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Next Meeting:
3rd Saturday of May 2023

America
ON WHEELS
A MUSEUM OF
Education - Entertainment - Events

Date: May 20, 2023

Time: 10 AM

Place: America On Wheels
5 North Front Street
Allentown, PA

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LVCC Swap Meet Beats the Odds

by Bob Marlow

The Lehigh Valley Corvair Club's All-Corvair Swap Meet on April 15 was an unqualified success, exceeding our expectations by a wide margin and laying the groundwork for what could become an annual Springtime event.

"Exceeding our expectations?" Yes. Admittedly, our expectations were modest, since this was the club's first attempt at such an event in well over 20 years. When the weather forecast for the day became pessimistic, our expectations diminished further. But Corvair people defied our expectations and came out in droves!

The photos found here and on the club's Facebook page will help tell the story, but there were well over a dozen vendors offering parts and overall attendance was easily double what we expected. Both the Philadelphia Corvair Association and the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts made the swap meet their "club activity" for April, and the New Jersey club alone brought more than 25 people to the event.

All told, we saw visitors from five surrounding states. Had there been a "long distance" award it might have gone to Neal Stenlund, who drove up from Alexandria, Virginia. But John Sweet, from Stoneboro, Pennsylvania, beat that distance thanks to Pennsylvania being as wide as it is. John was among our vendors, doing a good business in the quality parts he offers. He also won the 50-50 drawing, easily covering his fuel costs and more.

Provisions for our impromptu carport kitchen were procured by John Egerton, Greg Dittrich and our new club Treasurer, Joan Lacki. Joan was the busy lady at our cash register and keeper of the 50/50 box. Between food sales and the 50/50 the club actually made a few bucks on the day.

But what about the parts? Again, the photos will illustrate the point but all kinds of Corvair parts were available, everything from a very rare Corvair factory quick steering box to scads of engine tins. There were tune-up parts, gaskets, shiny wire wheel covers, mufflers, exhaust pipes and so much more. Even a complete, air-filters-to-exhaust-pipe 1964 FC engine and two entire cars. While the bulk of the parts offered were used parts, we saw several deals on new and New-Old-Stock parts.

Oh, that weather forecast? It was mostly correct, there were on-and-off sprinkles during the day but nothing to dampen the fun and the heavy rain did not arrive until the event was winding down. Still, one has to wonder how much bigger the event would have been had the weather been better. Despite

the weather we saw several visitors arriving in their Corvairs.

Thanks go out to all the people who made this event possible. The vendors, the buyers, the sellers and especially John and Barbara Egerton who hosted the swap meet at their little farm in Bath. Should we do it again next year? I vote "yes!"

Treasury Report

by Joan Lacki

Beginning Balance: April 6, 2023	\$ -
Receipts:	
Initial Deposit (Bill Geary donation)	\$ 50.00
Balance Transfer from Wells-Fargo	\$ 674.11
April 15 2023 Swap Meet	\$ 295.50
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	\$ 1,019.61
Expenses:	
Checks for New Account	\$ (12.00)
Swap Meet (John Egerton)	\$ (50.00)
Swap Meet (Greg Dittrich)	\$ -
Swap Meet (Giant)	\$ (29.78)
Swap Meet (Redner's)	\$ (20.10)
Swap Meet (Dollar Tree)	\$ (8.98)
Treasurer's Supplies (One Dollar Zone)	\$ (9.28)
Newsletter Expense (Allan Lacki)	\$ (10.58)
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	\$ (140.72)
Ending Balance: May 3, 2023	\$ 878.89

Find Us on Facebook

Since December, LVCC has been on Facebook! If you're on Facebook also, check it out! Most recently we have posted several photos of our April 15 swap meet, and we will continue to post club news, updates, and happenings going forward.

The power of online resources such as Facebook was demonstrated by the success of the swap meet, which we publicized across several Facebook groups in addition to our own.

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Dennis Stamm had a full array of items for sale.



Joe Maurella and Bob Weideman were vendors.



