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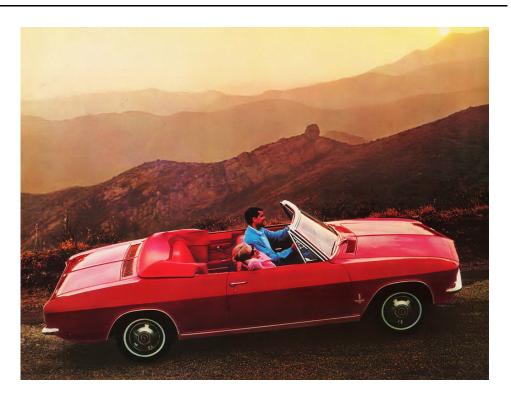
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## Come to Our Next Meeting! Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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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# Cocktail Shakers, by Jim Simpson, Group Corvair

Anyone who has taken a close look at a late-model Corvair convertible will likely have noticed large cylinders mounted in the four corners of the car; two up in front at the very forward corners of the trunk and two more back in the engine compartment in the rearmost corners. Most Corvair enthusiasts know that they have something to do with reducing vibrations in the LM convertible. But what's inside them and how do they work?

Well, while we were at the Corvair Ranch, we got a chance to take a look at the inner workings of one of these "cocktail shakers". (Chevrolet calls them "Dampeners" – not in the sense of making thing wet, but in the sense of dampening vibrations.) Jeff Stonesipher had received the remains of a burned out LM convertible. It had been in a garage fire and was totally destroyed. The dampeners had been well cooked in the fire, but were sufficiently intact so that he could cut one open and see what is inside. And here it is:



Not a lot to see, is there? Just a hunk of cast iron supported at both the top and bottom by springs. Normally the case would be filled with oil, but it was boiled out and burned in the fire.

These dampeners were designed to solve the flexure of the LM convertible body. After they removed the coupe roof as the first step in making the LM convertible, they added reinforcements inside the rocker panels. These may have given enough strength to the body, but the result was essentially two masses of metal (the front end with its suspension and gas tank and the rear end with the suspension and drive train) connected by the floor and rocker panels – a near flat piece of metal.

That flat piece of metal acts like a spring! Try this; take a ruler and hold one end tightly to a table. "Twang" the free end and watch it vibrate. That's what happens to a LM convertible when it goes over a bump or railroad track. (The roof structures on the coupes make the body much more rigid!)

The dampeners are intended to reduce that vibration – "dampen" it out. The way they work is that hunk of iron acts as a counterweight supported by the springs. When the front of the car goes up (hitting a bump) and the dampener canister goes up with it, the inertia of the iron inside tends to keep it in place compressing the lower spring. As the front of the car goes down again, the inertia of the iron tends to keep it in place, this time compressing the upper spring.

If that was all that was to it, there wouldn't be much effect on the car. But the canister is also full of oil (reportedly ATF.) When that iron mass moves through the oil, it has to displace it. That requires energy and that energy comes from the up and down vibration of the car. And that energy is con-

verted to heat. So ultimately the flexure of the LM convertible body is converted to heat in the four dampeners. (It might be interesting to attach a temperature sensor to one and then run the car down a bumpy road. I wonder how much heat would be generated.)

Some people remove the dampeners to reduce the weight of the car; after all they do weigh something like 26 lbs each. While this might give slightly better performance (every pound counts in racing), this also accelerates the flexure and ultimate fatigue failure of the welds in the body. Not a great idea.

The early Camaro and Firebird convertible also used them for the same reason. Reportedly the idea came from the '58-59 Ford Thunderbird convertibles...

#### Classic Auto Mall, by Allan Lacki

On March 24 2018, Joan and I visited Morgantown Center to attend the Morgantown Pet Expo. The expo was fine with plenty of dogs, cats and other creatures, but to our surprise, we also found hundreds of antique cars parked inside store fronts of this former mall. We had stumbled upon the Classic Auto Mall.

