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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



Tom Koprevich brought home his new Corvair, an Ultravan! Number 211 an early production model having some unique differences than the later versions. As far as I know Tom is the first NFCC member to own an Ultra. Looks to be a full trailer!

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
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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

See cruise to winery, for Sept meeting.

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.

For any events going on, or cancellations, be sure and check on line for Show and Cruise News.

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



Ton, has already started on the Ultravan, He has removed and rebuilt the rear suspension. The set up in an Ultra is unique as the suspension locating arms are reversed in direction than they are on a late model car.



Those half shats are a lot longer than on a car.



Note direction of "trailing arm" in relation to the motor.

Hope to see more pictures as this project progresses.

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Aug 17th Meeting Minutes

Persons in attendance:

- Gary Swiatowy
- Dick Dahmer
- Pat Murphy
- John Dawley
- Chuck Nowak
- Tom Koprevich

Treasurers Report:

Dick advised our bank balance to date. Also, he gave a run-down on a membership summary:

- We presently have 27 paid members and 2 honorary
- He is checking through the membership list. Inactive members listed will be taken off the new list presently being developed.

Old Business:

Pat Murphy offered to check on availability of NFCC shirts and prices from vendors.

New Business:

- 1) Tom Koprevich mentioned he has recently purchased a Corvair Ultravan. In the event we plan a future Tech session his van can be used as a project.
- 2) John Dawley offered to lead a "Road Trip" this fall. A suggested route was to the Railroad Museum in Medina and lunch at Spring Lake Winery on the way back. We settled the date of 9-13-20 on a Sunday. Details to follow.

I hope everyone has had a good month and I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

John Dawley



Endurance Testing the 1962 Corvair Monza

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/endurance-testing-the-1962-corvair-monza/ar-BB18E208?ocid=sf>

2020 NFCC Road Trip -- Sunday Sept 13th

The NFCC will be having a Road Trip to the Medina Railroad Museum followed-up by lunch at the Spring Lake Winery. We have been to the Museum before, but since then they have added more town sites, track arrangements and over 1000 engines and cars.

Also, to add a bit of challenge, a free lunch will be offered to the driver who has the best estimate of the distance we travel to the Museum. Before leaving our Lockport meeting location everyone will have a chance to enter their estimated distance with John Dawley. By the way, Google Earth will not be of much help since our route will be a meandering one to Medina.

Meeting Place -- Tim Hortons across from the Tops Plaza on Transit Rd
Meeting time -- 10:00 AM
Date of Event -- Sunday Sept 13th

We will see you then to enjoy an interesting ride
NOTE: Be sure and bring a face mask, and wear it. It is a requirement for both the winery and the museum.
This will be our “meeting” for September..... Gary



Autocross action from the 1997 Corvair Convention held at Lake Placid NY. The autocross was held at near by Lake Sarnac airport.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rm07bE_cvbE&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0octugKlcJouWjls--PZCH_OQSkpkxbJgwk0GYzaf9yed2GE2oE77ekPM



Pawn Stars: Rick Revs Up for DANGEROUS '60 Chevy Corvair (Season 8) | History Channel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8VnQ_DiMIs&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0octugKlcJouWjls--PZCH_OQSkpkxbJgwk0GYzaf9yed2GE2oE77ekPM



1966 Corvair homecoming update: Out of the paint booth and into reassembly

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/08/19/1966-corvair-homecoming-update-out-of-the-paint-booth-and-into-reassembly?fbclid=IwAR0octugKlcJouWjls--PZCH_OQSkpkxbJgwk0GYzaf9yed2GE2oE77ekPM

All those endless months of work stripping the car, removing everything in it down to the last nut, bolt, and screw, cutting and replacing the corrosion and bondo that had been on the car, replacing and reshaping metal components that nearly were cause to junk the car completely – all that has finally paid off. The last report [had the car a fully painted](#) but otherwise empty shell, and then came the time to start reconstructing it back into an actual car again. It was useful to have three people working on it – two guys who actually knew what they were doing, and me. For all my time with Corvairs years ago, I never once got this far into any of them. I had pretty much no good idea how, or in what order, things should go back on.From Hemmings.....



Hoss Cartwright 1964 Chevy Trucks commercial
Dan Blocker, as Hoss Cartwright, selling 1964 Chevy Trucks. Yes, it does include FC's.

<https://www.facebook.com/acmehpl/videos/291863945191652>



There's something here for all age groups, but it's appeal will be a little different depending on your age. It's from 1961 and it's what would be the 4th GRAND PRIX for SPORTS CARS at Riverside International Raceway, not yet called the TIMES GRAND PRIX even though it was sponsored by the LOS ANGELES TIMES. The entry list included sport car stars of that era which included Jack Brabham, Dan Gurney, Bruce McLaren, Jim Hall, Roger Penske, Stirling Moss, Ken Miles and a host of others. But we're taking a detour from that. We're going to visit the race weekend and see the intersection of Hollywood and Chevrolet on display in a really neat way. One of the most successful TV shows ever was a western named BONANZA. It was in its 3rd season by 1961 and riding the wave, which would last until 1972. The sponsor of the show was Chevrolet. One of the stars of the show was Dan Blocker (Hoss

Cartwright was his character on the show), he was a big time race fan and ended up owning a team. He was quoted, "Auto racing is my first love, but my contract with NBC forbids me to race 'em. The next best thing is to own the cars and have someone else drive them for me." One would be the Dan Blocker/NICKEY-Chevrolet Cooper Team that was driven by Skip Hudson. These images have never been published and are a great piece of history. PHOTO 1 - You see Dan driving the 1961 Corvair Sebring Spyder Concept which would appear on the November 1961 cover of CAR and DRIVER magazine. In this photo the car has rock guards over the headlights, which didn't appear in the magazine as far as I know.



The Corvette that was at Riverside pictured above was a concept car that is now currently displayed at the Buffalo Transportation Museum. It was donated to the Museum along with 4 other noteworthy Corvettes.

For more of the article and pictures,

<https://gramho.com/media/2329649514066262831>



Pat Murphy, Lakewood and Wayne 100 at Hoover's



Pat has to decide what to tow on any given day.
Two boats to choose from plus this trailer.



I made it out to the West Seneca PBA car show on Sept 6th. About 350 cars there. One of 2 outings with the 67 Monza this year. I hope 2021 is better. I will be taking the van to the PCD Kiwanis Car Show Sept 20th

Our Sept meeting will be part of the Cruise to the train museum.

Oct. has not been decided. I recommend the travel plaza on Grand Island.

November and into 2021, we will have to decide soon.

We cannot use the church as far as I know due to the Covid 19. And not much else available. Stay tuned.