

# 'Vair-iations

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## Oil Spots

"Corvairs don't leak oil; they just mark their territory."  
Gary Swiatowy, 2/05

Could it be - is the show/cruise season finally upon us?? Yes!! And, if the weather this past Saturday for our tech session & the extended forecast is any indication, it might actually be a good season!!!!

Our tech session was very productive. Not only did we get a bunch of cars ready, we also had a nice little BBQ, Gary Swiatowy got the rest of his fleet home, & we got to see Pat Murphy's kitten-raising skills (but, I'm sad to report, baby kitty lost her fight a few days later). The only "fly on the ointment" was Bob Guerin's break-down on his way home; hopefully, it was not a major issue to resolve once he got home.

Our 1st cruise get-together is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 5-8PM, @ Wide Waters Drive In ( 767 Market St., Lockport, NY); as of today, the weather forecast is 67 degrees/cloudy/10% chance of rain. Unfortunately, Road Captain Pat Murphy will be unavailable that nite to co-ordinate a meeting spot & caravan (great idea, Pat, BUT thanx for not following-thru!!!!!!!!!!!!), so we'll just have to each do our very best to meet there. [*writer's note*: Before anyone gets upset, let me assure everyone that I'm not being disrespectful towards Pat. He knows that I'm just kidding, & I'm sure that he'll return the favor many times over!]

I need to inform everyone that Hazel Murphy's (Pat's wife) Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, May 10 (visitation @ Kaiser Funeral Home, 1950 Whitehaven Rd., Grand Island, NY, 4-8PM) & Saturday, May 11 (service @ The Little Chapel Of The Elms, Elm lawn Cemetary, 3939 Delaware Ave, Kenmore, NY, 9AM; breakfast @ the Buffalo Launch Club, 503 E River Rd, Grand Island, NY, after the service). Pat has asked that anyone planning to attend the breakfast on Saturday please contact him @ (716) 861-8749; he has also asked/invited as many of us as possible to bring our 'Vairs, since Hazel enjoyed them.

As was the case for our April meeting, our May meeting will start at 7:30PM, as this is no 7PM event at the Church that nite.

Here's the Agenda for our May meeting. If there is anything else anyone wants to talk about, please bring your ideas/suggestions/comments to the meeting, or, if you can't be at the meeting, please contact me with them before the meeting.

**AGENDA - NFCC May, 2013 Meeting**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 - 7:30PM

First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda  
(note meeting time)

- A. Call To Order
  - B. Secretary's Report
  - C. Treasurer's Report
  - D. Membership Report
  - E. Old Business
    - 1. NFCC Anniversary celebration update
      - a. shirts
      - b. Get-Together
      - c. CORSA Ontario joint celebration
    - 2. NFCC Constitution & By-Laws review
  - F. New Business
  - G. Next Meeting Confirmation
  - H. Adjournment
- "Car Talk" - *after the meeting, until we get thrown out!*

Hope to see all of you at WideWaters & at the meeting -  
Until then, stay "safe at any speed!" -  
Joe

Meeting Minutes, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2013.

7:33 PM called to order.

Secretary's report accepted

Treasurer's report accepted

No membership report.

Discussed adding a section to membership application regarding if a prospective member is a CORSA member. Done!

June 23<sup>rd</sup> road trip to Dennis Dorogi's. Meeting at Main & Transit Rd in the parking lot of TGI Fridays, leaving there at 10:00 AM. Driving to restaurant in Silver Creek for Breakfast meeting there around 11:00 AM? Restaurant Aunt Millie's Kitchen in Irving on Rt. 20?

Then on to Dennis's house with an arrival between 12:30 and 1:00 PM. Club will order Pizza's for afternoon lunch.

Report on Club anniversary Picnic with CORSA Ontario. Caterer is secured, cake is arranged. Gary was contacted by Clark's Corvair Parts regarding placing an ad in our newsletter celebrating Clark's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Gary replied that coincidentally the NFCC and CORSA Ontario are also celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Clark's is going to send us door prizes to distribute at joint celebration.

Club shirts:

Are now in the hands of the embroidery shop, should be done by next meeting.

Dick Dahmer talked a bit regarding the start of the NFCC 40 years ago. Founding Members: Dick Dahmer, Jim Bartesevitch, and Jim Doody. Sure would like an article from anyone who has memories or pictures of the early days of the club. Hint, Hint!

Minutes submitted by Gary Swiatowy filling in for Bill Gworek Jr. who is recovering from surgery.

## 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:**

Sending to the Club address: 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## ...NFCC EVENTS, AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

