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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



Angelo Rizzo brought his just finished 64 Spyder out for its debut run for our NFCC meeting at Ida Fritz Park in Lockport on June 17th. Unfortunately the skies opened up and the cruise was cancelled. Angelo and I were the only Corvairs that made it. I heard several members turned around and went home before getting there. After these pictures, the rain really got heavy. I felt like I was pushing water going up Main Street of Lockport on the way home. I could barely see through the windshield. Luckily, I had just put on new wiper blades. The following week was rained out as well, the 21st. Finally we did get a meeting in June on the 28th. Pictures will be in the August Issue for that cruise.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Club Membership - \$10.00 per year for e-mail newsletter. Dues may be paid at monthly meeting or by mailing to:

Dick Dahmer 53 Melberry Trail, Orchard Park, NY 14127 Membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.

-----Membership APPLICATION-----

NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

NFCC Meeting Tuesday July 20th at Pautlers,
6343 Transit Rd. East Amherst Meeting at
6:30 PM But many will be there earlier.

See Show and Cruise news for updated shows!

<https://www.showandcruiseneews.com/>

Corsa virtual membership special. Test Drive Corsa for \$25

Some exciting news. Members of your chapter who are interested in joining CORSA will want to take advantage of this new limited time offer. *CORSA is now offering 12-Month Virtual

Memberships for just \$25** instead of the usual price of \$37*. Come and "take a test drive with CORSA" by signing up for a 12-Month Virtual Membership.

Virtual Membership provides on-line access to the CORSA Communicate magazine, member-only events, technical information and more- all for about \$2 a month! It's a great deal for everyone- *new and existing* members.

What's a "Virtual Membership?" you may ask? The only difference is that Full Members of CORSA receive copies of the CORSA Communicate magazine both online and through US Postal, whereas Virtual Members get online access only. Everything else is the same.

Here are the details:

- Price: \$25 for twelve months instead of the usual \$37.
- Eligibility: All new and existing CORSA members.
- Offer Period: Now to December 31, 2021.
- Effective date for new members: Membership will begin on the date payment is received- register on line.
- Effective date for existing members. Existing membership will be extended twelve months beginning on the day after membership would otherwise expire.

Important information about the offer:

- One-Time Only: Offer good for 1 sign up or renewal. Individuals can take advantage of the offer one time only. Renewals at this price for one year only.
- Corvair Basics Book: No matter which level of membership is chosen, brand new CORSA members ordinarily receive a free copy of the Corvair Basics book. However, due to the expense, we cannot extend this to persons opting for the \$25 offer.
- Attention Full Members: Full Members who apply for any level of Virtual Membership (including the \$25 offer) will immediately stop receiving copies of the CORSA Communique magazine in the mail. (This has always been the case but we mention it here to make sure there is no misunderstanding).
- No Refunds to Facilitate Transition: We cannot issue refunds of dues paid by Full Members to facilitate transitions from Full to any level of Virtual Membership (including the Offer).
- Offer is only good during this time period. No refunds for prior purchase of membership.

Sign-Up Today on the CORSA Website!

<https://www.corvair.org/index.php/membership/join-or-renew-here>



Just a simple job.....

Sometimes a simple job can turn into a project, one thing just leads to another.

My intention was to change the trunk weatherstrip on my 62 Corvair. The old one was crumbling, all dried out, and leaking into the trunk. I had a new one from Clark's. I parked the car in front of my garage door, removed the old weatherstrip, wire brushed the channel, and painted the channel with Extend rust converter. Once dry, it took my wife and I about an hour to stuff it in place.

Once done, I went to move the car, and all the car would do is click. Put the battery charger on, and nothing. Bad Starter.

Ok, loosened the air cleaners, shot some starting fluid in the carbs, let it roll downhill and popped the clutch. Now running!

I pulled out the car inside the garage and put the Corvair in. Raised the car in the air on my car lift and pulled out the dead starter.



Removing the wheel is the best way to access the starter on an early



A closer look, you can see the starter in there. And one of the 2 bolts holding it to the bell housing. The other is above the solenoid. A short 9"16 wrench can get to it. But you have to reach blindly, and find it by feel.

I then, tried some of my used starters with jumper cables until I found one that appeared to work. Put that one in, tried again, and nothing.

I next took 3 starters to Batavia Starter and Alternator and had all 3 rebuilt. I must say I was impressed with his work, all nice, clean, painted, new parts, and each had a tag with the build date of the starter written on it. I put in the starter which had come out of the car, a 1962 starter.



Three starters all rebuilt and like new. Tags attached with date of manufacture.

Hooked it all back up and it spun over and started great!

As long as I had the car on the lift, I let it warm up, raised it back up to change the oil.

Well, as soon as I turned the drain plug it came wobbly loose. I ended up pulling out the threads of the oil pan with the plug.

Luckily, I had a few spare pans around, and a new vintage Victor cork pan gasket.

I found a can of Castle Trim Stick which had probably been on the shelf for 30 years, and it still sprayed! Finally my luck was getting better.

