeting Confirmation
 - H. Adjournment
- "Car Talk" - *after the meeting is adjourned and until we get thrown-out!*

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

NFCC Meeting Minutes

April, 218012

Present: Joe Pendolino, Gary Swiatowy, Bob Guerin, Bill Gworek Sr., Pat Murphy, John Miller, Dick Matson

Next meeting: May 16, 2012, 7:30 pm, at the church

Call to Order: 7:38 pm

Secretary's Report: Read and Approved

Treasurer's Report: Presented and approved, Bob is working through the process to convert our account from HSBC to First Niagara.

Old Business:

1. **Membership Drive and Update:** There was no membership report due to Joe Grafasi absence.
2. **Tech Session Updates:** Bill Gworek Sr. says that the rear spring project on his car is a go for April 28th, 10 am @ Gary Swiatowy house. We will still complete a learning session on how to properly inspect and grease an early model rear axle bearing.
3. **NFCC Website Update:** This continues to be a work in progress.

New Business:

1. **Summer Get Together:** This will be held on June 30th. It is the car blessing at the Pierce Arrow museum. The event begins 12 pm and the blessing will be at 2pm. There was discussion about going out to dinner after the event, however nothing was decided. We also discussed a possible scavenger hunt within the museum with possible prizes purchased by the club.
2. **NFCC show/cruise schedule:** that the club will attend.

- May 18th**: New Covenant Car Blessing @ 345 McConkey, Tonawanda: Blessing, Food, and Music 6pm.
- May 30th**: Wide Waters: Lockport, NY 5-8 pm (or Gratwick park see Joe;s comments)
- June 11th**: Adrian's Cruise Night with a Chinese Auction to benefit Make a Wish: **Any donations are appreciated**: 5-9pm.
- June 30th**: Car Blessing @ Pierce Arrow Museum. 12-4 pm: There is a charge for this event.
- July 13th**: 14th Annual Paddock Super Cruise: 4-9pm
- July 30th**: Webster St. Cruise Night: North Tonawanda 5-9pm
- August 20th**: Ida Fritz Park: Lockport NY 5-9 pm
- August 25th**: Mt.St. Mary's: Delaware 3pm-?
- September 2nd**: Autumn Sports Classic Car Show Como Lake Park, Lancaster: 9am -4 pm.
- September 6th**: Akron: Orphan Car Cruise night 5 pm

3. Winter get together was discussed with a possible date of **December 15th** at the Buffalo Transportation Museum.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm

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:

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...NFCC EVENTS, AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

May 14th, Adrian's Cruise night Grand Island.
May 16th, NFCC Meeting Widewaters/ or at the Trinity Church, see notes above
May 18th, New Covenant Car Blessing. 345 McConkey, Tonawanda NFCC get together
May 18-20th Dunkirk Swap Meet
May 26th Caz car show, 578-8336
May 30th Wide Waters Cruise night, Market St. Lockport, 940-6809 NFCC or Gratwick park in N. Tonawanda!
June 8-10th, CNYCC Recall Syracuse
June 10, AACA show in Elma, 254-3926
June 11th Adrian's Cruise night NFCC Meeting
June 14th. Cataract Cruisers Super Cruise, Academy Park Lewiston, 283-4144
June 16-17th, Darien Lake Car Show, 675-5395
June 17th, Miller Hose Car Show, Newfane.
Jun 23-24th, Niagara 2012 Car Show and Swap Meet, Niagara County Fairgrounds.
Jun 28th, Great Race at Pierce Arrow Museum
Jun 29th, Great Race weekend continues.
Jun 30th, Blessing of the Cars, Pierce Arrow Museum NFCC get together.
July 1st, Tri-Five, Car Event of the Summer, Pumpkin Farm, Clarence
July 7th, Pirate Festival Car Show, Olcott, NY
July 13th, Paddock super cruise NFCC get together.
July 18th Canal Fest Super Cruise, 240-1471
July 20th St John's car show/cruise Alden 937-7888
July 21st Man-Up Car show Amherst 866-0564
July 22nd, Reif Estate Winery cruise, Niagara on the Lake Ontario 905-684-3025
July 25th, Beechwood Cruise, now called Rootbeer Float Cruise, contact Joe P. 240-1471
July 25th-28th CORSA International Convention Sturbridge Mass.
July 30th Webster St. Tonawanda, NFCC meeting.
Aug 5th Niagara Fair Car Show, Niagara County Fairgrounds, Lockport, 439-5194
Aug 6th Taste of Clarence Cruise
Aug 19th Fantasy Island Car show,
Aug 20th Lockport Cruise, IDA Fritz Park Lockport, NFCC MEETING
Aug 25th Mt. St. Marys
Aug 26th Hartland Car Show, Rt 104 Hartland 439-5194
Sept 1st, Olcott Beach car Show
Sept 2nd, Autumn Sports Classic, Como Park
Sept 2nd, Southgate Plaza Car Show
Sept 6th, Akron Cruise Night, Orphan Car night, Main St. Akron.
Sept 9th, Middleport Cruise
Sept 15th, Akron Car Show/Craft Show
Sept 16th, September to Remember Car Show/Swap meet, Orleans County Fairgrounds.
Sept 16th, Annual Fall Toy Cruise, Colden Fire Dept. Joe- 240-1471
Sept 22nd, Cruising for a Cure, Roswell Park.

