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ATTENTION!

CORVAIR RECALL NOTICE

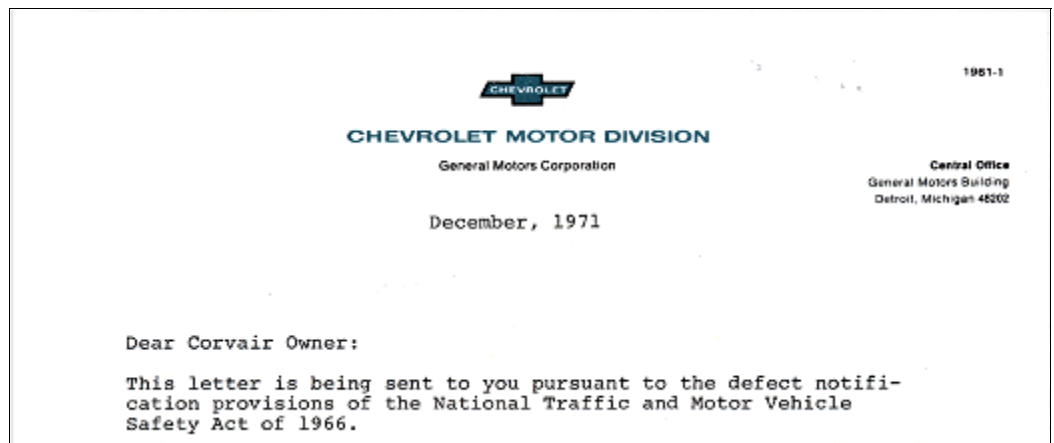
GM RECALLS ALL 1961-69 CORVAIRS!

Don't you just love it when some know-it-all walks up to your Corvair and says, "Hey, I thought they recalled all those cars! How come yours is still on the road?"

Yes, it's true, in December 1971, Chevy recalled all 1961 to 1969 Corvairs. For an inspection of the Direct Air Heater. Not to junk them!

I owned a Corvair in 1971, but I never got the recall notice. Chevy must have lost track of my Corvair along the way. But LVCC member Dick Weidner did receive the notice, and he kept it all these years. He shared it with us at our January meeting.

Have you ever read the recall notice? If not, here's your chance. The full text of Dick's recall notice is reprinted, starting on the next page.



The Fifth Wheel is published monthly by the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club (LVCC), Inc. We accept articles of interest to Corvair owners for publication. Classified advertising of interest to Corvair owners is available free of charge to all persons. Commercial advertising is also available on a fee basis. Please contact our newsletter editor, Allan Lacki for details.

LVCC is one of the many regional chapters of the Corvair Society of America (CORSAs), 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.

CHEVROLET MOTOR DIVISION
General Motors Corporation
Central Office
General Motors Building
Detroit, Michigan 48202

December, 1971

Dear Corvair Owner:

This letter is being sent to you pursuant to the defect notification provisions of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has made an initial determination that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists with respect to the 1965 model year Corvair engine/heater system. This initial determination states that the Corvair direct air heating system "creates an unreasonable risk of accidents and injury to persons in that engine fumes are transferred from the engine compartment into the passenger compartment, and such engine fumes do, in some cases, contain carbon monoxide in sufficient concentrations to harm or endanger the occupants of the vehicle."

Of a group of 292 1961-1969 Corvairs tested for the Traffic Safety Administration, six 1965 Corvairs were found to have a carbon monoxide level in the passenger compartment exceeding 200 parts per million under certain simulated driving conditions. Exposure for eight or more hours to 200 parts per million of carbon monoxide was identified as a sufficient exposure to result in a marked degradation of the abilities of a healthy adult make to perform as an alert and responsible driver. Similar adverse effects can be produced in less time by greater concentrations. In addition, adverse effects to the

health of some vehicle occupants may result from lesser concentrations of carbon monoxide, given sufficient exposure.

