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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

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

RealRides of WNY - 1966 Chevy Corvair

November 22, 2018



We're going to go out on a limb here and proclaim this **Corvair Monza** to be a **1966** model. Seems to have the correct lower front fender badge for a '66, and it also seems to be painted Willow Green, a 1966 Chevy color — a color I remember well as my grandfather had a '66 Impala in this same hue. This was the second year for the Corvair makeover, a makeover that produced one of the handsomest cars coming out of Detroit which, unfortunately, didn't see many buyers. The Corvair's reputation had been gravely damaged by Ralph Nader's book *Unsafe At Any Speed*, and the nameplate would end up dying a quiet death after model year 1969. Saw this one a few weeks ago in the hamlet of **Shawnee**.

Jim Corbran, RRofWNY

Spotted this on Real Rides of WNY, part of Buffalo Cars.com.....Gary

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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:

Dick Dahmer 53 Melberry Trail, Orchard Park, NY 14127 Membership year runs from July 1 to June 30.

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NFCC Events and more!

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

March 1st - 3rd 26th annual Cavalcade of Cars.
Event Center Hamburg NY

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Lutheran 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Tonawanda.

Mar 23-24 - SYRACUSE MOTORAMA - NYS Fairgrounds,
Syracuse, NY. INFO: <http://syracuse-motorama.com/>

Mar 24 - NIAGARA DRAG STRIP VIDEO REUNION - Buffalo
Sports Garden, 2945 Southwestern Blvd., (Rt 20), Orchard Park,
NY. INFO: Jeff 716-626-9337, Harv 716-772-2849.

March 26th - 31st Buffalo Motorama, Convention
Center, Buffalo

Check cover of latest Show and Cruise News!

<http://www.showandcruiseneews.com/>

cover photos by Tom Gunsher & Gary Swiatowy



From Hagerty

The first year of the redesigned [Corvair](#), 1965 took the rounded and shapely 1961–64 Corvair and gave it angles. The handsome and economical hardtop four-door lacked a B-pillar to break up the open greenhouse created by thin A-pillars. The rear engine placement allowed for a flat floor and plenty of legroom for driver and passengers. Sharp buyers opted for the second most powerful Corvair engine, the 140-hp version, and four-speed manual transmission, effectively creating a sport sedan. Features such as four-wheel independent suspension and light-for-the-era overall weight of 2385 pounds only increased the fun-factor.

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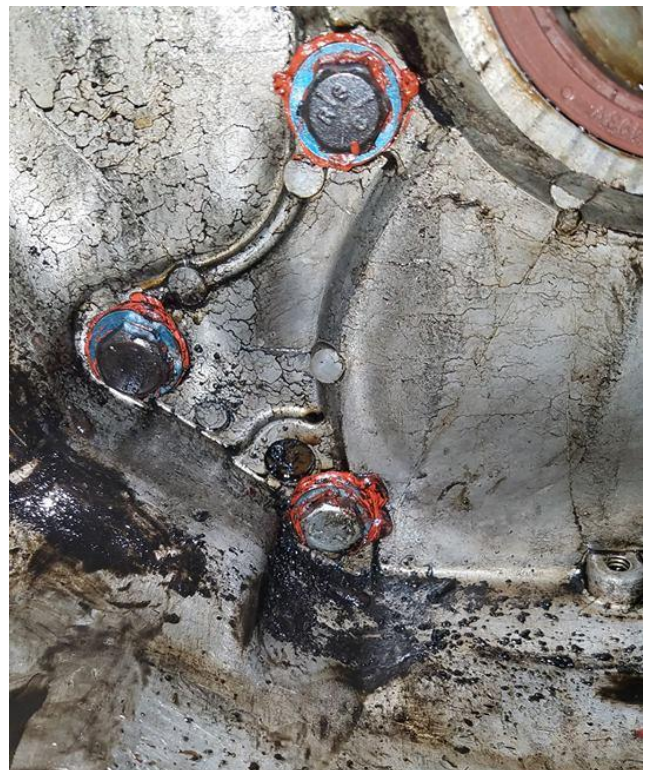
I really do like the 4-door better than the 2 door....Gary

Bill Gworek Jr. got a few surprises when he dug into his dad's 69 Monza. Looking to cure a few leaks. Many of us have been there and done that in the past.

For those who do not know, in the future, don't gob everything up with form a gasket. It just gets squeezed out, and can end up creating more leaks, and even getting into the oil pick up screen. Not a good situation.

Yes, you are supposed to use a thread sealant on bolts which go into and through the case, but form a gasket is not the ticket.

Gary





Corvairs were not designed for an oil bath clutch



I wonder if there was any noticeable clutch slippage?

Bill, thanks for posting these pictures so I could borrow them for the newsletter.....Gary



Thanks for the pictures Bill, clearly illustrates how sealer can squeeze out and cause harm.

Advice from Eric Holz: on the subject of gaskets and RTV, these are the only areas I'll use a VERY thin amount. In fact, so thin it really can't be seen it's only sticky.

Gen/alt mount

Oil pump gear housing, not the cover

Oil pan gasket where the block meets the rear housing (2dabs)

Front and rear seals before pressing in

Flywheel bolts, and the bolts that go through the engine block from the front cover get thread sealant.

Everyone does things differently, but this is what works for me.



Looking much better now!



Amazing what a little cleaning up will do.



Bill also noticed that the rear strut bushings may have been due for replacement



This bushing was just celebrating its 50th birthday.



Looking good, some assembly required.....



Half a century later, the fate of the last Corvair ever built remains unknown

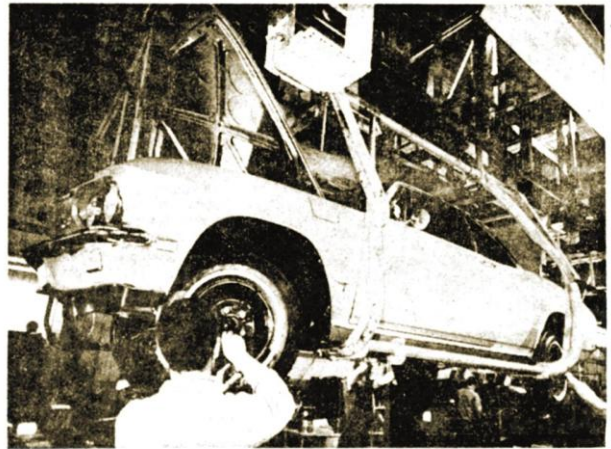
Joe Strayhorn in Corvair #6000. Photo courtesy Dave Newell.

In the months leading up to the final day of production for the Chevrolet Corvair, General Motors fielded calls from dealers, executives, and VIPs requesting a chance to buy the very last example of Chevrolet's air-cooled wonder. Instead, Chevrolet just let it disappear, seemingly without a trace, shortly after the company assembled it 50 years ago.

Full article here:

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2019/02/11/half-a-century-later-the-fate-of-the-last-corvair-ever-built-remains-unknown/?fbclid=IwAR3gNs4VD4OIK09mWSXf8b63RTUSM-4EwEgOc4ujnqkqylKiu8KIIYjJUWA>

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LAST CORVAIR GETS TIRES ON THE GENERAL MOTORS ASSEMBLY LINE
Production discontinued after 1,710,018 cars and 10 years. —(AP)

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Next meeting is Feb 20th at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Church. Anyone interested in Buffalo Wild Wings prior to the meeting, let me know, we meet there at 5:30 PM.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't wait for this cold weather to go away and get my Corvairs out of storage!

Gary