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corvair

club

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Formed By And For Those Who Still Appreciate The CORVAIR Automobile

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



Pat Murphy made it to the CORSA Convention in Gettysburg with his 1960 “horn slot” Corvair. Many have never seen or known about the very early production Corvairs like this one. Pat did have a few mechanical issues once he got there, but with help from Chuck Facklam got it sorted out.

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 _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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Niagara Frontier Corvair Club

C/O Gary Swiatowy

7838 Chestnut Ridge Road,

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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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Membership	Dick Dahmer	(716) 480-7713

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NFCC Events and more!

NFCC MEETING SCHEDULE

July meeting Wednesday July 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Western NY Welcome Center **1999 Alvin Road (Exit 19 off I-190) Grand Island, NY**

Dinner for those interested at Brick Oven Pizzeria 2457 Grand Island Boulevard at 5:30 PM. Let me know by email if you are coming for dinner.

August meeting Wednesday August 26th 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 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

NOTE JULY MEETING IS AT THE NY WELCOME CENTER ON GRAND ISLAND
JULY 223nd



Editor's thoughts.....

All I can say is WOW! What a convention! No, I did not take a Corvair, but I did attend meetings, toured battlefields. Train ride, found great places to eat, both historical and modern. Not to mention found some parts and tools I needed and wanted and bought items I didn't need or know I wanted until I saw them. And of all things. I bought some toys and memorabilia! Imagine that! Who would have thought (LOL) I also took a side trip to the AACA museum in Hershey, and the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing which is very near Gettysburg! I saw some old friends I have not seen in years, and had some great discussions with new people I met.

Other than myself, Chuck Facklam was there with his 1960 Coupe, Pat Murphy was there with his 1960. Also saw Mike Burgio there. Did anyone else attend!

This was one of the most well attended conventions in awhile. East coast conventions usually are.

Best group meeting I ever attended was Corvanatics. Very entertaining. Lots of door prizes! I won a \$50 certificate to Clarks. And there was a couple with 2 small kids that had driven to the Convention in their "Rusty" Corvair van, following Route 66! And when leaving the convention they are headed to Detroit for the Homecoming before driving back to California!

For me, rained most of the way down, and most of the way back. Concours was wet. Not so good for pictures, or the judges.

I'll be bringing some of my stuff to the next meeting for "Show and Tell"
Gary.....

Wednesday Cruise Nights ELDERWOOD 2026

Join us at our 2026 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 *

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

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

For more information, call Joe/(716) 345-4431 or each location.

Elderwood at Lancaster

June 3 - 6-8PM

1818 Como Park Blvd.

Lancaster, NY 14086

(716) 683-6165

don't forget the rest of our schedule!

June 10, 6-8PM - Elderwood Assisted Living at West Seneca - (716) 677-4242
July 8, 6-8PM - Elderwood Village at St. Gregory Court - (716) 689-2394
July 22, 6-8PM - Elderwood at Wheatfield - (716) 215-8040
July 29, 6-8PM - Elderwood at Hamburg - (716) 648-2820
August 5, 6-8PM - Elderwood at Amherst - (716) 835-2543
August 26, 6-8PM - Elderwood Assisted Living at Tonawanda - (716) 871-1814
September 2, 5-7PM - Elderwood at Williamsville - (716) 689-6681
September 9, 5-7PM - Elderwood at Grand Island - (716) 773-5900
September 16, 5-7PM - Elderwood at Cheektowaga - (716) 681-9480

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Proceeds benefit the "Man Up" Memorial Award, Courage of Carly, Make-A-Wish of WNY & other Pediatric Cancer Organizations

SATURDAY, JULY 18th, 2026

RAIN DATE: Sunday, July 19th, 2026



East Amherst Fire Hall

9100 Transit Road

East Amherst, NY 14051



Registrations: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

AWARDS 4:00 PM

*Dash Plaques to first 100 participants

*50 /50 Drawing

*Basket Raffle & Chinese Auction

*Food & Music

*FREE Admission for Spectators

Checks Payable To:
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For more information,
call MIKE

Mail To:
Mike Redenbach
7825 Mill Road
Gasport, NY 14067

OR

Venmo
@meghansfund
Be sure to include
below information
in the notes.



ALL MAKES AND MODELS ARE WELCOME!

