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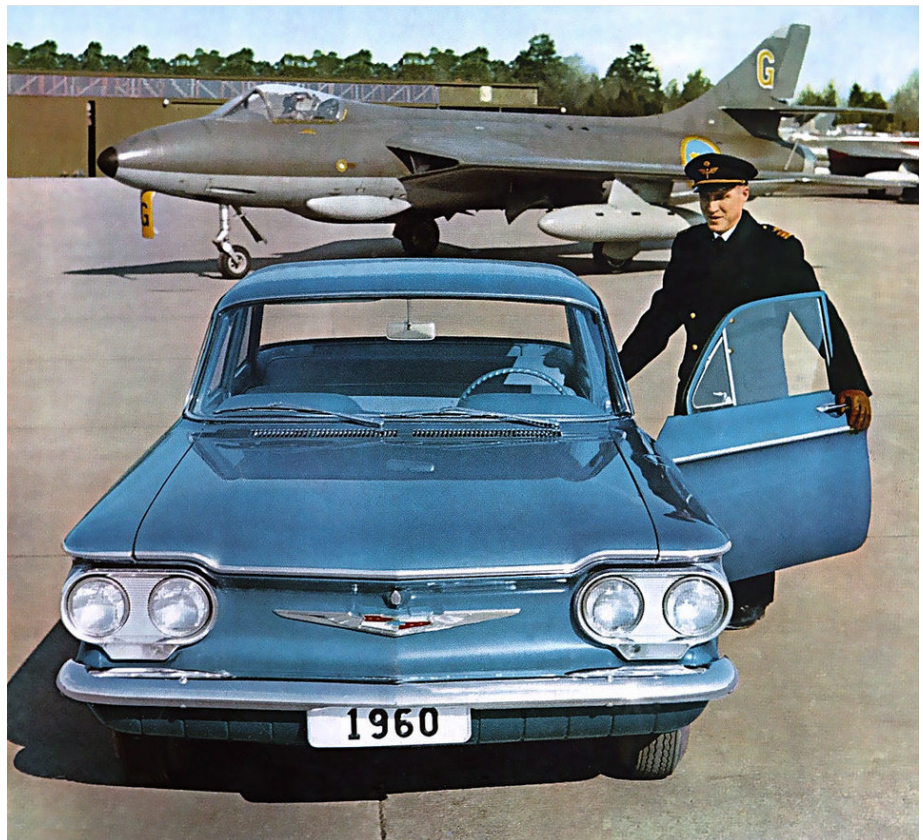
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## **Next Meeting!** Wednesday, September 25, 2019

LVCC Meeting Information: 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. 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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# ***Das Awkscht Fescht Valley Ramblings***

## ***by Randy Kohler***

Another enjoyable Das Awkscht Fescht has passed. It was a great weekend, although the festival always means that our days of summer are numbered!

This show is usually terribly hot or wet, although this year's event was dry and a slight breeze kept things comfortable.

The feature car area featured Chrysler products, and they had a real nice display under the tent, as well as other Mopars in the adjacent infield. I met with former Corvair owner and LVCC member Mark Souders, who is heavily involved with the Mopar Madness club. He has a beautiful Hemi GTX and just purchased a sharp 1962 Dart convertible from South Carolina.

Saturday, the cars are parked by AACA classes and Sunday Club Day features 40 different marque cars clubs parked in their own areas. We are fortunate to have a nice spot behind the ball field with many trees and lots of room for our cars and club tent.

We had 43 Corvairs on display on Sunday which included 5 early open, 8 early closed, 9 late open, 16 late closed and 5 forward controls. Yes, we had 5 Rampsides on prominent display out front. How cool is that? The majority of owners were from PA with 40 cars, 2 from DE and 1 from NJ.

There was the usual good food, music, craft tents and flea market. A nice late four door from Coplay was in the car corral and I found out it was sold. I talked to some of the show people and suggested that the corral be brought up into one of the upper fields where people might actually see them. They were in no-man's land because of the sparse flea market.

I always enjoy the antique toy show at the Eyer Junior High School, and Saturday's fireworks display was out-

standing! Saturday's participation award was a quartz garage light and Sunday's was an LED trouble light as well as the daily dash plaques. I signed the paperwork for next year's event and told them we love our spot!

