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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**



Chevrolet ad featuring the new amphibious vehicle lineup.

NOTE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY MEETINGS. We are going to meet at the Western NY Greeting Center located at Exit 19 of the 190 on Grand Island. Take Whitehaven Road exit and follow the signs to Alvin Rd. you can't miss it. Change is due to the Church having services on our meeting date during Easter.

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:

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 _____

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) 480-7713
Membership	Joe Grifasi	(716) 688-6041

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NFCC Events and more!

April 17th 7:00 PM NFCC Meeting WNY Travel Center, Grand Island via Whitehaven Rd.

Apr 7 - 42nd ANNUAL INDOOR AUTOMOTIVE FLEA MARKET - Total Sports Experience, 880 Elmgrove Rd., (Just South of Rte 531) Rochester 9am-2:30pm. Mark [585-786-2876](tel:585-786-2876),

Apr 24 – TEXAS ROADHOUSE CRUISE NIGHT STARTS – 900 Young St., Tonawanda, NY

Apr 25 - DRIFTERS WEEKLY KRUISE NIGHT STARTS - American Legion #928,7353 Erie Rd. (Rt. 5) Derby NY.

May 5 – REMINISCE RESTAURANT WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS – 3013 e. Main St. (Rt 5), Caledonia, NY

May 5 – HOOVER’S WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS – Hoovers Dairy, 6035 Ward Rd., Sanborn, NY

May 6 - WEEKLY CRUISE IN at the WURLITZER BUILDING STARTS - 908 Niagara Falls Blvd, N. Tonawanda, NY

May 8 - LT. COL. MATT URBAN CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - VFW Post #7275, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster, NY

May 8 – SCHARF’S GERMAN RESTAURANT TWICE MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHT – 2683 Clinton St., W. Seneca, NY

May 9 - POLISH FALCON’S WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Polish Falcons Hall, 445 Columbia Ave, Depew, NY

May 9 – SILVER LAKE DRIVE-IN WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS – 7037 Chapman Ave., Perry, NY

May 11 – CAFFEINE & OCTANE MONTHLY MORNING CRUISE – Anchor Bar, Amherst, 4300 Maple Rd., Amherst, NY

May 11 - ROCHESTER STREET RODS AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET - Moose Lodge, 5375 Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY. 7am-2pm. Free admission, free to set up until space is gone Tables avail for rent. INFO: Josh [585-233-4681](tel:585-233-4681)

May 13 - KETTLES MONDAY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - 3719 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park, NY. 6pm. INFO: [716-648-4524](tel:716-648-4524), www.kettlesnorth.com. Except 5/27.

May 13 - LOCKPORT WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Ida Fritz Park, Main St at Transit St, Lockport, NY

May 14 - UNCLE JOE'S DINER MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHT - Car Blessing Cruise - Uncle Joe's Diner, 4869 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY. 5-9pm. Rain date is May 21st.

May 14 - CONROY MOTORS & SMOKEY'S BAR/GRILL MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHT - 1457 Main St. (NY 78), Java Center, NY. Take Rt. 20A out of E. Aurora to Rt. 78

May 14 - VARIETY CLUB WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Variety Club, 6114 Broadway, Lancaster, NY

May 14 - PAUTLER'S WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - 6343 Transit Rd., Clarence, NY

May 15th. 7:00 pm NFCC Meeting WNY Travel Center, Grand Island via Whitehaven Rd.

May 17 - CATARACT CRUISERS WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Academy Park, 890 Center Street, Lewiston, NY

May 17-18 - DUNKIRK AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET & FLEA MARKET (free admission). Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, 1089 Central Ave. (1 mile from 190 exit 59) Dunkirk, NY. Sat & Sun 8am-8pm.. INFO: Nancy [716-489-4868](tel:716-489-4868)

May 19 - CRUISING AGAINST CANCER CAR & CRAFT SHOW - Cattaraugus County Fairground, Rt. 353, Little Valley, NY. Reg 9:30am. Show noon-4:00. All proceeds benefit Roswell Park . INFO: Jerry [716-801-1714](tel:716-801-1714), Ted [716-969-3690](tel:716-969-3690).

May 19 - ROCHESTER CANCER AWARENESS CAR SHOW 2019 - Comedy @ The Carlson, 50 Carlson Rd, Rochester, NY. 10am-3pm. Top 20 Awards, Live DJ. Sponsored by Roc City Mustangz. INFO: Chris [585-802-2047](tel:585-802-2047)

May 19 - NOMAD'S WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Legion Post 880, Legion Dr. @ Main St. (Rt. 62) Eden, NY.

May 19 - ANNUAL AUTO TECH CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET - Finger Lakes Tech & Career Center, 3501 County Rd. (Rt. 20), Stanley, NY. 9am-3pm. BBQ chicken, arts, crafts vendors, swap meet. INFO: Jeff [585-526-9331](tel:585-526-9331)

May 19 - LAKE SHORE CENTRAL CARS & COFFEE MONTHLY CRUISE - Lake Shore Central High School (lot behind Tim Hortons), 959 Beach Rd, Angola, NY. 8am.

