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## ***GOODBYE TO GRILLS!***

Hey, did you ever notice that Corvairs have no grills? I'm talking about the chrome-plated wire-mesh soup-strainer, buck-tooth bumper-bomb kind of grills that greet you when you come face-to-face with a road-raging four-wheel vehicle that's about to run you down!

After all, aren't cars supposed to resemble people in a way? Aggressive people? With headlights that look like bulging eyes, hood scoops that look like nostrils, and a big grill that looks like a mouth filled with chrome-plated dentures? Isn't that the way it's supposed to be?

And what about those '59 Impalas, with that mustache-thing? Or those Boss Mustangs with the chin spoilers that look like a goatee?

But the centerpiece of it all has always been the grill. Ever since 1900, automotive stylists across the world have spent billions of hours designing and redesigning grills of

all shapes and sizes. Every year, for every make and model, the stylists would create new facial expressions, sometimes to make the cars look happier, angrier, sadder, more elegant, or perhaps a bit more aloof.

And then, in October 1959, something wonderful happened: along came the Corvair with no grill at all! It was so unusual! So outrageous!

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*You better run, Jonah! This Lincoln MKT is about to strain you through its big shiny teeth!!*

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LVCC is one of the many regional chapters of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), a non-profit organization that was incorporated to satisfy the common needs of individuals interested in the preservation, restoration, and operation of the Chevrolet Corvair. LVCC caters to Corvair people who live in and around the Lehigh Valley Region of eastern Pennsylvania. This is a very special car club! LVCC dues are \$10 a year for CORSA members or \$15 a year for non-CORSA members.

Over the years, us Corvair geeks have become obsessed with all that mechanical stuff in the back, but we seem to have forgotten something that's so obvious to everybody outside the Corvair community: Corvairs have no grills!

Of course, the Corvair wasn't the only car without a grill. There had been others, and more were to come. All were unique.

And so, the time has come to celebrate one of the most over-looked aspects of our rear-engine wonders: The unique simple beauty of cars with no grills! Good-bye to Grills!

### **WE'RE ON THE CORSA WEBSITE HOME PAGE!**

A few weeks ago, Jamie Reinhart of CORSA approached our own Randy Kohler about the possibility of posting photos from Das Awkscht Fescht on the CORSA website home page. And so it came to pass!

Log on to [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org), and right there on the Corsa home page, you'll see a photo of Scott Oberholzer's Monza Junior sitting pretty in front of the LVCC tent at the show. The photo also includes a link to the article that Randy published here, in the Fifth Wheel, about Das Awkscht Fescht, complete with several photos of the Corvairs.

Congratulations, Randy & Scott!

### **LVCC MEETING NOTES.**

Dennis Stamm chaired our September 2012 meeting. Attendees included Larry Lewis, Randy Kohler, Fred Scherzer, Dick Weidner, Scott Oberholzer, and Allan Lacki.

Dick read the minutes from our August meeting and presented the Treasurer's Report. Here is a summary of our checking account:

Balance at end of July:	\$1,350.15
Membership renewals:	153.00
Newsletter expenses:	-\$22.33
August Ending Balance:	\$1,480.82

Elections? Dennis Stamm and Dick Weidner agreed to continue serving LVCC as VP and Secretary/Treasurer for another year. Of course, nominations are open for anybody who wants to be on the LVCC Board in 2013. Are there any takers out there?

Show and Tell: Dick circulated his 1964 Chevrolet Accessory Manual, which is just one of several in his collection. He has copies for other years too. The Accessory Manuals were more than just parts catalogs. They include valuable instructions for installing all Chevrolet accessory packages, including radios, antennas, air-conditioning, etc. If you would like to borrow one of Dick's manuals, then give him a call!

General Discussion: Randy Kohler reported that new LVCC member Curt Stone bought Randy's '66 Corsa convertible and had it tuned at the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg. Randy has since

heard back from Curt, who told him that the car is now running very well with plenty of pep. We are very happy for Curt on his new acquisition!

Dennis Stamm said he had just returned from a big Rod Run in Tennessee where a vendor was unloading NOS 13" 4-bolt Cragar mags for only \$10 apiece! Oh, if only we could get 13" tires again!

Scott Oberholzer talked about his adventures in MIG welding. He's getting pretty good at it! Scott is in the process of restoring a late-series Corvair coupe. Among his accomplishments, he cut-out and replaced the door hinge bulkheads. Scott shared photos of his work to show how it is done.