We once again had a nice assortment of door prizes that were awarded to participants. Many thanks go to Clark's Corvair who always sends a "goodie box" with gift certificates, oil filters, valve cover gaskets, a fan belt and assorted small items.

Others who generously brought items were Larry from A&L Corvair, Dennis and Maryann Stamm, Al Lacki and Dick Weidner. Also I can't thank enough Gary Ganssle, Dennis Stamm and Dick Weidner who parked cars and worked with the signs and tent.

It is a most enjoyable event, seeing old friends and car enthusiasts from the entire hobby spectrum that I only get to see once a year! Hope to see you all there next year July 31, August 1-2 2020 with Cadillac and LaSalle featured and sponsored by the AACA museum.

### ***Installing 15x7 Wheels on a 1964 Sedan***

***By Bob Weideman***

I first saw this set of wheels listed for sale last fall on the Corvair Trader Facebook page. They are 15x7 rims sporting 205/50/r15 tires. I saved the 'for sale' ad and spent a few months contemplating how to justify spending.

Tax return season was coming up and the wheels were still for sale, so I contacted the owner. He said he was sure they would fit my sedan but was will-

ing to let me test fit them on my car before we finalized a deal.

EM sedans are notoriously hard to find aftermarket wheels that fit due to the way that the rear wheel tucks up inside the fender. I took a drive on Saturday Feb. 9th from Bethlehem Pa down to Moorestown NJ to meet with the owner and fit the wheels to the car. He was nice enough to have his floor jack and an air wrench out and ready to use.

We installed the rear wheel and it looked like it would clear in the fender; my biggest concern (more on the rear wheel fitment later). Next came the front wheel. Installed the wheel but found that the inside edge of the rim was hitting the steering arm, not allowing the wheel to sit flat against the drum. After some discussion with the owner about some possible solutions, I drive home without the wheels as I didn't want to shell out the cash for something I wasn't confident I could use.

Over the next week or two, I did some research asked a bunch of Corvair guys for ideas. The solution seemed to be switching to quick steering arms.

Great! Seems simple enough, time to buy the wheels. I even worked out a deal to avoid having to drive all the way back down to south Jersey, paid for the wheels with PayPal, and coordinated with Nick Gravino (who lives right around the corner from where the wheels were) to bring them along to the NJACE auction and pick them up from him there.

Next comes the search for quick steering arms. I find a local club member with a set of used ones he was willing to sell and made that exchange at the PCA Holiday Party.



## Das Awkscht Fescht Photos



A big turnout of early-series Corvairs.



And lots of late-series Corvairs, too!



Our friends from the Philadelphia Corvair Association.



Randy Kohler is Master of Ceremonies.



A throng of Corvair people at the door prize giveaway!



Kyle Regan's super-clean Corvair Corsa.



## Das Awkscht Fescht Photos



Picture perfect trunk of Dave Stein's 1968.



Rich Greene's potent 140 horsepower power plant.



We had 5 Rampside this year plus this Monza Jr!



Fred Scherzer's stunning Evening Orchid '65 Monza.



Ron Peles brought his award-winning Avanti this year.



Dick Weidner sets up our club banner every year!



So now that I had the wheels and the quick steering arms, it was time to plan a day to do the install. But springtime came along, work and life got busy and the months ticked by.

I finally made plans with a PCA club member who has an alignment machine in his shop to help me with the installation and a front-end alignment, since replacing the steering arms would mess with the alignment. We picked July 4<sup>th</sup> as the day. Normally we would be at the Quakertown Family Day Car Show, but since it was 90 plus degrees with a heat index of over 100, we decided that spending the day in his air-conditioned garage would be better than roasting at a car show.

Finally, the day arrived for the new wheel install. The plan was to jack up the front, swap the stock steering arms with the quick steering arms, install all four wheels, and align the front-end. Easy Peasy.

But no Corvair project is ever that easy. The front wheels came off and the stock steering arms came off with no issues. The quick steering arms installed easily too. Now we realized that the rivets in the front drums that hold the drum to the hub assembly didn't allow the rim to sit flush against the drum. We decided to remove rivets. This will also allow brake drum to be removed to service the front brakes the same way the rears work without removing the entire hub. We chiseled the rivet heads off and popped out the studs

with a punch and re-install everything on the front of the car.

