

# niagara frontier



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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

**Note: Membership dues are due July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 for the 2018-2019 membership year please send to the club address c/o Gary**



The Chevrolet Corvair engine was built right here in Western New York. The same factory has built engines for a wide range of GM vehicles including Chevrolet Cruze and the Chevrolet Corvette. The Corvair engine was rear mounted and air cooled to compete with VW.

**This was posted on the Buffalo Transportation Museum facebook page. This is the Canadair motor the NFCC put back together and put on display at the Museum.**

## 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 Corvaire Club  
C/O Gary Swiatowy  
7838 Chestnut Ridge Road,  
Gasport, NY 14067

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

A Chartered Chapter of the Corvaire 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	Dick Dahmer	(716)
Membership	Joe Grifasi	(716) 688-6041

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#### NFCC events and more:::~::~:

January 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM NFCC Meeting First Trinity Lutheran 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda.

Feb 3, 2019 – Snow Buster Automotive Swap Meet. INFO: 716-337-0646, email: [jrummer48@yahoo.com](mailto:jrummer48@yahoo.com)

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, NFCC presentation on the Corvaire at AACA meeting at Polish Falcons

February 20<sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM NFCC Meeting First Trinity Lutheran 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda.

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> annual Cavalcade of Cars. Event Center Hamburg NY

March 20<sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM NFCC Meeting First Trinity Lutheran 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Buffalo Motorama, Convention Center, Buffalo



Video of one owner Corvaire, posted by Bill Gworek

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TavTjFUISjc&feature=share>

# NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB DECEMBER 2018 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Attendees included President Patrick Murphy, Vice President Joe Pendolino, Newsletter Chair Gary Swiatowy, Dick Dahmer, and Chuck Faklam.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Membership Chair Joe Grifasi was not present to give a report.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. AACA PRESENTATION

The presentation date is February 17. Joe Pendolino will have Lon Wilson contact Pat Murphy to make sure of equipment compatibility.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. VOTE

Vice President Joe Pendolino withdrew his nomination for Treasurer so that Dick Dahmer would run unopposed. Winter Secretary Joe Pendolino placed the one vote necessary to approve the unopposed slate of officers to the new term of office. All officers of last year will continue in their present position except for our new Treasurer Dick Dahmer. John Dawley will be contacted to send a notarized letter allowing Dick Dahmer to be added to Key Bank's (Maple/Bailey office) signature card.

### 2. CLUB MAILBOX

Pat Murphy brought up the idea of a club mailbox. Many thought the expense was not worth it. Gary Swiatowy mentioned that CORSA and others would have to be notified of address change. Joe Pendolino motioned that Gary Swiatowy's address remain as the mailing address. Gary would deposit checks and notify Membership and Treasurer. Gary seconded the motion.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Patrick Murphy will contact Joe Grifasi to see Joe wants to continue as Membership Chair. Membership records from former Treasurer Bob Guerin will be gone through by Patrick Murphy to update current members list. We need to confirm current members and their CORSA membership status. This must be done in

order to move forward with Constitution and By Laws changes in April. Dick Dahmer brought a box of membership cards which will be available for members.

### 4. CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Patrick Murphy will rewrite the current constitution and by-laws to be discussed and published for the next two months to be voted on in April. They haven't been updated to address the attendance and the way the club operates currently.

### 5. SPONSORSHIP

- a. Joe Pendolino proposed that the club pay \$100 for Central Terminal dash plaques and \$25 Club award. Pat Murphy seconded and the vote was unanimous to do that.

Meeting to adjourn was motioned by Joe Pendolino and seconded by Dick Dahmer. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

## Thoughts from the President

Our constitution and by-laws have been in need of revision. Last year, I proposed changes but we missed the deadlines to accomplish this in April, when it is the only time to make changes to the Constitution. There are many items addressed in the proposed Constitution and By-Laws which are attached with this newsletter. It will be published twice and talked about in the next two meetings before a vote in April. To summarize most changes, changes include:

- a. Quorum (most important)
- b. Elimination of Advisory Board
- c. Elimination of Family and Associate Membership
- d. Establishment of a Member
- e. Officer Duties

Please express any thoughts you may have during the next two months so that we can update these documents.

Also, as a teaser, don't miss the April meeting. Weather permitting, you won't want to miss a look at my latest Corvair!!

# CONSTITUTION

## NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB, INC.

### ARTICLE I NAME AND EMBLEM

1. Name.

The name of this club shall be: NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB, INC.,  
Hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2. Emblem

There will be an emblem used to identify the Club.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

1. The specific and primary purpose of the Club are to work for the preservation  
And enjoyment of the Corvaire automobile and the promotion of the Corvaire hobby.

2. The general purposes and powers are:

A. To acquire and sell real and personal property.

B. To enter into and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose.

C. To have to exercise all of the powers conferred by the New York Not-for-Profit

Corporation Law on a non-profit corporations as the law is now in effect or may  
at any time hereafter be amended.

3. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purpose and powers, this corporation shall  
not engage in activities that in themselves are not in furtherance of the purposes set forth  
in Paragraph 1 of this ARTICLE II, and nothing contained in the foregoing statement of  
purpose

shall be construed to authorize this corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of  
its members, or to distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to any of its members except  
that set forth in Paragraph 4 of this ARTICLE II.

**4. This club does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and**

it is organized for non-profit purposes. Upon dissolution of the Club, the Advisory Board and Officers at that time shall direct by majority vote the distribution of the assets and property of the organization, except that in no event shall any of said assets and property result in the pecuniary gain or profit to any Advisory Board member, Officer, or member of said organization.

**ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION**

This Club is organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation law of the State of New York.

**ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

Any person who agrees to the purposes of the Club and who has submitted a properly-completed application for membership shall become a member upon payment of dues.

**ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

1. Officers

There shall be an elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Term of Office

Term of office shall be one year for Officers.

**ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

1. Club

A. Annual meeting shall be held once a year in April and may coincide with  
The Regular Meeting.

B. Regular Meetings shall be held monthly.

C. Special Meetings may be called. Notice of such a meeting must be sent to  
all active members at least one full week ahead of the meeting.

D. Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall govern in all cases where applicable.

**ARTICLE VII PREDECESSOR UNINCORPORATED CLUB**

The name of the unincorporated Club that has been incorporated was the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club.

**ARTICLE VIII TERM**

The term for which this Club is to exist will be an unlimited period of time, until such time as it is dissolved in a manner prescribed by the laws of the State of New York

**ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS**

Accompanying this Constitution are the By-Laws which are the supplemental guidelines which clarify the details of the functions of this Club.

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**BY-LAWS OF**

**THE NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB, INC.**

**ARTICLE I AFFILIATION**

The Club is a chartered chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), an association incorporated under the General Not-for-Profit Act of the State of Illinois on November 17, 1972.

**Article II MEMBERSHIP**

**1. Regular Member**

A Regular Member is any person who agrees with the purposes of the club, who has properly completed an application for membership, and who has paid dues for the current year. Regular Members are entitled to hold office and vote in the general election of the Club. Dues for Regular Members are \$10 per year for those who receive the newsletters via e-mail, and \$15 per year for those who receive newsletters via postal mail. Although not required for membership, it is encouraged that members join CORSA, the national organization.

## **2. Honorary Member**

Honorary Members are persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the Club. An Honorary Member will be selected by nomination from the floor and approved by a majority vote. Such members will pay no dues and are entitled to all Club privileges except the right to vote and hold office.

## **3. Termination of Membership**

- A. Membership in this Club will automatically cease and the name of the person removed from the membership list if dues are not paid by September 1 of each year. Note that voting rights exist for only current paid members, so voting rights cease after June 30 until dues are paid.
- B. The membership may, by a 2/3 majority vote of the quorum of the voting members, expel any member after hearing to refute any charges preferred against him.

## **ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **1. President**

The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall appoint all committee chairmen and such other committee members as he may deem appropriate. The President or his representative shall not have the right to vote at a meeting of the club except (a) in the event of a tie, (b) on a motion to amend the Constitution or the By-Laws, (c) at an election of officers. The President may appoint an officer from the active membership to replace an officer position vacated by resignation, expulsion or death for the remainder of their term until elections.

### **2. Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall assist the President and, in his absence, fulfill the duties of the

President. The Vice President will audit the Club's financial records for the Annual Meeting. He may be assigned other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the President.

**3. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds and the financial matters of the Club. He shall collect and disburse the funds of the club. He shall render a financial report To the members of the Club on an annual basis. He will report the financial status of the Club at all regularly scheduled meetings.

**4. Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club. The Secretary shall be the recipient of all membership applications and shall be responsible for preparation of current membership roster. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club.

**ARTICLE IV VOTING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADVISORS**

**1 Voting**

All Regular Members shall have equal voting rights and shall be entitled To cast one vote for each office being filled during the election. A voter may not cast more than one vote for a single candidate for Advisor. Regular Members are also entitled to vote during the transaction of business at any regular club meeting. Majority vote will prevail unless otherwise specified by these By-Laws. Members must cast their vote(s) in person. Neither proxy nor absentee voting is permitted.

**2. Quorum**

The presence in person of a minimum of four voting members of the Club will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any election or Club meeting.

**3. Election of Officers**

**A. Nomination of Officers**



At the regular meeting prior to the general election, nominations from the floor will be entertained. Nominations shall be in November and elections shall be in December.

**B. Terms of Office for Officers**

Officers' terms of office will begin January 1 following the election at the December meeting and expire the following December 31.

**C. The Ballot**

Nominations from the floor, if accepted, will be placed on the ballot.

**D. The Voting Process**

Secret ballots will be cast. Election of any officer will be by a simple plurality of votes cast at the December meeting.

**E. Vacancies**

The President will fill any vacancies of officers by appointment from current membership.

**ARTICLE V POLICY**

The Name of the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club, Inc. or any subdivision thereof, shall not be associated with any commercial enterprise or business, and no member will participate in the promotion of any commercial enterprise or business, and no member will participate in the promotion of any commercial enterprise in a manner implying sponsorship of or by the Club, except for sponsorship of awards or dash plaques.

**ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS**

**1. Constitution**

The Constitution may be amended ONLY at the Annual Meeting by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. The proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing to the Club and discussed at two prior meetings and printed in the

Newsletter before being voted upon. If a quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting, the vote will be held at the next meeting a quorum is present.

**2. By-Laws**

The By-Laws may be amended at regular meetings by quorum, after the Proposed change has been presented in writing to the Club and discussed at one meeting of the Club. The proposed change shall be printed in the Newsletter before being voted upon. If a quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting, the vote will be held at the next meeting a quorum is present.

**ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

The regular meeting of this Club shall be held monthly. The time and place will be announced in the newsletter.

**ARTICLE VIII NEWSLETTER**

Ten regular Newsletters shall be annually. Additional Newsletters may be issued if the need arises.