### **CORVAIR DAYS REPORT.**

LVCC members Scott Oberholzer and Allan Lacki took a run out to Hershey, PA on September 27th to participate in the Corvair Days event conducted by our neighbors in the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. This event takes



*Goodbye to Grills! This '55 Olds appears to be having a smoke!*



## ***Goodbye to Grills. We don't need no stinkin' grilles!***

*We look pretty without 'em!*



*A Hillman Imp coupe, with body by Zagato.*



*Volkswagen Brasilia. Popular Brazilian version of the Beetle.*



*Renault 10. Known for its comfy seats!*



*Simca 1000 Coupe, with body by Bertone.*



*A Willys Interlagos, a Renault Alpine made in Brazil.*



*Fiat 850 Sport Coupe.*



place every year on the grounds of the beautiful Antique Automobile Club of American (AACA) Museum.

The museum has a collection of nearly 100 cars, buses and motorcycles, ranging from 1800s-vintage auto-buggies to modern racing cars. The exhibits change from time to time. And it just so happened that, this year, the museum has a special exhibit celebrating 100 Years of Chevrolet.

Do you think any Corvairs were included in the exhibit? Well, yes a pair of gorgeous Corvairs were on display alongside all the other Chevis. One was a 1964 Spyder. And the other was

the Monza GT.

Yes, GM loaned the Monza GT show car to the AACA Museum, and it was there just in time for Corvair Days! What a nice surprise!

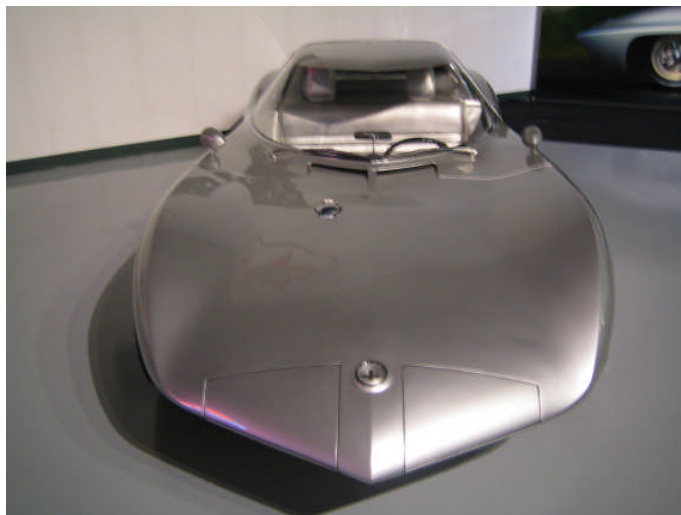
Of course, seeing the Monza GT was not the only reason to be a part of Corvair Days. As advertised, the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club conducted a funkanna, scavenger hunt, model display, people's choice show, and a banquet. Al Lacki proceeded to knock down all the traffic cones while negotiating the funkanna, but he came home with a people's choice show trophy, and so he came home happy indeed!

### NECC UPDATE.

LVCC continues to remain active in the Northeast Corvair Council. After putting on the CORSA Convention this past summer, there's been talk about hosting the ever-popular Corvair Olympics in 2013. The NECC club reps will be meeting on October 27th to kick around this and other ideas for promoting the Corvair hobby in the new year. Generally, clubs need to lock in their track dates around January which will be here before we know it.

## Monza GT at AACA Museum - CPCC Corvair Days

*Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. On October 15, the Monza GT is going back home to Detroit. But it was nice to have it here in Pennsylvania for a while.*



## LVCC Classified Ads!

**FOR SALE:** 1964 Monza Coupe. New paint. New Clarks interior, Clarks AM/FM cassette radio. Car has a 1965 110 engine and automatic trans. Brand new battery. Generator replaced by alternator. New gas tank and fuel sending unit. New fuzzies in the doors. Body and floor very solid \$4000.00 or best offer. Contact Dennis Stamm Sr. by phone at (610) 926-4723 or email at dmstamm@comcast.net



**FOR SALE:** 40" x 60" Corvair 95 Truck Display Board printed by Chevrolet Motor Division for its dealers. Very nice condition. This is the real thing, not a paper poster, so it can't be folded or rolled for shipping. \$75. . Contact Dennis Stamm Sr. by phone at (610) 926-4723 or email at dmstamm@comcast.net

**FOR SALE: Windshields.** Windshield for 1960-1964 Corvair Coupes and Sedans. Clear, with tinted band on top. This relatively rare windshield, recovered from a 1961 Corvair, has no chips and no delaminations. Price: \$100. Also for sale: Windshield for 1961-1965 Forward Control Corvair. Tinted throughout. Another relatively rare windshield, recovered from a Greenbrier, has no chips and no delaminations. Price: \$100. Call Scott Oberholzer at (610) 867-2846.