At this point we thought we were ready to set up for the alignment. The car came off the jack stands and sat nicely on all four wheels, but then we realized there is an issue in the rear.

We tried to bounce the car to see how the rear wheels moved inside the wheel well and found the rear suspension seemed to be locked up. Time to investigate.

We determined that the inside of the rim is tight up against the flange on the spring tower where the rubber bump stop is. A decision was made to pull out the torch and trim off the flange.

We removed the bump stops, trimmed off about an inch of metal and reinstalled the rear wheels. Everything now fits perfectly.

Finally, time for the final alignment! The alignment machine got hooked up to the wheels, the computer spat out some information, the adjustments were made to bring everything into tolerance, and finally we were done.

Car: 1964 Monza Sedan

Wheels: XXR model 002, 15x7, 4-100/4-4.5 bolt pattern with an offset of +38 mm

Tires: Conti 205/50/r15

## ***Collector Car & Antique Auction***

Auctioneer: Houser Auctioneers  
(610) 799-2396

Auction Date September 21, 2019  
Sale Date: Saturday September 21, 2019

Auction Location  
322 South 8th Street  
Lehigh, PA

Time 08:00 AM  
Sale Starts At 8:30 AM

Items include: 1962 & 1963 Corvair Monza Spyders, 1949 Chevy Deluxe Sedan, 1936 Blue Bird Elgin bicycle, 1930's Colson 2 person bicycle, Monarch / J.C. Higgins / Roll Fast / B.F. Goodrich / Columbia / Colson tube style bicycles, large amount car & bicycle parts, tin toys/dolls, carnival glass, blue décor. crocks/stoneware/jugs, advertising signs & clocks, slot machine, primitives, wall & gingerbread clocks, oak furniture

Vehicles/Parts: First year in production and highly collectable 1962 Corvair Monza Spyder. A meticulous restoration making this vehicle correct in every way. Four door (????), white with red interior, 6 cylinder 145cu.in. engine with the turbo boosting the power to over 150HP. Excellent 2 owner car, garage kept and no rust. 1963 Corvair Monza Spyder: Also a

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## Installing 15x7 Wheels on an Early Sedan



It takes a bit of work to fit big wheels on an early Corvair sedan!

**Upper Left:** Tie rod ends interfered with the bigger wheels.

**Middle Left:** Solution: Quick ratio steering arms.

**Lower Left:** Result: Clearance achieved



**Upper Right:** Rear spring tower interfered with bigger wheels.

**Middle Right:** Solution: A bit of trimming. Problem fixed.

**Lower Right:** Trimming the rivets off the front brake drums.





very well done restoration inside and out. Red with black interior and top, 6 cyl 145 cu. in. engine with working turbo. 2 Owner car. Garage kept and no rust. 1949 Chevy Deluxe: four door sedan. Six cyl., 216 cu. in. engine, 3 on the tree, rare full hub caps. Beautiful vehicle inside and out. 2 Owner car with no rust.

Large amount of misc. Corvair and Chevy parts to include front and rear bumpers, suspension parts, axels, rotors, manifolds, 2000 Chevy bumper/grill, and much more.

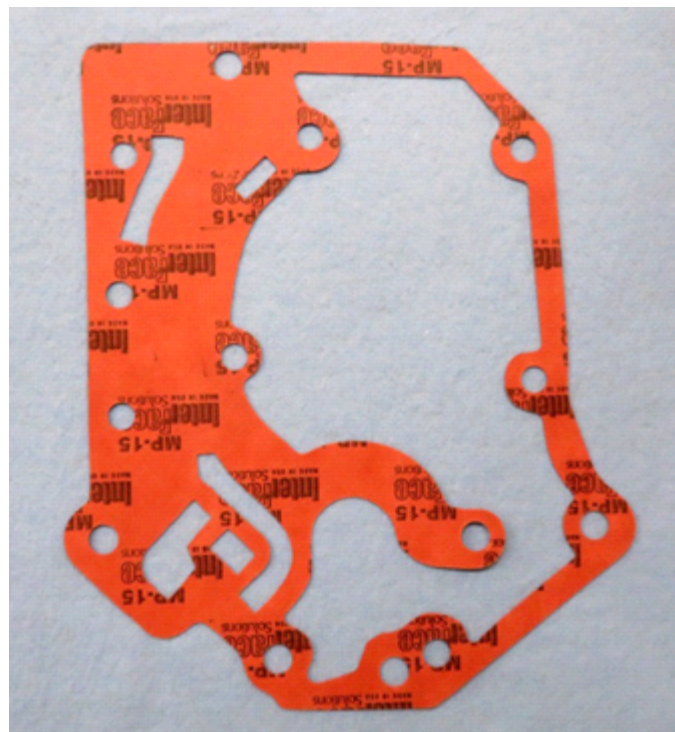
### ***Rear Cover Gasket Prep* by Rick Norris**