May 4<sup>th</sup> K&S Auto Stores Saturday Swap Meet Tonawanda  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Rod and Customes Swap Meet Rose Garden Restaurant 2743 Wehrle Dr. Williamsville  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Widewaters Drive In Monthly Cruise, Market St. Lockport Club get together  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Trinity Lutheran Church  
May 11<sup>th</sup> Pack Rat Reunion Swap Meet Sunset Bowling Lanes 331 Old French Rd. West Seneca  
May 17-19<sup>th</sup>, Dunkirk Swap Meet. Chautauqua Fairgrounds.  
May 18<sup>th</sup> New Covenant Car Blessing 345 McConkey Dr. Tonawanda 3:00 PM-6:00 PM  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Adrian's Custard and Beef Monthly Cruise. Grand Island  
May 25<sup>th</sup> The Caz Car show. Cazanovia Park Casino, Buffalo  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Pages Bar & Grill and The Cove car and bike show 4725 Transit Rd. Depew.  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Hamburg Casino Cruise night, club get together  
May 31-June 2<sup>nd</sup> CNYCC Corvair Recall, Syracuse NY  
June 8<sup>th</sup> Newstead Vol Fire Co. Car Show, Cumming's Rd. Akron.  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Lake Erie AACA Car Show Elma NY  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Wide Waters Cruise Night, Lockport  
June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Darien Lake Car Show  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Adrian's Drive In, Grand Island Club Meeting, Super Cruise  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Road Trip to Dennis Dorogi's Brockton  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Wilson super Cruise  
June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Niagara 2013 Car Shows and Swap Meet, Lockport  
July 7<sup>th</sup> Tri-five Car Show, Pumpkin Farm Clarence  
July 13<sup>th</sup> NFCC and CORSA Ontario picnic 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary,  
July 16-20<sup>th</sup> CORSA International Convention Kalamazoo MI  
July 24<sup>th</sup> Beechwood Root Beer Float Cruise, Club Meeting Getzville NY  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Niagara Fair Car Show, Fairgrounds Lockport.  
August 5<sup>th</sup> Taste of Clarence Cruise  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Lockport Monday Night Cruise, Club Meeting IDA Fritz Park Lockport  
Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Akron Cruise night, Orphan Car Night, Club get together  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Autumn Sports Classic Car Show, Como Park, Lancaster  
Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Pautler's Cruise night, Transit Rd. Clarence Club meeting

**NOTE:** This calendar of events is not complete, there are many more events that are listed on the Clutch Artists calendar of events list that I e-mailed to you. More info on the events I have listed here are on that list as well. If you are a member who does not receive your newsletter by e-mail, if you contact me I can e-mail you a copy of the calendar of events to an e-mail address you may have access to. Gary [gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com) 716-439-5194



Screen shot from Mad, Mad, Mad, World

Corvair in short film:

<http://youtu.be/MGYAV1NyQV4>



# Our 40<sup>th</sup> Year!

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From May PCCA newsletter:

The Virtual Vairs email list, at times, does share some interesting tidbits. This is a note from Frank DuVal responding to a question from CORSA president Jason Cesana. Jason's question was about a key blank he had that did not fit his 1960 Corvair ignition and he was wondering if the late Corvair key blanks were different from the earlier models.. The blank had the word "corvair" on it which made it a interesting blank to use. Some opined that the key blank was meant only to be used for "decorative" purposes, other surmised that the ignition switch may be slightly worn thus not permitting the use of a new, "crisp" key blank. Frank notes the latter.

Frank's response dealt specifically with the interchangeability of the keys themselves.

All GM cars used the same key blanks from 1935 to 1966. Only in 1967 did Briggs & Stratton (The GM supplier of

keys and locks) change their time long design. And then only slightly.

So from 1935 to 1966, the key blanks were B-10. These are the octagonal shaped heads, so very GM. The B-11 has a pear shaped head that has the same cut, so it fits the same locks. Only the head design is different from B-10 to B-11. In 1967 the change was in the cut (extrusion) of the blank. This is the A and B key blanks. The A still had the octagonal head, and the B had the pear shaped head. A=B-48 blank , B= B-49 blank.

1968 brought us the C and D blanks. Also still with the small octagonal and pear heads. C=B-50, D=B-51 1969 brought the E and H blanks. As far as I can tell, this is the first year for the large rectangular and oval headed blanks. This large head style stayed until at least the late 90s on GM vehicles. That's just the head style, the blanks still had another change to go. E= B-44, H=B-45 No, I do not know why the numbers are out of chronological order...



1970 (no Corvair content) brought the J & K blanks. J= B-46, K= B-47

When new, the blanks A to K would not fit any lock cylinder except the letter it was made for. After things wear, sometimes wrong blanks can be inserted into different cylinders. And at one point there were replacement cylinders that accepted several different letters, to keep down the number of cylinders needed in inventory.

After a while, all the replacement A, B, C and D blanks had the large heads. So many a 67 and 68 Corvair now have large head keys installed. OK, 60 to 66 Corvairs use the same key blanks for ignition and doors, the B-10 blank.

They can also use the B-11 blank with the pear head, and these are usually found as the trunk key for 65 and 66 models. There is no early vs late key blank situation.

So, if your Corvair key does not easily slide into the 64 lock, it might be an A or C key. Look along the edge that slides into the lock and see if there is a stamped letter near the head. Or it could be your lock just needs lubricating to let the new not worn out key blank to slide in easily. Use Lock Ease.

**YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THEM AT THE  
NATIONALS IN STURBRIDGE LAST JULY...  
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THEM AGAIN!**



**SING ALONG...CLAP ALONG WITH  
COBBLESTONE CROSSING  
AT THIS YEARS CNY CORVAIR CLUB RECALL...  
JUNE 1ST, AS PART OF THE SHOW BANQUET  
PRESENTATION. THEY MADE QUITE A FEW  
FRIENDS LAST JULY AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU  
AGAIN. YOU'LL FIND ALL THE DETAILS ON RECALL  
2013 IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

Tech session at Gary's house: There is always some minor repairs to get done, and general maintenance:



Eric setting the carb s and timing on his frexhly re-built 110 motor on his van.



Pat Murphy brought along our new club mascot. A newborn kitten abandoned by its mother.



Installing heater hoses



## **NFCC & CORSA Ontario 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic**

**Saturday July 13, 2013**

**Arrive 12pm Eating at 2pm**

**Catered BBQ**

**\$10 per person includes**

**Food & Non Alcoholic Drinks**

**Feel Free to BYOB**

**Location To be announced next  
issue**

**RSVP and PAYMENT by July 1**

**Payable To NFCC**





