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Note: Membership dues are due July 1st 2019 for the 2019-2020 membership year please send to Dick Dahmer 53 Melberry Trail, Orchard Park, NY 14127



On Father's Day 2019 I took 3 of my late model Corvairs to the Darien Lake Car Show, Three different body styles, Convertible, Two Door Coupe, and Sport Sedan. They had a special deal going for pre-registration where driver and passenger get in for free with all day ride pass for \$10. So for \$30, Me, My son, daughter in law, and 3 grandkids got into Darien Lake with all day pass. What could go wrong? Well for one thing, rain. As soon as we got there it started raining, and never let up all day. Didn't slow the grandkids down much, and there was a nearby pavilion where I could stay dry, had a band, and beer. So I was OK as well. Due to the low turnout, all 3 Vairs won an award too. But I ended up with 3 cars to clean and detail again. Such is life.

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 _____

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Niagara Frontier Corvaire Club
C/O Gary Swiatowy
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A Chartered Chapter of the Corvaire Society of America

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

January 12th 2020 Clutch Artists Calendar of Events Meeting. 1:00 PM at 2145 William St. Buffalo

January 15th Club meeting First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda 7:00 PM

February 3rd. Snow Buster Swap Meet. Event Center Hamburg Fairgrounds 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

February 19th Club meeting First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda 7:00 PM

March 18th Club meeting First Trinity Lutheran Church 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda 7:00 PM

For the latest up to date listing of car shows and cruises, go here:

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

Anyone up for wings before the January 15th meeting? How about meeting at the Anchor Bar on Maple Road at 5:30 PM! If you plan on coming please let me know by email.....Gary



By the way, it is Wing it Wednesdays there, and you can get an order of wings and an appetizer for \$14.99. In case you don't like wings, or can't eat them. There are other items available as well. Going forward, if there is someplace else anyone would like to suggest for Feb, or Mar. let me know. There is a Denny's on Maple. Or Blaze Pizzeria. Open for suggestions.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

I have not one but 2 late model Corvair rear windows, the backlight or rear windshield for a 2-door. Came from the Bob Covel parts stash. Also have 3 driver's side window for a late model 2 door. Free come and get them, one piece or all. 716-439-5194 or email me gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com



Another picture of wet Corvairs at Darien Lake.



Here is my dry 66 Monza from the Elderwood Wheatfield Cruise.



You never know who will show up at a Cruise Night. Here's someone we haven't seen in awhile.



Here's an unusual picture, Joe actually smiling while working a Cruise.....LOL

CPF RAFFLE: 1965 MONZA SPORT COUPE

The Corvair Preservation Foundation is holding a raffle and the lucky winner will receive a freshly-restored 1965 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe! The drawing for this car will be held May 15, 2020 in the Great State of Minnesota, USA. MN Lic. #GA19-000002. You need not be present for the drawing. The proceeds from the raffle will support the new Corvair Museum in Glenarm, Illinois.

- 140 hp 4-carb Super Turbo-Aire engine. Powerglide automatic transmission.
- Thoroughly reconditioned throughout with new paint, upholstery and many NOS parts
- Ready to drive!

\$10 per ticket – Help support the CPF

Tickets available online at the CORSA web site –

www.corvair.org

Direct link is <https://www.corvair.org/index.php/merchandise/corvair-affle>



The Fitch company decided to work towards the creation of a more exotic car built on the platform of a Corvair Sprint. Called the Phoenix, it was to have a racy body over a shortened platform. The idea of an air-cooled, rear-engined sports car was hardly an American concept, and the Phoenix was assembled by Intermeccanica. Built in Italy for a company in America and with a hearty number of ideas borrowed from a couple of German auto makers, the Phoenix was set to be a real world car with international influences. Fitch ran into pre-production uncertainty, though, and the cross-cultural collaboration never amounted to anything but a single prototype.