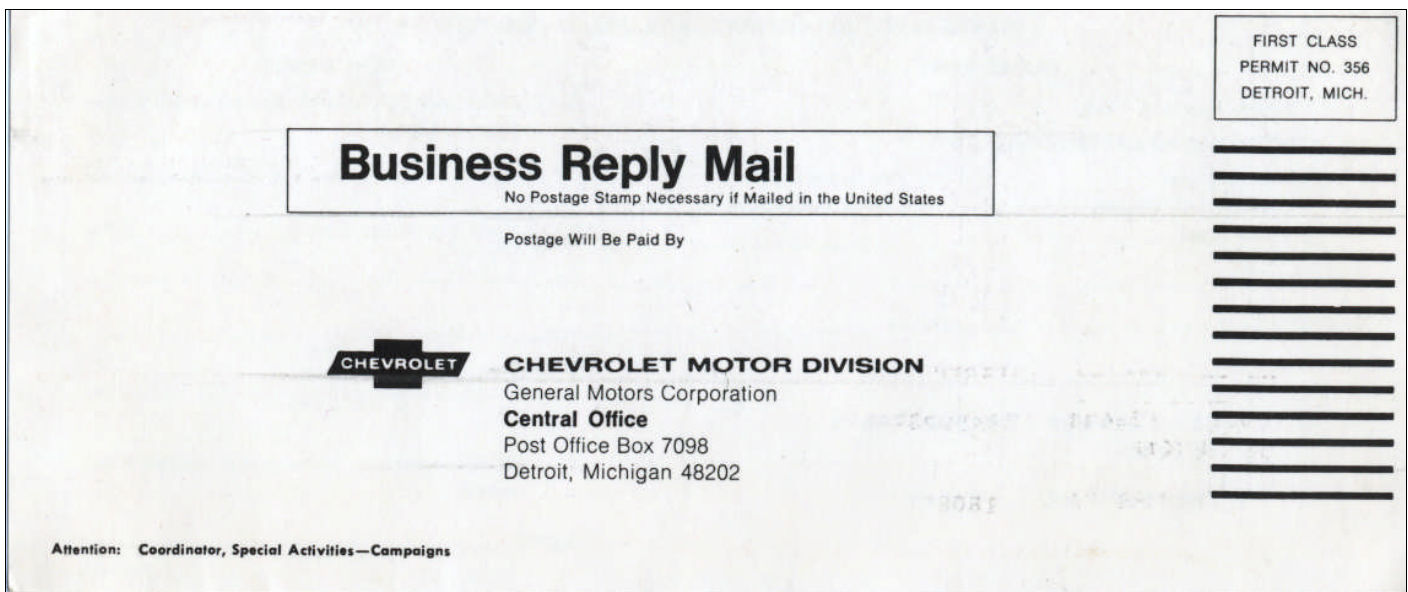
Chevrolet does not agree with the initial determination of a defect which was made by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It is Chevrolet's position that there is no such risk if the Corvair has been regularly inspected and properly maintained and is in good working order.

Rather than engage in a controversy with the Traffic Safety Administration, Chevrolet is mailing this defect notification letter to all owners of 1961 through 1969 model Corvairs to advise them of this initial determination by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Records available to Chevrolet indicate that you are the owner of a (1961) Corvair. Event though the initial determination of the Traffic Safety Administration by its terms was limited to the 1965 Corvair, this notification letter is being sent to you because the type of direct air heater on the (1961) model Corvair is similar to the direct air heater on the 1965 Corvair.

We strongly urge that you have a Chevrolet dealer inspect the engine, the exhaust system, and the direct air heater system of your Corvair. We believe that if a Corvair has been regularly inspected and properly maintained and is in good working order, it will operate without danger of exhaust fumes entering the passenger compartment through the direct air heater. However, if the vehicle is not regularly inspected and properly maintained, conditions could develop which

Note: Dick Weidner owned a 1961 model year Corvair; hence the reference to 1961 in the letter.



Here is the front-side of the inspection card that came in the mail with the Corvair Recall Notice.

may permit exhaust fumes to enter the passenger compartment through this heater.

All engine exhaust fume contain a percentage of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is tasteless, colorless, and odorless. Engine exhaust fumes containing a sufficient concentration of carbon monoxide, if inhaled for a long enough period of time, can harm or endanger the occupants of a vehicle.