The one thing of many things I like to do is cleaning parts . Yeah, its grunt work but for me it is a kind of Zen thing plus the feeling of accomplishment. It doesn't take much to keep me busy.

Scraping old gaskets off is no fun but we have all had to do it and along the way we develop our own techniques for getting the job done without destroying the sealing surfaces.

I learned a trick from an "old guy racer" which is to use grease instead of any sealer. It makes removal much easier. After all, the factory didn't use anything on gaskets.

One place I will use some special akenpucky is the rear cover. As we all know this is a prime area for leaks mostly



caused by over-tightening the lower engine mount nuts which helps the thin gasket surface do a die cut job on the gasket. Since I started using the better thicker gaskets from John Sweet, using proper torque and a good sealer I have no leak issues there.

On other thing I do is level the gasket sealing surface on the part itself. These things do get warped over time and mis-use. I hit it lightly with a large flat file to take down the real high spots then I hone it by hand on a surface plate using some 400 grit wet or dry sand paper and WD40 as a lube.



**LVCC Dues are Due!** If you haven't already done so, please pay up for August 2019 through July 2020. Price? Still only \$10 for CORSA Members. \$15 for all others.

You can pay at our September meeting or mail a check to LVCC Secretary / Treasurer Dick Weidner, 2304 Main Street, Northampton, PA 18067.

# Local Car Shows & Events

## **Saturday August 17, 2019 :: Under the Stars Car Show**

Location: Perkasio Borough, 620 W. Chestnut St., Perkasio, Pennsylvania 18944. Time: 5 PM to 9 PM. Registration Fee: \$20 (day of). Spectators: Free. Event Info: 21st annual show in Perkasio's pretty town center draws 400+ classic, custom & antique vehicles. Special British Invasion exhibit this year. Trophies, 50 Top 50 plaques, 400 souvenir dash plaques. Goody bags. Music. Food. Fun. Raffle. Vendors. Contact Info: Phone: (215) 257-5065. Email: events@perkasioborough.org

## **Sunday August 18, 2019 :: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sticks Reunion Car Show**

Location: 206 E. Mountain Road, Wind Gap, PA 18091. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Gates open at 7 AM. Price: \$10 day of show. Muscle cars, street rods, antiques, classics, drag cars, motorcycles. DJ, door prizes, food & ice cream. No alcohol. No pets. Trophies at 2:30 (No Corvair class) <http://www.hi-winderscarclub.org/>

## **Saturday August 31, 2019 :: 54th Annual Duryea Day**

Location: Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA 19512. Time: 8 AM to 4 PM. Price: \$15 day of show. Antique & classic car and truck show and flea market. Car corral and flea market spaces available. Call (610) 367-2090 or visit [www.boyertownmuseum.org](http://www.boyertownmuseum.org) for more information.

## **Sunday September 1, 2019 :: 31st Annual Slatington Lions Club Car Show**

Location: Slatington Airport off Route 873, 1000 Airport Road, Slatington, PA 18080. Time: 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$20. Flea Market, Car Corral, Food, DJ, Music, 50/50. This Year's Raffle Car is a 1967 Pontiac GTO Convertible. Contact Jim Kunkle (610) 428-3244 or Charlie Sule (610) 737-5667.

