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Next LVCC Meeting: Wednesday 01/25/2017

Time 7:30 PM. Place: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority Headquarters (LANta), 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103. Latitude : 40.587607 | Longitude : -75.474405. Bring a guest!

Don't get locked out. If you arrive late, the main door of the LANta office building may be locked. This is for security purposes. But the facility is open around the clock, so ask one of the garage employees to direct you to the second floor.



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Engine Exotica. Billet Crankshafts.

So you broke another crank in your Corvair race car?

Sport Performance Aviation, LLC (SPA) is now offering a USA-made billet crankshaft for Corvair engines.

They don't come cheap. The price ranges from \$2,500 to \$3,085, depending on whether or not you order it with SPA's billet connecting rods and a set of Clevite bearings. But if you're using a Corvair engine for your home-built aircraft or your Corvair track car, this may be the thing for you.

This crank is a stock replacement and will work with all current components being used. It is made of heat treated Timken 4340 Billet, CNC machined and ion nitrided.

SPA enlarged the radius between the main and rod pins and the face of each throw to .125. This will require chamfering the rod, rod bearings and main bearings. This service is included if you purchase the full kit.

The increase in fillet radius is a critical step in eliminating fatigue-induced cracks. Although stock Corvair cranks are tough, that's where they break under severe usage.

According to SPA, this will be the finest Corvair crankshaft available, showcasing meticulous attention to detail and surface finish.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY!

What? No November meeting? No December meeting?

That's right, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

We usually hold our meetings during the fourth Wednesday of each month, but with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, we figured we'd take a break.

Actually, we've been skipping November and December for several years. If you attended our October meeting, you already know all about it.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

NOMINATIONS!

In accordance with our bylaws, we are now accepting nominations for officers for the coming year. Please take a moment to submit your nominees for 2017. We are accepting nominations for the positions of President, Vice

President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Activities Director.

You may submit nominations for any or all of these positions. You can even nominate yourself!

Submit your nominations by e-mail or postal mail to Dick Weidner, our Secretary/ Treasurer: Here is his contact information: Richard C. Weidner 2304 Main Street Northampton, PA 18067 rcwvair@rcn.com.

Elections will take place at our January meeting. Please participate in this very important process.

LVCC MEETING NOTES

Here are notes from our October 26th meeting. Larry Asheuer, Rich Green, Wes Heiss, Steve Hurst, Keith Koehler, Larry Lewis, Allan Lacki, Ed Prescott, Fred Scherzer, Dennis Stamm and Dick Weidner were present. President Dennis Stamm presided over the meeting.

Dick Weidner presented the minutes and treasury report for September. The members approved both reports unanimously. Here are the numbers for our checking account:

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SPA Corvair USA-made billet crankshaft. The close-up on the left shows the enlarged radii at the throws.

Kempton Antique Car Show



Wayne Troxell's low mileage '68 Monza. Sold!



Larry Lewis' show-quality '64 Spyder.



'63 Monza owned by Guy Manwiller of Fleetwood, PA.



Keith Weller's hand-built front-engine 350 V8 'Vair.



Allan Lacki's '66 Monza.



Rare Staver built in Chicago. One of two survivors.

Beginning balance:\$1,281.89
 Dues revenue.....\$50.00
 Newsletter expenses:\$21.91
 Ending balance:\$1,309.98

Larry Lewis said he is acquainted with an automotive historian who is an expert on antique license plates. He has a license plate display at Macungie every year and gives presentations to small groups like ours. Larry said he'd approach him about doing a presentation for us at our March meeting. The members agreed this is a great idea.

Larry Lewis and Larry Asheuer confirmed they have Corvairs to sell. Check out these beautiful cars in our Classified Ads!

Dick Weidner talked about a low-mileage all-original 1964 Corvair that's for sale in Strasburg, PA. It has only 18,000 miles on the odometer. Al Lacki, Steve Hurst and Dennis Stamm agreed to inspect the car for Dick, who will pass on their report to a potential buyer in Michigan.

Al Lacki talked about the proceedings of the CORSA Board of Directors. Al has been on the Board since July. Refer to the "CORSA Board News" article in this newsletter for more information.

Dick Weidner announced that the club has a supply of Volume 2 CORSA Tech Guides available for the low, low price of only \$10 apiece.

Years ago, the club bought a case of Volume 1 Tech Guides from CORSA and was successful in reselling all of them. This was a boon to the club treasury. So, when CORSA released Volume 2, the club bought a case of them too, expecting Volume 2 to sell-out as well. But so far, they haven't. That is why Dick is offering them now at half price.

