

niagara frontier



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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile



Made it out to the Brookside cruise night on Rt 78 in Newfane a few times this past summer. When I arrived I was able to park my Greenbrier next to Dean Johnson's Mercury FC. Dean used to run Niagara Drag Strip. All I could think of was the wheelstanders that used to run at Niagara back in the day, including several Corvair and Ford Forward Controls. After Dean left, sure enough a 65 Barracuda showed up. I'm thinking Hemi Under Glass? I'm not one to take pictures of my food, but in this case I made an exception, their burgers are impressive and really good, and fairly priced. And the patio looks out on the parking lot where the cruisers are. The cruise is on Wednesdays, No confirmation yet if it is happening again this year. Jukebox tonight playing the music, and cruisers got a free ice cream. Not talking soft serve here, I had Perry's.

Possibility location for an NFCC cruise or meeting this year?

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.

-----Membership APPLICATION-----

NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

NAME _____ CORSA Member? Yes/No _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NIAGARA FRONTIER CORVAIR CLUB

**Niagara Frontier Corvair Club
C/O Gary Swiatowy
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Gasport, NY 14067**

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

A Chartered Chapter of the Corvair Society of America

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

**NFCC Meeting Wednesday March 16 at 6:00 PM
at the First Trinity Lutheran Church at 1570
Niagara Falls Boulevard in Tonawanda.**

**For anyone interested, I plan on being at Buffalo
Wild Wings on Niagara Falls Boulevard around 4-
4:15 PM to eat before going to the meeting. Let me
know if you are coming.....Gary**

Yes, we are skipping the January and February meetings due to increase in Covid cases.

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

In case you don't know. There are newsletter options. Your membership includes our monthly NFCC newsletter, but you also have the option to receive several other clubs newsletters as well. This could be 10 or more additional Corvair club newsletters from across the country, filled with cars for sale, tech tips and more. Most of you already receive the additional newsletters, If you are not receiving them, and want them you have to let me know by e-mail, If you are receiving them and do not want them, you have to let me know that as well by e-mail. gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com

I was contacted Jim Bartesevich from the ACORNs in Rochester.

The Acorns are planning to hold an informal "Corvair Day" picnic this summer for NFCC, CNYCC, and ACORNs: No moving events, no judging, no activities except getting together to meet and look and talk Corvairs. We haven't done this in a long time and thought it would be a fun activity for all of us.

We've tentatively scheduled it for Sunday, August 14.
Would the NFCC be interested in attending?

I'm interested! Anyone else?.....Gary

RECALL 2022

JUNE 10-12 2022 CNY CORVAIR CLUB
WILL HOLD RECALL AT THE OTB (off track
betting facility) IN PHOENIX NY

REGISTRATION 5PM TO 9PM MEET AND
GREET AT OTB.

HOST HOTEL IS HAMPTON INN 3948 STATE
RT 31 LIVERPOOL NY PHONE #(315)622-
3443

The hotel is 10 minutes easy travel from the OTB
site.

A block of rooms is available for Corvaire Club at
\$129.00 + taxes

Car show 8AM with judging at 10AM

Lunch break at OTB (good food! reasonable
prices , large portions)

Road trip to a surprise unique location in upstate NY.
Happy hour at OTB at 6PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM with awards to follow.
Sunday breakfast at 8 AM -11AM at OTB.

CALL LEW HALSTEAD FOR INFORMATION
(315)529-1041

Who is going to the Cavalcade of Cars! I
am.....Gary



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March 4,5,6

Cavalcade
Syracuse, NY
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SUNDAY...



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Niagara Drag Strip Video Reunion

Historic Films of the Drags
at Niagara & Others on 8+ TV's



BUFFALO SPORTS GARDEN
2945 Southwestern Blvd (Rt. 20)
Orchard Park NY, 14127

Footage Never Seen Before!

Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities

Donation \$5 per person at the door

Cash Bar

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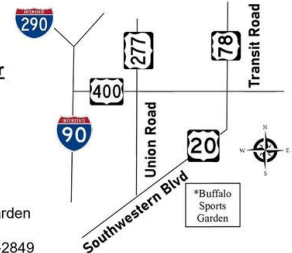
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& HIGH PERFORMANCE...

**37th ANNUAL
SWAP
MEET**
Rods & Customs
of BUFFALO

SUNDAY...
MAY 1, 2022

Sanborn Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Road
(Rt. 31) Sanborn, NY 14132

7am-2pm

Parking & vendor space on first come basis

Car related items only Car Corral

Breakfast & Lunch available on grounds

Request all covid protocols be respected !!

For info call:
Tom-716 694 0888, John- 716 628 6786

Small
donation for vendors &
parking go directly to
Sanborn Farm
Museum

It is my understanding that the Dunkirk Swap
Meet has been cancelled for this year, and
possibly for future years. I hear the sponsoring
club does not have enough members willing to run
the event.....Gary

**Niagara Frontier Corvair Club Meeting
Wednesday March 16, at First Trinity
Lutheran Church. 6:00 PM**

FINALLY

It has been a long winter and it is about time we had a meeting again. Just off the top of my head a few items for discussion.....