## **Monday September 2, 2019 :: Conrad Weiser Lions Club 23rd Annual Labor Day Show**

Location: Robesonia Playground, 102 W. Ruth Ave., Robesonia. Registration 7:30 to 11 a.m. Show runs to 4 p.m. \$15 pre-registration by Aug. 26. \$20 day of show. Music by DJ Gary's New Energy all day and Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods from 1 to 4 p.m. Info: Brian Keppley, 610-670-2835 or [bkeppley@comcast.net](mailto:bkeppley@comcast.net)

## **Monday September 2, 2019 :: Labor Day Run and Field Meet**

Starts at the Schuylkill County Motorcycle Club, Schuylkill Mountain Road, South Manheim Township, Schuylkill County. Kitchen opens at 8 a.m. Run starts at 9 a.m. Donation of \$7. Info: [www.schuylkillcountymotorcycleclub.com](http://www.schuylkillcountymotorcycleclub.com)

## **Friday September 6, 2019 :: Friday Night Cruise-In**

Location: The Eastwood Co., 263 Shoemaker Road, West End, Montgomery County. Info: 610-323-9099. Time: from 4 to 9 p.m. Bring your hot rod.

## **Saturday September 7, 2019 :: New Hanover United Methodist Church 10th annual Car Show**

Location: 211 Swamp Pike, New Hanover Township, Montgomery County. Registration, 9 a.m.; show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date: September 8, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awards for top 40 cars. 17 special awards. Food, music, door prizes and auction items. Registration, \$15; early registration by Aug. 30, \$10. All proceeds benefit Happy 2 Be Home, which helps families who have children with disabilities. Information and register online at [www.newhanoverumc.org](http://www.newhanoverumc.org)

## **Saturday September 7, 2019 :: 15th Annual Country Car Show**

Location: Salem-Berne United Methodist Church, 292 Salem Church Road, Tilden Township. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration, \$12; day of event, \$15. Eleven judging categories. All vehicles welcome. Spectators are free for this fun, family event. Nonperishable food drive to benefit the Greater Berks Food Bank. Chicken BBQ, soups, desserts and more delicious foods available for purchase. Free kids activities. Info: [carshow@sbumc.com](mailto:carshow@sbumc.com)

## **Sunday September 8, 2019 :: Grandparents Day Celebration and Car Shows**

Location: Lutheran Home at Topton, 1 S. Home Ave., Topton, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cars may arrive after 10:30 a.m. Live music, food tent, bake sale and basket raffle. No fee. Info: [sinkovitsk@diakon.org](mailto:sinkovitsk@diakon.org)

## **Sunday September 8, 2019 :: 11th annual Drive Out Hunger Car Show & Food Drive**

Location: Downingtown East High School, Route 113 and Devon Drive, Lionville, Chester County. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date  
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# Local Car Shows & Events

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Sept. 15. Pre-registration \$12; day of show, \$15. Food, music, 50/50, contests and more. Benefits Chester County Food Bank. Info: [www.tdcmotorclub.com](http://www.tdcmotorclub.com)

## **Sunday September 8, 2019 :: Strausstown Lions Club Antique Auto Show**

Location: Strausstown Lions Community Park, Wilson Avenue, Strausstown (located along Route 183 and .5 miles south of I-78). 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration, \$10; \$15, day of show. Flea market vendors enter 6:30 a.m. Trophy presentation at 3:30 p.m. Spectator admission, \$5. Ages 16 and under, free admission. Stock cars and trucks 1900-1993, street rods and modifieds to 1993, open class from 1994 to present. Live entertainment by The Uptown Band from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Info: 484-577-5105.

## **Fri-Sat, September 13-14, 2019 :: Annual Leesport Area Community Days**

Location: Leesport Area Historical Society. 27 Washington St., Leesport. Car cruise on Friday, 5-8 p.m. Cars will be parked in a fenced-in area. Live music, DJ, food and amusements. Info: [www.leesporthisory.org](http://www.leesporthisory.org)

## **Saturday September 14, 2019 :: Chariots of Fire Fall-Fest Car Show**

Location: Boeing Stewart Avenue Parking Lot, Route 95 exit 8, Ridley Park, Delaware County, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration \$15 plus two nonperishable items for the Food Bank. Also collecting funds for turkey drive. Info: [www.chariots-of-fire.org](http://www.chariots-of-fire.org). Info: 610-322-1622.