Bob Marlow's EZ-Up served as a base for his store.



John Sweet's array of quality parts for sale.



Joan Lacki's kitchen & 50/50 sales booth.



So many parts for sale at the LVCC Swap Meet!

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“Like” us, “Follow” us. On Facebook, just look for “Lehigh Valley Corvair Club.”

Manual Transmission Shifter Seal Leak, by Mike Dawson

Editor's Note: Here we have another informative article from Mike Dawson's "Preventive Maintenance Series". This one was published in the Heart of America Corvair Association's May 2023 newsletter, so it's hot off the press. Mike's entire series of articles can be downloaded from HACO's website at <https://tinyurl.com/57y4z5>

Leaks at the shifter seal can occur from the constant exposure to road grit at high speed or just from old age. The early design had a flange that made it easy to pry out of the case and along with the minimal loss of lube while changing the seal, it was not a major operation. All of the current seals available (4 different brand labels) are all the same design without the flange, which makes careful removal with an ice pick type tool, installation of a small sheet metal screw or similar removal method necessary. Care must be taken to avoid damage to the shaft or the cast iron case.

Installation of the new seal should include polishing the shaft while in 4th or 2nd gear (shaft out as far as possible) and use of one layer of Scotch tape overlapping the pin hole and the end of the shaft to aid in protecting the seal lips until completely installed. Even if you use fine sand paper or cloth to polish over the pin hole, the seal lips can drop into the hole and can be cut by a razor sharp edge at the hole chamfer. The tape eliminates the lips dropping into the hole area. And, as with any double lip seal, add grease in between the two lips before installing.

Note tape over the pin hole and end of shifter shaft:



Lakewood News, by Ralf Verhees

Source: This article is from "Corvair News", the quarterly magazine published by the Nederland Corvair Club. Ralf Verhees, the editor, is in the process of restoring his Lakewood wagon and recently ran into a pesky electrical problem. But with the patience of a saint, he attacked the problem step-by-step and met success in the end. As you might imagine, the article was published in Dutch. For his readers here in the USA, he converted it into English using Google Translate.

In the previous issue of "Corvair Mail", I wrote that I have been dealing with a power problem since last summer. In short: the generator would not supply any current and would not charge the battery. After three unsuccessful attempts to fix the problem, I decided to approach it differently. I was a bit fed up so I "bet on multiple horses" to tackle the problem.



I posted on Facebook if anyone had a working generator. I got different responses to that. One was from a long-time acquaintance named Jacko. (More about Jacko later in this story). Another response was from Hans Werner from Dusseldorf, Germany. Hans Werner still had a working generator lying around and wanted to sell it to me. No sooner said than done, we made the deal. Dusseldorf is only 1.5 hours away and, since it was Christmas-time, we thought it would be a nice day trip to pick up Hans' generator.

HANS

On a Saturday, we drove to Dusseldorf to visit Hans Werner. Located in a residential area behind an apartment building (you have to drive through a passage of the apartment), you

arrive at a courtyard where Hans Werner's garage and house are located.

It was his father's old garage that he now uses as a hobby room. Four Corvairs were inside including a Rampside, 4 door early sedan, early convertible and a late convertible with Weber carburetors from a Porsche. The best man is of age but still has a good sense of getting everything up and running and keeping it going.

We tested his generator, paid for it and now I had a working generator anyway to rule out the rest. 1 horse had won against the 2. On to the 2nd horse to solve the problem completely.

JACKO

My 2nd horse was Jacko's reaction. After my call on Facebook, Jacko responds, "It must be crazy if we can't find the problem. If you want to come to Assendelft, we can do anything - testing and measuring and trying it out on my Corvair van. If it works there, it should work for you too. If it doesn't work, it's the wiring harness."

I also wanted to bet on this horse (offer). Jacko has helped me with power problems before and it has always worked out, so why not now?



