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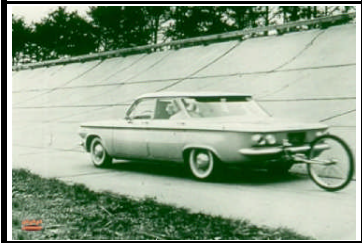
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Next Meeting: Wednesday 10/25/2017

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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In Memory of Dennis Weaver

It is with a sad heart that I have to report this, but today (Friday September 22, 2017) I lost a great friend, motorcycle riding buddy and fellow Corvair club member.

Dennis was a charter member of LVCC. Back in 1994, I lead a cruise of all club members to the Harley Davidson Plant for a tour and Dennis went along and he got the fever for a Harley.

Not long after that, he surprised me and bought a Harley the same year and color as my Harley. We've been riding Harley's and taken many trips together ever since.

Dennis, Cathy and myself with my wife have become the best of friends. We would make many long trips on our Harley's together. Our best trip was going across the U.S.A. to California. And not just on motorcycles, he was a great supporter of everything Corvair-related.

I remember he asked me to go along to a Corvair convention in Carlisle and he loaned me his Corvair race car to run in the auto cross during practice. His wife, Cathy rode along as a passenger. We had a great time.

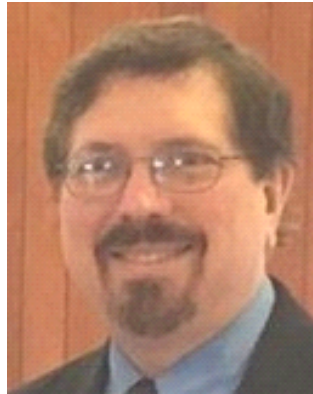
Dennis was always helping out at Corvair events and every year donated his time to help Randy Kohler park cars at the Das Awkscht Fescht.

Just three days before, we were at a motorcycle meeting together and talking about taking another trip together and just like that he was taken away.

You will be very missed dear friend and always remembered and in our thoughts. I love you and miss you.

Your President and riding partner,

DENNIS B. STAMM



Dennis Weaver of Whitehall Twp., Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Friday September 22, 2017 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. He was 61 years old.

Dennis was a member of the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club since it was formed back in 1976 and served as an officer of LVCC for several years. Dennis was also a member of the Northeast Corvair Council's board of directors.

In addition to being a Corvair enthusiast, Dennis was also a member of the Deer Lake chapter of the Harley Davidson Owners Group. An avid motorcyclist, Dennis and his wife Cathy made many long-distance trips on their Harley Davidson motorcycle along with their friends.

Survivors include his wife Cathy, mother Doris, daughter Kimberly, son Keith, along with spouses, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He was laid to rest at Cedar Hill Memorial Park, Allentown.

Contributions in his memory can be made to either The Alzheimer's Association or "MDA". Please mail them to Gilbert Funeral Home, 444 Pershing Blvd. Whitehall, PA 18052-6411.

Hershey Flea Market Report

By Allan Lacki

On Thursday October 5, I went to the 2017 AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet. This big event is located in Hershey, PA on the grounds and parking lots surrounding Hersheypark and The Giant Center.

Hershey is considered one of the largest antique automobile shows and flea markets in the United States. It consists of over 9,000 flea market spaces, over 1,000 car corral spaces, and approximately 1,500 show cars.

I tagged along with my buddy Tim Schwartz to walk the flea market. The range of wares being sold was simply insane. Some of the vendors specialize in brass-era headlights. Others specialize in wooden steering wheels. And others sell immaculate NOS parts, still in their original boxes.

There were many fine craftsmen there, too, who rebuild and refurbish engines, upholstery, electrical components, carburetors - you name it! At the opposite end of the scale, there were vendors selling what appeared to be junk. One man's junk is another man's treasure, of course. They were counting on it.

The flea market covers acres and acres of land. It's impossible to walk the whole thing in one day unless you literally jog through the aisles.