CORSA has also issued a third volume. You can order a copy of Volume 3 of the Tech Guide online at the CORSA website. www.corvair.org

Member Steve Hurst is a performance car guy who is new to Corvairs. He recently purchased a 1963 Monza convertible. He described his acquisition as being in good condition with the exception of its engine. It's not the original. It's from a '67 Corvair and it's tired. Among other things, it's lacking some perimeter seals and has the wrong engine mount bracket.

Steve is now in the process of building a new engine with the best of everything, including 60 over full-fin cylinder barrels, a new cam, etc. Steve has built several racing engines before so he has the necessary skills. We can't wait to see the finished product!

CORSA BOARD NEWS

by Al Lacki

President Mike Hall, former President Ken Hand and I are deeply involved in finding replacements for Harry Jensen and Mike McGowan, CORSA's Executive Secretary and Executive Editor.

Harry and Mike are contractors. They've announced they will be retiring at the end of 2017. We are currently seeking proposals from other contractors to replace them.

To expedite the process, we prepared a bid package that contains a list of products and services we expect the new contractors to provide. In addition, we included a draft contract, pricing sheets, and instructions for bidding.

We announced the opening of the bid process on all the major Corvair discussion boards at the end of September. Ken Hand was able to snag a free account on ZipRecruiter and that has resulted in many requests for our bid package. We also reached out to business managers of other well-known car clubs such as the Pontiac-Oakland Club and others.

Over three dozen people have requested (and received) our bid package. But that doesn't mean they will actually bid on the jobs. So far, we are aware of only a few.

Proposals are due at the end of this month, November. We're keeping our fingers crossed....

CORSA Website Improvements

We've improved the CORSA website! You'll see that we have expanded the navigation menu to make things easier to find. We've also added a couple of new pages to the website, including an Officers Directory page and a Support Our Corvair Causes web page. The latter provides an easy way for people to contribute to CORSA and the Corvair Preservation Fund by way of credit card transactions.

Some of the new features are only accessible to CORSA members who have log-in credentials. If you don't have a username and password, you can request one through the website.

CORSA Policies & Procedures

Three policy and procedure revisions have been prepared for approval by the Board. The most important is a revision to the Chapter Plan Procedure, which would enable chapters to maintain an online Corvair discussion board in lieu of the usual newsletter publication requirement. It would also require chapters to pay up the annual \$35 fee by the end of each calendar year as a pre-requisite to CORSA insurance coverage. Voting on the new Chapter Plan Procedure has already begun and it looks like it will pass unanimously.

Other policies and procedures up for revision include the Communique Editorial Policy and Expense Reimbursement Policy. It had been years since these were written. The proposed changes simply reflect our actual practices. The process of preparing ballots and tallying the votes is, unfortunately, quite slow, so it may be a few months before you see any more news about these developments.

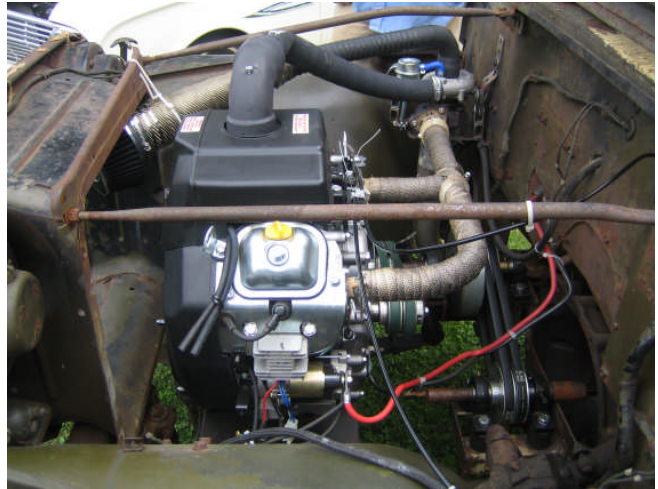
CORSA Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is also making strides in developing ways to

Wind Gap Octoberfest Show



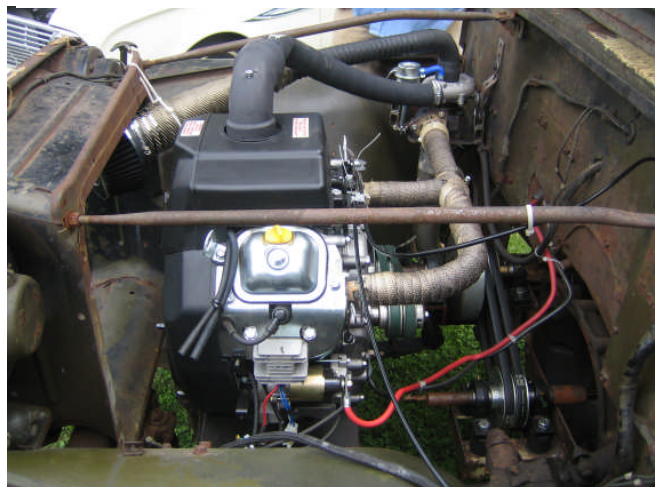
Just an old Jeep? No!



