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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

*** Celebrating our 53nd anniversary 1973 - 2026 ***



The Val Doppenberg family from Orange California met up with Pat Pilon & family and Gary Swiatowy in Niagara Falls. The Doppelbergs are doing an epic journey across the US, including Rt 66, Gettysberg Convention, Detroit Homecoming, Niagara Falls, and on to Maine, All in their Greenbrier, "Rusty Vair" With 2 small childred! You can see their journey on their facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/RustyVair>

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.

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Niagara Frontier Corvair Club

C/O Gary Swiatowy

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

September meeting Wednesday September 23rd 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.

CANCELLED!!!! September 26th tour of the Buffalo Transportation Museum in Buffalo. (Pierce Arrow Museum)

October meeting Wednesday October 28th 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.

November & December meetings.....status? Holidays!

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



Editor's thoughts.....

Due to family matters, Chuck Facklam had to postpone our trip to the Transportation Museum, We will let you know of any rescheduling.

Our Corvair Night at Lockport Cruise night got rained out. The following week was their Super Cruise. Usually packed, and starts early. Maybe we can get something going next year.

Time is running out on cruising season, hope everyone gets out there before snow flies. I'm already looking to put cars away for the winter.....bummer.

Gary Swiatowy



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Ben Wild made it to the Great White North with his 69 vair for Cruisin the Q in Canada.



Mark Lafler above at Brownie's cruise and Mike Burgio below in Port Colburn, Ontario

Ricky Cousinaw and Ruby winners at Carousel Show in North Tonawanda



Pat Pilon at Lockport Super Cruise, award winners!

Gaey Swiatowy was an award winner with the Greenbrier at the Hartland Vol. Fire Co. show

As the season is winding down to a close, just a few thoughts:

The Wurlitzer cruise disappeared for the 2026 season. It had a great run in previous years hosting 500-800 cars per cruise, and had some memorable feature cruise nights including 2 years of our Corvair-Playboy nights which gave great publicity for our Vairs. And we had some fun attending! The main operator has retired and is moving away. No solid replacement came forward, and there were other factors involved as well.

The Williamsville & Amherst Lions Clubs hosted their 25th and final show in August. Attendance was poor considering it was the end for this show. Pat Murphy and I both won awards at this event. The person who ran this show all along was simply getting too old to continue.

The 15th annual Man=Up car show held at East Amherst Fire Hall was titled "One Last Ride" this year, and is very likely the finale for this show. Started to honor the memory of Meghan Redenbach, this show had a very good run and was one of the must attend events of the season. Those running it are getting older, and volunteers are getting few and far between.

Olcott Beach car show ended its 36 year run this year. The man who ran it is turning 80. His son has moved to South Carolina. Those of us involved have simply gotten too old to continue. This has been a very good run, THE event of the season that many would not miss!

Even the tornado striking Krull park the Wednesday before the Saturday show could not stop the event this year. The Niagara Parks department worked a miracle getting the park cleaned up and ready for the show in a very short time frame. There were several large trees down, and branches and debris everywhere. The parks crew came out in full force doing what needed to be done, even fencing off areas which were still unsafe.

Both during and after the show I have heard from so many saying "Why don't "they" find someone to take over the show?" I usually respond asking who do you mean by "they". It is not the responsibility of the group who put on the show to find a replacement. There have been several inquiries about taking over that date at Krull park. But it will be an all new show, possibly mimicking the current show, but it will still be a new event.

Personal opinion is, who has enough support to run an event of this size? Will take a lot of people to do it, and volunteers are scarce.

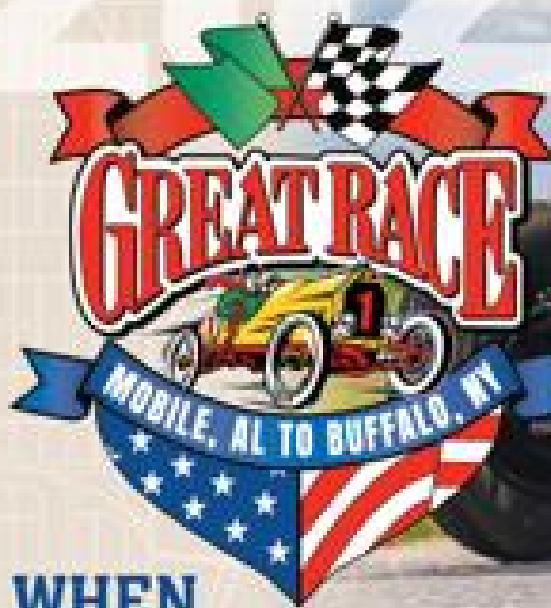
Also, who is going to dip into their or their clubs pockets for up front money? I'm guessing 5 to 8 grand up front money for park rental, insurance, advertising, music, port a johns, dash plaques, awards, and so much more.....will not be cheap or easy.

Enjoy the shows and cruises you can, next year your favorite event may be gone.....

Gary Swiatowy

NOTE: next meeting is Wednesday the 23rd at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church

NOTE: see big news on next page! The Great Race 2027 is ending in Buffalo!



WHEN

June 19-27, 2027

WHAT

The Great Race is a 2400-mile time/speed/endurance rally for vintage cars built from 1974 and earlier. We have challenged teams to follow our precise directions at road legal speeds through nine stages of competition for over 40 years- all for a \$160,000 prize purse!

WHERE

For 2027, we are traveling from the Gulf Coast of Alabama all the way to the shores of Lake Erie and Buffalo, New York! Our competition highlights the diverse landscapes, historic communities, and scenic byways of America, making this an incredible event for spectators and entrants alike.



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