The antique car show is a one-day affair that occurred on Saturday after I was gone, so I missed it. But there were a number of show cars parked behind the vendor spaces, so we got to see some. Among them were rarities including a Stoddard Dayton, a couple of Stanley Steamers, and a 1902 "Loco" motorcycle powered by a steam engine.

There were also a couple of high-end

Hershey Flea Market - Odds & Ends



You want it. Hershey had it!



Ex-Wayne Troxell convertible.



Steam-powered Loco motorcycle!



Not too many rear engine cars. Here's a Fiat 600.



Engine starter for a 1912 Cadillac. 1st Year.



One of two radiator cap ornament vendors.

dealers at the flea market who were showing Duesenbergs, V16 Cadillacs and other exotica from the 1920s and 1930s. A 1955 Valkyrie, designed by Brook Stevens and based on a Cadillac chassis, was also on display.

In addition to the flea market, Hershey had set up a car corral where cars of all kinds were being offered for sale. There were at least two hundred cars in the corral, parked along the perimeter roads, and it was a show in-and-of itself. Again, the variety was amazing. 'Want a Subaru 360? Check. How about an Iso Rivolta? Check. Or a 1968 Corvair Monza convertible? Check. Robert Solt of Lansford, PA had his 1968 Monza in the car corral. There was no card in the window so I wasn't able to determine how much he is asking for it. But every man has his price...

New CPF Museum

The Corvair Preservation Foundation's new museum in Decatur, Illinois is coming along quite nicely. It has 9,000 square feet of space which is more than enough for now. It's in the same building as the existing Chevrolet Hall Of Fame Museum, but the Corvairs are in their own section separated from the other Chevis. The entire building is climate-controlled.

A door joins the two areas and visitors

can walk between them. Both are open from 10 AM to 5 PM every day except certain holidays.

CPF President Mike Hall, CPF Curator Pete Cimbala and others have been feverishly working over the past two months to transport the cars and exhibits from the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum in Ypsilanti to Decatur. Everything has been moved with the exception of the see-through Spyder engine display and that will come to Decatur as soon as a display platform can be obtained to accommodate it.

Meanwhile, back at Decatur, display boards and signs being made for the front of the building and for posting on local roads.

It has been many years since the CPF had its own dedicated museum. The last time was in Richmond, Virginia back in the 1990s. Many of the items on display there were loaned to the CPF, and so, when the Richmond facility closed, they went back to their original owners. An effort is underway to locate the owners so the items can be put back on display again.

The CPF is also encouraging Corvair enthusiasts to either loan or donate additional Corvair memorabilia to fill up the space. A couple of weeks ago, CPF took ownership of the famous custom-built Corvair limousine and it's now on

display at the museum. The former owner donated it to the CPF outright.

As you might expect, it takes real money to operate a full-time museum. People don't just give away rental space and utilities for free and so CPF has to raise money to defray the costs. There is enough money in the account to pay the bills for a year or two, but CPF needs to raise money for the long term.

CPF will be soon be soliciting grants from corporate sponsors, but as of the moment, it's hard to predict how successful that will be. Your support will go a long way to keep the museum open. CPF is a 501(c)(3) organization, which means your donations are tax-deductible. If you would like to help, log onto the CORSA website at www.corvair.org, click on "Preservation Foundation", and then click on "Donate".

Museum Press Release

WHEN: IMMEDIATE

RE: Expansion to Chevrolet Museum

The Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum is pleased to announce the expansion and partnership of the brand new National Corvair Museum in conjunction with the Corvair Preservation Foundation.