Pre-Registration (Received by July 14th) - \$15 Day of Event - \$20

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Vehicle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Visit us on Facebook: "Man Up Car & Bike Show"



Pat Pilon at Hoovers, and Ruby ready to cruise



June, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Persons in attendance:

This meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Those in attendance were:

Pat Murphy Gary Swiatowy Tom Koprevich

John Dawley Chuck Flacklam Dick Dahmer Tom Lynch

The official meeting was called to order on June 17th by Pat Murphy at 7:10pm after a brief discussion on current events

Treasurers / Membership Report:

Dick Dahmer read off the Treasury report and membership status. It was approved by all. We welcome one new member

so at this time there are 25 members including 1 honorary member, about half still need to pay their annual dues.

Old Business:

- 2026 Corvair Society of America International Convention is being held in Gettysburg, PA on June 22-26
- It looks like our club may have 3 members attending
- Chuck is looking to set up a tour of the Pierce-Arrow Car Museum the evening of the September 24th Monthly Meeting
- Corvair/Playboy night in Lockport on August 31st at Ida Fritz Park

New Business:

- The club made a donation to First Trinity Lutheran Church in appreciation of them letting us meet there

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm, General discussion followed.

The next meeting is Wednesday July 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Western NY Welcome Center on Grand Island



The John Glen Corvair was in the hotel lobby at the Convention



**The Corvair Preservation Foundation
Proudly Presents...**

"The John Glenn Corvair"

This 1964 Corvair Monza convertible was purchased new by Astronaut John Glenn not long after he became the 1st American to orbit the Earth on February 20th, 1962.

Glenn owned this Corvair, a 110HP automatic w/ factory air-conditioning, through early 1966, after which it changed hands a number of times before being purchased by its 5th, and current, owner, Bill Hubbell, in 2002.

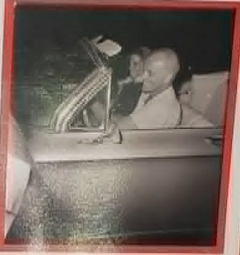
Already a long-time Corvair enthusiast, Bill was familiar with this Corvair's unique history, and jumped at the chance to buy it with a plan to do a full restoration.

Acquiring the vehicle in a general state of disrepair, Hubbell initially revived it to roadworthy status, driving it regularly for a few years, and even entering it in the 2003 CORSA Convention Concours event where it received the LOWEST score (73.41) amongst all entrants. Bill then spent the next several years focused on family and career while the Corvair eventually found itself packed away in the garage.

The Corvair's full-on restoration finally began in 2017 and continued through May of 2021. It was a thorough, detailed, and meticulous endeavor as Bill's goal was to return this 53-year old vehicle from "worn out" to "factory-new" condition. With the exception of a few items that were either already gone or could not be saved, everything else, from the repairable sheet metal down to the restored factory nuts & bolts, is original, including the entire drive train, A/C parts, window glass, and suspension.

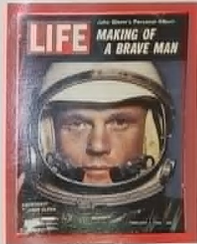
Bill debuted the restored Corvair at the 2021 CORSA Mini-Convention in Springfield, IL, where, this time, it received the HIGHEST score (97.69) in the Concours event – a far cry from 2003.

For more information, pictures, and documentation on this vehicle, along with Bill's own story of his amazing and meticulous restoration, watch the "John Glenn Corvair" video on our Corvair Society of America YouTube Channel.





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The Corvair Preservation Foundation (CPF) is the 501(c)3 affiliate of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). We're dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the Chevrolet Corvair. Google us at "Corvair Museum" for more information.






CORSA SOCIETY OF AMERICA
10th Anniversary Convention
Welcome Home, Corvairs!
Detroit August 23-26, 1979

The Shriners Covair

The Zenobia Shriners in Toledo, Ohio painted over a dozen late model Corvairs (including a Greenbriar) red, white and blue and used them for many years to help promote the good work of the Shrine organization. Eventually, many of the owners passed away. We know some of the cars survived, but still not sure exactly how many. The Shriners, over time, moved on to sharing their mission in other ways.

The Shriners provide orthopedic and burn care for children from around the world in their network of 22 hospitals. There is never a charge for care, housing or transportation.







More convention pics

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Fith Phoenix & John Fitch personal Sprint



This van drove to the convention from California using Route 66. They had their 2 small children along for the ride. Next: Detroit Homecoming before heading home.



This Corvair has a few extra horsepower

More pictures:

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