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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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Give Fred a Lift!

LVCC Vice President Fred Scherzer had a stroke earlier this summer. He fully recovered and now feels fine except his vision is impaired in one eye. That means he can't drive at night when we have our monthly meetings.

Fred is Corvair expert par-excellence and, having been a certified Chevrolet mechanic back when Corvairs came in for service, knows every trick in the book when it comes to Corvair maintenance and repair.

And he dispenses this knowledge freely to members in need. He's such a great asset to our club. We'd really miss him if he can no longer attend our monthly meetings.

Can you give Fred a lift so he can continue to attend? I'm sure he would appreciate it. Fred lives in Perkiomenville. You can give him a call at (215) 234-4458 or send him an email at jukeboxman@comcast.net

First State Show

Our neighboring CORSA chapter in Delaware held it's annual show on August 10. It was a big success with plenty of trophies and door prizes.

As expected, most of the entrants hail from Delaware, but several drove in from Pennsylvania including your editor.

This show is always fun because the club caters to the folks who enter their Corvairs there. The word "cater" is meant to be taken literally, for coffee, soft drinks, doughnuts and sandwiches are all included in the price of registration.

Duryea Day Report

August 31 was Duryea Day! The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, along with the Pottstown Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, has been hosting the Duryea Day Antique & Classic Car & Truck Show every year since 1965. And every year, a bunch of Corvair owners put their car on display. This year was no exception.

Several members of the Philadelphia Corvair Association arrive bright and early to reserve space under a canopy of tall trees that make a comfortable setting for our cars. But you don't need to be a member of PCA. Everybody is welcome to park their Corvairs there. Folks gather around in their folding chairs in the shade and trade stories about their Corvairs and life in general. It's a good way to get to know members of our neighboring Corvair clubs and the "lone wolves" who have no club affiliation. The location also makes it convenient for your editor to distribute copies of LVCC

newsletters and CORSA membership brochures!

Of course, Corvairs aren't the only cars in attendance. Over 300 cars show up and the makes, models and years vary all over the place. There are plenty of vendors and a car corral, too. Most of the vendors are shilling car parts, but not all. For example, LVCC Veep Fred Scherzer's jukebox club had a display there. Fred was also on the crew that handled registration for the entire event.

The registration fee includes free admission to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, where you can stay as long as you like. Over the years, the museum's collection has grown and it now has a great collection of antique cars that were manufactured right here in eastern Pennsylvania. They include Duryea (naturally), Daniels, Pullman and many others.

Road Goo Removal by Rick Norris

Editor's Note: This article appeared in Rick Norris' September 17 issue of Racer Update.

Over the years I have used various and sundry potions and concoctions to remove bug jerky, love bugs, grease, tar and other road goo from my vehicles. When but a young lad I watched my

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.

First State Corvair Club Show - Lots of Blue Corvairs!



Blue '62 Monza flanked by a Corvair bicycle.



1st State Prez Mike Slotwinski's blue Rampside.



LVCC Editor Al Lacki's blue Monza.



1961 blue Lakewood wagon.



Blue Chevy Junior.



Your editor even wore his blue Corvair T-shirt!



dad use Coke-a-cola to clean his windshield! I thought he was crazy but it worked.

When you go road racing you get skid marks among other things on your windshield (I've been watching too much Britbox TV!) and your race car from hot rubber boogers being flung about by soft racing tires. The amount depends on how closely and how long you dogged that guy in front of you that you were trying to pass.

At a race several years ago someone was walking around selling something called Splat Bug and Tar remover. I bought a bottle which I still have in my shop and it worked well. They do not seem to be in business anymore but there is a plethora of chemicals available to do the deed. The idea is to have something that works fast with a minimum of scrubbing and will not harm paint. All of them will remove wax or polish I have found.

Bug jerky a.k.a. protein when left to

dry in the sun sticks like gorilla glue says it does. On my glass windshields I use a single edge razor blade to go over the affected areas first then glass cleaner. This cuts down on the amount of arm exercise required to get it clean. The razor blade will not work on my plastic windowed race car but will work on your house glass windows.

The prep solvents used by paint and body shops do a nice job also and last a long time plus dollar per ounce are cheaper as a rule. I use them as a common degreaser cleaner especially in the engine compartment.

Make sure the engine is cool as most of these will ignite.

