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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

Note: Membership dues are due July 1st 2017 for the 2017-2018 membership year

[A 10-year restoration revives a 1961 Chevrolet Corvair Greenbrier with some '62 model flair – Hemmings blog](#)



Nostalgia often drives us to own a specific collector car or truck. Or, for Bill Wise, a vintage van. From his youth, the North Adams, Massachusetts, resident fondly remembers the 1962 Corvair Greenbrier his father purchased. "It was the only car he bought new, and when I got my driver's license my parents gifted it to me as my first car. The Chevrolet was already a bit rusty by then, but we did some basic work on it so that I could use it. There were a lot of great memories associated with the Greenbrier," explained Bill.

<https://www.hemmings.com/magazine/hcc/2017/11/Tribute-to-the-Past---1961-Chevrolet-Corvair-Greenbrier/3751241.html?refer=hccweekly>

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.

-----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 _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

Niagara Frontier Corvair Club
C/O Gary Swiatowy
7838 Chestnut Ridge Road,
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-----ESTABLISHED 1973-----

A Chartered Chapter of the Corvair Society of America

President	Pat Murphy	(716) 861-8749
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Secretary	John Dawley/Joe Pendolino	(716) 832-8551
Treasurer	Bob Guerin	(716) 266-4013
Membership	Joe Grifasi	(716) 688-6041

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NFCC Calendar

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

Mar 25th Niagara Drag Strip Video Reunion Buffalo Sports Garden 2945 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park

Mar 29-31st Buffalo Motorama, Buffalo Convention Center.
<https://www.buffalomotorama.com/>

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

April 22nd Swap Meet Frontier Fire Hall Liberty Drive Niagara Falls 9:00 am

May 16th - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Tentative Guest Speaker & Pizza

Jun 23rd. The Great Race, Race starts at the Buffalo Transportation Museum
<http://www.greatrace.com/news/2018-great-race-to-start-in-buffalo-new-york.html>

There is a company called OPGI which is offering a free new restoration parts catalog for the Corvair. They have been offering this catalog for awhile, but it is not out yet. I purchased Nova parts from OPGI before. I imagine most of these Corvair items just happen to be parts already reproduced for other GM cars that just happen to fit a Corvair. Buy from established long time vendors when you can, but in case there is something new from OPGI you can order your catalog here: <https://www.opgi.com/restoration-parts-catalog-corvair.asp>

Everyone! If you have interest in coming to the meeting in May for the speaker and Pizza you must contact either me or Pat Murphy and let us know so we can prepare. Note: check with us as this is still tentative. Gary Swiatowy gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com 716-439-5194 evenings

Niagara Frontier Corvair Club Shirts

Special Order Only

The Club has decided to make another purchase of polo shirts for this spring. Details are as follows:
6 oz. 50/50 Jersey Polo

- 50% preshrunk cotton, 50% polyester
- DryBlend® fabric wicks moisture away from the body
- welt-knit collar and cuffs
- heat transfer label
- woodtone buttons
- double-needle stitched hemmed bottom
- three-button placket

Shirts are available in one of the four colors shown below. The Club logo will be embroidered on the left chest (Note- the logo looks best on one of the lighter colors). Shirts are special order only, and must be **prepaid**. Orders will be taken at the February, March, and April meetings, and will be available for pickup at the May meeting. If you cannot make it to the meetings, please make arrangements for prepayment and order/pickup with one of the Club officers.

Prices will be: S,M,L,XL \$25.00 XXL \$27.00 3XL \$30.00



Light Blue



Sand



Black



Forest Green

Available in men's sizes only. Price includes embroidery and sales tax.

NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY

Meeting called to order at 7:25pm.

Attendees included President Patrick Murphy, Treasurer Bob Guerin, Newsletter Chair Gary Swiatowy, and Dick Dahmer.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Gary Swiatowy and seconded by Dick Dahmer.

Treasurer's Report was given by Bob Guerin.

Membership Chairman Joe Grifasi was not present to report. Gary Swiatowy questioned membership of some members still on the postal mail list and some other older members as Dues Due was posted in the last newsletter. Postal newsletters presently go out to 6 members and 1 honorary member. Two people were dropped from membership. A suggestion was made to not offer postal newsletter option to new members. No motion was entertained at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CAVALCADE OF CARS

Pat Murphy will contact Joe Pendolino about the files necessary to get them printed and Pat Murphy will follow up to get them displayed.