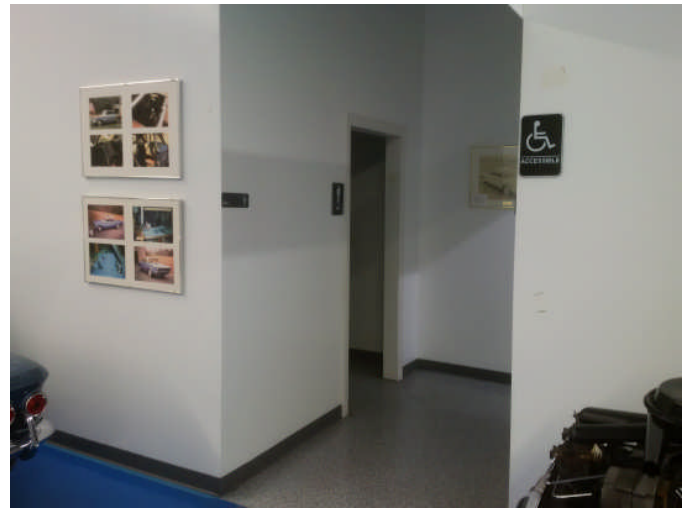
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Exterior of the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum. CPF signs coming soon!

CPF National Corvair Museum in Decatur

These photos were taken a month ago when the CPF was just starting to move its exhibits from Ypsilanti to Decatur. More exhibits coming soon!



Corvair Cooking Corner!

ROTINI WITH CHICKEN MARSALA RAGOUT

By Trisha Yearwood-Food Network
(Received 5-star Rating)

Total: 1 hr 20 minutes. **Active:** 40 minutes. **Yield:** 4-6 servings. **Level:** Easy
LVCC thanks the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club for bringing this recipe to our attention!

INGREDIENTS

6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 lbs)
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound sliced white button mushrooms
1 medium sweet onion, chopped
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 garlic clove, minced
1 cup dry Marsala
1 cup chicken broth
1 pound rotini pasta
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Grated Parmesan or pecorino, for serving



DIRECTIONS

- Pat the chicken thighs dry and season with 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook, turning once, until golden brown on both sides, about 8 minutes total; transfer to a plate (the chicken will not be cooked through at this point).
- Add the remaining tablespoon oil and then add the mushrooms and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms release their liquid and turn golden brown along the edges, about 8 minutes. Add the onions and continue to cook until the onions are softened, about 5 minutes.
- Sprinkle the flour and garlic over the vegetables and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add the Marsala and bring to a simmer. Simmer until the Marsala reduces slightly, about 3 minutes.
- Add the chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Return the chicken and any collected juices to the skillet, cover, reduce the heat to medium low and cook until the chicken is cooked through and tender, about 30 minutes.
- Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
- When the chicken is cooked, transfer the thighs to a cutting board and increase the heat under the sauce to medium high. Boil until slightly thickened, about 6 minutes.
- Meanwhile, coarsely shred the chicken using 2 forks. Return the shredded chicken to the skillet and keep warm.
- Cook the rotini in the boiling water according to the package directions.
- Serve the rotini topped with the chicken ragout. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with the grated Parmesan or pecorino.

The newly opened Corvair Museum will display and house some of the rarest Chevrolet Corvair's in existence today including the last surviving Corvair built as well as the last convertible and very last Corvair body off the Fisher Body Assembly line that was never completed into an automobile, just to name a few. There are many other displays including many other models of the brand.

The newly opened edition will be adding many exhibits in the months to come. "The Corvair Preservation Foundation is very excited to create our museum with the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum. It's been over 15 years since we have been able to open our vast collection for public viewing. This has been a long term goal of our organization for many years. We are looking forward to making our Corvair home in Decatur, Illinois" says Mike Hall, president of the Corvair Preservation Foundation.

As with any new expansion or addition there will be a new admission price to support the new museum. Effective immediately the new admission price will be \$12.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children age 3-12. Children under 3 are free. Season pass will remain at \$35.00

Please plan a visit to the only authorized all-Chevrolet museum open to the public in the United States. Exhibits are changing regularly and additions added on a monthly basis.

Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum
3635 US Rt 36 East
Decatur, IL. 62521
217-791-5793
Toll free - 888-9-bow tie

Gronk!