The variety of cars was remarkable with many from the teens, twenties, thirties and forties. There must have been a half dozen Pierce Arrows there, including a very rare 1936 - next to last year of production. Other unique orphans: Peerless, Star, Overland, Franklin, Huppmobile, Brush, Reo and yes, a Corvair!

There were plenty of more-familiar antiques there, too, including the usual Fords, Chevys, Buicks, Oldsmobiles,

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## Cocktail Shakers in Late Convertibles



Cocktail shaker shown in the left front fender of a late-series Corvair convertible.



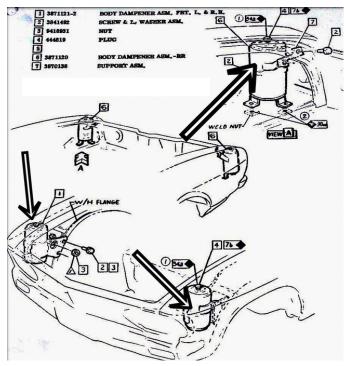
Vibration dampers are not just for old GM convertibles. Over the past ten years or so, Ford has installed them in some of their pickup trucks.

The Ford damper is much different than the type used by General Motors back in the 1960s. Basically, it's a 25 lb. round weight suspended in inside a heavy steel cage. The assembly is attached to the rear driver's side frame rail. The weight can rotate and wobble up and down thus canceling the vibration effect.

It is intended to cure an up-and-down "hopping" vibration that occurs in the pickup bed between 40 and 77 MPH.



Early Camaro & Firebird convertibles had cocktail shakers, too! Here's one in the right rear fender of a 1967 Camaro SS.



Body assembly manual shows how to install cocktail shakers in late-series Corvair convertibles.. One in each corner of the unit body. 1962-64 Corvair convertibles didn't have them, probably due to a stiffer body structure.

Plymouths, etc. Some of them were restored, but others were all-original barn finds that probably hadn't been run in fifty years or more. Fascinating!

Almost all of the cars were parked behind glass in the old abandoned store fronts, so it wasn't possible to go and touch them. But twenty or so were parked in the mall's hallways.

The "mallways" are open Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. In addition, the Classic Auto Mall has an "open house" every Wednesday between 4 PM and 8 PM.

Stewart Howden, President of the Classic Auto Mall Incorporated, wrote this about their open house events:

"The difference in the open house is that we are open later and our staff is more available to give guided tours and answer questions. During normal business hours, it's generally a self-guided tour whereas on Wednesdays from 4-8 PM, we run the shuttle cart and have more staff on hand for questions.

Starting Saturday April 7th, and running through October, we will also be starting our Cars and Coffee event every Saturday morning from 8 AM to 11 AM. Very similar to the open house on Wednesdays with free coffee provided by us. Both events are also a cruise-in as weather permits, but regardless of the weather, it's still open inside.

Classic Auto Mall 6180 Morgantown Road Morgantown, Pennsylvania 19543 www.classicautomall.com https://vimeo.com/251209608

#### March Meeting Recap!

In Attendance: Larry Asheuer Jr., Larry Asheuer Sr., Larry Lewis, Allan Lacki, Ed Prescott, Fred Scherzer, Dennis Stamm, Bob Weideman, Dick Weidner. Reports: Secretary/Treasurer Dick Weidner read the minutes of our February meeting and gave the Treasury Report. The club spent \$36.86 on newsletter expenses in March. The checking account balance is \$1,563,28. Motions to approve Dick's reports were made, seconded and approved. The club received no written correspondence over the past month.

Newsletter Postage Costs: Al Lacki said he had to add extra postage to the March issue of The Fifth Wheel newsletter because the weight of each envelope exceeded 1.0 ounces That is the upper limit for regular first-class stamps. The overage in weight was due to the fact that the March issue consisted on six double-sided sheets of paper.

