

# niagara frontier



## corvair

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

\*\*\* Celebrating our 53nd anniversary 1973 - 2026 \*\*\*



Dennis Dorogi's Rampside has turned up in France of all places, recently selling at Gooding Christies. It appears to also may have been in Switzerland for awhile.

<https://www.goodingco.com/lot/1963-chevrolet-corvair-95-rampside-pickup/>

Dennis built this around 2004 in time for the 2006 CORSA Convention in Buffalo where it achieved Gold Certification in Concours judging. After Dennis passed in 2017, the family sold it. Later it sold at a Sothby's auction. I can tell it is Dennis's rampside by the white bumpers and mirrors,(Deluxe trim otherwise) red seatbelts, and hood support on the motor cover. I have many pictures from back then to compare.....Gary

## 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.

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**Niagara Frontier Corvaire Club  
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## NFCC Events and more!

## NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

February meeting Wednesday February 25th at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 5:30 PM. Let me know by email if you are coming for dinner.

March meeting Wednesday March 25th at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 5:30 PM. Check with Pat Murphy about dinner, I will not be available...Gary

April meeting Wednesday April 22nd at 7:00 PM at the First Trinity Lutheran church on Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Dinner for those interested at Buffalo Wild Wings 5:30 PM. Let me know by email if you are coming for dinner.

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 Corvaire 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](mailto:gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com)**

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Editor's thoughts.....

Anyone going to the 2026 CORSA International convention in Gettysburg PA? It does not get any closer than this!

I'm planning on going and also making my way to the AACA museum in Hershey.

I may not take a Corvair, but still plan on going.

Anyone doing any winter projects on their Corvair? I could use some pictures for the newsletter.

Don't forget the Cavalcade of Cars coming up. Another great social event with plenty of entertainment and a great reason to get out of the house. gary



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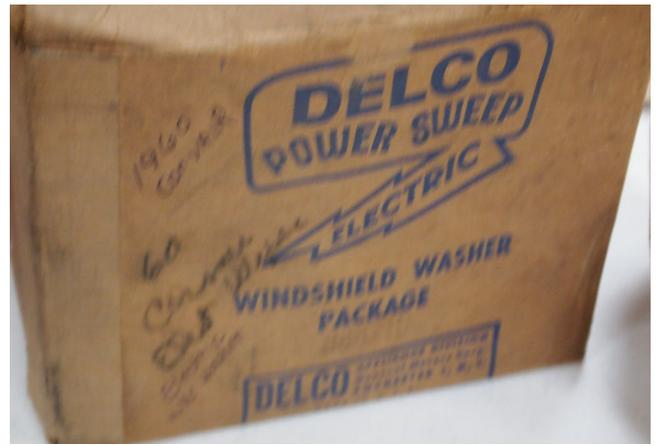
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**SAVE THE DATE! NEXT SHOW: November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**



Pat Murphy brought along several pieces of 1960 Corvair memorabilia to our January meeting. Above is a one year only starter for a 1960. New in the box date coded 1959, so perfect for an early production Corvair. Starter nose in 1960 is different than all other years. Not interchangeable!

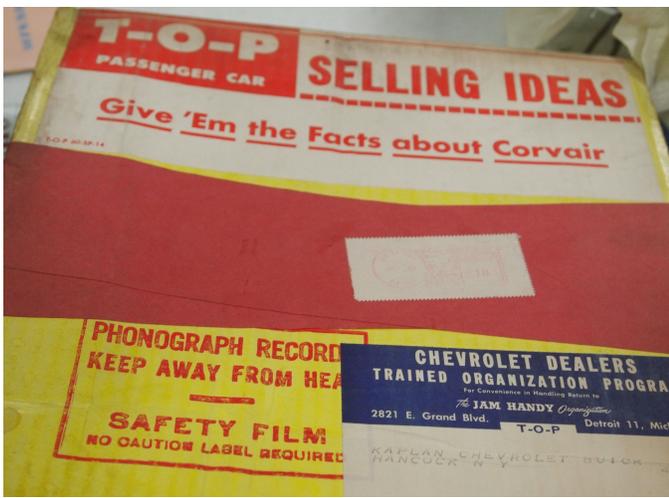


1960 and 61 windshield washers were different than other years and were sold as dealer installed accessories, over the counter, or factory option. This is one of the kits.