Assendelft is not at the door, but I can say that at 7 AM there is not much traffic on the road and we were in Assendelft at 9 AM. I talk about "we", because my "mess buddy" Hugo is also with us. Hugo helps me with the restoration of my Lakewood. We spend an evening together on the Corvair usually once a week.

In Jacko's workshop, his van was already waiting to welcome "the patient" and "doctor" Jacko proceeded step by step. Forgive me the details and technical terms of the power world, I will explain it in my language.

For our first step, we took a closer look at the generator that was original to my Lakewood, knowing that, if it was defective, we could use the one purchased from Hans instead. We put a volt meter on it and slowly rotated it. We saw on the meter that there was a reaction, so the circuit is complete. So now, we verified that the generator wanted to do something.

Jacko then took the patient to the operating table (the kitchenette) and dismantled it to check everything. After cleaning and assembly, the exterior looked about the same as it did before. However, the interior was now fresh and clean and looked fine according to doctor Jacko.



Now it was time to get Jacko's van. His generator had to make way for my generator. Swapped and reconnected all wires, it was time for the big test. The ignition came on and the generator began to spin. The light on the dashboard went out, and the voltmeter showed a nice number of 13.7 volts. The generator therefore works normally and 13.7 is more than 12 so it gives enough current to also charge the battery. So now, we were certain - there was nothing wrong with the generator, contrary to the claims of those great generator and starter motor mechanics. On to the next step

The next step was to test each of the four voltage regulators I brought to Jacko's place. We first grabbed the voltage regulator that had been on the Lakewood most recently. It turned out to be completely dead. After some testing and some smoke and such, we're sure the "old new" wouldn't work anymore, either. Written off and on to the next one. Eventually, we tested the original voltage regulator that had been on the Lakewood before the restoration and it worked fine. So Jacko and I knew we had a working generator and

voltage regulator That should work fine in my Lakewood. If not, there is something wrong with the wiring harness. After the necessary sausage rolls and cola, we drove back home around noon.

BACK TO THE LAKEWOOD

One evening that same week, Hugo and I went to install the now-tested parts on my Corvair.

Everything was still fresh in our minds and, with the photos we had made, it would be an easy job (we thought). We put the generator back in place and connected the voltage regulator in the same way as we had done on Jacko. The moment of truth...



We turned the ignition key, but everything was still exactly the same as before. The light on the dashboard was on and my voltmeter showed nothing. Back to the beginning, and contacted Jacko. We checked the terminals and found we had reversed 2 of them.

After fixing that, we tightened everything back up and started again. This time there was something different. The light was off on the dashboard (which was a good indication that it should/could work). And yet, the voltmeter gave all strange measurements and not 13.7 as we measured at Jacko. It wouldn't be that the voltmeter was broken, would it?

It was 8:30 PM and the hardware store in Eindhoven closed at 9:00 PM. At 5 of 9, we ran into the hardware store for a new voltmeter. After paying, the door was locked behind us. When we got home, the new voltmeter was put on and yes, 13.8 volts. So we had a broken voltmeter that we measured with. The old one went straight into the trash bin.

LOOKING BACK

What had been the problem in the first place? We can't say, with all those things we touched. One thing is, it still works

and hopefully it will continue to work. Another thing checked off the list. Now we can focus on the rest of the Lakewood's restoration..

Check out the Nederland Corvair Club's website here:
<https://corvair.nl/welcome-en.html>

Corvair Society of America News

Convention Special Offer: Join CORSA to attend the 2023 convention at Wisconsin Dells for a special price and free book!

To attend the convention, membership in CORSA is required. If you are already a CORSA member, you can share this news with people who may not yet be a member but want to attend the convention.

For a limited time, a Digital membership is available for \$30 for one year PLUS get a free copy of the Corvair Basics book ONLY available for pick up at the convention.

The offer is good for people who have not previously been members (not available for renewals) and only available for the Dells convention. The book offer is only good for pick up- so join, register, and get a free book and a discount!

