

# niagara frontier



## corvair club

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



It appears an NFCC member has purchased yet another Corvair. And it wasn't me! I have not seen an El Cormino in quite some time. And this one is new to the area, and has already made a few appearances out and about. Look for this one at a local cruise or show.



## 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 Corvair Club  
C/O Gary Swiatowy  
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-----ESTABLISHED 1973-----

#### A Chartered Chapter of the Corvair Society of America

President	Pat Murphy	(716) 861-8749
Vice President	Joe Pendolino	(716) 837-5070
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

Until further notice, all NFCC activities and meetings are on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. 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. We are looking on keeping the zoom meetings, and schedule a few get togethers at cruises.

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Patrick Murphy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

### To be announced

#### Topic: NFCC meeting

Time:

### To be announced

**Wanted: '64 rear car suspension for a 4 speed**  
[The crossmember has a notch/indentation to clear the end of the transmission.] I don't need the leaf spring or coil springs, but if it comes with them, that's okay. Some rust is expected and is okay, but I don't want one that's crusty, and everything is rusted into one piece. Please contact Jim Bartasevich, [corvair@frontiernet.net](mailto:corvair@frontiernet.net)

See Show and Cruise news for updated shows!  
<https://www.showandcruisenews.com/>



Spotted this interesting item on ebay. A front license plate filler. Back in 1964-1965 NY only had a rear plate and you could put something else on the front. Usually a World's Fair commemorative plate. I am speculating that this is what it was used for. Now, the big question? Was there a Chautauqua Corvair club? Anyone know?



Tom Koprevich has the motor ready to go back into the Ultravan. Will we see it this year?

### April 21st Meeting Minutes

#### **Persons in attendance:**

This was a Zoom meeting.

#### **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 1 honorary

- Dues for mailed newsletters was discussed.

#### **Old Business:**

An addendum to our by-laws was passed concerning postal mailed newsletters. A proposal by Dick Dahmer was discussed and voted upon where the membership dues for persons requesting a mailed newsletter would be \$21.00. This way the amount paid would not be confused as to being a "standard" payment for those pay for more than 1 year.

#### **New Business:**

Various options were discussed on meeting locations and activities for the up-coming summer. John Dawley offered to lead another road trip. Suggestions are welcome for the trip's destination. More to be discussed on summer activated at our next meeting.

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

John Dawley

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After being stored all winter. The Greenbrier had to be jumped to get started to come home. Bummer, the NAPA battery was only 2 months shy of being 11 years old. I use a group 51R battery in my Brier, from NAPA. This battery fits in the battery compartment of all FC's and 61-64 passenger cars. For 1960, a group 51 would work. Difference being location of the terminals.





I've got this great battery carrier (also from NAPA) which can lift this group 51R battery either from the short end, or the long end. Perfect for installation into the recessed battery compartment.



NAPA batteries are made by Johnson Controls which most will agree is the best manufacturer of batteries. I have them in all my cars, and have gotten great service out of them.....Gary



One of my spies caught Tom Koprevich out with the Spyder. Probably testing out how the new disc brake conversion works.



Jim Corbran featured another local Corvair in his Real Rides of WNY Column. This 63 is in N. Tonawanda.



May 14, 1969... This day in car history - Film footage of the Walter Cronkite news report about the last day of Corvair production. Although there were some comments made that can start arguments among Corvair folks; this report still offers a valuable film record of the last made 1969 Corvair (car#6000) which mysteriously disappeared after it was taken away in a covered truck.

Note: Corvair production began on July 7, 1959, and not July 5th as this report states.

Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire

Corvair Historian

Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvair

Corvair Preservation Foundation



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNKWHnvMWc4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1Gb-1s21X3Pd1XA37Dr2AwUYbAvMYxFVZzDa\\_L85mw4FlBaGou4KH4DOE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNKWHnvMWc4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1Gb-1s21X3Pd1XA37Dr2AwUYbAvMYxFVZzDa_L85mw4FlBaGou4KH4DOE)

Plugging away at a ton of small projects trying to get the cars ready for some cruising this year! So far have 3 ready! Hope to see you all soon!

.....Gary