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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
niagara frontier
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1973 - 2013

Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

Note: Membership dues are due July 1st 2017 for the 2017-2018 membership year



I ran across several articles about an extreme V-8 Corvair owned by a J.B. Granger. It is considered a pro-touring car. Read more about it using the links below:

<https://www.good-guys.com/hotnews/jb-grangers-corvair-scores-big-roadster-shop-style-engineering-award-win/>

<https://garage.bfgoodrichtires.com/blog/a-wolf-in-sheep-s-clothing>

<http://www.superchevy.com/features/1612-jb-grangers-ls-powered-pro-touring-1966-chevy-corvair/>

There is a company called OPGI which is offering a free new restoration parts catalog for the Corvair. They have been offering this catalog for awhile, but it is not out yet. I purchased Nova parts from OPGI before. I imagine most of these Corvair items just happen to be parts already reproduced for other GM cars that just happen to fit a Corvair. Buy from established long time vendors when you can, but in case there is something new from OPGI you can order your catalog here: <https://www.opgi.com/restoration-parts-catalog-corvair.asp>

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 to:

Bob Guerin 3717 Daniels Rd. Ransomville NY 14131 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 _____

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	Joe Pendolino	(716) 837-5070
Secretary	John Dawley/Joe Pendolino	(716) 832-8551
Treasurer	Bob Guerin	(716) 266-4013
Membership	Joe Grifasi	(716) 688-6041

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Our 42nd Year!

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If you did not get the catalog in 2013 or 2014, you can get one **FREE** on your first **\$50 order** during 2015. (Additional catalogs \$3 with an order)

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NFCC Calendar

Feb 4 - 16th ANNUAL SNOW BUSTER AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET - Events Center at The Fairgrounds at Hamburg, NY, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY-. 9am-3pm. Sponsored by Model "A" Restorer's Club Niagara Frontier Region. INFO: Jim 716-337-0646, email: jrummer48@yahoo.com

Feb 21st - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard

MAR 2-4 - 25th ANNUAL Advance Auto Parts, Tread City Tire “CAVALCADE OF CARS” - Event Center, The Fairgrounds, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY. Check out www.cavalcadeofcars.com for information.

Mar 21st - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard

Mar 29-31st Buffalo Motorama, Buffalo Convention Center. <https://www.buffalomotorama.com/>

Apr 18th - NFCC Meeting – 7:00 PM First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard

Jun 23rd. The Great Race, Race starts at the Buffalo Transportation Museum <http://www.greatrace.com/news/2018-great-race-to-start-in-buffalo-new-york.html>



Article on new Corvair museum maintained by the Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) and housed within the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, Illinois. on Hemmings Blog: <https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2018/01/17/new-illinois-museum-honors-the-chevrolet-corvair/>



Scottsdale Auction



It looks vaguely Italian and has a flat-six like a Porsche, but this car was the brainchild of GM designer Bill Molzon, who built his dream car right here in the U.S. of A. Molzon wanted a car with superior acceleration and handling, and he built the tube-frame, fiberglass-body Corsa GT from the ground up. The engine is a race-spec [Corvair](#) motor built to 200 horsepower, and the gearbox actually is from a Porsche. *Road & Track* featured the car in 1970 and Molzon has kept it ever since, so this is the very first time it is being offered for sale. **Sold for \$41,800**

Many pictures here:

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/24452/lot/41/?category=list&length=100&page=1>

Niagara Frontier Corvair Club Shirts

Special Order Only

The Club has decided to make another purchase of polo shirts for this spring. Details are as follows:
6 oz. 50/50 Jersey Polo

- 50% preshrunk cotton, 50% polyester
- DryBlend® fabric wicks moisture away from the body
- welt-knit collar and cuffs
- heat transfer label
- woodtone buttons
- double-needle stitched hemmed bottom
- three-button placket

Shirts are available in one of the four colors shown below. The Club logo will be embroidered on the left chest (Note- the logo looks best on one of the lighter colors). Shirts are special order only, and must be **prepaid**. Orders will be taken at the February, March, and April meetings, and will be available for pickup at the May meeting. If you cannot make it to the meetings, please make arrangements for prepayment and order/pickup with one of the Club officers.

Prices will be: S,M,L,XL \$25.00 XXL \$27.00 3XL \$30.00



Light Blue



Sand



Black



Forest Green

Available in men's sizes only. Price includes embroidery and sales tax.

NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB MINUTES FOR JANUARY

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.

Attendees included President Patrick Murphy, Vice President Joe Pendolino, Treasurer Bob Guerin, Newsletter Chair Gary Swiatowy, Dick Dahmer, Joe Grifasi, Eric Holz, and Pat Pilon.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Gary Swiatowy and seconded by Joe Pendolino.

Treasurer's Report was given by Bob Guerin. CORSA has been paid.

Membership Chairman Joe Grifasi was not present to report. However Bob Guerin has roster, and reported that we have 33 paid members and 7 members in arrears.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CAVALCADE OF CARS

Joe Pendolino suggested we print up a history of the Corvair and the Tonawanda plant based on the talk he presented at the Tonawanda History Museum. This would be placed on the wall between buildings at the Cavalcade of Cars as we do not plan to get a booth. Membership forms will also be there for our club. Gary Swiatowy motioned and Pat Murphy seconded that the club pay Joe Pendolino for expenses. All present members accepted.

