

# niagara frontier



## corvair

## club

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

\*\*\* Celebrating our 52nd anniversary 1973 - 2025 \*\*\*



I had the 63 Greenbrier out hauling parts for vending at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Rod & Customs auto parts swap meet. I didn't do real bad, but the threat of rain kept some vendors and customers away. It did start sprinkling around 11:00 AM so everyone packed up and started going home. There was at least one vendor there other than me with Corvair parts. Like most swap meets, it starts early (7AM). And generally most vendors normally pack up around noon. Over the years, most swap meets in the area have disappeared. Dunkirk, Niagara, Hamburg, and September to Remember in Orleans County. This is due in part to the internet, and a lot due to lack of people to run these events. Did see Pat Murphy and Pat Pilon there. Swap meets are also a great social event, like a cruise night, it helps the hobby to support them.....gary

### Dues and Membership

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

Niagara Frontier Corvair Club  
C/O Gary Swiatowy  
7838 Chestnut Ridge Road,  
Gasport, NY 14067

-----ESTABLISHED 1973-----

### A Chartered Chapter of the Corvair Society of America

President	Pat Murphy	(716) 861-8749
Vice President	Gary Swiatowy	(716) 716-439-5194
Secretary	John Dawley/Tom Lynch	(716) 832-8551
Treasurer	Dick Dahmer	(716) 480-7713
Membership	Dick Dahmer	(716) 480-7713

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### NFCC Events and more!

## NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

**May meeting: Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings at 5:30 PM. Anyone coming to dinner let me know, thanks.**

**June meeting Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings at 5:30 PM. Let me know by email if you are coming.**

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Car show at Peregrine Senior Living at Cheektowaga, 575 Cayuga Creek Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Beechwood Cruise Night on Millersport Hwy in Getzville

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](mailto:gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com)**



Editor's thoughts.....

## *CORSA Founder Richard M. Langworth CBE, 1941-2025*

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RIP Richard Langworth

## CORSA NEWS

To avoid higher CORSA dues, renew or join the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) before June 1, 2025. Dues are scheduled to increase on that date. You can extend your current membership or join at the current rates to take advantage of the existing structure.

Here's why this matters:

- **Dues Increase:** The CORSA Board of Directors voted to increase membership dues for the first time in 15 years, according to the organization's website.
- **New Rates:** The new dues schedule will be effective June 1, 2025.
- **Extension Opportunity:** You can extend your current membership before June 1st and pay the current rates, effectively delaying the increase.
- **Current Dues:** The current dues are detailed on the CORSA website.

In short, if you want to avoid paying the higher dues, you should renew or join CORSA before June 1, 2025.

## April, 2025 Meeting Minutes

### **Persons in attendance:**

This meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Those in attendance were:

Pat Murphy

Gary Swiatowy

Tom Koprevich

Dick Dahmer

Joe Grifasi

Angelo Rizzo

Tom Lynch



The meeting was held on April 23, 2025 and began at 7:14 PM with Pat Murphy presiding.

### **Treasurers / Membership Report:**

Dick Dahmer read off the Treasury report and membership status. It was approved by all. At this time there are 24 paid and 2 honorary members.

### **Old Business:**

Dick is looking into the club offering NFCC branded merchandise. Possibilities include shirts, hats, hoodies, and sweatshirts. We should look to finalize orders (payment in advance) at the May meeting

### **New Business:**

The Board approved the renewal of our Corsa membership

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a distinguished author, having written at least 45 books (not counting magazine and journal contributions), including several about the life and times of Winston Churchill.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM, General discussion followed.**

**See everyone at the next meeting May 28, 2025**

**Note: The June meeting is being rescheduled to June 18<sup>th</sup> to avoid a conflict with the Beechwood Cruise night**

Submitted by Tom Lynch



**Pat Pilon made the Sunday Cruise at Hoover's Dairy in Sanborn. First member Corvair I spotted posted this season. Anyone else get out?**

# 3rd Annual "the new" Root Beer Float Cruise

presented by Peregrine Senior Living

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION® WNY CHAPTER**

Friday, June 20, 2025 - 5-7PM

Gates Open/Sign-In: 4PM (no early arrivals, please) Awards: 6:30PM

\*\* in the event of inclement weather, please call after 3PM to determine Cruise's status \*\*

Peregrine Senior Living at Cheektowaga  
575 Cayuga Creek Rd., Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14227



Dash Plaque to 1st 30 cars to sign-in

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Residents' Choice & Cruisers' Choice Awards

FREE Root Beer Floats - \$1.00 Hot Dogs, Pizza, & Drinks

50/50 & Raffles

THIS IS A SMOKE-FREE & ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT - THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

for more info: Joe/(716)345-4431 or Kelly/(716)393-7929

# Wednesday Cruise Nights

## Elderwood 2025

Join us at our 2025 Cruise Nights!!