What's new at the Buffalo Transportation Museum

Any of you watching the news or reading the papers may have heard of the new addition to the Buffalo Transportation Museum. The Bill and Jean Irr family Foundation recently at auction one of two known 1904 Arrow Automobiles for \$250,000 and donated it to the museum. Of course this was built originally in Buffalo a few blocks away from the museum and has actually been around the world participating in the London Brighton Run (pre 1905) and has now come home to Buffalo. The car is a sight to behold, I made a trip to the museum, which I do regularly to check it out.



This model had a 15 HP 2-cylinder motor



You may note I refer to the car as a 1904 Arrow and not a "Pierce-Arrow" In the early stages of its history The George M. Pierce Manufacturing company referred to its automobile efforts as the Pierce, and one of the available models was known as the Arrow. In later years the cars became the Pierce-Arrow.



Rear passengers entered through a rear door. This car is loaded with a fortune of brass plating and is yet another major asset of the Buffalo Museum.

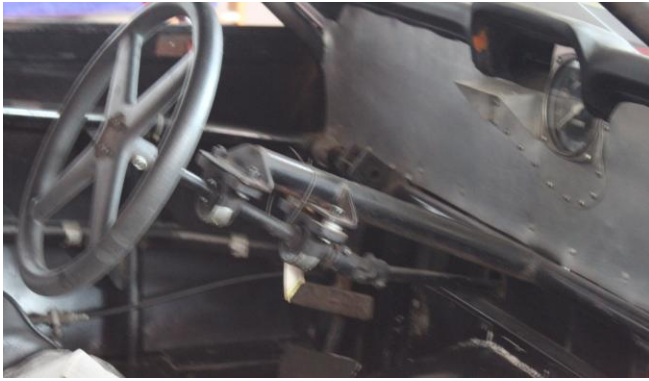


Another recent acquisition of the museum is this 1974 AMC Hornet.



Not an ordinary Hornet by any means. This is the stunt car from the James Bond Movie, "The Man with the Golden Gun". This stunt, developed by Calspan here in Western NY and executed by JM Productions had the car jumping a river and doing a spiral mid air. The stunt was performed again a few times before the car went into storage for many years and is now on display for all to see. Bears a close examination. See the Asto-Spiral stunt here:

. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSuf2ptIcw>



Astro-Spiral stunt car has a full roll cage and center mounted steering column for better balance.



Wheel wells appear to have been trimmed, likely for the rough landing.



The Canadair and Spyder motors are still on display at the museum.



There is a lot to see at the museum, and it is constantly changing with new displays, and currently, only a fraction of the museum's artifacts are on display, so the displays rotate. In the next couple years there is going to be a huge expansion basically tripling or more the size. Additional properties have been purchased, and some day will be connected to the main museum. Have you been there yet? Here is a link to the museum's website: <http://www.pierce-arrow.com/> Anyone interested in getting together for a trip to the museum? Admission is \$10 per person. Something we can discuss?

NEXT MEETING

Due to the unavailability of the main officers of the NFCC for the December Meeting, it was cancelled. Everyone was sent an email for notification.

So it appears January will be our next meeting, the 15th at 7:00 PM (weather permitting). This will also be our official election for Officers for 2020. Unless someone says otherwise the current officers are running unopposed for the 2020 slate. Someone can throw their hat in the ring if they wish.

Also, for any meeting at the church, members are asked to bring along topics of discussion. These can be upcoming events, suggestions for club activities. Places to visit, tech sessions, tours, etc.

Also members are welcome to bring along items of interest to other club members. Toys, memorabilia, rare parts, and they do not have to be Corvair related.

Seeing as the December meeting was cancelled, that has been traditionally our Corvair Toy display, so bring along some collectibles to share with your fellow members In January or anytime.

Lastly, send me some pictures of your cars or projects out and about or under construction for the newsletter.

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18th Annual
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Hosted by Model A Restorer's Club Niagara Frontier Region

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9 am - 3 pm

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Corvair Astro 1 with model.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!