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## ***LVCC Calendar of Events!***



### **Wednesday, October 24, 2012 :::: Monthly LVCC Club Meeting.**

Regular LVCC Club Meeting. 7:30 PM at the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) office building in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The LANTA building is located at 1060 Lehigh Street Allentown, Pa 18103.

Directions: From I-78: Take Exit 57, Lehigh Street. At the end of the exit ramp, go east toward the City of Allentown. Follow Lehigh Street of approximately 2 miles - past the Parkway Shopping Center on the right and Faulkner Volkswagen on the left - until you reach the LANTA entrance on your left. It is at the intersection of Lehigh and South Howard Streets, right across from a Hess service station. Drive around to the auto parking lot and enter through the office entrance. Our meeting room is on the second floor.

### **Saturday, October 20, 2012 :::: Touched by Cancer Car Show, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA.**

Rain date: Sunday, October 21. Location: Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest Campus, South Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18101. (Follow event signs and enter through Fish Hatchery Road). Any vehicle welcome. Cost: 8.00. Registration: 9 to 11 AM. Proceeds benefit the Lehigh Valley Health Network's Hackerman Patz House. Food, DJ, Live Music. Door Prizes, Trophies. Call Karin at 267-275-1421 or visit <http://www.lonewolf-freespirits.com/events.html>

### **Sunday, October 21, 2012 :::: "American Legends All GM Car Show, Lancaster, PA.**

Location: Long's Park Route 39 and Harrisburg Pike across from the Park City Mall, Lancaster, PA. Rain or Shine. Show open to Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Saturn, Hummer, Cars - trucks - Vans, SUV's, Originals, Antiques, Classics, Hot Rods, Street Rods GM and GM Powered ONLY! Registration 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Show 11:30 am - 2:30 pm with awards at 3:00 pm. Pre-Registration by October 13, 2012 after and Day of Show \$20.00. Goodie Bags and event Souvenir are limited to the first 250 registered vehicles. Website: [www.lcccpa.com](http://www.lcccpa.com)

### **Saturday, October 27, 2012 :::: Fall Flea Market and Car Corral at Maple Grove Raceway, Mohnton, PA.**

Location: Maple Grove Raceway, 20 Stauffer Park Lane, Mohnton, PA 19540. Vendor space 15 x 20 \$35.00, General Admission \$5.00 under 12 Free. For more info, call 610-856-9200. Website: [www.maplegroveraceway.com](http://www.maplegroveraceway.com)

### **Sunday, October 28, 2012 :::: 36th Annual Old Car Show & Flea Market, Kempton, PA.**

Location: Kempton Community Recreation Center, 83 Community Center Drive, Kempton, PA 19529. Rain, Shine or Snow! Directions: 5 mi. N. of Rt. 22 (I-78) on Rt. 737. Accepting ALL Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles to 1992. Registration 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon. Dash plaques to first 250 cars. \$2.00 of ALL pre-registrations will be donated to "Dream Come True." 9 classes w/ 3 awards (peer judging) plus Chapter Directors award. Pre-Registered: Cars \$7.00, Car Corral \$7.00, Indoor Market \$20.00, Outdoor Flea Market \$10.00. Day of Show Registration \$10.00, Car Corral \$11.00, Indoor Flea Market \$25.00, Outdoor Flea Market \$12.00. Must bring your own tables for indoor/outdoor flea market! Proof of insurance may be required. Show is conducted by "Free Spirit" Chapter: Buick Club Of America. For more info, call Clarence at 610-377-6130 or email [sally@freespirit.org](mailto:sally@freespirit.org). Website: [www.buickfreespirit.org](http://www.buickfreespirit.org)

### **Saturday, November 3, 2012 :::: Vargo Dragway Car Show, Perkasie, PA.**

Location: Vargo Dragway, 1333 Elephant Road, Perkasie, PA 18944. Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration: \$15.00 per show car. \$5.00 per spectator car. This show benefits the Boy Scouts of America Troop #610 and the Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy. Phone: 215-795-0660. Email: [info@vargodragway.com](mailto:info@vargodragway.com) Website: <http://www.vargodragway.com>

### **Sunday, November 4, 2012 :::: Riegelsville Kiwanis Fall Roll Out Car Show, Riegelsville, PA.**

22nd Annual Car Show. Location: Riegelsville Ball Park, Rt. 611, Riegelsville, PA. 9am-3pm. Rain or Shine. No vehicles newer than 1992. Vintage, antiques, street rods, customs and trucks. Automotive flea market. Vendors space approx. 20 x 30 - \$25. No entry or registration fee for vehicles. First 475 exhibitors receive dash plaques. People's Choice - Trophy Awards. DJ Chopper there all day. <http://riegelsvillekiwanis.org/wpr/events/2012-car-show/>

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***Next Membership Meeting: Wednesday October 24, 2012***

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