SHIRTS

Dick Dahmer started taking orders for new shirts. Small to Large cost \$25. XX cost \$27. XXX cost \$30. Colors are Light Blue, Sand, Forest Green and Black.

Remember: **APRIL 18 MEETING IS CUTOFF DATE FOR ORDERS. ALL SHIRTS MUST BE PREPAID BY THIS DATE.** This will give them time to make the shirts and for us to distribute in time for cruises.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Guest

a. Chuck Facklam sent email to Gary about a George Nash, a 100 year old Tonawanda Plant engineer with personal experience of the Corvaire. The group thought that the May 16 meeting would be good so all our snowbirds could attend. We will have refreshments and an **RSVP** will be needed to get a head count.

2. Road Trip

a. John Dawley sent an email proposing a road trip to the Geneseo Air Show on Sunday, July 15. It would be about an hour and a half drive. Gary Swiatowy does the Hartland Car Show that day unfortunately which leaves Gary and Pat Murphy out.

Meeting to adjourn was motioned by Dick Dahmer and seconded by Gary Swiatowy. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.



NOTICE: DUES DUE

It was noted that the following members are overdue for membership dues. This will be their last newsletter unless they contact us regarding payment.

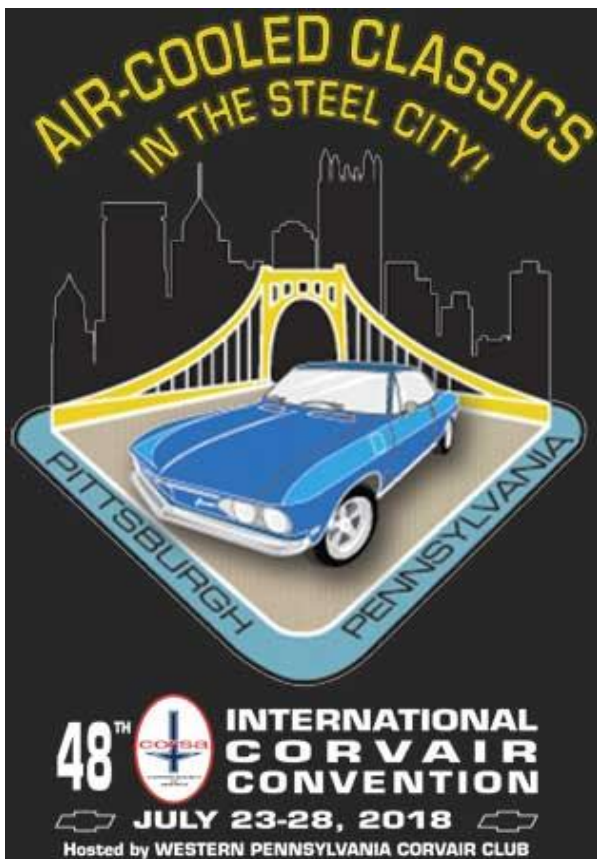
Jeff Bahrett
Bill and Nancy Colvenbach
William Cockayne
Kenneth Kittle
Rich McClive
Mike VanTuyl
Ben Wild

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2018 Convention update!

<http://corvairpittsburgh.com/>

What a great convention website!

48TH INTERNATIONAL CORVAIR CONVENTION
JULY 23-28, 2018
Hosted by WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORVAIR CLUB



Pat Murphy sent along some pics of the GM Heritage Museum



Tom Koprevich has really been moving along on his Early Convertible build. Hope to see it out if the weather ever breaks! Here is a link to many pictures and posts in Corvair Center.

<http://corvairster.com/phorum/read.php?1,921042>



Ton's Interior



Interior side panels needed a little work for use. Speaker holes and rear lights had to be removed and panels repaired. I think most people would have searched for different ones, though these are getting scarce.



Ron Fedorczak sent me pictures from the 2016 and 2017 CORSA conventions, I have uploaded them to my Flickr albums.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/89344545@N08/albums>



Pics from 2016



Attention: Clark's is having their 45th anniversary sale! http://www.corvair.com/user-cgi/catalog.cgi?function=fetch&find_page=SUP-24

If nothing else, stock up on oil filters and fan belts, I did, and got a t-shirt, and a lot of the sale literature as well. Check out The complete history books part one and 2 for \$7.50, can't beat it.....Gary



Thanks again to Ron Fedorczak for sharing these pictures of the 2016 CORSA Convention, some shots from 2017 maybe next month.