First and foremost. This meeting will be our annual toy and memorabilia event. Postponed from December. Sort of a show and tell for car people. Bring in something to show off, and it does not necessarily have to be Corvair, or even auto related. Toys, literature, unique parts, etc.....You can see where my priorities are.....

We have to elect officers. We were supposed to do that back in December but with the Covid, the weather etc. Things just kept being put off. Interested in an officer's position? Now is the time to speak up!

Get together with ACORNS in Rochester? Elsewhere in this newsletter it is mentioned that Jim Bartesevich one of the NFCC's founding members wants to have a get together with us. The CNYCC and maybe others. Tentatively scheduled for August 14th. I'm planning on going! Location is not firmed up yet, but sounds like a good time to me. No awards, no fees, just Corvair people getting together.

Corvair Presentation at the Tonawanda / Kenmore History museum. We did this back in 2016 and it was very well received. We have been invited back to do it again. Possibly as part of their open-house days. We already have the presentation slide show and script to do. What we need is to coordinate with them on a date, and a rain date just in case. We also need to know which members will commit to bringing their cars to display. There is limited parking to display, so I would think it would be best to see who would be willing to commit. Here is what I received from them.

We are having our open houses from 11 to 1 (will extend time if attendance warrants) on the following Saturdays:

June 4, July 9, August 6 and September 10.

I think having your club at our open houses would work for both of us. Also, we'd like to schedule a primary date and a rain date.

Looking forward to working with you this summer.

Rich

Of course, we do not have the calendar of events....yet,

June 4 is a good date for me. I've got Pirate's Festival July 9. Truck show August 6, and Akron on Sept 10
Anyone else have thoughts?

Meeting will be open for other pressing matters as well!

See you then, and maybe some of you earlier at Buffalo Wild Wings for dinner.....let me know.



CORVAIR IN SWAMP VINTAGE 1962 CHEVROLET FILM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEeQOoc_GqAM

I thought you might enjoy this great publicity for the Corvair and its home town, Ypsilanti. Courtesy of the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection's Curators Ron and Patty Bluhm and their 1969 Monza Convertible #5772.

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=9shgssuqpMU&feature=share>

Forgive the show's host, the car's actually FATHOM Green... Dave Newell



1961 Chevrolet Corvair 95 Truck Commercial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBnyRNifSts>



1965 Corvair TV Commercial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMirO2UipSs>

Progress on Tom Koprevich's wagon project.



I have been stripping paint and stripping paint, inside, outside, upside down... Not my favorite thing still have to finish inner roof above engine and rear inner compartment.

I used the Rust911 on the floors. Had what I thought was a good plan, put flex tape over the openings and pump it around till rust is gone. (run over night)

Got everything set all leaks sealed and pumping away! Looked good another hour later.

Came out the next AM. Dooh! Solution on the floor of the shop, not that big of a deal but melted the pump inners.

What had happened is that a few pin holes opened up when it ate all the rust out of the pits in the floor and 🤔

I have changed my method. Do one section at a time and have it drain out the drain hole into container with pump. Pump back up. This way if it leaks again it will leak into container and won't be an issue.

I also dropped the engine/Trans to get it out of the way to finish stripping paint.



Hopefully this is the last mouse nest in the car! Only place left is heater box.

Also dropped rear suspension and started the clean up. Rear cross member blasted and power coated, just fit in oven.



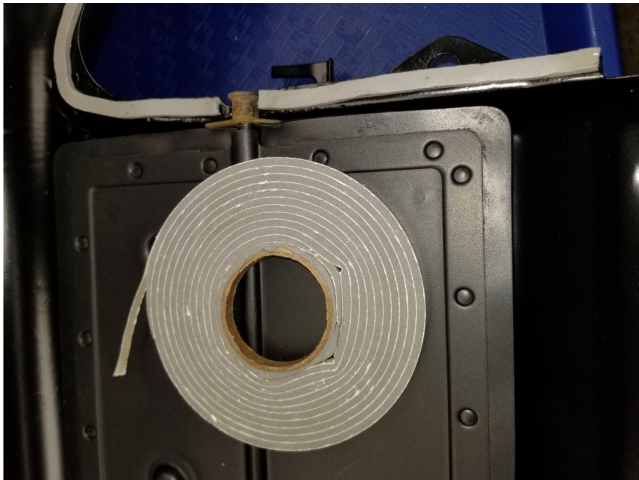
The meeces and their feces (along with other activities) required me to replace some pieces.



I blasted and took apart the heater box.

Power coated all the outer sections.

Also used some extra small insulating strips between the halves to fully seal.



Finely used some stainless rivets to assemble the halves and modified the "air" inlet and blocked it off since I will not be using it.

Have a new high output blower on order and refreshed the squirrel cage, ready for the new motor.



Steering box ready for reassembly once I get a few new seals and bushings.

The gears look OK, a few rust pits but not too bad, should be ok, if not Ill get a new box from Seth.

Looks like Tom has been keeping busy this winter.