Other Discussion: Dick Weidner talked about the "Corvairs at Darien Gap" article that appeared in the March issue of The Fifth Wheel newsletter. He recalled that two of the team members that made the trip also spoke at a Detroit mini-convention several years ago and showed film clips from their venture. Dick said he made an audio recording of their speech and he still has it in his possession. Dick also mentioned that he made an audio recording of Ralph Nader's speech at the 1991 CORSA convention in Washington, DC. He said he's willing to play the tapes for us if there's enough inter-

Sharing Corvair Stuff: Dick passed around several items for the members to handle. They included his collection of commemorative pins from past CORSA conventions, a copy of a "Corvair Extra" booklet containing rave reviews by owners of 1960-61 Corvairs and published by Chevrolet, and a Corvair "fan" (a hand-held fan) that Lon Wall distributed as a promotional item for his parts business years ago.



#### 4th Annual Great Phillipsburg Auto Show

LVCC member Ron Peles and his chapter of the Knights of Columbus are again hosting their annual car show in nearby Phillipsburg, NJ. The date is June 30th. Time, location and other details are listed in our Calendar of Events.

Like last year, this show will include twenty two classes <u>including a separate class for Corvairs</u>. A team of qualified volunteers will be judging the cars for engine, exterior, interior and overall appearance. Trophies will be awarded to the top three cars in each class.

Last year, seven Corvairs were entered including those owned by LVCC members Tom Hambel, Allan Lacki, Larry Lewis and Ron himself. Larry, Ron and Al walked away with awards, so the chances are good that, if you bring your own Corvair, you'll have a chance too!

The show was started in 2015 as a fundraiser for Grandma's House, a home for women homeless and pregnant, and is a project of Life Choices, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. By providing a home for pregnant women who do not have a home, Grandma's House provides an alternative to abortion in a caring and educational environment.

The show features a beautiful campuslike setting for the exhibition of special automobiles on a grassy lawn, with a stand of trees providing ample shade.

The site is provided by St. Philip and St. James School and fortunately we will have use of their hard restrooms on the exterior of the school building this year.

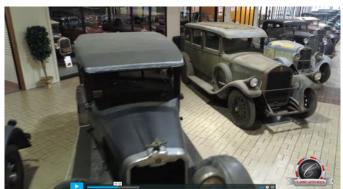
The Knights of Columbus will be providing coffee and donuts in the morning and will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers and their famous sausage sand-

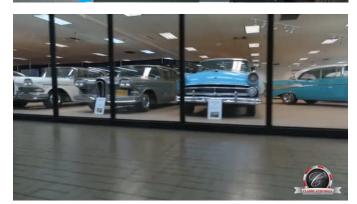
# Inside the Classic Auto Mall, Morgantown

















wiches for lunch. Ice cream and cold drinks will be available throughout the day. DJ Mike will return with his collection of fifties and sixties old time Rock and Roll. Door prizes tickets will be called throughout the day.

The show starts at 8 AM and will conclude with an awards presentation at 2 PM so there will be plenty of time to attend area cruise nights.

In the past, some very special automobiles have been exhibited at the show including a genuine Shelby Cobra (not a kit car), the 1934 Packard which chauffeured the Lindberg family to and from the Hunterdon County Courthouse in Flemington, NJ during the Lindberg baby trial, a 1927 Franklin, a 1926 Chrysler and a new Tesla sedan with the ludicrous speed option.

For more information, see our Calendar of Events or contact Ron directly via email (ronaldpeleslaw@gmail) or phone (908-479-1777).

#### Noise Reduction In Stick Shift by Milton Binon, Jan. 1987 CORSA Communique

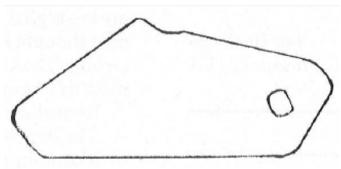
I bought my first Corvair in 1963. It was a'61, Monza coupe with 4 speed. Many years ago I found that Corvairs with automatic transmissions were much quieter inside.

