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Tom Kopravich had his convertible out for a November drive. Note the top is up. First time I believe I've seen it with the top up. Also note the boats are all out of the marina. Tom got his final ride of the season in while mine were all tucked away for the winter. Hopefully we will all be out and about with our cars soon. Hang in there everyone!

## 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.

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### NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

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### NFCC Events and more!

## NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

Until further notice, all NFCC activities and meetings are on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Pat Murphy and Joe Pendolino are looking into setting up some Zoom on line meetings going forward. We will let you know how things progress on this. Currently "group" meetings are limited, and we really have no good location available, and not much going on to talk about. Currently, it is more important for everyone to stay safe and maintain social distancing.

I know it is going to be a long winter to get through, but hang in there, better days are coming. We just have to make it to those days.

### FYI

DRENKHAHN - Shirley J. (nee Staufenberger) Of Williamsville, NY, December 2, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard W. Drenkhahn; cherished mother of Sheryl (Richard) Neal and Paul (Kathy) Drenkhahn; adoring and devoted grandmother of Rachel and Shannon Drenkhahn; great-grandmother of Hayden Drenkhahn; loving daughter of the late Philip H. and Lillian E. (Happ) Staufenberger; sister of Henry A. (late Rita) Staufenberger and the late Doris (Clifford) Rowe and Donald (Elaine) Staufenberger; also survived by a nephew, nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews and cherished friends. No prior visitation. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made in Shirley's name to Maryvale Drive Presbyterian Church, 425 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Shirley loved life and was a life-long volunteer at several non-profit organizations through the years, the last of which was Meals on Wheels. She also was the Sunshine Lady at Maryvale Drive Presbyterian Church until the time of her death. Arrangements by: ERIE COUNTY CREMATION SERVICE, 824-6435. Please share your condolences at: [www.eriecountycremationservice.com](http://www.eriecountycremationservice.com)



### **A Long winter.....**

Many of us need our automotive fix during the long winter months. I just picked up the new Ford vs Ferrarri movie to watch. But I recently ran across the fact that there are an amazing amount of full length movies which are available on You Tube. And I don't have to watch them just on my tiny computer screen. I can do a movie search on my smart TV and watch them on my big screen. Yes, my smart TV connects by my WiFi. Movies I have found to be available? How about Gone In 60 Seconds, Heart Like A Wheel, Duel, Hot Rod 1979 (I'll be pouring myself a Munn's Root Beer while watching that one), Fireball 500, Corvette Summer, Runaway Car, and a lot of others. Also Vintage black and white car related movies from the 20's through the 60's, Johnny Dark, Hot Rod Rumble, Drag Strip Riot, Hot Rod Girl, and more. And all are free to view!

For anyone interested, most of you know me as always carrying a camera around my neck for all the shows and cruises I attend. Well back in the 90's I carried around a VHS recorder and shot footage wherever I went. I have uploaded all my videos on You Tube as well. Check out: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MrSwi66/videos> Yes, there are a lot of Corvair related videos, I went to some CORSA conventions during this period, as well as NFCC cruise events, and certain local video's you may find interesting. Some cruises and shows you may have forgotten. Ralph Nader's speech at the DC Convention from 1991 is on my You Tube video collection as well. I remember getting there over an hour early to stake my claim on a front row spot right in front of the podium. Then just before it started a TV camera tried to set up in front of me. I let him know I was there first and would mess with his filming if he did not move.....he moved.

Many have asked me where I post all my pictures, at last count I have over 104,000 pictures located in my albums here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/swi66/albums> There are more than a few Corvair events here. Several CORSA Conventions as well as our NFCC events. Also all the pictures of the Carl Sagan Spyder. If anyone is bored this winter, this may kill some time. Stay Safe.....Gary Swiatowy

Tom Koprevich is busy working on the motor of his Ultravan. Here are some of Ton's pictures and comments from the Facebook Ultravan pages.



Had a chance to start taking apart some of UV211's engine tin. Lots o surprises, skeletons of former squatter, bedding and some ones SillyCone Fix



Oh the fun continues! I am certain now that the engine in UV211 was a 140 not a 110. I found that the distributor was a 0334 which is a 140 distributor instead of 0319 for the 110 and the exhaust was 140 exhaust on 110, no wonder it leaked like crazy. Trying to mate up 140 exhaust logs to 110 tubes.

Not to mention that the exhaust logs were on backwards? Needless to say I rebuilt a 110 distributor from spares that I had around. I will have to correct distributor and has been verified that it meets specs.



Good thing I checked the compression in the cylinders and all were good before I found this..... I did not pay attention to the spark plugs too much when I remove them, I know that none looked "new". I wonder how long you have to run a cylinder with out spark before it cleans it this well. Since I never ran the engine more than putting the UV on trailer and around my house at almost idle, did not notice it down on power.