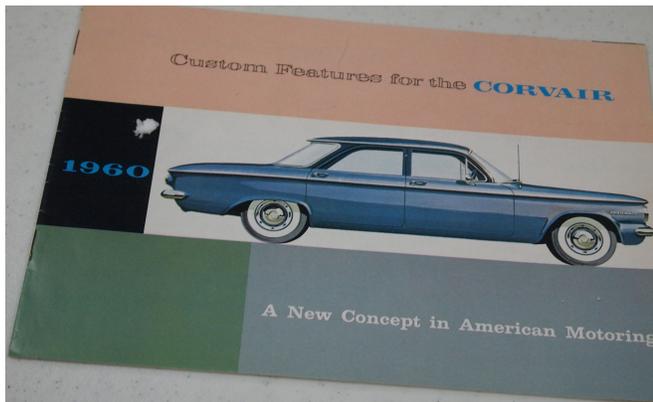
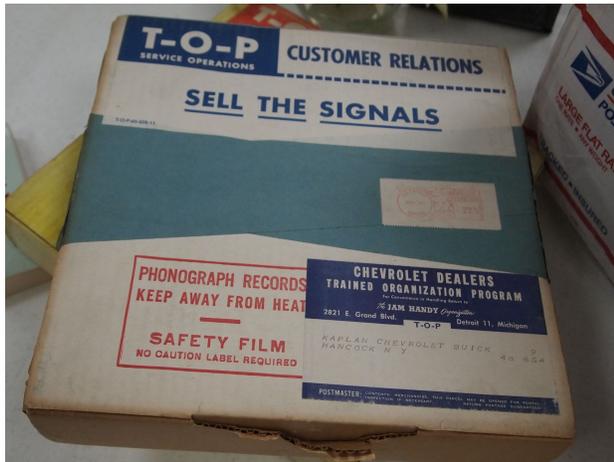
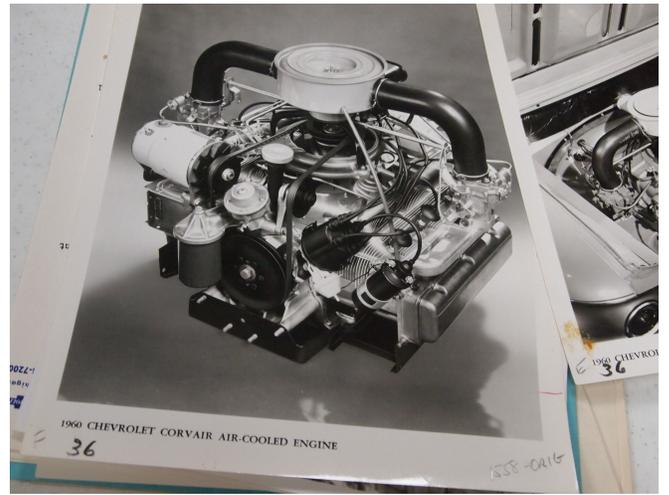


Early 1960 fan shroud was a unique piece as well.





Sales film strip and record for dealer training.



And I brought along a few of my toys as usual. Feel free to bring something to a meeting to share!

As I mentioned at the meeting and with an email recently, Charlie Dahlquist is in a nursing home now. His neighbor contacted me to see if there is any interest among club members with purchasing Charlies Corvair parts stash. He would really like to sell "all" or most of it at once. Contact me at [gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gswiatowy@rochester.rr.com) if there is anything specific anyone would like. This is not a give-away he is looking to sell. I would then contact Randy. Possibly to set up a viewing. I took a lot of pictures which can be found here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/swi66/albums/72177720331587982/>

Items include:

Complete 140 motor, Complete 150 Turbo motor. Several 140 heads, several clean engine blocks, cams, crankshafts, clean cyliinder jugs, pistons, flywheels, small parts, carburetors, distributors, alternators, starters. New 20 over pistons, etc. Corvair engine jack. Lots more. I did not get pictures of all of it. Also there is an early 4 door car all wrapped up outside.



New pistons



Shelves full of parts



Incomplete 140



Complete 140



Enough parts to fill a box truck, plus the car.