Hey, you late-series Corvair owners! Has your rear suspension been making a loud squeak every time you drive your Corvair over a bump? I'm not talking about a little nuisance squeak. I'm talking about a really loud "gronk"! Lately, we've been seeing trailing arms

with bushings that have slipped out of place.

The bushing has a steel shell that is pressed through a hole in the leading edge of the trailing arm. The flange of the shell has several nubs around the circumference. Most people know that the shell should be pressed in until the nubs make contact with the hole in the trailing arm. And so, that's the way they install them. But within a few

miles, the shell walks it way back out of the hole. This shifts the trailing arm outboard, knocking the toe setting out of whack. And if the shell has walked far enough, the trailing arm rubs against the nearby rail of the unit body. Result: A loud "gronk" whenever the car bounces up and down.

OK, so now the question becomes, "how do I fix it". Well, it may be possible.
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GRONK! Here is a photo showing the trailing arm of a 1965 Corvair. Notice the gap between the arm and the bushing shell.



And here is a photo of the bushings. NOS GM, Part #3880422. Notice the "nubs" on the flange of the steel shells.

LVCC Classified Ads!



More Parts for Sale! Don Reinert, one of our members, would like to sell a number of items from his inventory of used parts. Here is the list:

1966 Front End Assembly: Complete with cross-member, upper A-arms, lower A-arms, brake reaction rods, springs, shocks, backing plates, spindles, wheel cylinders, etc. Basically, an entire front suspension assembly but without the steering linkage (also being offered for sale separately). Used except for the brake linings.

1966 Steering Linkage. Includes drag link, steering arms, idler arms and pitman arm.

1966 Rear Cross Member. The "yoke".

1966 Gas Tank with Filler Tube. Comes with filler tube and working sending unit.

1966 Right and Left Training Arms. Includes backing plates and hubs.

1966 110 Motor # T0922RA. Engine is completely intact and turns freely.

1966 140 Engine. Partially disassembled long block. Includes heads, bell housing, etc. Appears to be solid.

Prices are negotiable. With the exception of front brake linings, the parts are used. You can reach Don by phone at (610) 367-6830 or by email at dgreinert@comcast.net

For Sale: 80 hp motor, runs. Complete diff for automatic transmission (not sure of the ratio). 2 Powerglide transmission (not working). 4 steel wheels for an FC. 1 windshield scratched from wiper arm. Dave Noneman. davenoneman@aol.com

For Sale: For Sale: 1964 Corvair Monza 2-door coupe. 110 hp engine. Powerglide automatic transmission. Goldwood yellow exterior. Black vinyl and deep-weave fabric interior. Great condition. 77,000 miles. \$7,500. Contact Wayne Troxell, Andreas, PA. (570) 386-4347.



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. Larry Lewis, Hellertown, PA (610) 209-0297.

Local Car Shows and Other Events

Saturday October 14, 2017 :::: Annual Fall Q-mart Car Show

Quakertown Farmers Market, 201 Station Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951. Front parking lot. Time: 9 AM to 1 PM. Rain date Sunday October 15. Door prizes, DJ, raffles, trophies. Host: East Penn Modifiers Club. Info: Jim Hunsberger (215) 313-7033 or Chris Mills (267) 745-3626

Sunday October 15, 2017 :::: Octoberfest Car Show

Location: Wind Gap Borough Park, 545 West Street, Wind Gap, PA. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$12 day of show. German music, pig roast, old fashioned cake walk. Info: Ed Gallagher (610) 657-6196. ksbvet@ptd.net

Saturday October 28, 2017 :::: Cars and Costumes Car Show

Location: 7701 Belvidere Martins Creek Hwy Bangor, Pennsylvania 18013. Time: 11 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$15. Welcome sports cars, classic cars, muscle cars, cruise in, tuner and sport compact, exotics, low rider, motorcycles. Cars and costumes, kids activities, vendors, food and refreshments. Trick or treat at the cars, asking entrants to bring a bag of candy to accomplish this. Contact info: (484) 550-3092. car-showhriczak26@gmail.com