Recently, I just had to find out how all the fan, engine, differential, transmission, road and tire noise got into the body. By a process of elimination, I found it got into the body through the clutch linkage cross shaft.

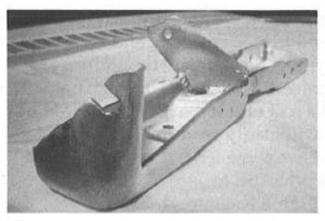
The transmission support bracket is bolted to the front of the transmission. One end of the clutch cross shaft is fitted to the transmission support bracket and the other end goes to the cross shaft bracket on the floorpan. The noise goes through the 1 ¼ inch clutch cross shaft and causes the floor pan to act like a gigantic speaker.

As the pictures show, I remove the bracket from the floor pan, throw it away, and plug the holes with bolts. I then make a new bracket and weld it to the trans support bracket to hold the inboard end of the clutch cross shaft. Total cost about \$20.

Tranquility at last - noise gone



Pattern shown for 1965 4-speed. Other years and 3-speed will vary.



Trans support with new bracket installed. Bracket is made of 3/16 inch steel plate, and is welded in place.



Trans support with new bracket and clutch cross shaft, ready to install in car.

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## Local Car Shows and Other Events

#### October 28 2017 - March 31 2018 :::: "They're Only Original Once, Survivor Cars"

Location: America On Wheels Museum, 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Call 610-432-4200 or visit http://americaonwheels.org for time, map and directions. America On Wheels Museum is excited to announce the debut of the Changing Exhibit Gallery, "They're Only Original Once, Survivor Cars." The Gallery will showcase 12 totally un-restored vehicles. "These well maintained original vehicles are the standard by which restored vehicles are judged. They are the definitive document on how they were actually assembled at the factory as well as the parts and finishes that were used."

#### Every Wednesday Night Year-Round :::: Cruise-In Car Show-Morgantown,PA

Location: 6176 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543. Behind McDonald's and Holiday Inn, Morgantown, PA. Time: 4 PM – 8 PM. All clubs, car types, trucks and motorcycles welcome. Open to the public. For additional information, call (610) 207-6100.

#### Wednesday to Sunday, April 18 to 22, 2018 :::: Spring Carlisle Swap Meet

Location: Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, PA 17013. Time: 7 AM to 6 PM Weds thru Saturday. 7 AM to 3 PM Sunday. Adult Admission: Daily Wed.- Sat. \$12 / Sun \$7 / Event Pass \$35. One of the top five automotive swap meets in the world. This 150 acre facility in Carlisle, Pennsylvania plays host to or in excess of 100,000 collector and classic automotive enthusiasts. Phone: (717) - 243 – 7855. Email: info@carlisleevents.com. http://www.carlisleevents.com

#### Sunday April 29, 2018 :::: 44th Annual Car Parts Flea Market at Leesport

Location: Leesport Farmers Market Grounds, 312 Gernants Church Road, Leesport, PA 19533. Time: 7 AM to 2 PM. Admission: Free to buyers, \$15 to vendors. The Hawk Mountain Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America hosts its annual flea market at the Leesport Farmers Market Grounds in Leesport, PA for antique and classic car parts (all makes), general antiques and collectibles, and cars for sale. Restrooms and refreshments are available on site. Phone: (610) 926-3061. Email: hawkmtv8@aol.com. http://leesportmarket.com/events/event/auto-parts-flea-market-2/

#### Saturday May 5, 2018 :::: 35th Annual Car Show & Flea Market, Allen Township

Location: Allen Township Fire Company, 3530 Howertown Rd., Northampton, PA 18067. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. (Registration begins at 7 AM). Price: \$15 day of show. Plaques to the first 200 cars. Music by Hodge Podge. Awards presented at 3 PM. Hosted by Blue Mountain Classics. Contact: Donna Tully, 610-625-0851. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/1995431424023870/