This offer must be redeemed thru the club office by phone or email only with the code "The Dells." Contact the club office to enroll! Call, Write, or Send a Message (corvair.org) Offer is available now thru June 1st It is only good for this time (no retroactive or previous enrollments.)

Election Time: CORSA Members! It's time to vote for CORSA Board of Director positions. We have tightly-contested races going on in the Central and Eastern Divisions, so your vote really counts this time!

Voting can be done online or from a ballot published in the Communique. We encourage all CORSA members to read the candidate bios published in the April issue of the Communique and vote!

Voting is by region, which is organized by state. Pennsylvania is in the Eastern Division.





Calendar of Local Car Events

Cruise Night Anyone?

Go to <https://carmacruisefinder.com/> It's easy to use and lists more car cruises than we could possibly fit in this newsletter!

Other Car Events! LVCC-Sanctioned Events denoted with a check mark like this: ✓

May 6, 2023 39th Annual Car Show at Bicentennial Park

Location: Bicentennial Park West, 5351 Park West Lane, Bethlehem, PA. Rain Date: Sunday, May 7. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Show includes trophies, door prizes, muffler rapping contest, flea market, tricky tray, 50/50 raffle, food, and more. Any year vehicle welcome. Information and the registration form for the show is posted in the event and on our website at <https://www.bluemountainclassics.com/events/> If you have any specific questions, please contact BMC at info@bluemountainclassics.com.

May 12-13 2023 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals

Location: Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. Time: 7 AM to 6 PM both days. Price for spectators: \$10 per day. Kids under 12 free. This isn't a Corvair event but it's a lot of fun. 1,700+ unique and stunning imported vehicles from around the world as well as domestics, kit cars, motorcycles, trucks and high end performance vehicles. Interested in doing an autocross? You can do it here. (Register for the autocross online at <https://tinyurl.com/53e57u6p>) Phone: (717) 243-7855. Email: info@carlisleevents.com

Saturday May 20, 2023. Wheels on the Canal 2023 Car Show with Craft & Vendor Fair

Location: Canal Street Park, Northampton, PA. Time: 10 AM. Day of show price: \$20 per car. May 20th is the same day as our LVCC meeting. Rain Date: May 21. All proceeds go to Blue Star Mothers of America (Lehigh Valley Chapter 203) and Mission 22, United in the War Against Veteran Suicide. Phone: (610) 570-3282 Email: WheelsOnTheCanal@gmail.com

Saturday May 27, 2023. Bethesda Church 8th Annual Car Show

Location: 155 Reedsville Road (across from 23 Meadowbrook Center on Route 183), Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. Time: 10 AM to 2 PM. Rain date: Sunday May 28 from 3 PM to 7 PM. Day of show price: \$15 per car. Peer judging. No Corvair class. Live music, door prizes, food, bake sale and raffle basket. Info: call Lisa at (484) 294-6765 or email treasurer@bethesdaec.org. Website: www.bethesdaec.org

✓ Sunday June 4, 2023 - GM on Display Car Show. Includes Corvair Class.

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N. Poplar Street, Macungie, PA 18062. For details, email macungiepark@gmail.com or call (610) 966-4289

Saturday June 10, 2023. Fleetwood Show of Wheels Car Show

Location: Fleetwood Community Park, 333 W. Main Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522. Time: 8 AM to 4 PM. Day of show price: \$20 per car. Food, entertainment, flea market, door prizes. Participant judging. 17 classes (but no Corvair class). Rubber Duck Race in the creek! Questions? Gary Eberly (484) 332-1056. Garye@effectivevegs.com

Monday thru Friday, 6/12/2023 thru 6/16/2023 CORSA International Convention

Location: Chula Vista Resort, 1000 Chula Vista Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Dates: June 19th, 2023 12:00 AM through June 24th, 2023 12:00 AM. Booking Information for hotel rooms: Booking Code: i79431. Toll Free #: (844) 240-4922. Event registration to open soon (typically early April). www.corvair.org

✓ Saturday June 24, 2023 Drive-in Movie at Shankweilers

Location: Shankweiler's Drive In Theatre, 4540 Shankweiler Rd, Orefield, PA 18069. Rain date: 6/25/22. Time to be announced. Price will be standard admission price for the theater. Contact Larry Asheuer at a-lcorvair@msn.com or (267) 994-1569.