In addition to having a precautionary inspection of your Corvair at this time, if you ever suspect that any of the following conditions exist, your Corvair should be promptly inspected and, if necessary, repaired. Should it be necessary to continue to drive your car before inspection and necessary repairs can be made, the heater should be shut off and a window rolled down.

Cylinder Head Gasket

Exhaust fumes inside the passenger compartment from a leaking cylinder head gasket normally will be accompanied by noticeable odors and may cause an eye-burning sensation. There also may be an associated hissing or spitting noise from the engine.

Exhaust System

A damaged or deteriorated exhaust system in combination with a damaged or deteriorated engine compartment perimeter seal or heater hose, or exhaust fume leakage past the manifold sleeve, under certain condition can permit exhaust fumes to intrude inside the passenger compartment through the heater system without noticeable accompanying odor.

Visual inspection should be made at normal maintenance intervals to verify that the exhaust system is in good condition, that the tailpipe outlet is located in the original design position, and that the heater hoses and engine compartment seals are in place and in good condition.

Chevrolet dealers can provide all service required by you in the inspection and correction of any of the conditions referred to in this letter. Inspection and repairs are maintenance items and, like all other maintenance requirements, are the responsibility of the owner.

Your Chevrolet dealer has been provided with complete information and instructions relating to the inspection, repair, and maintenance of your Corvair engine/heater system. Chevrolet strongly urges that you see him promptly and regularly.

Please return the enclosed pre-printed replay card either direct to Chevrolet or present it to you Chevrolet dealer if your vehicle is made available for inspection.

Chevrolet Motor Division
General Motors Corporation

Enclosure

Have you brought your Corvair back to the Chevy dealer for the 1971 recall? If you have no record of your Corvair being inspected, then it's high time you brought it to your friendly local Chevy dealer!

Imagine if all of us inspected our Direct Air Heaters and sent in the inspection cards back to GM, here and now in 2013!

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX, FILL IN AND SIGN							
DEALER REPLY	OWNER REPLY						
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Inspected — O.K.</p> <p>2. MAINTENANCE REPAIRS PERFORMED ON:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Perimeter Seals</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Cylinder Head Gaskets</td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other Than Above _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Heater Hoses</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">_____</td> </tr> </table> <p>Dealership Name _____</p> <p>Dealership Code _____ Date _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">• •</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9013 15-438 10735W171674 R WEIDNER R2 WALNUTPORT PA 18088</p> <p style="text-align: center;">• •</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System	<input type="checkbox"/> Perimeter Seals	<input type="checkbox"/> Cylinder Head Gaskets	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Than Above _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Heater Hoses	_____	<p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> I have not complied with the instructions in your letter, comment:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> I sold this vehicle (date) _____ To:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Address _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">City & State _____</p> <p>5. Please correct your Name and/or Address if not correct.</p> <p>Signed _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Owner Signature 9012-2</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System	<input type="checkbox"/> Perimeter Seals						
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Here is the back-side of the inspection card that came in the mail with the Corvair Recall Notice.

STREETS NAMED AFTER CORVAIR!

All across America, Corvairs are remembered, especially by the US Postal Service! Back in the 1960s, it was quite common for real estate developers to name new streets after their favorite cars. And here is an extensive list of streets named after our favorite car, the Chevy Corvair! Al Lacki

Corvair Avenue NW, Lake Placid, FL 33852
 Corvair Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207
 Corvair Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32244
 Corvair Avenue, Savannah, GA 31405
 Corvair Avenue, Sebring, FL 33872

Corvair Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43207

Corvair Circle, Birmingham, AL 35235
 Corvair Circle, Ellijay, GA 30540

Corvair Court, Flanders, NJ 07836
 Corvair Court, Kokomo, IN 46902
 Corvair Court, Wheatfield, IN 46392
 Corvan Court, North Branford, CT 06471

Corvair Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30354
 Corvair Drive, Charleston, WV 25387
 Corvair Drive, Dixon, MO 65459
 Corvair Drive, High Point, NC 27265
 Corvair Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406
 Corvair Drive, Mascoutah, IL 62258
 Corvair Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Corvair Lane, Beebe, AR 72012
 Corvair Lane, Grimesland, NC 27837
 Corvair Lane, Inwood, WV 25428
 Corvair Lane, Selden, NY 11784
 Corvair Lane, Shelby, NC 28150
 Corvair Lane, Vale, NC 28168