It's powered by a Harbor Freight 2-cylinder engine!



The HB Predator name can be seen through the grill.



Air-cooled! Turbo charged! Belt-driven! Amazing...



Aside from the paint, this Willy's Americar is original.



Al Lacki represented LVCC with his '66 Monza.

Mary Ann's Breakfast Cake

Here's another great recipe from LVCC's First Lady, Mary Ann Stamm!
Attention Car Guys: This recipe is easy to bake and mighty tasty, too! You can do it!

2 ½ cups of flour	2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups of sugar	2 eggs (beaten)
¼ cup of butter	1 cup milk
½ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl with margarine until it becomes crumbs, then take out 1 cup and set aside. Add beaten eggs, milk and vanilla to crumbs and mix well. Then put into a lightly greased 9 x 13 cake pan. Put the reserved 1 cup of crumbs across the top and sprinkle some cinnamon top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes.

Not just for breakfast. Enjoy it anytime.



attract new CORSA members. Ideas include a \$20 membership fee for a digital membership for the first year only, a free Corvair Basics CD, and a free CORSA grill badge (while supplies last).

REPAIR CRACKS IN "WOOD" WHEEL

by Dave Palmer

Now you can repair that sport steering wheel as used on many '64-'68 models to near perfect condition. First, thoroughly clean out the crack with alcohol. Now for the miracle cure.

Mix up some 15-minute clear epoxy with some dark brown artist's chalk for color. Now carefully fill in the crack little by little, letting each application dry until you have filled it in completely. Your epoxy patch should protrude a little on the final coat because as the glue dries it will shrink. When the final coat is dry, sand it smooth with

wet or dry 400 grit sand paper. Finally, sand the whole wheel with 600 grit to remove all excess epoxy and any other scratches or damage.

Now, to bring back that original shine to the plastic, polish with Eagle 1 brand plastic polish. When you finish you will have a complete wheel that will look great. I have found that the plastic polish is far better than any kind of clear paint coat. The clear paint will get sticky to the touch on a hot sunny day inside the car, even after it has cured. The plastic polish works best.

Editor's Note: The preceding article was originally published in the March 1983 issue of the CORSA Communique.

OLD WD-40 CAP MAKES HANDY PLUG

by Huey Huether

Save that little red plastic cap from the next can of WD-40 you buy. The are

just the right size to plug the hole in the intake manifold after you've taken off a carburetor. Capping the intake manifold will save you the heartbreak of trying to fish out a dropped bolt or washer.

Editor's Note: The preceding article was originally published in the March 1985 issue of the CORSA Communique. And many other spray cans have the same size cap.



Upper Salford Township Car Show



Fred Scherzer's beautiful Evening Orchid '65 Monza.



Al Lacki's '66 Monza parked with other GM cars.



Air-cooled Franklin.



Event included many community day activities.



1936 Auburn boat-tailed speedster with side pipes.



This is no replica! Not a Corvair, but worth a look.

LVCC Classified Ads!



FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza 2-door coupe. 110 hp engine. Powerglide automatic transmission. Goldwood yellow with black interior. Great condition. 77,000 miles. \$7,000. Contact Wayne Troxell (570) 386-4347.

FOR SALE: 1964 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe. 110 hp engine and Powerglide automatic transmission. Silver blue exterior and interior. Optional wire wheel covers. Mileage: Slightly over 18,000. An unmolested all-original car in fine condition. Original price sheet with list of options available. Location: Ronks, PA (near Strasburg). Asking Price: \$9,000. Owner: Don Maher. Business phone: (717) 687-7541.

FOR SALE 1966 110 convertible, auto, rough body, needs top. Asking \$1500. lunatic715@hotmail.com or 610-379-5719. Ask for Bill.



SOLD! 1968 Corvair Monza convertible. 140 hp engine. Powerglide automatic transmission. Ash Gold with matching interior. Tinted glass. AM/FM. Telescopic steering wheel. Positraction. Zero rust. Excellent condition all around. 54,000 miles. Andreas, PA. \$10,000. Contact Wayne Troxell (570) 386-4347.