#### Saturday May 5, 2018 :::: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show at Virginville

Location: Virginville Volunteer Fire Company, 20 First Street, Virginville, PA 19564. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$12 day of event. Rain or shine. Fun, food, DJ, Chinese auction, 50/50 tickets, awards. Featuring 19 classes including motorcycle and tractor. Phone: (484) - 256 – 0573 Email: virginville33carshow@gmail.com. http://www.co.berks.pa.us/FireCo/cfcv33/Pages/default.aspx

#### Sunday May 6, 2018 :::: GM On Display - Macungie PA

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 S Poplar St., Macungie, PA 18062. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Price: \$10 day of show. All GM vehicles welcome. Featuring 60-77 compacts including Corvairs. Vendor spaces available. Call Don Haley at (610)-608-7904 or email gmondisplay@gmail.com. http://www.kscpoci.org/2018\_GM\_on\_DIsplay\_\_2018.pdf

#### Friday to Sunday, May 18 to 20, 2018 :::: Corvair Museum Opening in Decatur IL

Location: 3635 US Route 36 E, Decatur, IL 62521. Time: May 18th, 2018 12:00 PM through May 20th, 2018 4:00 PM Price: Early registration is \$35 per person, and includes museum admission, meals and fun. (On-site registration is \$45.). Museum grand opening with swap meet, car show, food, fun. Hosted by Corvair Preservation Foundation. Phone: 217/494-7105. Email: mrhvair@aol.com. https://www.corvair.org/index.php/corvair-society-of-america-2/museum-grand-opening

#### Sunday May 20, 2018 :::: Open House at the Corvair Ranch

Location: 1079 Bon-Ox Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Time: 9 AM to 4 PM. Rain or shine. Free lunch, Raffle ticket for prizes, Corvair trivia questions for prizes, Demonstration of "One New Tech - the Thermistor Replacement" by inventor Peter Faulkner. Demonstration of "Gas Heaters" by Jeb Anderson and Maeve Anderson (daughter). http://www.corvairranch.com/

# Local Car Shows and Other Events (cont'd)

#### Saturday June 2, 2018 :::: 28th Orphan Car Tour

Starting location: Jarrettsville United Methodist Church, 1733 Jarrettsville Rd. Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Start time: 9:30 AM, with cars being released onto the tour starting at 10:30 AM. End time: 4:30 PM, with dinner at Friendly Farm Restaurant, 17434 Foreston Rd, Upperco, MD 21155. Rain or shine. Entry fee of \$10 per car can be paid beforehand or at the Tour. (Note: you may do both the dinner and tour, or either one, but dinner reservations must be postmarked by May 25.) Explore the beautiful rural Hunt Valley, My Lady's Manor and Worthington Valley areas of Baltimore and Harford Counties behind the wheel of your vintage "orphan" car or truck! You'll join fellow orphan owners as you cruise 30 miles of scenic back roads, pausing every-so-often to visit points of interest along the route. Important: Bring a navigator to read driving directions! Info: (540) 364-1770 before tour; (703) 986-8785 on tour day only (cell). Email: tourdirector@orphancartour.org Website: www.orphancartour.org

#### Saturday June 9, 2018 :::: 15th Annual Fleetwood Rotary Show

Location: Fleetwood Community Park, 250 W. Main Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Cars, trucks, motorcycles welcome. Participant judging, 70 trophies (no Corvair class). Goody bags, dash plaques, breakfast & lunch available. Vendor spaces. Pre-register \$12. Day of show \$17. Info call Jim Long (484) 575-8113. Email: carshow@jblong. com. Web: www.fleetwoodPArotary.org

#### Sunday June 17, 2018 :::: 16th Annual Silver Creek Father's Day Show

Location: Silver Creek Athletic Association, 2943 Route 212, Springtown, PA 18081. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day of show registration: \$10. 21 classes with trophies (no Corvair class). Entertainment, food, drink, 50/50, playground for kids. Email: SilveerCreekAA@gmail.com. Website: www.silvercreekathleticassociation.com