2. SHIRTS

Dick Dahmer said that medium grade polo shirts, with no pocket, at the 10-20 quantity may cost about \$12 for the shirt, \$10 for embroidery. XX would add about \$2 and XXX would add about \$3 to cost. This doesn't include tax. He suggested that good colors for the logo to stand out would be light blue, sand, and charcoal. Bad colors might be

light grey, red, and blue. He suggested the selling price could be about \$25 to break even. Order will take two weeks.

There was interest from most members attending. Price will be set at the next meeting and orders will be accepted starting then. **APRIL 18 MEETING IS CUTOFF DATE FOR ORDERS. ALL SHIRTS MUST BE PREPAID BY THIS DATE.** This will give them time to make the shirts and for us to distribute in time for cruises.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TREASURY ITEMS

a. Judith Guerin

Joe Pendolino motioned that the club donate \$50 to Judith Guerin's charity, the Niagara Hospice, in her name, after her recent passing. Gary Swiatowy seconded, although all the present members tried, and the vote was unanimous.

b. Church

Motion was made by Joe Pendolino to make a donation to the church for our meeting space in the winter. Pat Murphy seconded and the vote was unanimous.

2. Cruise Calendar

Joe Pendolino has 12 Elderwoods, a Beechwood, Mount St. Mary, Central Terminal, and Blocher Homes. Adrian's on Grand Island is a question. He is not doing Grand Island Lawnmower Races again.

Meeting to adjourn was motioned by Joe Pendolino and seconded by Gary Swiatowy. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

NOTICE: DUES DUE

It was noted that the following members are overdue for membership dues. This will be their last newsletter unless they contact us regarding payment.

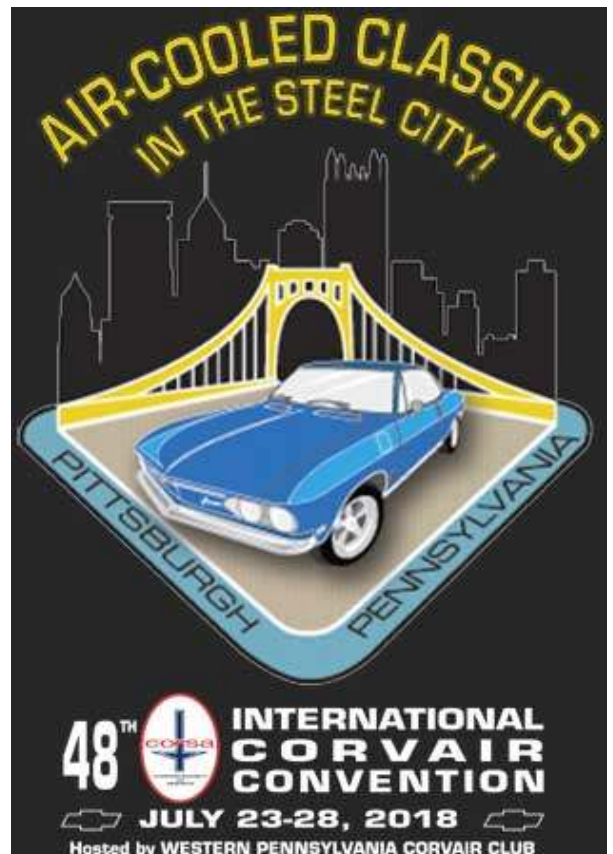
Jeff Bahrett
Bill and Nancy Colvenbach
William Cockayne
Kenneth Kittle
Rich McClive
Mike VanTuyl
Ben Wild

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2018 Convention update!

<http://corvairpittsburgh.com/>

What a great convention website!





More pictures of Tom Koprevich's build.



A modified 3-speed short shifter.

I pressed the ball pivot further up on the shaft 29/32" and for good measure put a few tig tacks on it to make sure it would not move in the future. Since I did not have a 3 speed housing, I made a 29/32" spacer to lift up the 4 speed housing.

Here is the result, after cleaning up and power coating.



Gas heater



For more on this project go to Corvair Center:
<http://corvairster.com/phorum/read.php?1,921042,page=1>



Because of the urine and nesting from mice it rotted part of the frames of the rear seat. Fortunately, I had an extra lower seat from a coupe that I could use sections from and weld the frame together as one.



I took all the springs out and harvested some from the other frame and blasted everything, painted and reassembled with new Baker clips.



Also, got my full interior delivered today. This should keep be plenty busy!



Tore apart the steering box, all the grease was like jello.



All adjusted and ready to install.



Loadside Camper? You have to be short to get into this one without banging your head!

GM Prototype?

Recall 2018 Information

Join the CNYCC for their 44th annual Recall -

When: June 8th, 9th and 10th, 2018

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 6004 Fairlakes Road,
East Syracuse, New York 13057

<http://www.cnycorvair.com/Recall2018.php>

NFCC February Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church is Wednesday Feb. 21st at 7:00 PM

Anyone interested in dinner before the meeting at 5:30PM at Buffalo wild Wings, let me know gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com