I used to use a product called TecKleen from NAPA but it got to be too stupidly expensive then they quit making it. They did offer an environmentally safe alternative which had the same effect as throwing water at it! Worthless for my usage.

Handy Carb Hardware by Rick Norris

Here's a neat little item we all recognize at least if you build your own carbs. The link is most always worn on the end attached to the accelerator pump arm. You discover this when you try to remove it from the clip! The

throttle shaft arm is usually not worn but with this kit you get a new one anyway. I ordered a few for my race carbs and some spares.

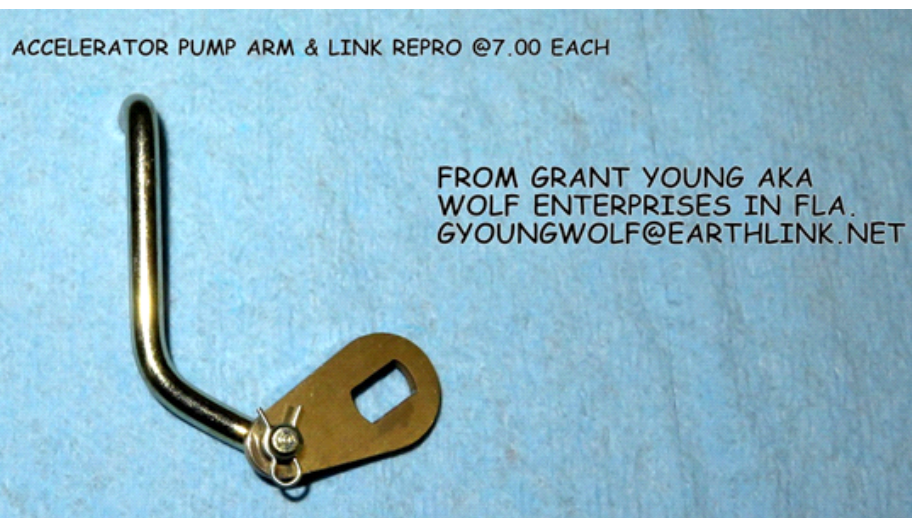
NECC at Pocono!

Twenty drivers participated in the Northeast Corvair Council (NECC) high performance driving event at Pocono Raceway's North Course on Saturday, September 14, 2019. We were hoping for a better turnout but the weather forecast was foreboding and probably scared a lot of would-be drivers away. But although it was misty, the anticipated storms did not arrive until well after we all packed up and went home. Those who stayed home missed a great day at the track.

As usual, we had a variety of makes and models of cars. The most exotic was Kim Rook's Porsche 911 Turbo GT Street R, which if the specs are correct, packs north of 700 horsepower. His buddy David Hakim drove another hi-po Porsche, a GT3 model. Both of them ripped up the track for a good portion of the day.

Richard Dougherty and Dan Jones chased each other over many many laps during the practice sessions. Richard drove his 2017 Ford Mustang GT 350 and Dan drove his 2003 Corvette

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Corvairs at Duryea Day - August 31st, 2019



PCA guys grabbed shady spot for the Corvairs.



Duryea Day draws lots of spectators.



Jeff Marvill's clean Spyder coupe.



Mary Jane Reinert's '66 Monza.



A nice '64 Monza convertible.



140 hp / 4-carb Corvair engine.

Z06. And we had a sprinkling of other serious machinery, too, including BMW sedans and more.

Sixteen drivers participated in the time trials session. David Burnham – a long-time friend of NECC – clocked the fastest time of day at 59.7 seconds in his highly-modified Maserati BiTurbo. David is no stranger to this track and he knows how to negotiate it with aplomb.

The Corvair contingent consisted of Brian Davis, John Egerton, Anthony Gravino, Dan Schmidt, Nick Schmidt and Terry Stafford. Tony's Yenko Stinger tribute car was the prettiest. Brian's transverse mid-engine Corvair was the most radical. Dan and Nick piloted old reliable Number 22, formerly owned by Al Hildebrandt. John and Terry ran their '64 Corvair coupes which always attract attention at NECC meets. John Egerton fired-off a 1 minute 7 second lap time, making him the fastest Corvair driver of the day.

All of the Corvairs ran fine. Well almost. John's harmonic balancer decided to self-destruct right as he was coming across the finish line for his final lap during the timed session. It happened at the end of the day so he didn't lose any track time.

