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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

*** Celebrating our 50th anniversary 1973 - 2023 ***



We had a Quorum at our December meeting, barely. And a few of us brought some toys to display. We had a good discussion of some possible events for 2023 and our 50th anniversary as a Corvair club. Traffic getting to the meeting was horrendous seeing as it was days before Christmas and the pending blizzard conditions drove people to flood the streets for last minute shopping. But all in all, it was a great get together, to discuss business and cars in general.

Hope everyone had a great and safe Christmas!

*****Gary Swiatowy

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

NAME _____ CORSA Member? Yes/No _____

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Niagara Frontier Corvair Club
C/O Gary Swiatowy
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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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Treasurer	Dick Dahmer	(716) 480-7713
Membership	Dick Dahmer	(716) 480-7713

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

NFCC Meeting Wednesday Jan 18, at 6:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran Church at 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard in Tonawanda. Anyone interested in dinner before the meeting? How about Buffalo Wild Wings 4:30PM. Please RSVP in case there are a change of plans.

See Show and Cruise news for updated shows and events!
<https://www.showandcruiseneews.com/>

In case you don't know. There are newsletter options. Your membership includes our monthly NFCC newsletter, but you also have the option to receive several other clubs newsletters as well. This could be 10 or more additional Corvair club newsletters from across the country, filled with cars for sale, tech tips and more. Most of you already receive the additional newsletters, If you are not receiving them, and want them you have to let me know by e-mail, If you are

receiving them and do not want them, you have to let me know that as well by e-mail. gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com

I received this by email the other day.....Gary

This is the quarterly notification to inform you that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the charity you've selected, Corvair Preservation Foundation, in the amount of \$197.85 as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers between July 1st - September 30th.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, everyday purchases make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:
\$2,562.42 to Corvair Preservation Foundation*
Over \$400 million to US charities
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CLARK'S CORVAIR PARTS

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY -2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH- each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page www.corvair.com

FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023

FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER- if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE- sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE-** check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

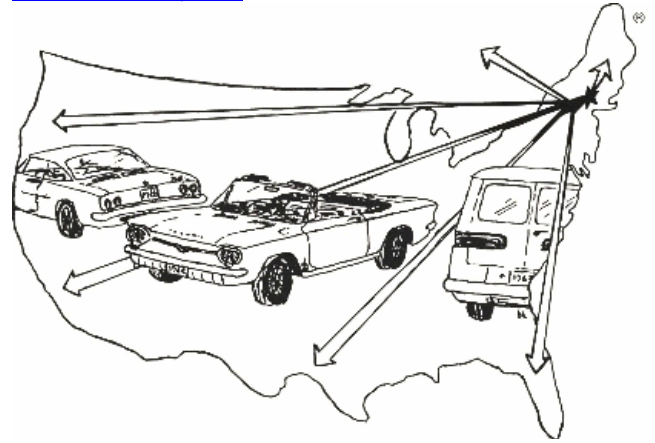
CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES- See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

2023 SUPPLEMENT- On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION- Wisconsin- We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

CATALOG- over 450 pages, free with an order, \$8 postpaid in USA

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NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

DECEMBER 2022 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm.

Attendees included President Patrick Murphy, Treasurer Dick Dahmer, Newsletter Editor Gary Swiatowy, Chuck Facklam and Tom Lynch.

Treasurer's Report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

1. NOMINATIONS

- a. Because we didn't have a quorum in November, nominations have to be made this month. President Patrick Murphy, Treasurer Richard Dahmer, and Secretary John Dawley have agreed to keep their positions and no nominations were made to contest those officeholders. Dick Dahmer nominated Gary Swaitowy for the position of Vice President. The members at the meeting unanimously approved the nomination. This filled all positions with one unopposed candidate.

2. VOTE SLATE OF OFFICERS

- a. The members present at this meeting unanimously approved the slate of officers.

3. MEETING DAY & TIME

- a. We are contemplating a change in the meeting date and time. To accommodate those who normally

attend meetings, it was proposed to change from the third Wednesday to the fourth Wednesday of the month. President Patrick Murphy stated that the change should not lose the same number of members it gains. This makes it easier on those that presently come to most meetings and will hopefully bring in others who had conflicts with the present date. The time will also change to 7pm. We also must reconfirm this change with the church.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CLARK'S CORVAIR

- a. Clark's Corvair will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary next year as will the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club. They requested that we run an ad for them in our newsletter. Chuck Facklam motioned and Tom Lynch seconded the inclusion of their ad in our newsletter.