#### Saturday June 30th, 2018 :::: 4rd Annual Great Phillipsburg Car Show

Location: On the Grounds of St. Philip & St. James School, Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Rain date July 1st, 2018. This is a judged show with 22 classes. Trophies awarded to the top three cars in each class. <a href="mailto:Includes a separate class for Corvairs!">Includes a separate class for Corvairs!</a> Flea market, express day of show registration, goodie bags, door prizes, awards, delicious food. Contact Ron Peles Show Chairman (908) 479-1218, ronaldpeleslaw@gmail.com. www.kofccouncil474.com

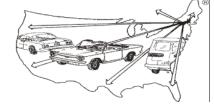
#### Monday July 23, 2018 :::: Northeast Corvair Council High Performance Driving Event

Location: Pittsburgh International Raceway Complex (PittRace) North Track, 201 Penndale Road, Wampum, PA 16157. Supplement your trip to the CORSA International Convention with a day at the track. Corvairs definitely welcome. Special "Taste of the Track" program for novice drivers. Complete details at www.neccmotorsports.com

#### Monday through Saturday, July 23 -28, 2018 :::: CORSA International Convention

Location: DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. For room reservations, call 1-800-222-8733, Group Code, CCA. Complete details about the convention are available online at: http://corvairpittsburgh.com/

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## LVCC Classified Ads!



**For Sale:** 1965 Corvair Monza Sport Coupe. 110 hp Powerglide. Factory A/C. Evening Orchid paint. Approx. 60,000 miles. One owner for the past 37 years. New show-quality paint. All engine tin and suspension parts have been powder coated. Front disc brakes. Clark's AM/FM digital radio. Dual rear speakers. Rear antenna. A/C condenser relocated to 1966 position. Several additional features. \$14,000. Location: Clinton, South Carolina. For more info contact Jerry Lopez at (864) 547-1015.

**Free!** I have a hot item at a good price for any LVCC Corvair people. Spring cleaning time and I have a '65 or '66 95 hp engine that I need to get rid of. Great engine to rebuild. Has all the parts except distributor, starter, and carbs. Came from a '66 Corvair convertible, 4 spd. Has been stored inside. Price FREE – come and pick up. Call Don at 610.367.6830. Email dgreinert@comcast.net

**Parts for Sale!** Don Reinert, one of our members, would like to sell a number of items from his inventory of used parts.

- 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 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:** 1964 Greenbrier. 95 hp 3 spd. 105,000 on odometer. Located in Delaware. \$4,500.00 obo. Brand new complete brake system master cylinder lines shoes everything. Motor running and just resealed, rebuilt carbs. Complete fuel system redone with new rubber lines and tank cleaned. Starts first time. Body in great shape. Needs axle seals, shocks and some hinge pin work. Body work done (not a great job) in 80's and stored in barn since 1990. Some body filler in spots but not bad. No rear seat. Tires are 95% new. It does have rust underneath from wet floor in barn. Call Mike Slotwinski (302) 377-5268.

**For Sale:** 1963 Corvair Monza. Good title. Powerglide. Estate sale. 120,000 miles. Car is in poor condition and needs restoration. Can be seen in Ormrod, PA (Coplay). Contact Brian Ziegler, 905 West Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. 610-972-1420 cell phone. 610-867-8973 home phone. Email bzandlkz@ptd.net



**For Sale - Make Offer:** 1964 deck lid. 1964 left convertible door. Two 1964 axles. Two 1964 rear cross springs. 1964 used wheel opening mouldings. 1964 used rocker panel mouldings. Various 1962 13" spinner wheel covers. Various full 13" wheel covers. 1962 right & left front grill mouldings (pitted). Four 1962 13" rims with belted tires. Late drums (non-finned). Early door side glass. 1961 engine, rear, trans for parts. Various starter prts. 1965 used single exhaust pipe. 1964 Turbo block with cam and crank. Call or email Fred Scherzer. (484) 948-5142. jukeboxman44@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Wednesday 04/25/2018



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## A Note to Members of LVCC

The Philadelphia Corvair Association (PCA) is LVCC's neighboring CORSA chapter. While PCA searches for a replacement editor for its newsletter, we'll be publishing PCA updates here in the "Fifth Wheel" so everybody can keep in touch. Copies are being distributed to members and friends of PCA in addition to members and friends of LVCC.