\* Dash Plaque for 1st 25 cars at each Cruise \* 50/50 & raffles \* entertainment \*

\* food & beverages available \* Residents' Choice & Cruisers' Choice Awards \*

These are smoke-free & alcohol-free events - thank you for your cooperation.

DATE TIME	LOCATION
July 2, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Lancaster 1818 Como Park Blvd., Lancaster, NY 14086/(716) 683-6165
July 9, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Wheatfield 2600 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304/(716) 215-8040
July 16, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood Village at St. Gregory Court 111 St. Gregory Crt., Williamsville, NY 14221/(716) 689-2394
July 23, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Hamburg 5775 Maelou Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075/(716) 648-2820
August 6, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Amherst 4459 Bailey Ave., Amherst, NY 14226/(716) 835-2543
August 27, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood Assisted Living at Tonawanda 111 Ensminger Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150/(716) 871-1814
September 3, 2025 5-7PM	Elderwood at Williamsville 200 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221/(716) 689-6681
September 10, 2025 4-8PM	Elderwood at Grand Island 2850 Grand Island Blvd., Grand Island, NY 14072/(716) 773-5900

Gates open 1 hour before each cruise - no early arrivals, please.

For more information, please call Joe/(716) 345-4431 or each venue.

In the event of inclement weather, call after 3PM to determine Cruise status.

# BROMPTON'S BY-GONE BONANZA

join us for an evening of classic cars & classic folks  
BROMPTON HEIGHTS®  
SENIOR LIVING

275 Brompton Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 ~ 6 - 8PM

gates open @ 5PM ~ no early arrivals, please

raindate: Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Dash Plaque & T-Shirt for 1st 25 cars to sign-in  
Residents' Choice & Cruisers' Choice Awards  
50/50 ~ Basket Raffle ~ Tunes 'n Trivia  
\$5 hot dog/chips/beverage combo  
proceeds to benefit

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION® WNY CHAPTER

This is a smoke- & alcohol-free event, please; thank you for your cooperation!

for more info & raindate status, call Joe/(716) 345-4431 or Trisha/(716) 634-5734

# Wheels On Wednesday



BEECHWOOD  
CONTINUING  
CARE



## Beechwood Homes

Millersport Hwy. & N. Forest Rd. - Getzville, N.Y.

please enter at Millersport Hwy. entrance

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - 6-8PM

Gates Open/Sign-In: 5PM (no early arrivals, please) Awards: 7:30PM

\* in the event of inclement weather, please call after 3PM to determine Cruise status \*\*

Dash Plaque for 1st 100 cars to sign-in

food & beverages available

50/50 & Basket Raffle

live entertainment

Children's Activity area

Residents' Choice, Cruisers' Choice, & Beechwood Continuing Care Choice Awards

this is a smoke-free & alcohol-free event, please -  
thank you for your cooperation

for more info: Joe/(716) 345-4431 or Holly/(716) 810-7101



Sponsored by:

Candy Apple Cafe

Fred Thomas Agency

The Pink Cow Ice Cream

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July 3 - NO CRUISE NIGHT HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

White Whisker's Senior Dog San.

Martin's Mercantile

Pixley's Food Market

Perry's Ice Cream

Northtowns FCU

Old Scotland Road Distillery

Akron Newstead Rotary Club

Whiting Door Co.

Niagara Label

Precision Electric

Akron 2025 Cruise Night Themes:

June 5th - Hot Rods & Rat Rods Night

June 12 - Truck Night

June 19 - Mopar Night

June 26 - Mustang Night

July 10 - Bike Night

July 17 - VW Night

July 24 - Bob Lucia Camaro Night

July 31 - Ford Night

August 7 - Jeep Night

August 14 - Corvette Night

August 21 - Tractor Night

August 28 - Anything Exotic Night

September 4 - General Motors Night

September 11 - Off Road/4X4