Corvair Place, Wayne, NJ 07470

Corvair Road, Beckley, WV 25801
 Corvair Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Corvair Street, Cumming, GA 30041
 Corvair Street, Falmouth, VA 22405
 Corvair Street, Martin, GA 30557
 Corvair Street, North Highlands, CA 95660
 Corvair Street, Oakland, CA 94621
 Corvair Street, Ore City, TX 75683
 Corvair Street, Thermal, CA 92274

Corvair Trail, Gainesville, GA 30506

LVCC MEETING NOTES

The evening of January 23 was freezing, freezing cold, and only a limited number of members came out for our chapter meeting that night. But a good time was had by all.

VP Dennis Stamm called the meeting to order. Secretary / Treasurer Dick Weidner agreed to email the financial report to newsletter editor Allan Lacki .

Show and Tell: Dick Weidner circulated copies of official recall notices he received from Chevrolet Motor Division for his Corvair way back in December 1971. Yes, Dick owned a Corvair owner in 1971. The recall notice directed owners to visit their local Chevy dealer for inspection and possible repair to the infamous Corvair "Direct Air Heater". It is interesting to note the recall notices put the onus on the owner to pay for the inspection and any associated repair work. My, how times have changed, and in this case, for the better!

An Invitation from Philadelphia Corvair Association: In an effort to keep in touch with surrounding chapters, Allan Lacki exchanges copies of newsletters with the editors for Philadelphia Corvair Association (PCA), Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (CPCC), and the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts (NJACE). Recently, Richard Greene, editor and newly-elected president of PCA, suggested to Lacki that LVCC members might like to conduct joint activities with PCA. Logistically, this would make good sense because many PCA members live in and around Lehigh Val-



Beautiful Corvair Street, North Highlands, California.

ley. At our January meeting, Lacki passed along this suggestion and circulated a copy of PCA's current activity plan for 2013. Currently, the PCA activity list is limited to attendance at various local car clubs located up and down the I-476 corridor, including the Allentown area. But it would also be possible for the two clubs to conduct joint events of their own. The members at our January meeting seemed to agree this was a fine idea.

Corvair Repair: It's been much to cold to work on Corvairs! So, we didn't discuss Corvair restoration at our January meeting!

Junking Your Car Circa 1963: As is often the case, LVCC meetings end with the members exchanging funny stories about their experiences with cars over the years. And the January meeting was no exception. Dick Weidner regaled us with a story about his time in the US Army, including preparations that were underway during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. He was stationed in Texas in those days. Finally, having

served his duty to Uncle Sam, it was time to return home to Allentown, 1,700 miles away. Like most privates, he was flat broke, and all he and his young bride could afford was an old, used 1950 Chevy BelAir that was on its last legs. So, they packed it up with everything they owned and proceeded to drive it all the way back. The car was so over laden with weight that it was nearly dragging on the ground, and it was leaking trans fluid to boot. But they made it home to Allentown. Dick soon found a civilian job and bought himself another car. But what to do with the '50 Chevy? Well, rather than pay a junk dealer to haul it away, Dick and one of his friends rolled it into a local quarry pit. Like most abandoned quarries, it was filled with water. As the old Chevy submerged beneath the waves, an occasional air-bubble rose to the surface. And finally, a mouse popped up to the surface and started swimming for his life! The little guy had been living in the Chevy all along. To this day, the '50 Bel Air hardtop is probably slumbering down there, at the bottom of the quarry.

**CORVAIR OLYMPICS!
JUNE 20-22, 2013.**

Reserve a spot on your calendar for three days of high performance driving with the Northeast Corvair Council in and around historic Danville, Virginia.

DAY 1: ROAD COURSE! Thursday, June 20, 2013: High-Speed Track Day at Virginia International Raceway (VIR).