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. Also, next meeting, I will have Niagara Flyers available to anyone who wants one. That includes a list of shows and cruises as well. Feel free to contact me for any further info on any events you may be interested in, there are a lot of cruises and shows to go to. And I constantly get more info on events not listed in other places. Also rodandpiston.com is a good source of updated show and cruise info. I also may be able to e-mail you an event flyer entry form if you contact me.

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Late model Corvair shocks cross reference:

For the FRONT, part number: 343161 Which is a

- > KONI part number for the
- > following.
- > R Ford Fairmont All 1978-81
- > R Ford Mustang All 1979-81
- > R Mercury Capri All 1979-81
- > R Mercury Zephyr All 1978-81

> For the REAR, part number: 344098

Which is a

- > KONI part number for the
- > following.
- > F Daihatsu Truck Rocky All 1990-92
- > F Honda Truck Passport All 1994-96
- > F Isuzu Truck (4WD) All 1988-97
- > F Mazda Truck (2WD) All 1986-93
- > F Nissan Truck Pathfinder (Exc.
- > Adj.Susp.)1987-95
- > F Opel GT All 1969-73

Reminder everyone! Your 2012-2013 membership dues are due by July 1st which ios coming real soon. Why not send them in now instead of waiting.

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Ken Kittle sent along pictures of Luke helping out with the wet sanding on his Corvair.



Corvaire article from Dubai

<http://www.motoringme.com/chevrolet-corvaire-meets-fiat-500/>

Kent Sullivan's Canadian Corvaire project

<http://www.corvairekid.com/610767001602.htm>



Corvaire in new movie "Struck by Lightning".



Note everyone!

I'm thinking a great time to have our meeting at Wide Waters on the 16th as Joe suggested. Also, heading to Gratwick Park on the 30th sounds like a great idea as well. We have had the earliest spring ever, lets use it! Hopefully see you there.



Dick Clark owned a Cord 8/10, it recently came for sale on e-bay



Pictures from 1970



The makers of Quaker State motor oil announced the production of a new motor oil, Quaker State Defy. Featuring a high level of ZDDP, an anti-wear additive commonly referred to as "zinc," Quaker State Defy addresses the needs of some automotive enthusiasts to combat friction and wear inside their engines. The formulation of new Quaker State Defy contains a proprietary "zinc booster" that has dual attributes contributing to wear and oxidation control. Quaker State Defy is intended to provide enthusiasts with a quality, brand name oil that will provide both the protection and performance required in high-output, flat-tappet engines.

"We as an industry have seen the levels of zinc in motor oil consistently reduced in each successive gasoline engine specification implemented by ILSAC in the past few years," said Jeff Hsu, Quaker State technology specialist. "This reduction of zinc is fine for drivers of newer vehicles, but is leaving classic car owners, enthusiasts and those with flat-tappet cams and followers with fewer and fewer options in the motor oil category."

The use of ZDDP in motor oil has seen a gradual decline since 2001 in order to minimize or eliminate clogging of oxygen sensors and catalytic converters in modern cars due to volatile phosphorus. Prior to 2001, the typical concentration was roughly 1300 to 1400 parts per million (ppm) of ZDDP. However, since 2001, modern passenger cars have required oils with lower viscosity to reduce power loss and increase gas mileage, but achieving these lower viscosities with higher concentrations of ZDDP is difficult.

The proprietary low-volatility ZDDP technology used in Quaker State Defy motor oil significantly reduces the amount of volatile phosphorus, while retaining its anti-wear protective behaviour and antioxidant performance. Quaker State Defy has a ZDDP composition of 1200ppm, a more than sufficient amount to stand up to the most aggressive engine profiles.

"We have repeatedly heard enthusiasts and engine builders ask for more zinc or other solutions to their aggressive flat-tappet cam issues, and those requests did not fall on deaf ears," said Chris Hayek, Quaker

State global brand manager. "What we have been able to come up with is a zinc additive that is more effective and enables us to do more with the oil itself."