Sunday October 29, 2017 :::: 41st Annual Kempton Car Show

Location: Kempton Community Recreation Center, 83 Community Center Drive, Kempton, PA 19529. Time: 8 AM to ~3 PM. Rain or shine. Price: \$10 day of show. Food, car corral, indoor flea market, outdoor flea market. Info: Clarence Getz, (610) 377-6130. www.buickfreespirit.org

Saturday November 4, 2017 :::: Vargo Dragway Reunion Show

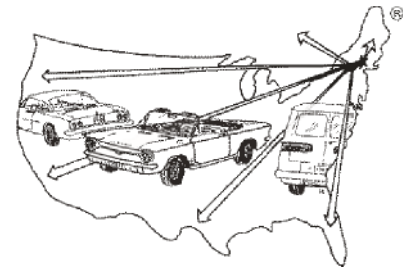
Location: 1333 Elephant Rd, Perkasio, PA 18944. Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Price: \$15 day of show. Rain date: November 11. All makes and models welcome. This event draws hundreds of cars and is on the Philadelphia Corvair Association's event schedule, so we'll have plenty of Corvair company.

Sunday, November 5, 2017 :::: Riegelsville Fall Rollout Car Show

Location: Riegelsville Ball Park, Route 611, Riegelsville, PA. Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Price: No entry or registration fee. No Vehicles newer than 1991. Vintage, antiques, street rods, customs & trucks. First 475 exhibitors receive dash plaques. People's Choice Trophy Awards. Borough Ordinance NO pets or bicycles!

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sible to use a huge crow bar as a lever to walk the bushing back in place. But more likely, it will be necessary to remove the trailing arm entirely and push the pushing back in place with a hydraulic press.

At that point, folks recommend either tack-welding the bushing's metal shell to the trailing arm or pinning the shell in place with heavy-duty set screws. Or, perhaps finding a trailing arm that does not have a worn-out hole where the bushing goes.

If you've experienced this condition with you late-series Corvair, we'd like to hear about it at the next LVCC meeting!

LVCC Meeting Notes

Here are the notes from our September meeting. It was attended by Dennis Stamm, Fred Scherzer, Dick Weidner, Steve Hurst, Ed Prescott, Larry Lewis, Jerry Moyer, Rich Green and Randy ohler.

The main topic was the passing of Dennis Weaver, one of our club's founding members. Dennis Stamm, Randy Kohler and Dick Weidner drove their Corvairs to the funeral. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance to pay their respects.

Dennis Stamm brought up the subject of an EZ UP for the Macungie Show. After our August meeting, we had asked Dennis Weaver to purchase one. Randy Kohler said he would look into the purchase.

Dick stated that Al Lacki would file our tax form for 2017. (This has since been completed).

Steve Hurst gave an update on his new engine. After starting it, Steve immediately noticed a compression leak. It was caused by a badly machined head gasket surface. A few days after the meeting, Steve sent the head out to Le-Vair Performance and Restoration to be properly repaired.

Ed Prescott gave a report on his rear suspension progress. He has been working on it with the aid of Fred Scherzer.

Rich Green talked about a problem he had been having with the ignition switch on his Rampside. Fred did a test on the switch and determined the cause.

Dennis Stamm gave a report on the Central PA Corvair show.

Dick Weidner gave a tip on using a jumper wire to bypass the ignition switch. He also brought a copy of Dennis' obituary and two binders of Corvair sales brochures

The November issue of Classic Car had an article on restoring of a 1962 Greenbrier.

Financial Report: Balance from Aug \$1141.82. Receipts \$296. Expenditures Newsletter \$39.23. Corsa Chapter Fee \$35. Total \$74.23. New Balance \$1,363.59.



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