### May PCA Car Cruise

We have decided on a destination for the May PCA car cruise. We will be visiting the National Museum of Industrial History http://nmih.org/. This Museum is located on the old Bethlehem Steel property. Please plan to make an evening out of it and stay and explore the area. There are a number of restaurants within walking distance for dinner. There is also the Hoover Mason Trestle, an elevated walkway which allows visitors to walk along the old blast furnaces and get an up-close view. In the evening there will be a free concert on the Levitt Pavilion outdoor stage with the blast furnaces as the back drop. There is an ice skating rink and the Sands Casino and outlet mall nearby. You can also plan to stay for the night at the Sands Hotel without even having to move your car if you so choose. All of these things are in walking distance of where we will park our Corvairs by the museum.

#### PCA Calendar

PCA has a full roster of activities planned for the next nine months. It would be nice to see you at one of these events. \*Blue denotes the official PCA monthly event/meeting:

- 05/26/2018 PCA Club cruise to the National Museum of Industrial History and a walking tour of the Bethlehem Steel blast furnaces
- 2. 06/23/2018 Drive-in Movie Night Shankweiler's Drive-in
- 07/14/2018 Walmart Cruise Night Harleysville, PA
- 4. 07/23 7/28 CORSA's National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA
- 5. 08/05/2018 Das Awks Fescht in Macungie, PA (Pre-registered Vehicles only)
- 6. 09/??/2108 Corvair Day at AACA Museum in Hershey, PA
- 7. 10/??/2018 Rocktoberfest Car Show in Hatfield, PA
- 8. 11/03/2018 Vargo Dragway Reunion Perkasie, PA
- 9. 12/09/2018 PCA monthly Meeting at Larry Asheuer's House

If you hear of an event in your neighborhood and want to share the info, send it to Jeff Marvill so it can be added to the calendar! Email marvill3032@verizon.net.

#### PCA Officers

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#### Summer of 2018

his year is shaping up to be another spectacular season of terrific car shows, with several being truly significant.

During the beginning of each year, I start putting together a calendar of events that I want to attend once the season starts. Although I know I won't have the time to go to all the shows, it's nice to make a wish list and hope that things will work in my favor.

Besides seeing and learning about cars that I have limited knowledge of, and meeting their owners and hearing the many fascinating backstories, I'm always on the lookout for potential feature material. Attending shows is the ideal way for us to discover cars that we can

feature as driveReports, Driveable Dreams, and Restoration Profiles, and also invite to the Hemmings Concours in September.

While space limits me from mentioning all the events on my list, here are some of the major shows that you also might want to consider attending.

The month of May starts off with

what sounds like a remarkable event, the kind that rarely, if ever, happens due to the logistics of getting three clubs' national meets together at the same time and in the same place. The Classic Car Club of America will be holding its Grand National in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. On Saturday, May 5, the day of that organization's concours, the Stutz and Marmon clubs will also be hosting their annual meets at the same venue. That's right: the CCCA's Grand Classics, the Grand STuTZ, and the Marmon Muster all held together on the same show field! One can only imagine the selection of incredible Classics that will be on display there that day. This has the makings of being truly an amazing weekend, and I, for one, am looking forward to it.

Two weeks later, I plan to be in Decatur, Illinois, for the grand opening of the Corvair Museum. As part of the already-existing Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum there, the new Corvair wing will showcase many interesting and rare Corvairs, including display engines and all sorts of Corvair-related artifacts. And with the potential of seeing many Midwestern Corvairs showing up for the festivities, this is one event

that Corvair enthusiasts won't want to miss.