An additional benefit of the new, fully formulated Quaker State Defy motor oil is that it is capable of running a full manufacturer recommended drain interval during engine break in and does not need to be drained after five hundred or a thousand miles, like some high zinc break in oils.

Quaker State Defy is also intended for use in higher mileage passenger vehicle engines, and helps control the wear that high mileage engines typically endure. In fact, the new Quaker State Defy motor oil helps stop engine wear in its tracks - preventing up to 98 per cent of future wear through the use of the proprietary ZDDP additive. Quaker State Defy also is designed to help high mileage engines perform more efficiently through the use of additional seal swell additive that reconditions dried up seals and help control external and internal leaks. The motor oil provides a thicker viscosity and stronger oil film to resist thermal breakdown and reduce oil volatility and burn off, which help increase compression and reduce blow by.

More information can be found at www.QuakerState.com.

Note from Gary:

I have been buying ACCEL brand motor oil at Wal art, 10W-40 that is designed for vehicles made 1988 and older and meets the old SF classification. Also, Dollar General Brand oil also is high in zinc content, they have the same 1988 and older rating. Mobil 1 "High Mileage" 10W-30 and 10W-40 both contain 1100 ppm of zinc so all of these should be great choices for our collector cars. And don't forget, most of our yard equipment is designed for high zinc oil, not the common oil now found on the shelves.

Thanks for everyone who made the tech session at my house, we got the rear springs in Bill Gworek's car, and had our tech session on rear wheel bearings for early models. Had some pizza, and we all climbed into my Greenbrier and went and picked up 5 of my cars still in storage! We had a nice caravan of 6 vehicles total so I was able to bring them all home in one trip instead of spending an entire day bringing one at a time!



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For more pictures!





Engines of Change: A History of the American Dream in Fifteen Cars

<http://www.amazon.com/Engines-Change-History-American-Fifteen/dp/1452657351>

America was made manifest by its cars. From the assembly lines of Henry Ford to the open roads of Route 66 and Jack Kerouac, America's history is a vehicular history—an idea brought brilliantly to life in this major work by the acclaimed author of *Crash Course: The American Automobile Industry's Road from Glory to Disaster*. One of the nation's most eloquent and impassioned car nuts, Paul Ingrassia offers a wondrous epic in fifteen automobiles, including the VW Beetle, **the Chevy Corvair**, Robert McNamara and Lee Iacocca's Mustang, the Pontiac GTO, Honda's Accord, the BMW 3 Series, and the Jeep, among others. Through them, the author shows us much more than the car's ability to exhibit the particularly American tension between the lure of freedom and the obligations of utility; he takes us through the rise of American manufacturing, the suburbanization of the country, the birth of the Hippie and the Yuppie, the emancipation of women, and so much more, including the car's unintended consequences: trial lawyers, energy crises, and pollution. Narrative history of the highest caliber, *Engines of Change* is an entirely edifying new way to look at the American story

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/galleries/2012/04/29/a-history-of-modern-america-in-15-cars-from-the-model-t-to-the-toyota-prius-photos.html#slide8>

A few years ago screenwriter Jonathan Rintels purchased a 65 Corvair from a club member. He has written his first book about his experience. John has become part of the Corvair Community. He is a member of a local CORSA chapter and CORSA member.

<http://jonathanrintels.com/about-the-author/the-story-behind-lifemobile/>

Link for those who think they might like to purchase the book.

<http://jonathanrintels.com/buy-the-book/>

And on Amazon for the more frugal.

http://www.amazon.com/Lifemobile-Jonathan-Rintels/dp/1935212923/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1336480376&sr=1-1



Lifemobile tells the story of Benjy Bennett, an honor student with Asperger's Syndrome, who upon graduation from high school hopelessly despairs that "there's no place in this world" for someone as different as him. But then his widowed father brings home a "Deathmobile" – an old Corvair, famously characterized by Ralph Nader as "unsafe at any speed." When Benjy learns that the U.S. government ultimately found Nader's sensational charges untrue, he decides that the Corvair is "not disabled, just different," as he is, and has been unfairly stigmatized by a world that does not understand it, just as he has. The different boy becomes the different car's champion, determined to prove to the world how wrong it is about both of them. Taking Benjy and his father on a wild and emotional ride full of colorful characters and comic adventures, the Deathmobile becomes their "Lifemobile," ultimately helping them both discover Benjy's own uniquely satisfying place in this world.

Dennis Dorogi has again made progress on the Carl Sagan Spyder. It appears both front and rear susp[ension are in place, and the brake system appears all set, much assembly yet to go! For more pictures go to my webshots album here. And again, Thanks Dennis for sharing your progress!

<http://rides.webshots.com/album/233356382dqYpqr>