May 1 - OAK GRILL WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - 7062 Lewiston Rd., Oakfield, NY

May 2 - STREET CLASSICS WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Olean Center Mall, Key Bank Lot, Olean, NY

May 3-5 - 2019 SPRING DUST OFF INDOOR CAR SHOW - inside The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, 271 Greece Ridge Center Dr, Greece, NY [585-303-5290](tel:585-303-5290), www.streetmachinesofrochester.com

May 20 - EAST AURORA VIETNAM VETERANS MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHT - East Aurora American Legion Post 362, 1 Legion Dr. (off Center St one mile South of Main St, (Rt 20A)- near bridge-East Aurora, NY

May 20 - ADRIAN'S CUSTARD & BEEF MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHT - 2352 Grand Island Blvd., Grand Island, NY. INFO: [716-773-9242](tel:716-773-9242)

May 23 - AKRON MAIN ST. WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - parking on Main St. in Akron NY. Rt. 5 (Main St.), through Clarence until LEFT on Buell St (Rt. 93) - Take into downtown Akron.

May 24 - STRIKERS LANES WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Strikers Bowling, 50 Michael Rd., West Seneca, NY

May 25 - FESTIVAL IN THE PARK CRUISE IN - Davis Park, W. Main St, Falconer, NY. 9am-3pm. Dash plaques, food. [716-450-0663](tel:716-450-0663),

May 25 - BEMUS POINT 2019 KICKOFF CRUISE IN - Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House, 72 Main St, Bemus Point, NY. 2-7pm. Live band, food.. INFO: Mike [716-455-1825](tel:716-455-1825)

May 25 - THE CAZ 25th ANNUAL CAR SHOW - Cazenovia Park Casino, Buffalo, NY. Reg. 10am-1pm. Awards 5pm. Proceeds benefit SOUTH BUFFALO FOOTBALL. INFO: Dave [716-713-2893](tel:716-713-2893)

May 25 - FILLMORE FUNFEST MEMORIAL WEEKEND CAR SHOW - Main St. (State Rt. 19), Fillmore, NY. 2-5pm. Trophies, vendors, free amusement rides from 2-7pm. [585-739-9479](tel:585-739-9479)

May 25 - GASSER RACING SERIES - Empire Dragway, 2011 New Rd, Leicester, NY / INFO: [585-382-3030](tel:585-382-3030), www.empiredragway.com

May 25 - NIAGARA FALLS COMMUNITY MEMORIAL PARADE (convertibles needed for WWII Vets to ride in - please consider) Cars gather 8-8:30am At City Market (Pine St. at 19th St.), 10am parade continues to Veterans Monument in Hyde Park at Pine St. INFO: Ken [716-940-7092](tel:716-940-7092), email: Kenny.Tompkins@yahoo.com

May 26 - OLCOTT SUNDAY SUPER CAR CRUISE- Main Street, Olcott, NY. 1-4pm. Dash plaques & goody bags to 1st 100 cars. INFO: Jane [716-628-4007](tel:716-628-4007)

May 26 - SILVER CREEK FIREMAN'S CLUB CRUISE- IN - Jackson St, Silver Creek, NY. Noon-5pm. Food available. Sponsored by Lake Shore Street Rod Association. INFO: Dan [716-430-6582](tel:716-430-6582), Todd [716-934-3042](tel:716-934-3042)

May 26 - CRUISE-N-CUTS MONTHLY CRUISE STARTS (12-3pm) Eras Gone By Pin Up Salon, 2468 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda,

May 29 - BIG INDIAN WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - 597 Milestrip Rd, Irving, NY

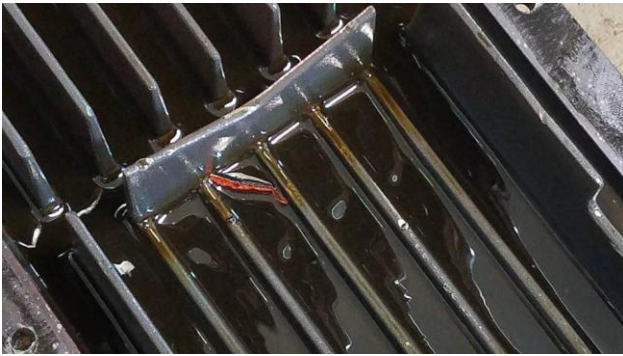
May 29 NEW YORK BEER PROJECT WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - 6933 Transit Rd, Lockport, NY

May 31- HAMBURG MOOSE LODGE #992 WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHT STARTS - Hamburg Moose Lodge #992, 45 Church St, Hamburg, NY

May 31 - ALL AMERICAN MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHT - Made in America Store, 1000 West Maple Ct. (just off Maple Rd. exit of Rt. 400) Elma, NY



Bill Jr. and Luke have the motor back in the 69



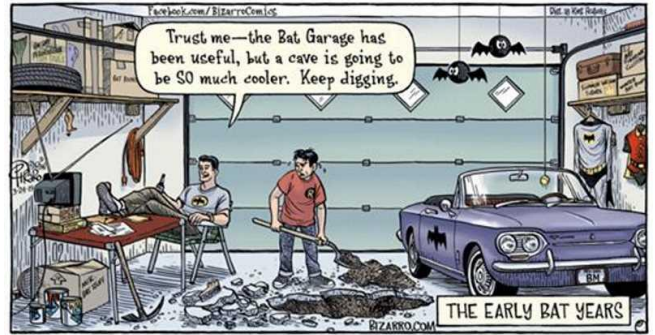
Before installation, pan was pulled, and some “form a gasket” was found there.