Everybody loves a sleeper and what could be a more innocuous-looking track car than a '76 Chevette? How about one equipped with a 3800 Series II Buick V6, Corvette rear suspension, and a custom-fabricated front suspension with coil-overs? NECC's Chief of Operations Ray Zabinski has been developing this little monster over the last couple of years. It ran great at Pocono with son Kevin in the driver's seat. Best lap time: A very respectable 1 minute 5 seconds.

Speaking of lap times, you can find them all at NECC's website at neccmotorsports.com. When you get there, click on "Lap Times" on the navigation menu.

Jumper Cables **by Fran Schmidt**

Editors Note: This article appeared in the May-June 2019 issue of Corvan Antics, the official newsletter of the Corvanatics special interest group.

Now is the Season! It used to be that we would be using jumper cables all the time. Of course, with the Globe being warmed, maybe that's not happening as much. OK, but it hasn't warmed THAT much, yet.

So, here's a tip on how to keep your jumpers from dying a premature death, as mine used to do every so often, till I ... 'saw the light'.

Take a look at these two clamps. Yes, one is red, and one is black and you better know which posts they go on! Notice anything about them that seems cock-eyed? Sure, one of them has taken a bite out of a log and got its tooth replaced with a stick, right?

I did that intentionally. Here's why. The current in a clamp comes in/



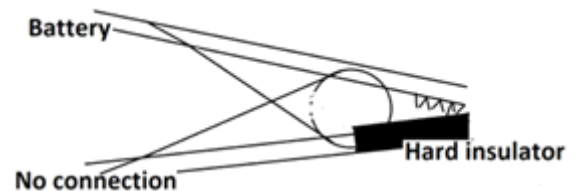
out on only one side of the clamp. Look inside and you will see no wire hooked to the other side. The teeth that are factory built into the jumper cables are put on both sides of the clamp. Only one side has any current carrying capacity at all.

If/when the "not-connected" teeth make better contact than the "real" teeth, current will be supplied to those incorrect teeth -through the spring! The spring is hard steel and not very conductive so when you pump 100 Amps through it --it gets very HOT and loses its spring-y properties and the cable falls off the post. AND your Jumper cables will work no more!

However; if you were to remove the teeth from that 'dead' side and replace them with a good solid hard NON-conductor, this bad scene would not happen. Turns out that a piece of oak (wood) is quite appropriate for this application.

An alternative would be to make a high current FLEXIBLE connection - inside the clamp, right where the spring is -between those two sets of teeth. Not an easy task, by the way. That way whichever tooth finds 'home' the current will flow nicely -and not through the spring.

Take your pick on these two options but do not use the cables as supplied. Unless, of course, you like buying replacement cables. Let's keep on CORVAIRing, Fran



The spring pushes the two halves together to make the electrical connection but only the Battery side should carry any current as the only contact with the other side is through the spring.

NECC Time Trials - September 14, 2019



John Egerton's '64 track car. Triple-barrel Webers.



Nick Gravio's son Nick drove his Stinger tribute car.



Dan & Nick Schmidt drove their #22.



Terry Stafford getting chased by a hi-po Mustang.



Brian Davis' transverse-engine supercharged V6.



John Egerton got fastest time of day for Corvairs.

Local Car Shows & Events

Saturday September 21, 2019 :::: Corvair Day at the Hershey AACA Museum

Location: A.A.C.A. Museum, 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA. Start Time: 9 AM. Contact: Phone: (717) 991-7341
Email: earlzgames@comcast.net. Show your Corvair in either Show or Daily Driver classes. Bake Sale & 50/50 tickets will be sold throughout the day and announced at the awards presentation. Scavenger Hunt through the AACA Museum. The AACA Museum, a proud Smithsonian affiliate, is a world-class automotive experience. Rear-engine car enthusiasts take note: Permanent exhibits include the world's largest display of Tucker '48 automobiles and related artifacts. Because its exhibits and events are constantly changing, browse the ACCA website to learn about their upcoming attractions. <https://www.aacamuseum.org/>

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

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.

