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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



I happened to run across the fact that a Rampside sold for a ridiculous amount of money back in May at a Sothby's auction. This Rampside looks very familiar to me. The one on the left is the Sothby's Rampside, the one on the right was NFCC member's Dennis Dorogi's. Dennis's was sold by his family after he passed away. Could \$88,000 be the most paid for a production Corvair ever? Check the auction pictures <https://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/0120/driving-into-summer/lots/r0199-1963-chevrolet-corvair-95-rampside-pickup/897053> as compared to my pictures from the AACA car show in 2009. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/swi66/albums/72157665541773610/with/2578376222/> In 2006 this truck scored the second highest Concours score at the Buffalo CORSA Convention. Dennis used the white bumpers, instead of chrome ones. Unusual for a Rampside deluxe.



The red retractable seat belts were not stock in 1963 I do see a difference in glove box door, easily changed other than that, and tissue dispenser, they are the same.

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

A Chartered Chapter of the Corvaire Society of America

President	Pat Murphy	(716) 861-8749
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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!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

NFCC Meeting, Wednesday November

18th at the Western NY Welcome Center 1999
Alvin Road (Exit 19 off I-190) Grand Island, NY
14072 meeting at 6:00 PM

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/>



Dennis Dorogi's Rampside from when he got it done. Restored on a car rotator in a garage barely big enough to fit in. Dennis later restored the Carl Sagan Spyder Convertible.

<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2014/07/11/cosmic-provenance-the-resurrection-of-carl-sagans-corvaire-spyder>



Motor compartments look the same, note the motor lid support. Certainly not stock. Yes it has to be Dennis's Rampside.



I wonder if the guy who paid 88 grand has any idea what went into this restoration. It really started out pretty rough, and had been sitting for many years. During the course of the restoration, Dennis cut out all the rotten metal and hand formed new replacement parts. That included structural sections and even using 2 gas tanks to make one. He had a fairly good 61-62 tank, but he needed to section in the center part where the shifter goes through for 63 and up FC's



Gas tank surgery.



Several parts Dennis fabricated.



Oct 21st Meeting Minutes

Persons in attendance:

Gary Swiatowy Dick Dahmer
Pat Murphy John Dawley
Larry Scott Tom Koprevich
Joe Pendolino

Treasurers Report:

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

- We presently have 27 members and 2 honorary. Payment has been received from 20 members so far.
- Due to the hardships of COVID, and lack of summer activities, Dick suggested we waive dues for the year of 2021 - 2022 for those currently paid up for the 20-21 year. Those of us in attendance voted and a dues waiver was approved.

Old Business:

Pat Murphy offered to check on printing of Business cards for distribution at auto events in the future.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion ensued about how to handle election of club officers for the year of 2021. It was decided this would be additionally discussed and decided at our next meeting. This next meeting will be held again at the Welcome Center on Grand Island. Nov 18th
- 2) We are happy to welcome Larry Scott as a new member to NFCC. A tech session was discussed where some issues of his 64 Spyder could be addressed.
- 3) John Dawley and Pat Murphy had thoughts for next year's "Road Trip". Pat has a couple of replica Corvair go karts and maybe we will be able to use them at a kart track in Elma. For those interested, regular karts can be rented there as well. Sure would be interesting to see these "Corvairs" in action.
- 4) Posting want ads in the Newsletter was discussed. It was suggested the cost for an add would be \$10.00

I hope everyone has had a good month and I am looking forward to seeing you after my return from Arizona.

John Dawley



With a little assistance, Tom Koprevich has the motor out of his Ultravan project.



Looks like a little detailing is in order.



Appears some of that good old red RTV form a gasket was used here. Wonder how much is inside the motor.



Reminds me of Jonah inside the Whale. Never seen the inside of an Ultra Van gutted before, Good work Tom!

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

ALL USED, EXCEPT AS NOTED

Pete 773-1822

- 1) 1964 Engine. Includes sheet metal.
- 2) 1964 Transaxle.
- 3) Early front & rear bumpers.
- 4) Late front & rear bumpers.
- 5) Steering column & shaft. No steering box.
- 6) Turbocharger. No carb.
- 7) 6 cast iron cylinders.
- 8) Late center heat duct.
- 9) Late tinted windshield. Small chip, center bottom.
- 10) Misc. wiring harnesses.
- 11) 1965 Corsa Dash.
- 12) Misc. Carbs, Generators, Alternators, Starters, Distributors, etc.
- 13) NOS 140hp exhaust pipes.
- 14) NOS Air Filters.
- 15) Brake Drums & NOS Shoes.
- 16) 60-69 Parts Catalog. Manuals & misc. paperwork.
- 17) Various hub caps.

Many more parts, primarily mechanical or interior trim resulting from owning 9 Corvairs.
Open to reasonable offers.

From what I understand, these parts are located on Grand Island (Note: I promised the guy I would print this prior to our discussion on cost for ads.....Gary



Pat Murphy was a regular at the Wimbledon cruises.



Welcome Jerry Vinciguerra from Jamestown to the NFCC. Jerry has a 67 coupe he is working on. Send more pictures.



Pat Pilon said goodbye to one of his non-Corvairs, The Studebaker President.



Pat wasted no time replacing the President with an AMC Ambassador of 1966 vintage.



Happy Halloween everyone! Hope to see many of you at the November 18th meeting at the Grand Island Travel Plaza.

Reminder: Always looking for pictures and info for the newsletter.....Gary