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In a bit of a repeat of last meeting, we were again postponed 2 weeks due to rain, so our July meeting at Pautler's ended up being an August meeting. Note above, 2 rear engine 6 cylinder cars parked next to each other.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Club Membership - \$10.00 per year for e-mail 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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Niagara Frontier Corvaire Club  
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### NFCC Events and more!

## NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

**NFCC Meeting Tuesday Sept 21st** Meeting at 6:30 PM at the New York State Travel Plaza located off of the Whitehaven Rd. Exit on Grand Island. But many will be there earlier. We can check out each others Corvairs in the parking lot. Or if weather is bad, we can meet inside.

**For anyone interested, I plan on being at Brick Oven Pizza at 2457 Grand Island Boulevard around 4-4:15 PM to eat before going to the meeting. ....Gary**

See Show and Cruise news for updated shows!

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



More pictures of our cruise night meeting at Pautler's in Amherst in August. Our cars were spread out a bit, but a decent turnout. Took 3 weeks to get a Tuesday without rain.







As always, our Corvairs drew a lot of interest. Turned out to be worth the wait!



I see Pat brought along a boat anyways.....

I'm saving the pictures from our annual road trip for next issue(S) I would like to thank John Dawley for organizing the road trip. Was a nice scenic drive, with great food, and a great choice for a winery stop. We also got to meet up with some of our southern tier members. More next month.....

Hope to see many of you Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> at the NY travel plaza on Grand Island.....Gary

Look who was featured in:

## RealRides of WNY - 1965 Corvair

September 9, 2021



Presenting (IMO) one of the nicest looking cars to come out of Detroit in the 1960s: a **1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza** four-door hardtop. It was, as I recollect, the only four-door hardtop American compact on the market — and most likely the only four-door hardtop compact, *period!* Chevy told us that this new second-generation Corvair “...puts teeth in the term all-new!” This one’s owned by Gasport’s Gary Swiatowy, who knows a thing or two about Corvairs. It sports a set of what Chevrolet described as “Magnesium wheel covers that are difficult to distinguish from the real magnesium wheels.” That description is from the 1966 *Corvair Custom Feature Accessories* brochure. I couldn’t find any reference to them in any of the 1965 literature, although I know when I was a kid a neighbor had a ‘65 Impala which came from the dealership with a set like this. Perhaps it was a late-1965 addition to the option list. We’ve come across Mr. Swiatowy and his red ‘65 more than once over the years; these photos are from the recently held *Harvest Fest Car Show* in **Newfane**.



**Jim Corbran, RRofWNY**

And 2 days later, Real Rides features Pat Pilon's AMC Ambassador DPL!

# RealRides of WNY - 1966 AMC DPL

September 11, 2021



Niagara Falls resident Pat Pilon seems to be giving the photographer (me) the once over as we took a few shots of his sharp **1966 AMC Ambassador DPL** at last month's **Cruise into Kenmore** on Delaware Avenue. Pat told us that that wild, houndstooth interior would soon be completed with the addition of the matching throw pillows shown in the magazine ad on the car's front seat. Produced to compete with Ford's Galaxie/LTD, Plymouth's Fury/VIP, and Chevy's Impala/Caprice in the near-luxury market, AMC bragged "How far will we go to build the quality in? Well, right down to the ashtrays that roll on ball bearings. And guess what? Not even Cadillac goes that far." My AMC bias may be showing here a little, but this *Balboa Light Aqua* DPL really stands out from the crowd at any cruise-in/car show it attends. Especially once you take a peek

inside.



What a beautiful idea — a luxury car while you're still young enough to enjoy it! Extra features, elegant appointments, meticulous craftsmanship, all in one glamorous package with a suggested list price about the same as Impala, Galaxie and Fury.



<https://twolanedesktop.blogspot.com/.../the-chevy...>

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**The Chevy Corvair's of Hot Wheels, Johnny Lightning, and Racing Champions**



Bill and Luke Gworek got the 69 out for a little exercise.





## The Nut Behind the Wheel: David Conwill can't stay away from Corvairs

By [David Conwill](#) from September 2021 issue of [Hemmings Motor News](#)



[https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2021/08/27/the-nut-behind-the-wheel-david-conwill-cant-stay-away-from-corvairs?refer=hccweekly&utm\\_source=hccweekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2021-09-01&fbclid=IwAR2JbKwY-SiVvK3LNZHnYQnc6L41tCe-a2LKt8xpD0h4Y1q4A8oN3WtuA](https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2021/08/27/the-nut-behind-the-wheel-david-conwill-cant-stay-away-from-corvairs?refer=hccweekly&utm_source=hccweekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021-09-01&fbclid=IwAR2JbKwY-SiVvK3LNZHnYQnc6L41tCe-a2LKt8xpD0h4Y1q4A8oN3WtuA)

Doesn't sound like anyone I might know.....Gary

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## GM's early turbo cars showed early birds don't always get the worm

A great story in the New York Times highlights GM's two failed turbo projects

[https://www.autoblog.com/2021/08/27/oldsmobile-jetfire-chevrolet-corvair-spyder-early-turbo-cars/?fbclid=IwAR095UfKFb62ACf2HF4PPymkflzVxnXvHeY9-l3KziZet\\_PgAFThUIL85Dk&guccounter=1&guce\\_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9sLmZhY2Vib29rLmNvbS8&guce\\_referrer\\_sig=AQAAAHGeyo5wntovkalEXRLi4CzgHHFZ1hV-EwjKQvCVOt3fu\\_mfQNw74KMwI3bbDTPzRNQGs-Urh7dhXPZO2jbZUH8lmv1yBIOxNv1orcKyXqYSfHV40rEtcue5I9gHUBO9hGm6GZvkLilwU5XfpZukNETAZP6MwbBv3Z6JMzBS46](https://www.autoblog.com/2021/08/27/oldsmobile-jetfire-chevrolet-corvair-spyder-early-turbo-cars/?fbclid=IwAR095UfKFb62ACf2HF4PPymkflzVxnXvHeY9-l3KziZet_PgAFThUIL85Dk&guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9sLmZhY2Vib29rLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAHGeyo5wntovkalEXRLi4CzgHHFZ1hV-EwjKQvCVOt3fu_mfQNw74KMwI3bbDTPzRNQGs-Urh7dhXPZO2jbZUH8lmv1yBIOxNv1orcKyXqYSfHV40rEtcue5I9gHUBO9hGm6GZvkLilwU5XfpZukNETAZP6MwbBv3Z6JMzBS46)



## RealRides of WNY - 1961 Corvair

August 25, 2021



I'm not sure if Grand Island's Patrick Murphy has a nickname, but if he does my money's on *Mr. Corvair*. Yes, he has a few, and more than one of his rides has graced this page in the past. This one, a **1961 Chevrolet Corvair 700**, is one we've seen several times recently; but these are the first photos we've taken of it with the tailgate intact so you can get the full effect of this — as the window decal says — *El Cormeno*. Gazing through the Corvair catalog for 1961 we were unable to locate the pages for this compact pickup. Thinking it could be a dealer option (Lol...) we also searched Corvair's 1961 accessories brochure, to no avail. If you run into Mr. Murphy out and about, you might want to ask him just what this is! On this occasion we saw it parked outside of the annual *Alden Car Show* last month in, you guessed it, **Alden**.

**Jim Corbran, RRofWNY**



Real Rides of WNY has featured many local Corvairs, many I know, many I do not know!.....Gary