

# niagara frontier



## corvair

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## club

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

\*\*\* Celebrating our 53rd anniversary 1973 - 2026 \*\*\*



Pat Pilon went to the Cavalcade of Cars show in Hamburg and came home with a new lift for his new garage! This appears to be the way to go when additional storage is needed. And as a plus, makes it easy to get underneath to do work. Some of us have difficulty crawling under the car, this drive on lift leaves the underside wide open, I have a single post lift in my garage, but getting down on my hands and knees to set the lift arms under the car is getting more difficult.....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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

March meeting Wednesday March 25th at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 5:30 PM. Check with Pat Murphy about dinner, I will not be available...Gary

April meeting Wednesday April 22nd at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 5:30 PM. Let me know by email if you are coming for dinner.

May meeting Wednesday May 27th at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 5:30 PM. Let me know by email if you are coming for dinner.

June meeting Tentatively June 17<sup>th</sup> due to several of us attending the Convention in Gettysburg week of the 22nd

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.....**

Anyone going to the 2026 CORSA International convention in Gettysburg PA? It does not get any closer than this!

I have my hotel reservation for the convention We plan on arriving on Monday and staying through Saturday. As much as I would love to take one of my Corvairs. Just not up to the work involved in cleaning the 4 door for Concours. And there is a lot to see and do in the area. So just going for th3e fun and seeing cars and peoplke. Likely may find some parts and toys to purchase.....

Anyone doing any winter projects on their Corvair? I could use some pictures for the newsletter.

I will not be at the March meeting.....someone take some meeting minutes as Tom will not be there either.....see you in April.

Gary



Another shot of Pat Pilon's lift installation.

Hi Newsletter Editors:

The Convention is coming soon- June 22-26th in Gettysburg, PA

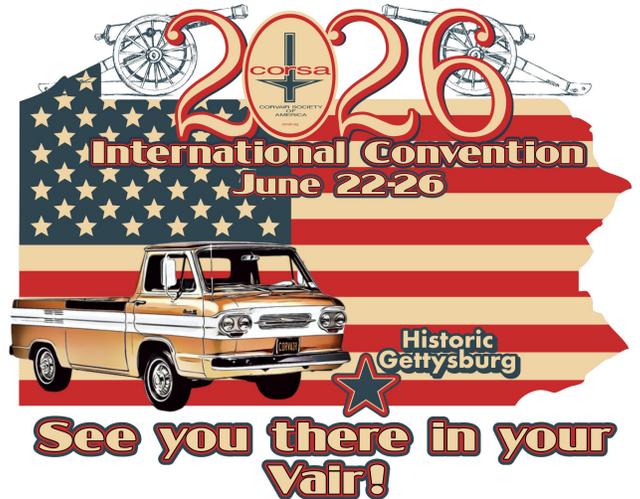
CORSA and the 4 Sponsoring chapters of the 2026 Convention would appreciate your help in sharing the new 2026 Convention Website. Along with the Communique magazine, it is a great place to access convention and event information.

The website link is

<https://2026corsaconvention.com/> or you can click here! 2026corsaconvention.com

A QR code has also been created for easy access to the site. Please feel free to use any of the convention information in your newsletters. Registration is open and hotel reservations can still be made. Thanks for all you do with your newsletter and chapter communications.

CORSA and the Convention Team



Gettysburg host hotel



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# CORVAIR RECALL

ALL AIR COOLED VEHICLES ARE WELCOME



2025 BEST IN SHOW  
NEAL DUFFY'S  
66 CORSA TURBO

EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT  
**HAMPTON INN SYRACUSE CLAY**  
3948 STATE ROUTE 31, LIVERPOOL, NY 13090

RESERVATIONS: 315-622-3443, PRESS 0 FOR LOCAL DESK  
MENTION CNY CORVAIR CLUB FOR DISCOUNTED RATE  
HOTEL IS PET FRIENDLY

**JUNE 12, 13 AND 14  
2026**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL CRUISE  
RAFFLES  
JUDGED CAR SHOW  
FOOD TRUCK  
VALVE COVER RACING  
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315-439-3638  
**HOTEL RATE GOOD  
UNTIL MAY 13, 2026**

ONLINE HOTEL RESERVATION

SCAN FOR SHOW INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

## Minutes of Feb 2026 meeting of the NFCC

The February meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM .

In attendance were:

Pat Murphy                      Dick Dahmer

Chuck Facklam                Pat Pilon

Gary Swiatowy                Joe Grifasi

Tom Koprevich

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Elections were held same officers agreed to continue for another year.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding who is attending the CORSA Convention in Gettysburg PA in June. Note NFCC June meeting may be held June 17<sup>th</sup> due to several members attending Convention. Also, Beechwood Cruise will be during the convention. Those not going to Convention atr utgrf to go to Beechwood as we always had a good member turnout there.