Speaking of Corvairs, I will also be attending the Corsa Convention, which will be held in Pittsburgh on July 23-28. There's talk of an all-Corvair road-racing event taking place on the Monday after the meet at a regional race track just north of Pittsburgh. Check the Corsa club's website at www.corvair.org/chapters/wpcc for more details.

In between the two Corvair shows, I'm going to try my best to make it to the annual Motor Muster in Dearborn, Michigan. I've been wanting to attend this event for many years, but something always came up that prevented me from attending. June 16-17 at The Henry Ford

in Greenfield Village is where thousands of collector cars are expected to take part in this incredible annual car show. But, what makes this year's event all the more special is that on June 11-15, the Early Ford V-8 Club will be holding its national convention there, as well. That's why the theme at the Motor Muster will be

"Iconic Power Plants," with the Ford V-8 being the featured vehicle. All Ford enthusiasts will surely want to be there.

Two other Pennsylvania double-header weekends will occur this summer, making the Keystone State the place to be. The Antique Automobile Club of America will be holding its Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg on July 11-14, the same weekend that the Carlisle Chrysler Nationals (July 13-15) takes place. Carlisle is only about 25 miles north of Gettysburg, making the journey between the two shows an easy trip.

Then, on August 2-4, the Oldsmobile Club of America will be holding its national meet in Gettysburg as well, and that's the same weekend as the annual Das Awkscht Fescht in Macungie. Although the towns are about two hours apart, you will have plenty of time to attend Saturday's Oldsmobile show and still be able to take in the fabulous, multi-make car show in Macungie on Sunday. I plan on taking my best shot at attending both car shows. Perhaps I'll meet you there!

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#### Corvair Trivia - Reasons to Own a Corvair 95! from Rich Greene

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#### 4rd Annual Great Phillipsburg Car Show

Saturday June 30th, 2018 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (Rain date Jul 1st, 2018)

On the Grounds of St. Philip & St. James School Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

#### All Proceeds Benefit: ST. ANN'S GRANDMA'S HOUSE

A home for women homeless and pregnant A Project of Life Choices, a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization (Registration not tax-deductible)

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ALL PREREGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 1st, 2018

SHOW CARS Pre-registration \$10, Day of Show \$15 CAR CORRAL Pre-registration \$10, Day of Show \$15

Pre-registration \$10, Day of Show \$15 (Must Exhibit NJ Sales Tax No.) FLEA MARKET **SPECTATORS** Day of Show: \$5 Per Car, includes parking, \$2 per person on foot

#### Flea Market Spaces are 10' x 15', (no reserved spots)

#### SHOW CAR CLASSES

1.	AACA First Junior or First Senior	13.	Corvair
2.	AACA HPOF (Historic Preservation of Features)	14.	Corvette
3.	Stock Pre - 1942	15.	PT Cruiser
4.	Stock 1946 - 1960	16.	Late Model Muscle not otherwise classified e.g.
5.	Stock 1960 - 1975		Challenger, Charger, Camaro
6.	Stock 1975 - 1990	17.	Tuner (Evo, STI, Honda, etc.)
7.	Stock 1990 - Present	18.	Sport Cars
8.	Modified, Street Rod to 1947	19.	Race Cars
9.	Modified, Street Machine, 1948 - 1980	20.	Jeep and Truck
10.	Modified 1980 - Present	21.	Replica and Kit
11.	Tri-Five Chevy (55, 56, 57)	22.	Exotic
12.	Mustang and Shelby Mustang		

Classes of less than 10 Cars will be combined with other similar classes at the Show Chairman's discretion.

ALL MUSIC WILL BE BROADCAST BY THE DJ. NO MUSIC PLAYED FROM SHOW CARS All participants are responsible to remove their own trash from the show field

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