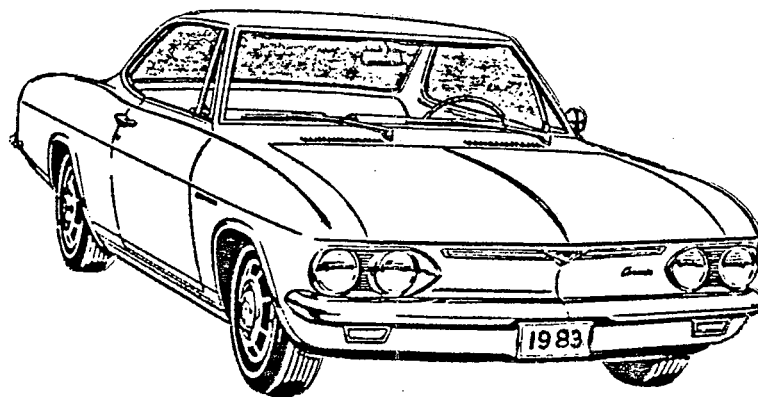


NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

JUNE 11, 1983



The Niagara Frontier Corvair Club's First Ten Years

The Corvair is a sporty automobile that provides a lot of driving enjoyment and just plain fun to its owner. Consequently, the main purposes of the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club from its inception in 1973 have been to work for the preservation and enjoyment of this automobile and to promote a fellowship among local Corvair enthusiasts.

It all started in the Summer of 1973 when three area Corvair owners, Jim Bartasevich, Dick Dahmer and Jim Doody, got together to form the nucleus of this future organization. It was not known at that time whether there was enough interest in Western New York to support a Corvair Club, but the three founders knew that there were quite a few Corvairs in the area and, hopefully, there were other people who thought of the Corvair as more than just basic transportation.

After some initial publicity was sent out, the first organizational meeting of this yet unnamed Club was held in October of 1973. About fifteen people attended this meeting and their enthusiasm insured that a local Corvair Club was off and running.

The year 1974 saw this fledgling Club start to develop. Meeting places varied from private homes to church halls to banks. A regular meeting schedule was set up. New members were recruited. Work began on a Club constitution and a newsletter. Late in 1974 the first officers were elected, with Jim Bartasevich now officially presiding over the Club.

The following year was one of continued growth. In 1975 the name Niagara Frontier Corvair Club was adopted. We needed a central meeting location, and Club member Larry Anderson arranged for us to meet at the WGR Radio Station. Picnics were held at Chestnut Ridge Park and Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada.

In 1976 Club membership grew to over fifty paid members. We outgrew the radio station and had to find a larger meeting place, so we relocated to the General Motors Training Center. During the year the Club went on tours of Buffalo Motor Car Co. and the G. M. Training Center. We held our first picnic at Letchworth State Park, and invited the newly formed Acorns to attend. This picnic became an annual event which later evolved into the 'Vair Affair, now held in Ellicottville.

Membership participation continued to increase in 1977. NFCC sponsored an Economy Run, picnics at Emery Park and Letchworth, and a Corvair Clinic at Joe Basil Chevrolet in Tonawanda. Sixteen members toured the Dunlop Tire Plant in Buffalo, and we participated as a Club in the AACA Antique auto show in Clarence, with twelve Corvairs on display.

First Ten Years (continued)

The Club was beginning to mature in 1978. The Advisory Board was formed to provide continuity and long-term planning for the Club. The 50-50 Split Club was initiated at the monthly meetings. Twenty NFCC members travelled to Syracuse to attend the first annual Recall. We conducted our second Economy Run and sponsored the third annual Letchworth Picnic. In July of 1978 the Club was saddened by the death of John Garrison, one of the Club's earliest members, whose generosity and knowledge made him a friend and mentor to all Corvair people who knew him.

During the year 1979 the Club ratified an expanded and revised Constitution and By-laws. Now becoming a more family oriented organization, we began holding our monthly meetings at members' homes. The Club participated in the Town of Cheektowaga's Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Some Club members joined in a caravan from Buffalo to Detroit to attend the Corsa National Convention.

In the past few years the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club has continued in its tradition of family oriented, low-key events that emphasize fun and friendship. In addition to various banquets and other social events, two annual traditions have begun in recent years. In 1980 we held our first Club Picnic at Art Lords' Dude Ranch, and in 1981 the regional mini-convention called the 'Vair Affair was begun in Ellicottville.

Throughout the past ten years countless hours of fun have been had and dozens of friendships have been made through the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club. It is in this spirit that we celebrate our Tenth Anniversary and proceed onward into our second decade. The Club extends its appreciation to everyone joining in our celebration, and hopes that you continue to enjoy your association with the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club. Keep on 'Vairin'!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Calspan Tour	June 22
N.F.C.C. Picnic at Art Lord's Dude Ranch	July 10
CORSA National Convention	July 27-30
N.F.C.C. Vair Affair in Ellicottville	September 11

NOTE REGARDING THE CALSPAN TOUR ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: The Calspan Advanced Technology Center
4455 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga
(across from the Westinghouse Plant and near the Buffalo Airport)
Please meet at the main gate.

The tour will include the tire research facility, the auto crash site and the impact sled.

To make reservations please call Joe Grifasi at 688-6041.

An accurate number of those planning to attend is necessary as passes have to be issued.