Put in the piston and cylinders, this is the only part of the build I am not redoing. There was good compression and they look very nice. The only thing that I have no control over is their balance. It is basically impossible to take the rods off the pistons with out damaging anything. At this point I'll take my chances. I put on the baffles before I went any further and forgot!



I also checked or "degreed" the cam and it matched the cam card, it is a FC cam from Ken Hand.



Idea I have been working on. My UV was manufactured in both CA and KS. I have one UV badge on rear that is the KS badge. I was thinking having one a KS badge and one a CA badge. I am thinking of casting my own.....Two ideas.



## **Class ring found 50 years ago in a Chevrolet Corvair reunited with its owner Ronan Glon**



In the late 1960s, the owner of a 1960 [Chevrolet Corvair](#) poked around the driver-side footwell to investigate a sticking pedal. Much to his surprise, the issue wasn't due to a linkage-related problem; it was a class ring that a previous owner or a previous passenger had lost. Over 50 years later, the ring has been returned to its owner.

There's no mention of a gold ring in the Corvair's parts catalog, so the owner called the [dealer](#) he bought the car from to ask if someone had reported it missing, but he was told it came from an [auction](#) and nothing was known about its past. According to [The Oregonian](#), the owner kept the ring instead of selling it. He gave it (and, later, the car) to his daughter, Cindy Johnson, and she stored it in her jewelry box for over half a century.

Fast forward to 2020, and Johnson dusted off the ring in hopes of finding its owner. Admittedly, the odds were against her; the only information she had to work with were the initials SUHS, A, and what looked like either an I or a P. She quickly realized the first set of letters corresponds to the South Umpqua High School in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. The last two were likely initials, and scanning the school's yearbook gave her a name: Arch Hudelson. It was an H, not an I or a P. Luckily, Hudelson was the only 1968 graduate whose first name started with an A.

Contacted via email, he told Johnson that he had lost the class ring he worked hard to buy decades ago, and the two agreed to meet in a park in Fairview, Oregon, to see if he could identify it. It was indeed his, though he couldn't remember how — or when — he lost it. He said he had never owned a Corvair. He also remembered his briefcase was stolen in Portland, Oregon, decades ago, and his class ring may have been in it at the time.

"Found it in a Corvair? I'll be darned. I can't imagine how the thing got there," he told [The Oregonian](#). He plans to have it resized so he can wear it occasionally, "but it's not going to wind up in a 1960 Corvair again."

The moral of the story? Rummage through [used cars](#) you buy, and keep in mind that what you find could make someone's day in 50 years or more. As for the Corvair, there's no word on whether it survived to see 2020, too.

**NOTICE:**

The annual Clutch Artists Calendar of Events meeting will not be held this year due to the Covid-19. Submissions for the calendar of events must be submitted by mail by February 1<sup>st</sup> to be included.

Go to the Clutch Artists Website or Facebook page for further info.

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**Barrett-Jackson Auction Co.** is [postponing its annual January collector car auction](#) in Scottsdale, Arizona, because of the pandemic and intends to hold it in March instead. Collector cars and automobilia worth more than \$141 million were auctioned off at [last year's event](#)

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I have also heard that the Model A Restorers Snowbuster's Swap Meet at the Hamburg Event Center has been Cancelled. We could be off to a slow start for 2021.

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**1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Spyder: Ahead of the turbo curve**

The Chevrolet Corvair has always been a popular collector car. And why not? A Corvair is the most unique American car of its time, fun to drive, readily available at reasonable cost, and has a dedicated club—the Corvair Society of America (CORSA).

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/other/1964-chevrolet-corvair-monza-spyder-ahead-of-the-turbo-curve/ar-BB1cfpie?ocid=sf>



**A Detailed Look Back At The Chevrolet Corvair Monza**

Here's a look back at all that the Chevrolet Corvair Monza was, and wasn't.

[https://www.hotcars.com/a-detailed-look-back-at-the-chevrolet-corvair-monza/?fbclid=IwAR2Zt6CN-NTrDmSVBBOakMSH\\_vRHMHL5Mt\\_IBZdNu9YTgWz0-fxUuI2KvC4](https://www.hotcars.com/a-detailed-look-back-at-the-chevrolet-corvair-monza/?fbclid=IwAR2Zt6CN-NTrDmSVBBOakMSH_vRHMHL5Mt_IBZdNu9YTgWz0-fxUuI2KvC4)



Couple pics of Pat Murphy's 61 Lakewood



Hang in there everyone. The vaccine is on the way.

Maybe then we can get back to a normal existence and some car events for 2021.

If anyone has any pictures of any projects to share, please forward to me. [gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**