Saturday September 21, 2019 :::: 9th Annual Car Show, Bike Show & Cruise

Location: Appalachian RV Resort, 60 Motel Drive, Shartlesville, PA 19554. Time: 2 PM to 10:30 PM. Price: \$5 day of show. Judging at 5:30 PM. Cruise at 6:30 PM. Band starts at 7:30 PM. Mine golf, hay ride, fishing pond, playground, restaurant, ice cream window. Campground-wide yard sale 9 AM to 4 PM. Craft & vendor show 2 PM to 6 PM. Contact (610) 488-6319.

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.

Saturday September 28, 2019 :::: Classic Car Show Support Our Troops

Location: Caln Village Shopping Center, Thorndale, PA 19372. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. Rain or Shine. Price: \$15 day of show. All makes and models are welcome. Antiques, Classics, Street rods, Motorcycles, Trucks, Imports, etc. All proceeds benefit Coatesville VA Medical Center. <https://cruisinclassicspa.net/2019-support-the-troops>

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

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Saturday October 19, 2019 :::: Chariots of Fire One-Day Indoor-Outdoor Car Show

Location: Classic Auto Mall Inc., 6180 Morgantown Road, Caernarvon Township, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date: Oct. 26. Registration \$15 plus two nonperishable items for the needy at Thanksgiving. Also collecting for a turkey drive. See 300 barn finds and classic cars on display indoors and a huge lot of cars outside. Info: www.chariots-of-fire.org Call 610-322-1622.

Sunday October 20, 2019 :::: Berks County Mustang Car Club's Car Show

Location: Cabela's, 100 Cabela Drive, Tilden Township. Info: www.bcmcci.com or Teresa@bcmcci.com

Friday October 25, 2019 :::: Pretzel City Rod and Custom Indoor Fall Mall Show

Location: Berkshire Mall, Wyomissing, through Oct. 27. Info: Rick at 610-678-3948 or Fran at 610-944-5515.

Saturday October 26, 2019 :::: Northern Berks EMS's 5th Annual Curt Rhine Car Show

Location: Maiden creek Community Park, 753 Park Road, Maiden creek Township. Car show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10 registration fee. Classes include imports, street rods, rat rods, motorcycles, military vehicles, classic/antique, 2WD trucks, 4WD trucks, Jeep, custom/modified, modern muscle, sports compact/tuner, special interest, pro street and lowrider. Info: 610-926-3858 or by email at communityoutreach@northernberksems.com

Sunday October 27, 2019 :::: 42nd Annual Old Car Show & Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

Location: Phifer's Ice Dam, 880 Main Road, Franklin Township, Carbon County. Rain or shine. Formerly held in Kempton, PA. Hosted by Free Spirit Chapter of Buick Club of America. **All** cars, trucks, motorcycles to 1996. Pre-registration \$7; registration, \$10. Info: 610-377-6130 or www.buickfreespirit.org

Saturday November 9, 2019 :::: Delco Cruisers' 12th Annual Salute the Troops Car & Bike Show

Location: Rosetree Park, 1671 Providence Road, Media, Delaware County. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date: Nov. 10. Info: Tom Manning at 610-329-2830 or socref6211@aol.com

Sunday December 8, 2019 :::: Delco Cruisers' 12th annual Holiday Cruise for Kids & Toy Run

Location: Rosetree Park, 1671 Providence Road, Media, Delaware County. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Collecting new, unwrapped toys for U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots. Info: Tom Manning at 610-329-2830 or socref6211@aol.com

Also, be sure to visit the *Corvair Society of America* website to see events being conducted by our neighboring *CORSA* chapters! Go to www.corvair.org and click on "Events".



Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1963 Chevy Corvair Monza 4-door sedan. Body original. Engine rebuild by previous owner. Runs, drivers. PLUS a truck-load of parts including body panels, seals, bearings, etc. Too much to list. Bring your truck! Asking \$4,000 for the entire package. Call Hank Mulvaney, Sinking Spring. (610) 603-6921.



FOR SALE: Set of four 15x6 wheels with 205/55 series Yokohama S-drive summer tires. Wheels are originally from a Mazda MX-3 GS. Proper 4x100 millimeter lug spacing for early Corvairs, but hub bore would need to be machined to fit. \$100 for all four. Also available: A duplicate set of four rims with 195/55 Hankook snow tires. Same price. Contact Allan Lacki, Sinking Spring. (610) 927-1583. Redbat01@verizon.net

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