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Saturday June 24, 2023 St. John's 13th Annual Car Show

Location: 1035 Old River Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of show price: \$15 per car. Craft vendors, Door prizes, DJ, flea market, 50/50 & Belgian Sheepdog Demonstration (!) Info: Call Carol at (610) 823-2730 or (610) 582-3655. Email: office@stjohnsgibraltar.org. Website: www.stjohnsgibraltar.org

Sunday June 18, 2023 36th Annual Father's Day Rod Run

Location: Oley Fairgrounds, 477 Main Street, Oley, PA 19547. Time: 9 AM to approx. 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day of show price: \$15 per car. Open to all show cars and trucks. Vendor spaces available. Chinese auction, games for all ages. raffles, door prizes, 50-50 drawing, DJ Registration questions please call Rick @ 610-678-3948 or Fran @ 610-944-5515

Friday and Saturday, 6/23/2023 and 6/24/2023 GM at Carlisle Car Show & Swap Meet

Location: Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013. Time: 7 AM to 6 PM. Bring your vehicle and join over 1,000 other participants at the Carlisle GM Nationals. All General Motors vehicles are welcome. \$50 registration fee includes weekend admission for the car, driver and passenger. To have your entry window sticker mailed to you, please register no later than May 9, 2023. <https://carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=gm+nationals>

✓ Sunday, 8/4/2023 – 8/6/2023 Das Awkscht Fescht Club Day

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N. Poplar Street, Macungie, PA 18062. Gates for cars open from 8 AM to 12 PM each day. All vehicles welcome on Friday. Factory stock cars on Saturday. Car club on Sunday. To show your car, you must pre-register no later than July 1. Price: \$20 per car per day. Sunday is Club Day and LVCC will be there. Meet us in Corvair Row! For registration forms visit <https://awkscht.com/registration/>

✓ Saturday August 12, 2023. First State Corvair Show

Location: Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. This is an all-Corvair show sponsored by the First State Corvair Club, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America. For more info, contact Mike Slotwinski at 302-377-5268 or e-mail him at slinkyslot@verizon.net

✓ Sunday September 2, 2023 Duryea Days Car Show & Museum Visit

Boyertown Museum's 57th Annual Duryea Days Car Show. Time: Price: Contact: <https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/>

Saturday, September 2, 2023 Calvary Car Show

Location: Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, 4891 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain date: Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day). Here's a deal you don't see every day: FREE vehicle registration, FREE refreshments for all attendees and FREE activities for children. Pre-registration not mandatory but highly suggested for planning purposes. Contact Will Lockhart, No later than August 31, Will@cbfc.net, or (610) 678-5166

✓ Saturday September 16, 2023 Central PA Corvair Club's Corvair Day

Location: EMMR - 100 Baltimore Rd (US 15) York Springs, PA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Mark your calendars for this day as Corvair enthusiasts throughout the region converge at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR). The day is filled with lots of fun, food, friends, and prizes! Additional details will be posted at a later date. Contact: www.centralpacorvairclub.org

Saturday September 16, 2023 Clark's Corvair Show.

Location Clark's Corvair Parts, 400 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Entry Fee: Not listed. Help celebrate our 50th year! We will be giving tours of our machine shop and upholstery department. Cal will also be giving a presentation on the expansion of our complex over the last 50 years. There will be prizes given away every hour. We will also be offering a 10% discount for cash orders and a 5% discount for Credit card orders- Clark's will cover all sales tax for orders placed at the show. Pre-orders are welcome. For upholstery orders we ask that you order 2-3 weeks ahead as each order is custom made! We will have a food truck on site.