## **Saturday September 21, 2019 :: 11th Annual Salem E.C. Church Pig Roast & Show**

Location: 2150 Old Route 22, Windsor Township. Gates open at 11 a.m. Show is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain or shine. Pig roast at 5 p.m. \$10 per person. Open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles. Info: [www.fb.com/wearesalem](http://www.fb.com/wearesalem)

## **Saturday September 21, 2019 :: Ninth Annual Car and Bike Show & Cruise**

Location: Appalachian RV Campground, 60 Motel Drive, Upper Bern Township (off Route 78/Route 22). Judging at 5:30 p.m., cruise at 6:30 p.m. and band at 8:30 p.m. Campground yard sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Craft and vendor fair 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mini-golf, hayride, fishing pond, playground restaurant and ice cream. Lorri Woodward and James Hummel duet at 7:30 p.m. Info: 610-488-6319.

## **Saturday September 21, 2019 :: Oley Fair Car Show**

Location: Oley Valley High School, 17 Jefferson St., Oley Township, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vehicle registration is \$5, and spectators are free. Info: 610-856-7964.

## **Sunday September 22, 2019 :: The Women's Club of Birdsboro Car Show**

Location: Daniel Boone High School, 501 Chestnut St., Union Township, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is \$10; registration day of show is \$12. Info: Phyllis at 484-363-0670.

## **Saturday September 28, 2019 :: Eastwood Season Ending Car Cruise-In**

Location: The Eastwood Co., 263 Shoemaker Road, West End, Montgomery County. 8 a.m. to noon. The last cruise for 2019. Info: 610-323-9099.

## **Sunday October 6, 2019 :: Advanced Auto Parts' Annual Cruisin' for the Cadets**

Location: Advance Auto Parts, 4706 Penn Ave., South Heidelberg Township. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration, \$10; spectators are free. Door prizes, music and food. All proceeds benefit Camp Cadet, Troop L. Info: 610-678-4555.

## **Tues-Sat October 8-12, 2019 :: Antique Automobile Club of America Eastern Regional Fall Meet**

Location: Hersheypark and the Giant Center in Dauphin County, 550 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey. More than 9,000 flea market spaces, 1,000 corral spaces and approximately 1,500 show cars. Car corral and flea market open each day at 7 a.m. Info: [www.hersheyaaca.org](http://www.hersheyaaca.org)

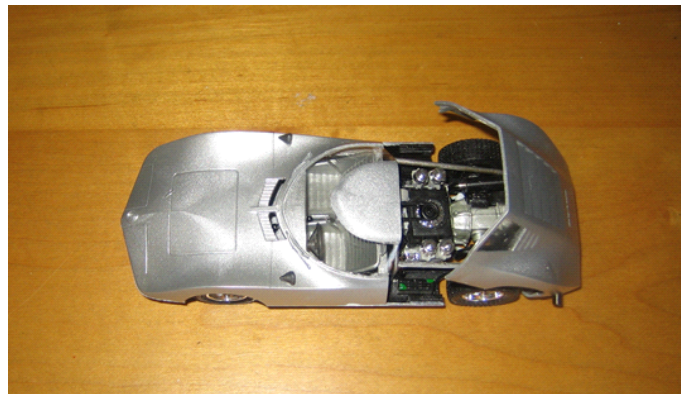
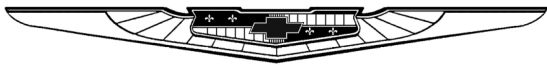
## Phil Levering Scores Big at CORSA Convention!

Phil Levering took home not one, not two, but three trophies from the 2019 CORSA National Convention in St. Charles, placing high in the standings in the Concours d'Elegance, Economy Run and Autocross. Phil also represented LVCC in the chapter roll call during the convention banquet.

Phil and Joanne, members of LVCC, serve faithfully as Concours judges every year at the convention.

Allan and Joan Lacki also attended the convention and Al took home a trophy for his entry in the Model Car Concours. The body is from an old 1970s-era Entex kit. The scale-size power train is from a 1968 AMT Corvair kit as are the seats, wheels and tires. The firewall, exhaust tubes and braced roll bar are scratch built from tubing and plastic sheet.

Both Phil and Al are currently serving on the CORSA Rally Rules Subcommittee reporting to Michael Leveque, CORSA's Competition Committee Chairman. The rally rule book hasn't been updated since 1993, so we'll be doing an update to include lessons learned since then.



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