

# Vair-iations

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**Note: Membership dues are due July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 for the 2017-2018 membership year**

Bill Cushenberry's Corvair based Silhouette II Space Coupe heads toward completion more than 50 years later



<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2017/10/24/thrice-deferred-bill-cushenberrys-silhouette-ii-space-coupe-heads-toward-completion-more-than-50-years-later/?refer=news>

Stolen, abandoned, slated for the scrap heap: Certainly not the fate Bill Cushenberry imagined for what was to be his crowning achievement, the Silhouette II Space Coupe. Yet, for all the peril it has faced, it has survived and now appears destined for completion more than 50 years after it was conceived.

This is a great article on the Hemming's blog about this Corvair based car that most of us never heard of, mainly because it was never completed! I am sure most of you had a "Hot Wheels" car known as the Silhouette, This was to be the Silhouette II, with a Corvair drive train and suspension, read the article the link takes you to. Look forward to seeing this one completed!

## 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 to:

Bob Guerin 3717 Daniels Rd. Ransomville NY 14131 Membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.

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Niagara Frontier Corvair Club  
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## Minutes of October Meeting

DATE: Monday 10-18-17  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: First Trinity Church

Our first indoor meeting for the fall/winter season called to order by Joe Pendolino at 7:10 PM. We had the following 6 members in attendance.

Joe Pendolino  
John Dawley  
Gary Swiatowy  
Joe Grifasi  
Bob Guerin  
Dick Dahmer

### Topics discussed

#### *Old Business*

- 1) The Banquet was held at Dick & Jenny's Brew Pub on Grand Island, we had 10 in attendance and a good time was had by all.
- 2) Bob provided the latest information on our treasury status.
- 3) Joe Grifasi is in the process of providing an updated membership list. He will need an accounting of persons who have paid dues to complete the list.
- 4) Gary mentioned he attended the Como car show and was the only NFCC member there.

#### *New Business*

- 1) Joe Pendolino advised nominations for office will be held at the November meeting.
- 2) Joe also advised we will have the usual Corvair "toy show" at our December meeting.

#### *Adjournment*

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:19

Have a good month and I am looking forward to seeing you next year after my return from AZ.

"Summer" NFCC Secretary  
John Dawley

## NFCC Calendar

**Nov 5 - FALL CLASSIC AUTO PARTS SWAP MEET** - Frontier Fire Hall 2176 Liberty Dr. Wheatfield, NY- 9 AM to 1 PM. Sponsored by Niagara County Central Rotary Club. INFO: Tom 716-694-0888, 716-693-9713.

**Nov 15th - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda**

**Dec 20th - NFCC Meeting – 7:30 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda**

**Jan 17th - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda**

**Feb 4 - 16th ANNUAL SNOW BUSTER AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET** - Events Center at The Fairgrounds at Hamburg, NY, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY-. 9am-3pm. Sponsored by Model "A" Restorer's Club Niagara Frontier Region. INFO: Jim 716-337-0646, email: [jrummer48@yahoo.com](mailto:jrummer48@yahoo.com)

**Feb 21st - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard**

**MAR 2-4 - 25th ANNUAL Advance Auto Parts, Tread City Tire "CAVALCADE OF CARS" - Event Center, The Fairgrounds, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY. Check out [www.cavalcadeofcars.com](http://www.cavalcadeofcars.com) for information.**

**Mar 21st - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard**

**Apr 18th - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard**

### **NFCC at Pautler's Cruise night**



Pautler's "owns" Tuesday night for Cruising, they pack them in each week. Maybe next year we can get there at noon so we can take over the front row so the Corvette club doesn't get it?



Pat's trailer is a hit everywhere it goes.



Dave Naus made it to Pautler's with the 65 Fitch Sprint, note the unique differences between a Sprint and a regular Corvair, especially the sail panels



**ATTENTION NFGC MEMBERS!**

*When you are out and about, do you take a picture or 2 of your Vair? Are you working on it? E-mail me a picture or more for the newsletter, it really helps to get material for this newsletter. If you go to a show or cruise, take a picture and send it in!*

*See a Corvair related article on the internet? Send me a link and share it with everyone.*

*Always looking for new material.....*

*Gary*

**Saw Bob Guerin at the Pembroke Corfu Darien Kiwanis Club Car Show.**



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**I TOOK THE 67 CORONET TO THE SHOW, WITH THE TOP DOWN, NICE FOR A MID SEPTEMBER EVENT!**



**SAW BILL RYAN'S CORVAIR AT THE LOCKPORT CRUISE SEASON END EVENT.**



**SAW THIS REAR ENGINE CAR THERE AS WELL**