Recently chosen as one of Car & Driver's Top six tracks in the nation, and described by Top Gear UK as "world class," VIR is a multi-purpose road racing facility. We'll be running on VIR's 1.65-mile South Course, with challenging twists, dramatic elevation changes, and the historic Oak Tree corner! Open lapping sessions all morning with individual timed laps in the afternoon. For those who may not have tried a track day previously, we will be offering our introductory Taste of the Track program, too.

EELCO
mfg. & supply company

308 EAST BEACH AVENUE
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Here's something you don't see very often... EELCO custom headers! According to sources on the internet, these little beauties were cast in aluminum, which may explain why few of them survive today! Back in the early 1960s, EELCO had a complete line of custom parts for Corvairs, including not only these headers, but also 4-carb kits, quick steering arms, anti-sway bars, and plenty of dress-up items! The photo below is from an original EELCO brochure, courtesy of Dick Weidner.

HEADER KIT

Relieve the back pressure of your Corvair engine for higher hp output. Increase performance and mileage. Spacers provided with kit allow use of stock air shrouds. Headers can be reversed for racing use. Eelco's kit is the only kit permitting use of the stock heater. Definitely a must when installing the Thomas 4 carb kit. Complete with instructions, as shown.

#4318 \$59.95

DAY 2: DRAG RACING! Friday, June 21, 2013: Drag Racing at Roxboro Motorsports Dragway.

Roxboro Motorsports Dragway is a 1/8-mile IHRA dragstrip with a 50-year history and newly refurbished facilities with all the amenities you would expect of a first-class facility. We'll be offering both bracket racing and head-to-head drags.

DAY 3: AUTOCROSS! Saturday, June 22, 2013: Autocross at Danville, Virginia.

We're currently working with the SCCA to secure the right site for the autocross, and once all the details are locked in we'll make the announcement. Autocross is challenging for experienced drivers and first-timers alike, and no special equipment is needed other than a helmet and lap belts.

WHAT KIND OF CAR CAN I BRING?

You'll see some of the nation's fastest

race-prepared Corvairs at this event, including Yenko Stingers, V8 Corvairs, and other rear-engine creations. But you don't need a Corvair, and you don't need a race car. Our only restriction is that your entry passes tech inspection. Visit the NECC "Rules" web page for specific safety and technical requirements.

REGISTRATION, LODGING, AND TRAILER PARKING:

Details regarding our host hotel, trailer parking, registration fees, and more will be posted on the NECC website. <http://www.neccmotorsports.com>

1/25 SCALE TURBO-AIR

The AMT "Engines and Body Parts Pack" is available once again! This 1/25 scale plastic model kit, (Item # ERT38677), contains all the parts you need to a really-unique custom model car. There is something for everyone, beginning with an Allison aircraft en-

gine, Corvair air cooled engine, multi-building versions of the 283 Chevy and the 421 Pontiac engines, and a blown 392 early Chrysler engine. The kit also includes a Model T Ford body. All the parts are chrome plated, for show or go. Swap them into other kit projects, or build them as display pieces. The competition T body features many of the parts you will need to build a vintage, sixties style altered roadster. Here's a photo of the Corvair engine assembled!



This little trivia quiz was published in The Great Auto Trivia Book, by Mitch Frumkin, 1985, which is part of the Richard C. Weidner collection. The Corvair Club of Cincinnati remains active today.

Corvair Club Page

1. What day, month and year was the first Corvair sold, and to whom?

2. What Corvair body style continued into 1965 unchanged?

3. What was the first model year factory air conditioning was offered on Corvairs?

4. What model years had the exact same taillights?

5. What model year had a hand choke?

6. What was the model year that first offered FM stereo?

7. Which model out-sold the convertible, but was not produced after 1967?

8. What was the first model year for a turbo charged Corvair?

9. What U.S. President's daughter had a Corvair, and what year and type was it?

10. What was the body style of the last production Corvair?

LVCC CLASSIFIED ADS!