Mention of Charlie Dahquist Corvairstash, no real interest due to volume and storage. Most of us buy what we need when we need it.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Corvairstash / Playboy night at the Wurlitzer discussion, possibly Sept 14<sup>th</sup>? (see later discussion on this subject)

Buffalo Transportation Museum Tour for the NFCC, Chuck to look into this.

Mentioned that Tom Lynch and Gary Swiatowy will be absent for the March meeting. Someone please take notes for the newsletter!

Other General discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gary Swiatowy

**STREET ROD & HIGH PERFORMANCE**



41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
**SWAP MEET**  
Ride & Customs of BUFFALO

**SUNDAY...  
MAY 3, 2026**

Sanborn Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Road  
(Rt. 31) Sanborn, NY 14132

**7am-2pm**

Parking & vendor space on first come basis  
Car related items only      Car Corral  
Breakfast & Lunch available on grounds

For info call:  
Tom-716 694 0888, Joba- 716 628 6786

Small donation for vendors & parking provided to Sanborn Farm

## Cruisin the Wurlitzer

Hey everyone, hope you all had a safe and healthy fall/winter. Do to circumstances beyond our control, we have some major changes to our up and coming cruising season! We are still excited and looking forward to the 2026 Cruisin the Wurlitzer season. We will be cruising on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month. So the schedule looks like this:

May 11th & 25th  
June 8th & 22nd  
July 13th & 27th  
August 10th & 24th  
September 14th & 28<sup>th</sup>

Our Specialty nights will be posted within the next month, after we have coordinated the dates with our point people who are involved with the scheduling. Also our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat is permanently canceled!!! As a club we are asking for all Cruisers to bare with these changes and make the best of each and every scheduled cruise night. Thank you ,and see you all soon!

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So what does it mean to the NFCC?

The amount of Wurlitzer cruise nights has essentially been cut in half, only twice a month as opposed to every week.

Some of these cruises were “sponsored”, meaning someone paid to support the cruise. Something we did not do. In addition, the “Major” cruises would get preference. Great Gatsby night, Corvette Night, etc.

We are likely not one of the “special” cruises people would go out of their way to attend.

In addition, I understand there would be no more parking around the fountain up front. That kind of made it “special” to be the featured cruise.

Ownership of the Wurlitzer complex is shared by 2 entities. One of those entities does not care about the cruises. And there have been complaints regarding parking around the fountain which inconveniences UPS, Fed Ex and some patrons who want to just drive through.

We had a good 2 years being featured at the Wurlitzer. Anyone have contact to get a Corvair feature night elsewhere?.....gary

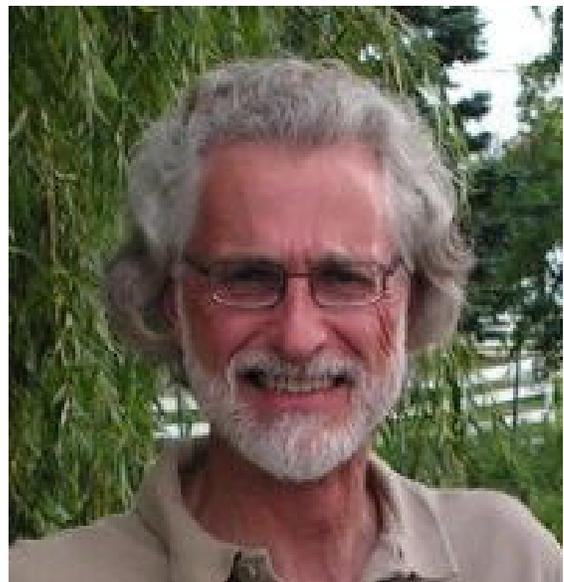
## Jim Bartesevich

**I am sad to report that one of the Niagara Frontier Corvair Clubs founding members, Jim Bartesevich passed away on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Jim remained an honorary member of the NFCC. Work took him to Rochester NY where he became an active member of the Rochester Association of Corvair Nuts ) ACORNS).**

Canandaigua – James P. Bartesevich, age 76, passed away on February 17, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Bartesevich; two daughters, Katie Bartesevich and Megan Bartesevich; brother, Bill (Barbara) Bartesevich; sister-in-law, Karin (Larry) Margolis; cousins, nieces and a nephew. He was predeceased by his parents William and Pauline (Johnson) Bartesevich.

Jim was born in Logan, West Virginia. He graduated from Ohio University. Jim was the happiest being with his family and enjoyed many family traditions mainly centered around the holidays. He had many interests which included historical preservation, the Titanic and steam engines. Restoring and showing his Corvairs led him to a great community of car enthusiasts.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date and time to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in honor of Jim. Arrangements are by Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., Canandaigua. Condolences may be offered at [www.johnsonkennedy.com](http://www.johnsonkennedy.com).



**Article on Jim:**

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/democrat-and-chronicle-mlc-jim-bartase/28010082/?locale=en-CA>