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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



The NFCC would like to welcome Rick Cousineau and Jane Cudmore as well as their 1963 Convertible "Ruby". Rick and Jane live in Kenmore, Ruby just arrived from a small town in the Pocomoes. There seems to be a lot more early model convertibles coming to the area lately. Hope to see you all soon!

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 _____

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Niagara Frontier Corvaire 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.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN EVENT TO THE CLUTCH ARTISTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 1ST

The Dunkirk Swap Meet has been cancelled for 2021.

2021 CORSA Convention in San Diego has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, That's 2 years in a row this convention has been cancelled. Currently they are not re-scheduling it again. 2022 CORSA convention is scheduled for Georgia.

Here is a link to car show events in the area!

<https://carruisefinder.com/new-york-car-shows/events/category/new-york-car-shows/western-ny-car-shows/>

Check it out!

Link to the February Meet Up is here! Find the video on the Corvair Society of America YouTube Channel- subscribe today.

Kyle Smith, CORSA Member and Corvair Owner from Hagerty reviewed classic car insurance options. And don't forget- CORSA members receive a 5% discount on their Hagerty Insurance.

[CORSA February Meet Up with Hagerty](#)



I recently sold some Corvair related items to a fellow Corvair enthusiast near Kitchener, Ontario, we ended up getting into a Corvair FB messenger conversation and ended up exchanging some photos. Here is Harry Ducker and his 1962 Rampside.



Turns out this Rampside is a Movie Star. Here is how Harry tells it:

The back of the Rampy is my ManCave. I drive with everything in the back to the Cruise Nights/Car Shows. Half the people stop to look at the Rampy and the other 1/2 stop to look at all the old tools, literature, manuals, etc... That also

means I only drive the vehicle in the sunny weather. The vehicle is super solid and what looks like rust is paint on paint... the movie set needed a rusted out vehicle for the movie so they painted it to look rusty. I have left it that way since the movie. It was My Girl 2. Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis, Anna Chumlinkski (who won Best young actress) from that movie. Big Stars but not a well known movie. The truck came empty and I put everything into the back. My wife was happy she got her room back in the house and I was happy getting the Rampy... The Bike on the front is a Corvair as well...

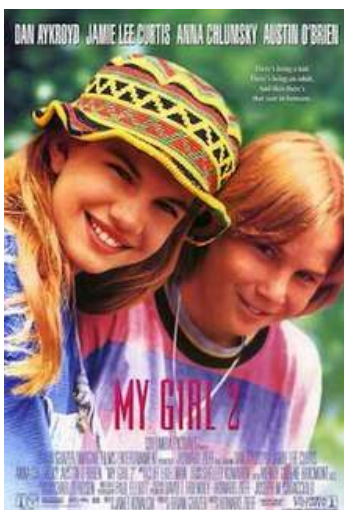


The king analog engine tester is from the late 40's... it still works. Some of my favourite tools are the Frank Mossberg socket sets. They are from 1914 era...

Harry has some mini versions of his truck on display as well:



Some screen shot pictures from the 1994 Movie My Girl 2 borrowed from the IMDB



So far this video has been watched by almost 500k people in 24 hours, so UltraVan's may be on on peoples radar a bit more than before! I hope you enjoy it 😊... Taylor O'Sullivan
<https://www.facebook.com/Tastemade.Home/videos/768374480439170>



Interior of this Ultra is totally retro. Worth a watch just to see the furnishings.



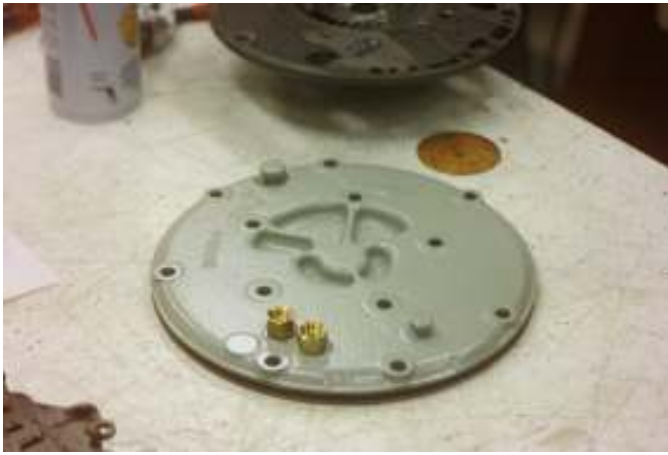
Speaking of Ultravans. Tom Koprevich is moving right along on his rebuild. Working on Transmission



Transmission, rebuilt all new seals, gaskets, rebuilt valve body etc. Also, did the oil cooler mod so I can make sure it keeps cool on long uphill trips.



Tom
Keep on plugging away. Really looking forward to seeing this. You will be the first NFCC member with an Ultra!



AMAZON SMILE

I'm sure many of you purchase items from Amazon. Since the Pandemic started, many who never used Amazon, now do.

But did you realize there is Amazon and Amazon Smile? <https://smile.amazon.com/> Same company, same pricing, but Amazon smile contributes to charities.

If you purchase from Amazon smile a small portion goes to a charity you can designate. I actually have chosen the Corvair Preservation Foundation as my charity.

As of March 2021, The Corvair Preservation Foundation has received a total of \$1,200.57

All US Charities have received \$241,928,506.19

So if you use Amazon, how about helping out the Corvair Preservation foundation while you do so. Every little bit can help.

Well, here it is March. Winter is starting to wind down, and we have gotten a few days where we can think about the approaching cruising season.

There are still events which are already being cancelled. But there are also events which are starting to show up on the schedule.

As far as the Covid-19. I have gotten my first shot of the Pfizer Vaccine and am on schedule for my second shot soon. I lucked out by checking around 6:30 AM on line and found CVS Pharmacy had openings at the Kenmore Avenue location. I immediately registered, and shortly thereafter all were booked. You have to be persistent, and keep trying. As it turns out. That CVS is 15 minutes from where I work, and I was able to schedule conveniently for me. It is a mad dash to get the Vaccine, just keep trying! This is far from over.

I have not gotten much of anything done this winter. When it gets slightly warmer, I have some items to attend to before cruising happens. I did manage to sell a lot of items on ebay, FB Marketplace, Corvair Trader, and Craigslist. But it hardly seems to have made a dent in what I need to get rid of. I do have some money set aside for a fairly large Clark's order. I have a wish list. Doesn't everyone?

I'm thinking, that maybe in a month or so. Possibly we could have a meeting at the travel plaza on Grand Island? Pat, Joe, Dick what are your thoughts? Also, Can we change our meeting times to sooner than 7:00 PM? Would 5:30 or 6:00 PM work for anyone, everyone? Once we see some schedule for Cruises. We can look into some of those as well for meeting places.

I miss the meetings where we bring in toys and memorabilia. I am still buying stuff. Here is a recently purchased Eldon Rampside. Different than my other one due to yellow wheels. *Gary*