FOR SALE. Front windshield for 1965 – 1969 Corvair. No scratches, no dings, and edges are smooth. Clear (not tinted). Asking \$40. Hereford Township, PA. Seller: Gene Szoka. Email: gmszoka@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Two vent wing assemblies, left & right, for a 1965 Corvair Convertible. Good condition with good chrome. Asking \$80.00. Contact Carl Moore. Email: moo568@dejazzd.com

FOR SALE: Outside windshield trim for a 1965 Corvair in nice condition. All pieces. Best offer. Contact Carl Moore. Email: moo568@dejazzd.com

FOR SALE: 1961-64 Right rear quarter panel. \$150.00. 1961-64 Left and right front fenders \$100.00 each. Contact Dennis Stamm. Call 484-336-3466. Email: dmstamm@comcast.net



FOR SALE: 1965-69 Front clip. \$150.00. Also partial quarter panel. \$50.00. Contact Dennis Stamm. Call 484-336-3466. Email: dmstamm@comcast.net



THE LEHIGH VALLEY CORVAIR CLUB INC. FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2013

Balance from DECEMBER.....	\$1,468.81
RECEIPTS	
1/13 Dues J McNalley.....	\$10.00
1/13 Dues J McNalley, Jr.....	\$10.00
TOTAL.....	\$20.00
EXPENDITURES	
1/13 Allan Lacki Newsletter.....	\$22.93
TOTAL.....	\$22.93
BALANCE.....	\$1,465.88

LVCC Calendar of Events!



Saturday, February 16, 2013 :::: NJACE Parts Auction.

The NJ Association of Corvair Enthusiasts annual indoor Corvair Parts Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, at Ashley's Auto Body, 274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, NJ. All interested persons are invited to attend. There is no admission charge and lunch is included! At this event, new and used Corvair parts and accessories are sold at auction, with a 10% commission of the sale price going to the club treasury. You may bring parts to sell, you may buy, or you may do both! Plan on making a day of it. Due to the nature of how the auction operates, it is not possible to process any buyers or sellers until the auction is completed. Doors open at 9:00 for set-up, we begin the bidding at 10:30 AM, take a pizza break at 12:30, resume the bidding at 1:00 PM, and finish up typically around 2:30 PM. Only at that time can we tally the sales, collect from the buyers, and pay the sellers.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013 :::: LVCC Membership 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. Call Al Lacki if the weather forecast looks grim. You can reach Al at (610) 927-1583 (home) or (610) 774-6723 (office).

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.

Sunday, March 03, 2013 :::: 46th Annual Hamburg Swap Meet Car Corral.

Location: Hamburg Fire Co. Field House located at 127 South 4th St. Rear (Pine St.), Hamburg, PA. Over 100 indoor spaces with unlimited outdoor space & car corral. Handicap friendly. Held rain or shine. Refreshments available. Adult admission \$2.00. Vendor information call: 610-262-9718. General information & directions: 610-823-4656 or email Lhedgehog1@aol.com

Saturday, March 23, 2013 :::: Philadelphia Corvair Association Event.

Cruise (as a group) to the Northeast Rod & Custom Show in Oaks, PA. Meet at Ott's on Rte 29 near Collegetown at 9:00 AM - Contact Dave Stein. 610-489-3039 dstein31@msn.com

May 5, 2013. ASHRAE Anthracite Chapter 1st Annual Car Show.

Sponsored by LVCC Member Ron Peles' family. Location: 50 Glenmaura National Boulevard, Moosic, PA 18507 (Just above "The Shoppes at Montage") Registration starts at 8:30. Show Hours - 10:00 to 4:00. Trophy Presentation at 2:00, Door Prizes and Drawing Afterwards. Cost: \$10.00 per vehicle if you pre-register, \$15.00 at the gate. <http://ashraecarshow.wix.com/register>

Trivia Quiz Answers: (Don't Peek!)

1. October 2, 1959 to the Ypsilanti (Mich) Press, at 12:01 am, only one minute after its introduction.
2. Forward-control vans (Greenbriars, Corvans)
3. 1961
4. 1960-61 and 1966-69
5. 1961
6. 1965
7. Four-door hardtop
8. 1965
9. Lucy Baines Johnson. 1963 Spyder convertible.
10. Two-door hardtop

Mail Dues to:

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Next Membership Meeting: Wednesday February 27, 2013