Detailing is so much easier when the drivetrain is out of the car.



Is it running yet?



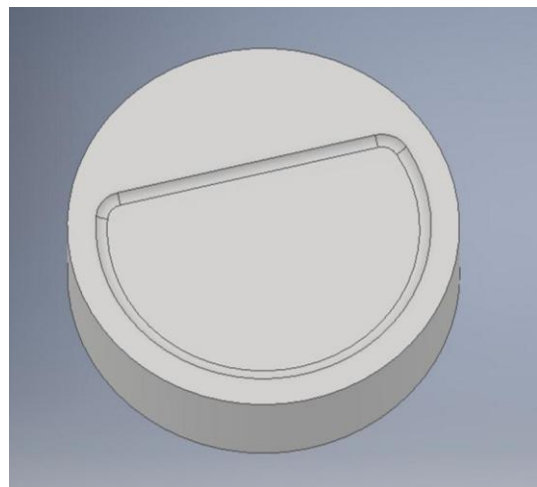
Meanwhile, elsewhere on Grand Island, Tom Koprevich has been continuing his engine build. Here degreasing the cam.

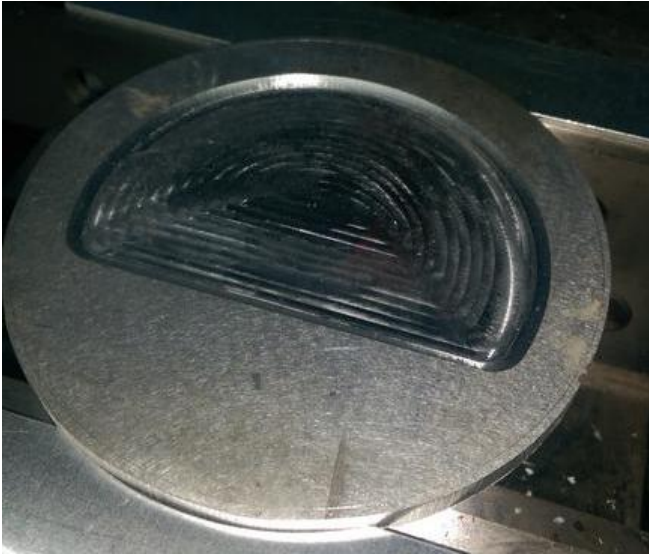


Here pressing on the cam gear.



Decided to redo the piston cut, made is larger but shallower, the flat area is still larger than the quench area on the head.



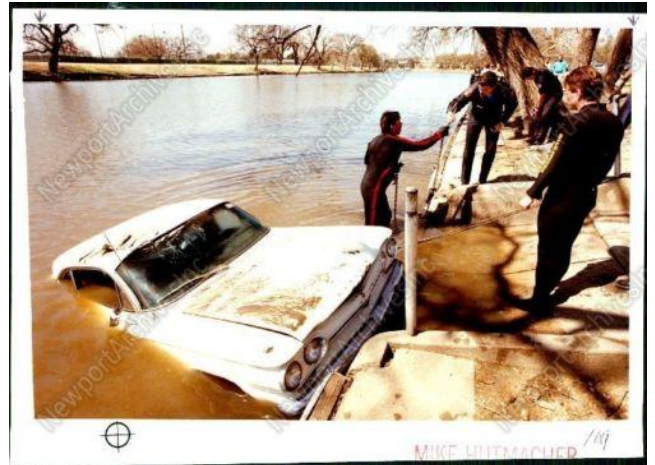


Now piston balancing



I also made up a stop for inserting the pins when installing the rods.

The stop allows the pin to come out of the piston half the distance of the gap between the rod and the inner piston sides. So this way I do not need to think when installing the pin on the rod. I will be heating the rods using a light flame and a 450 temperature stick. When the stick begins to melt I know I am at 450 and should stop heating and put it in place and insert pin.



FOR SALE: Early Corvair Coupe, \$8,000 or best offer.



So how many bodies can you fit in a Corvair trunk?



My latest "Corvair" toy has to be the most obscure one I have ever found. This is the Dean Jeffries custom car called "The Reactor" which was Corvair powered. This is the version used in the 60's TV series Batman driven by Catwoman as played by Eartha Kitt. The same car was also used in Bewitched, and Star Trek, minus the tail ears and whiskers of course. I found this to info from Dave Newell, and purchased on ebay. It is called "Catmobile"

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Reactor_\(show_rod\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Reactor_(show_rod))



Here is another new toy find, who would have thought anyone would ever make a diecast toy of an Ultravan? They do have some things wrong, calling it an Ultravan Chevrolet Corvair.

