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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



I took the 65 Sport Sedan to the AACA show in Elma in June 2019. I actually took a first in class with the former Dennis Dorogi car. There was some serious competition in the class, I was surprised. Chuck Facklam was there with his HPOF 1960 Corvair. HPOF means Historic Preservation of Original Features, and this car appears as original as they come. This year's show will be on June 14th at Elma Greens Park on Bowen Rd. in Elma. There are always plenty of the best cars around that appear at this event. More event pictures can be found here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/swi66/albums/72157709008042353>

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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:

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

A Chartered Chapter of the Corvaire Society of America

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

March 13-15 - I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO RAMA - I-X Center, Cleveland, OH. INFO:

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

March 18th Club meeting NY Grand Island Travel Plaza. Off of Whitehaven Rd. 7:00 PM

March 21st Club Dinner Ripa's Restaurant 4218 Walden Avenue, Lancaster 5:00 PM

March 29 - 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

April 9-11 Buffalo Motorama

<https://www.buffalomotorama.com/#2020-motorama>

April 15th Club Meeting First Trinity Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls Boulevard Tonawanda

May 3rd, 36th annual Rod & Customs Swap

Meet at the Sanborn Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Rd. (Rt 31) Sanborn 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

May 15-16 Dunkirk Swap Meet

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

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

CPF RAFFLE: 1965 MONZA SPORT COUPE

The Corvaire Preservation Foundation is holding a raffle and the lucky winner will receive a freshly-restored 1965 Corvaire 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 Corvaire 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.corvaire.org

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





More pictures of Chuck Facklam's 1960



Here is the link to the interview with James Sandoro by Channel 2 news with Scott Levin. Very interesting and informative.

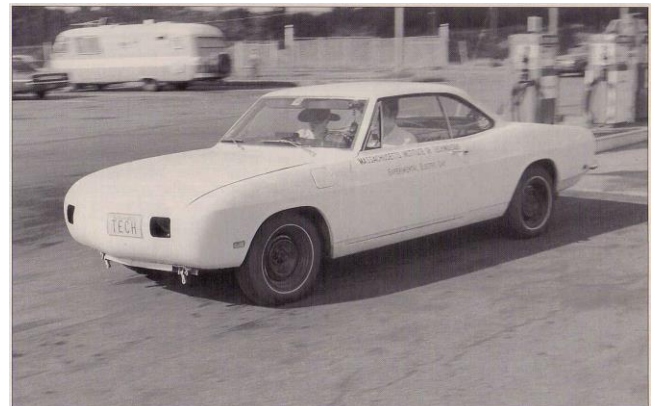
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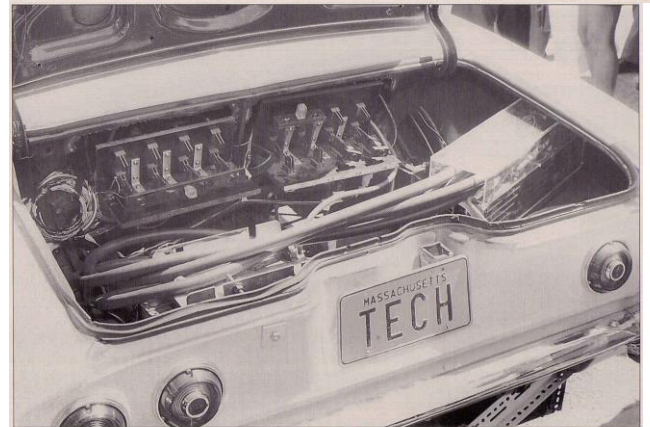
And a Happy Birthday to Ralph Nader. February 27th, 1934. Ralph is to thank for keeping the Corvair in production for another 3 years instead of ending its run at the end of 1966 production. Pictured above with the Corvair in the Museum of Tort Law he has in Winstead, Connecticut.



This vintage Rolls drew a crowd all day. So did the Cadillac below.



General Motors used the original Corvair for electric-car experiments in the mid-1960s, creating the "Electroair." In 1968 a team of students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology used a later-model Corvair as the basis of a competitor in a transcontinental electric car race. Its nose was modified to improve its aerodynamics.



The MIT students packed their modified Corvair with exotic controlling and charging gear and high-tech batteries. These experimental systems naturally suffered their fair share of problems in the transcontinental race of 1968.

MIT Electric Corvair



In a cockpit whose complexity recalled that of the "Holden" prototype shown earlier, MIT's electric Corvair had batteries of switches, knobs and indicators. They assisted in monitoring and controlling the car's systems.

Inside the MIT Corvair



Look was featured on BuffaloCars.com Real rides of WNY on March 4, 2020 picture was from the 2015 Buffalo History Museum Show. <https://buffalocars.com/realrides-2037-030420>



Bob Guerin's Rampside showed up as a Real Rides feature on Dec 12, 2019 <https://buffalocars.com/realrides-1954-121219> Picture from a Canal Fest show



This Real Rides of WMY 60 Corvair was spotted in N Tonawanda and featured on September 20, 2019

<https://buffalocars.com/realrides-1872-092019>



In the brochure we learned that the **1960 Chevrolet Corvair 700 Club Coupe** was "one of two Club Coupe models priced within easy reach of any new car budget." Which begs the question: What is a Club Coupe? Although the definitions of different body styles over the years have definitely taken a turn with the advent of the four-door coupe (a coupe was traditionally a two-door car), here's the best way I know how to describe the way a coupe differs from a two-door sedan:

A two-door sedan would usually have the same roof profile as its four-door sedan counterpart, while the coupe would have a shorter, more close-coupled roofline.





The NFCC has an upcoming meeting on Wednesday March 18th at the Western New York Travel Plaza on Grand Island NY. Located just off the Whitehaven Rd exit. You can't miss it! Our meeting is at 7:00 PM, but if you get there early you can look around the plaza, it has a store which sells NY items and is a bit interesting, see how your taz dollars are spent.....lol

Our meeting was changed to this location due to the First Trinity Church having Lenten Services on our normal meeting day.

For anyone interested. Some of us are meeting at the Brick Oven Pizzeria and Pub at 2457 Grand Island Boulevard for dinner prior to the meeting. Great food!

<http://brickovenpizzagrandisland.com/>

It may be too early to bring out your Vair. But you never know! Looks like an early spring.

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WANTED

Articles, pictures, items for the newsletter.

Are you looking for parts?

A project car?

Do you have parts to sell?

e-mail your newsletter editor at

gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com

Are you working on a project?

Did you attend an event you want to share with us?

Did you take a picture of your car at a cool location?

Do you have a picture of you and your car, or with your kids or grandkids you want to share with the rest of the club?

I'm looking for filler for these pages.

Found a great build article on Corvair Center Forum
<http://corvaircenter.com/phorum/read.php?1,879581,page=1>



Below is how it looked when new, followed by how it looks now.



There is lots of details in this article, a good read.



This is a painting of the van when it was presented to the fire department,