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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

*** Celebrating our 52nd anniversary 1973 - 2025 ***

The Big Reveal!



Pat Murphy unveiled his most recent purchase at the NFCC June meeting. Pat picked up a 1960 which is number 535 off the assembly line. This was made in the first 2 days of production and is considered a "horn slot" car. Chevrolet intended to place the horn behind the lower valance panel. So they cut slots in the valance so the horn would not be muffled. Then they changed the horn location to behind the headlights. They already had valance panels with the slots cut, so very early models used the valance with the slots to use up the parts. Many other unique differences between early production and later production, I believe this is the second? Oldest Corvair in existence.



Dues and Membership

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 _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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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
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Treasurer	Dick Dahmer	(716) 480-7713
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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

July meeting Wednesday July 23rd at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 1t 5:30 PM. Let me know by ememail if you are coming.

August 9th, NFCC summer road trip, see info elsewhere in newsletter.

August meeting Wednesday August 27th at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 1t 5:30 PM. Let me know by ememail if you are coming.

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 recieving them and do not want them, you have to let me know that as well by e-mail. gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com

The meeting was held on June 18, 2025 and unofficially began at 7:00 PM with Pat Murphy's Big Reveal! Pat purchased 1960 Corvair #535. This is a very rare original "horn slot" car, a unique piece of Corvair history. The

group spent an hour outside learning more about the car and engaging in general Corvair discussions before moving inside.

The official meeting was called to order but Pat Murphy at 8:05pm

Treasurers / Membership Report:

Dick Dahmer read off the Treasury report and membership status. It was approved by all. At this time there are 24 paid and 2 honorary members.

Old Business:

Dick finalized the NFCC branded apparel order at the meeting with folks ordering 18 shirts and sweatshirts! All orders were prepaid,

New Business:

The Board the meeting minutes from the past two meetings since there wasn't a quorum at the last meeting,

Upcoming car shows and cruise nights

June 20th – Car show at Peregrine Senior Living at Cheektowaga, 575 Cayuga Creek Rd, Cheektowaga, NY

June 25th – Beechwood Cruise Night on Millersport Hwy in Getzville

Rick proposed we schedule a club cruise night at Olcott in August. After some discussion, the group thought that August 9th or 10th would work best.

There is also a weekly cruise night on Friday's at Marsh's General Store on Packard in Niagara Falls through mid September.

Finally, September 15 at the Wurlitzer a Cruise night Double Feature: **Corvair and Playboy Cars**

Both of these car manufacturers have strong beginnings here in Buffalo. Come and learn from the owners, the history of these cars and their great connection to WNY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM, General discussion followed.

See everyone at the next meeting July 23, 2025

Submitted by Tom Lynch





Wednesday Cruise Nights

Elderwood 2025

Join us at our 2025 Cruise Nights!!

* Dash Plaque for 1st 25 cars at each Cruise * 50/50 & raffles * entertainment *

* food & beverages available * Residents' Choice & Cruisers' Choice Awards *

These are smoke-free & alcohol-free events - thank you for your cooperation.

DATE TIME	LOCATION
July 2, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Lancaster 1818 Como Park Blvd., Lancaster, NY 14086/(716) 683-6165
July 9, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Wheatfield 2600 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304/(716) 215-8040
July 16, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood Village at St. Gregory Court 111 St. Gregory Crt., Williamsville, NY 14221/(716) 689-2394
July 23, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Hamburg 5775 Maelou Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075/(716) 648-2820
August 6, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood at Amherst 4459 Bailey Ave., Amherst, NY 14226/(716) 835-2543
August 27, 2025 6-8PM	Elderwood Assisted Living at Tonawanda 111 Ensminger Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150/(716) 871-1814
September 3, 2025 5-7PM	Elderwood at Williamsville 200 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221/(716) 689-6681
September 10, 2025 4-8PM	Elderwood at Grand Island 2850 Grand Island Blvd., Grand Island, NY 14072/(716) 773-5900

Gates open 1 hour before each cruise - no early arrivals, please.

For more information, please call Joe (716) 345-4431 or each venue.

In the event of inclement weather, call after 3PM to determine Cruise status.



Pat Pilon's and Pat Murphy's Corvairs. Great shot with the differences between 1960 and 61-64 models. Similar but different.

From what I remember, Pat Murphy picked this car up from Pete "Caveman" Koehler in Michigan. The car had been in the Ypsilanti Heritage Museum, just a few miles from the Willow Run plant where it was built. A unique piece of Corvair history.