

# niagara frontier



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club

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



Thanks to Sandy Gworek for taking this picture of this group of masked rogues.

Taken at our July meeting at Adrian's Custard and Beef on Grand Island. One of the monthly cruises still going and will be the location of our August meeting on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. At 6:00 PM. Food is really great, and cruisers bringing a car get a free ice cream.

I must say I really miss the monthly meetings with our car talk sessions.

**Note: Membership dues are due July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 for the 2020-2021 membership year please send to Dick Dahmer 53 Melberry Trail, Orchard Park, NY 14127**

## 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

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

Niagara Frontier Corvaire Club  
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### NFCC Events and more!

## NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

### NFCC Meeting:

August 17, Adrian's on Grand Island for their Super Cruise, 2352 Grand Island Blvd. 6:00 PM for the meeting, For best parking come earlier

Awhile ago I sent out the Clutch Artist's Calendar of events. Pretty much everything in the short term future is likely cancelled as well. If you have any questions, there is contact information with each event. But at this time, it is pretty clear, the car and cruising season is pretty much on hold. We will keep you posted on any changes at <http://www.showandcruiseneews.com/>

Everyone: Please check your emails for any updates on meetings which can be cancelled or re-scheduled on short notice due to the COVID 19



We had a great turnout of members for the Super Cruise at Adrian's Custard and Beef on Grand Island.

If you brought a car you got a free Ice Cream.



Adrian's Custard & Beef, Grand Island

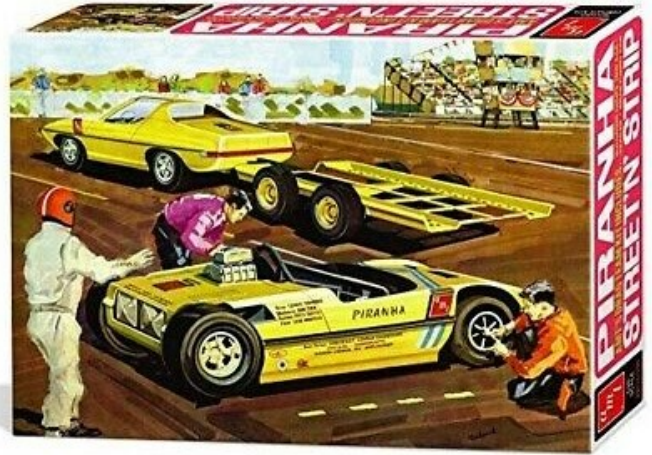


Gworek Family





Yeah, I wimped out and drove the Ram it was hot that day



Pirahna Race Team Model Kit from AMT is available again.



This is a scale model kit of a full scale model kit.



AMT also was involved in the full scale car. How cool is that?

Back in the early 60's a company called Marbon Chemical wanted to promote the use of plastic in automobiles. They decided to build an automobile of their plastic Cylolac. A 2 seater roadster was designed using the Corvair engine, followed by a few other cars which made their way into SCCA racing, and were fairly successful and popular. But Marbon did not want to be an auto manufacturer. Along comes a model car company AMT which was licensed to market a full scale model kit for enthusiasts, as well as using this to market small scale model kits. The car known as the Pirahna had the involvement of designer Gene Winfield to assist in use of this design, including its use as the Man from U.N.C/L/E Car. The Pirahna was used

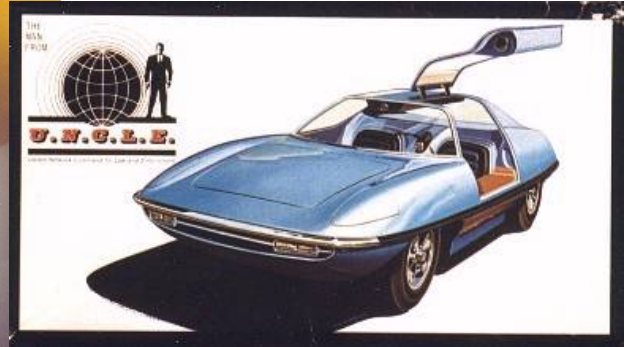
in various form of road racing, drag racing, and several made their way to the streets.  
 By the way, the Pirahna drag car is now at the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing in Ocala Florida, I saw it there back in 2019.



and commanded high prices. But now with the re-issues anyone can own one. When you look for these, do not bother using "Corvaire" in the search. The word Corvaire is hardly ever used in any of the ads. AMT Piranha is best used in a search. For the drag team, I found kits on ebay going for around \$30 up to \$134. prices may fluctuate, but these were all new in the box kits.



Man from U.N.C.L.E.



Girl from U.N.C.L.E.



Below is the hardest one to find



For more info onb absolutely anything you would want to know on the Piranha, go to this website:  
<http://www.c-we.com/piranha/>  
 There is a lot of interesting reading there.  
 AMT released several model kits of the Piranha.  
 Man From Uncle  
 Girl From Uncle  
 mademoiselle l' agente secrete 97  
 Piranha drag car  
 Piranha drag team.  
 All based on the spy car version used in the TV series.

Later came the Drag Team kit which consisted of a street version, a trailer, and the drag version. Three models in one box.  
 For the longest time, all the models were scarce,



For sale in Brampton Ontario.  
Turbocharged Corvair powered.  
[https://barnfinds.com/wild-70s-turbocharged-custom/?utm\\_campaign=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Newsletter+\(Daily\)](https://barnfinds.com/wild-70s-turbocharged-custom/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Newsletter+(Daily))

Speculation it may have been a movie car?

Who knows?

It is interesting though.....