LVCC Classified Ads

For Sale: 1964 Spyder Coupe. Very solid body. All glass good. Factory sport steering wheel. 14" aluminum slot wheels. Drive train not installed but included in price is a complete 1965 turbo engine and a 1964 4-speed transaxle with 3:55 ratio. Price: \$5,000. Location: Bath, PA. Contact John Egerton. (610) 217-0514 jegerton@ptd.net

Jeff Marvill's Suspension Services: I have over 45 years of suspension experience and I'm extremely experienced with the Corvair suspension systems as well as all other makes of vintage cars. I also have a computerized alignment system here so all repairs can remain in house. Now that I'm retired, I have more available time to repair these great cars. I can be reached at 267-424-4911 .Jeff Marvill, Perkasié, PA

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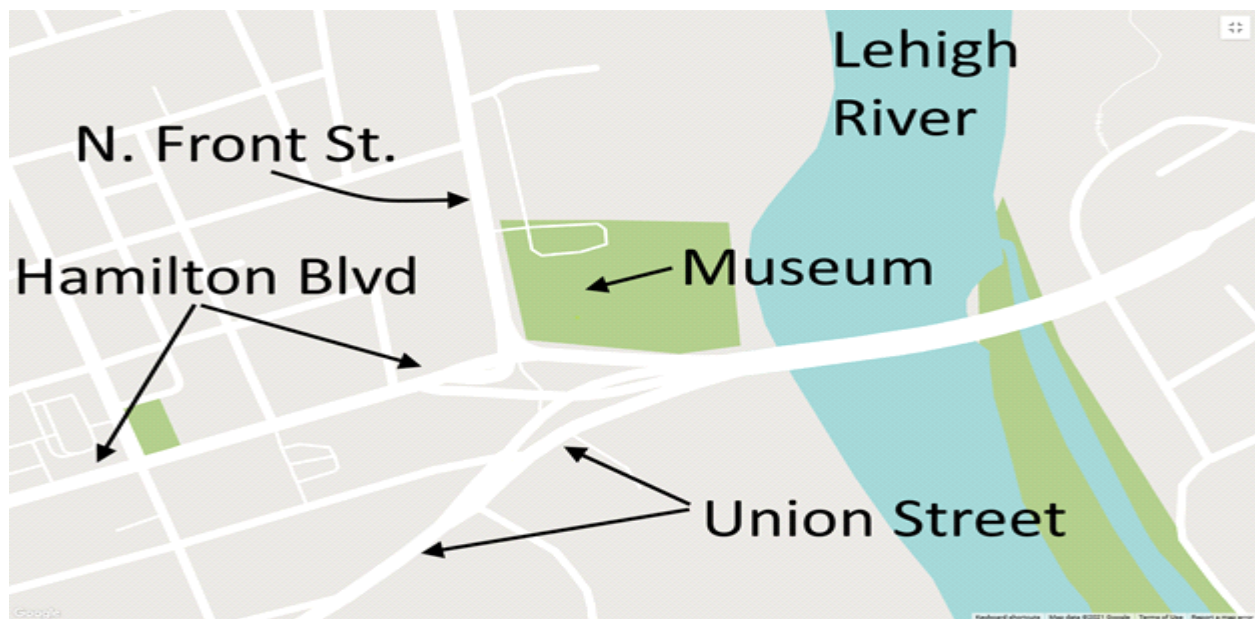
Next Meeting Date: **Saturday May 20, 2023**

Start Time: 10 AM

Place: America On Wheels Museum

5 North Front Street

Allentown, PA 18102



This month, our Prez & Vice Prez will be up at New York Safety Track playing speed racer with the Northeast Corvair Council. So, the duty for chairing our May meeting will fall upon Secretary Bob Marlow. Bob has been an officer of New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts since the early 1970s so you can be sure he'll run a great meeting. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

What's a Fifth Wheel?

1. A coupling between tractor and trailer of a semitrailer truck.
2. One that is superfluous, unnecessary, or burdensome. (Moi?)
3. A wheeled test device for recording vehicle performance
4. The official newsletter of the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club!