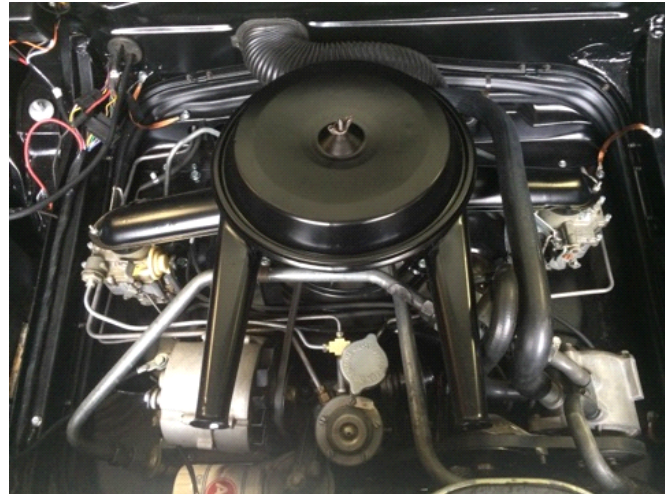
FOR SALE: 1963 Corvair Monza 900, 1 owner family since new, not registered since 1976. Has been stored in a mechanic's heated garage for 40+ years. 38,334K miles on the odometer. 102 HP Powerglide, T0202ZF Block Code. Asking \$5,100 OBO. Location: New Castle, PA. Contact Adam. Phone or text # is 724-556-1459. Car is posted on Craig's List at <http://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/cto/5865691227.html>

LVCC Classified Ads!



For Sale: 1969 Corvair 500 2-door coupe. 110 hp engine. Powerglide automatic transmission. Garnet red with black interior. Zero rust. Excellent condition all around. 48,000 miles. Hellertown, PA. \$10,000. Contact Larry Lewis (610) 209-0297.

For Sale: 1969 Corvair 500 coupe. 35,000 original miles. Frost Green with black interior. 110 hp engine. Powerglide transmission. All-new brakes, lines, hoses, wheel cylinders, hardware, master cylinder. Rebuilt front suspension. New gas tank, sender unit, sock, etc. Engine resealed, rebuilt carbs, balancer, plugs, cap, rotor, ignitor, coil, heater hoses, heater motor, exhaust pipe, muffler, tail pipe. New Coker tires, engine wire harness, battery, carpet. All smog equipment hooked-up and works. Runs great. \$7000.00 obo. Lansdale, PA. Call or email Larry. (267) 994-1569. a-lcorvair@msn.com



For Sale: LVCC Member Keith Koehler is selling his 1965 Corvair Monza convertible. Automatic Trans/110 engine. The interior, trunk and engine compartment need some work but the engine was worked on and the brakes have fairly new linings. I have some extra parts that go with the car. Telford, PA. Asking price: \$3,500. Interested people can contact me, Keith Koehler, at kpissant@comcast.net or they can call me at home (215) 703-0644. Feel free to leave a message.



Car Events In and Around Lehigh Valley

November 19 2016 through April 22, 2017 :::: Amore della Strada: Italian Cars

Location: AACA Museum, 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA Phone: 717 566-7100 x100. See the latest exhibit at the Antique Automobile Club America (AACA) Museum in Hershey. The array of vehicles ranges from the ordinary, a 1937 Fiat Topolino, to the extraordinary, a one-family owned 1954 Siata 200 CS, Balbo. Rare and unusual vehicles include a 1974 DeTomaso Longchamps Coupe, a 1967 Italia Omega Convertible, and 1977 Piaggio Ape. You'll see iconic cars such as, a 1971 Fiat 850 Spider, 1974 Fiat X 1/9 and 1974 Fiat 124 Spider as well as the more exotic 1978 Ferrari 308GTB and 1995 Ferrari 512M. The Alfisti will delight at the sight of a 1974 Alfa Romeo Montreal, 1974 Alfa Romeo GTV, and 1967 Alfa Romeo GT 1300 Junior. Next best thing to a Corvair show!

Saturday November 26, 2016 :::: Cars N Coffee Lansdale PA

Location: Old Forge Motorcars, 1101 N. Broad Street, Lansdale, PA. Time: 8 AM to 12 PM. Event Type: cars, and, coffee. Organized By: Old Forge Motorcars. Phone: 215-631-1776. <http://www.oldformegmotorcars.com/cars-and-coffee>

Thursday December 1, 2016 :::: Free Admission for Seniors 62+ at America on Wheels Museum

Location: America On Wheels Museum. 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA. Time: 10 AM to 4 PM. Seniors get free admission the first Thursday of every month. Come see our holiday train exhibit between November 25, 2016 to January 3, 2017 - Enjoy the sounds, lights and action of many model trains stationed around the museum's galleries. Fun for adults and kids of all ages! The museum is a Toys for Tots drop site. Bring a new, unwrapped toy and it will be placed on the Mack Truck for delivery to children in need. Phone: 610-432-4200. <http://americaonwheels.org/>

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 :::: LVCC Membership Meeting

Location: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority Headquarters (LANta), 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103. Time: 7:30 PM. Bring a guest!

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