So what was supposed to be an hour job ended up being over a week due to things not going as planned. Outside, in front of my other garage door, I have a 66 T-bird, another car with a bad starter blocking access to 2 of my Corvairs. Another project at hand.....



Why You Should Buy a 1960s Chevy Corvair Right Now

It's not a death trap, by the way.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-23/why-you-should-buy-a-1960s-chevy-corvair-right-now?fbclid=IwAR3ivvu9URcTe_bmeLInCGqFb68Uc5tAKnxByZBeHwyXli23BIRxVbU4TTA

-CORSA is offering Tech Guides 1-4 in an e-Book format flash drive that looks like a Red Corvair! Here is your opportunity to purchase all four Tech Guides in one e-book. It is searchable and has zoom capabilities too. You can also purchase a blank 1G Corvair thumb drive in a blue Corvair and there is a special offer for purchasing both. Check it out on the website under "other merchandise" tab.

<https://www.corvair.org/index.php/merchandise/other-merchandise>

-And the **Tech Guide 4 book is also now available.** It's a "must have" to add to your other Tech Guides. Purchase at corvair.org, other merchandise tab.

<https://www.corvair.org/index.php/merchandise/other-merchandise>

-For your convenience, **all purchases on corvair.org can now be made with both Credit Card and Pay Pal** membership and merchandise.

-Take a look: **CORSA Website content has been re-designed.** It's been reorganized for easy access the most used items. Be sure to use your log in to find content that is available exclusively to members.

-**Monthly Meet Ups for CORSA Members** are held the third Thursday of each month. Email invitations are sent out to members only. Mark your calendars for these informative sessions. Our next meet up is on July 15th at 9p ET/6p PT. Guest speaker will be Mike Dawson, talking about engine cooling. If you aren't attending, you are missing out on some great presentations! But you can watch them on You Tube-

-Are you subscribed to the **Corvair Society of America You Tube Channel**? If you are, you get notified when new videos are available. Check out all the previous Meet Up presentations on our You Tube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf2gOckRq2GLOHDhHBgvTXA>

Now uploaded: Bill Hubble's journey restoring the beautiful John Glenn Corvair.

<https://youtu.be/hKoZQx-WaAQ>

-If you are out and about this summer, the **John Glenn Corvair will be on display July 17th at the John and Annie Glenn Museum** (his boyhood home) in New Concord, Ohio, as part of his Centennial Birthday Celebration. Any CORSA members or chapters in the area or Corvair people looking for a fun road trip should consider adding this to your activity calendar - a rare opportunity to see the car and tour the museum about the man who first owned it.

<http://johnandannieglenmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JGCC-schedule.pdf>

-**Are you following CORSA on Instagram?** Great pictures of Corvairs throughout the world are posted daily. Tag us with your Corvair events and car pictures @corsa_corvair_official make it easier to access the most used materials. More improvements are planned in the future.

- Are you planning a local event? Interested in attending events? CORSA has a place for both on the website and in the Communique. Contact the club office with your event information so members can make plans to attend.

Paul Bergstrom

CORSA Executive Secretary

June 28th Meeting Minutes

Persons in attendance:

We had a good turn-out for the cruise at Ida Fritz Square in Lockport. The meeting was brief (10 minutes), and unfortunately I did not list those who were there. A rough guess would be 8 Corvairs and 8 persons in attendance.

Treasurers Report:

No report at this time due to the possibly of bad weather impacting Dick's drive from Orchard Park.

Old Business:

Plans for a "road trip" were discussed. The Genesee Air Show was removed as a possibility due to Covid regulations and elimination of the Classic Car section we attended before. We settled on 8-15-21 to have one. Several destinations were discussed. A final selection will be announced at the July meeting.

New Business:

We are happy to welcome a new member who was at the meeting. Mark Lafler brought along his Corvair as well.

Pat Murphy advised he is investigating a source to supply Corvair tee shirts. Good idea as we have not had them available for awhile.

Joe Pendolino advised there will be an interesting Cruise event in September. It will be at Canal Side in Buffalo on 9-19-21.

Our next meeting will be at:
July -- Pautler's on Transit Rd. East Amherst on 7-20-21

I hope everyone has had a good month and I am looking forward to seeing you at the July meeting.
John Dawley



Wurlitzer Cruise July 5th



Ran into Mark Laffler at Widewaters back in June. After an over 40 year hiatus, Mark has rejoined the NFCC. Welcome back Mark!



His Monza was one of his Dads cars. Great restoration!



I took the Greenbrier to Widewaters in Lockport that day. Nice Thursday cruise with live music. Anyone want to have the August meeting here?

We could not get a firm confirmation that Adrian's is having a Super Cruise, or any cruise at all for that matter. Conflicting info, and the date they had listed on the calendar of events the 20th, is a Tuesday, and their cruises are traditionally Mondays. And no flyer could be found, so we changed out meeting to Pautlers for Tuesday the 20th of July.

Now we need locations for August and September. Grand Island travel center?any ideas?