2. BY LAWS

- a. Patrick Murphy will put together a proposal to change the bylaws of the club to account for weather or lack of quorum problems which may occur in November nominations month or December voting of slate of officers.

3. MEETING AT CAR MUSEUM

- a. Chuck Facklam proposed a possible meeting of the club at the Buffalo Transportation Museum and possible tour. Evening day and date to be determined.

4. MADE IN AMERICA CRUISE

- a. Chuck Facklam said that if the club can get some cars together on the last Friday of the month in Elma, the possibility exists for a front row position.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Swiatowy and seconded by Tom Lynch.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.



From the Editor.....

Info that may be of interest:

Please mark Sunday JAN 22, 2023 on your calendar!
"2023 CALENDAR OF CAR EVENTS" PLANNING MEETING

2pm at The Clutch Artists Clubhouse 2145 William St, Buffalo, NY 14206.

Picking a non-conflicting date will increase your chances for better attendance. If you see several events already on the same date, it would be best to pick another date for yours. We need to support each other's events!

For example, most years there are some dates that had 8+ events on the same day, even though there were other dates with no events at all! Don't be afraid of holidays like Mothers/Fathers Day, Independence Day, etc. APRIL and OCTOBER are under-utilized months! We cruised sunny & warm into the first couple weeks of November 2021 & 2022. If you have any questions call 716-895-7099 or 716-984-7164 or email clutchartists@yahoo.com

As you may have already heard, 2023 is the 115th Anniversary of the Flyer victory in Paris. The City of Buffalo is going to be celebrating Thomas Flyer Week July 24-30, 2023 with the Flyer, Buffalo's only World Champion! [The Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum](#) will be the center of activity, with THE [1907 Thomas Flyer](#) on exhibit May - July 2023.

A full range of activities are planned*, with arrival on Monday July 24 and welcoming reception. Featured driving tours begin on Tuesday thru Friday (not to exceed 120 miles per day). Thomas automobiles will lead all tours, and given special preference at venues.

Thursday July 27th the Concord Historical Society is planning to host a Springville Thomas Day with many of these existing Thomas Flyers driving to Springville for a ceremony at George Schuster's gravesite in Maplewood Cemetery, a catered luncheon at the Springville Fire Hall, a driving tour of our village with stops at Schuster's former home on East Ave and a visit at the Historical Society NY to Paris exhibit in the Heritage Bldg on Franklin St.

This luncheon would be open to Springville residents and car enthusiasts in general to see these 115 year old automobiles and mingle with their owners. More details on this will be shared as the menu, costs and other details are

finalized.

Friday evening will be the Reunion Event at the [Hofbrauhaus Buffalo](#) with special meaning for those who traveled from NYC to Paris in 2011, and NY to San Francisco in 2018. The evening will be capped off with fireworks, and everyone is invited to attend!

Saturday is Re-Certification Day! Thomas Owners may opt to see if their automobiles can meet the same performance standards that George Schuster certified, when they came out of production prior to delivery. This event will be at the original Thomas Factory location on 1200 Niagara Street in Buffalo.

Sunday July 30 is Museum Day, with a wide range of special events celebrating the exact day (115 years later) America gained victory as the Flyer rolled into Paris.

Join us for this "Once in a Lifetime" international gathering of remaining Thomas automobiles from as far as Australia. Thomas owners will have the opportunity for a "Kodak Moment" with their automobile next to the Flyer.

Thomas owners may have their vehicles arrive as early as May, and exhibited by the Museum through July. We will keep you up-to date with more details in early 2023, so save the dates July 24-30, 2023!

Jeff Mahl

Great Grandson of George Schuster

Driver of the Thomas Flyer and Winner of the 1908 NY to Paris Race [TheGreatAutoRace.com](#)



SNOW-BUSTER
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2023
9 am - 3 pm

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The Snow Buster swap meet is coming up. I have occasionally found Corvair parts there, but this is much more than parts. Plenty of memorabilia, a lot of people you don't often run into, an overall good time.....Gary



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10 Things Only Real Gearheads Know About The Chevrolet Corvair

<https://www.hotcars.com/chevrolet-corvair-facts/?fbclid=IwAR0CcuFsAf2rjopn6inC0--tDehrVe9cqR7arUWoeoZqaS4staqO03LIDS0>

One of the better articles I've seen on the internet about Corvairs.....Gary



More from Dec meeting.



Did everyone find one of these yet? Latest Corvair toy from Hot Wheels.



Meeting January 18th at 6:00 PM! At First Trinity Lutheran Church.