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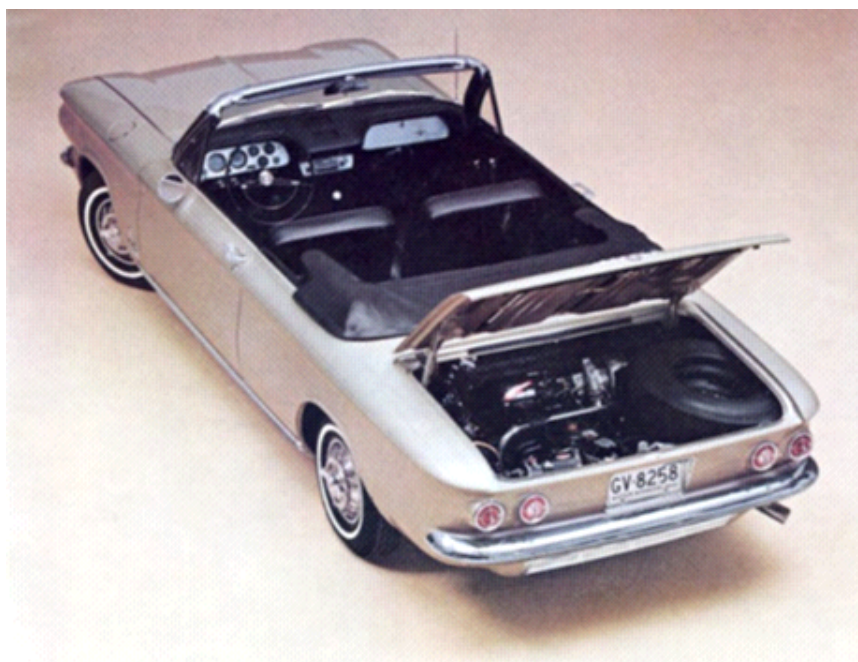
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Next Meeting:
3rd Saturday of July 2023



Date: July 15, 2023

Time: 10 AM

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

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Phil Levering Takes the Edward N. Cole Award!

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Member Philip Levering won the prestigious 2023 Edward N. Cole Memorial Award Winner at the CORSA International Convention at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

The Award was established in 1978 to honor the memory of Edward N. Cole as the father of the Corvair. This award perpetuates his memory by conducting an annual competition of the highest standards in all facets of Corvair activities. It's the highest honor bestowed by the Corvair Society of America.

Philip achieved the highest points among the competitors for the Award with participation in the Concours, Econo Run, Rally, Autocross and Banquet Attendance.

Phil was one of several LVCC members who attended the convention this year, the others being wife Joanne, Gary Ganssle, Allan Lacki, Bob Marlow and wife Susan.

Gary and Al participated in a number of activities including the (wet) Duck Boat Tour of the Wisconsin River. Bob and Sue were selling a big assortment of Corvair parts at the indoor vending area. And of course, Phil and Joanne were involved with just about everything else. Did I miss anybody?

Welcome William A. and William D. Dittrich!

We now have three members of the Dittrich Family in our ranks! Greg joined us early in the year and has been an active member ever since. Among other things, he was the beverage and ice point-person for our Swap Meet in April.

He also encouraged his father William A. and brother William D. to join us. Both are long-time car and truck collectors and, of course, they own Corvairs. Among them, William A. has a 1966 AmphiCar and yes, it floats and is water-tight!

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Jeff Strausser's '66 Monza Hardtop Sport Sedan

Jeff bought his 4-door at the 2019 Das Awkscht Fescht Car Corral from a man named Ray Deutsch and has done a beautiful job restoring it. Here it is as shown at this year's Fleetwood Antique Auto Show.



Jonas & Kara's 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible



Jonas & Kara brought their Corvair to our June meeting. Jeff describes it as "driver quality". He's being modest..

Welcome Jonas & Kara Borger!

We must be doing something right because we have two more new members of our club! Jonas and Kara joined LVCC this month and we are so happy to have them aboard. They even signed up for two years!

Jonas has several toys including a very respectable 1966 Corvair Monza convertible, a 1967 Rambler American (the Un-Corvair), and ten – that's ten – Ford trucks! Jonas' acquired his first Corvair at the tender age of fifteen, "just because they're cool."

Jonas and Kara attended our June meeting and we look forward to seeing them again and again and again in the future.

Small World!

You may recall that last month, I sent an email blast to everybody in the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia Corvair Clubs, asking for a volunteer to bring his or her Corvair to a funeral.

The deceased, Mr. Robert Naticchia, proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, was a former Corvair owner and among his wishes, he requested a Corvair to be situated in the parking lot of the church where his funeral service was to be held. The church is located in Haddonfield.

Nick Gravino responded, saying his friend Wally has a '64 convertible and he lives nearby and can do it. As it turns out, Wally was a friend of the deceased. Small world!

After the funeral, Nick reported that the Corvair tribute went well the funeral service in Haddonfield. Wally said Mr. Naticchia owned an EM at one time...a '64 convertible...which was exactly what Wally brought to the service!

Membership Renewal Time **by Bob Marlow, LVCC Secretary**

While the LVCC bylaws state that dues for membership are on a year-to-year basis running from August 1st through the following July 31st, from a practical standpoint all membership are considered to be due for renewal during the annual Das Awkscht Fescht car show.

Why? Because Das Awkscht Fescht, which occurs during the first weekend in August each year, is our club's largest annual gathering, and so it is convenient for many members to renew during the show. I'll be doing so myself.

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MINUTES

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Membership Meeting June 17, 2023 America On Wheels Museum Allentown, PA

The meeting took place in the "Hub Cap Café" with 17 persons in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Al Lacki.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report was approved as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

President Al Lacki noted that the updated club By-Laws are posted on the club's web site.

New Business:

Discussion took place concerning the upcoming drive-in movie event with the Philadelphia Corvair Association. Persons wishing to attend are asked to contact Bob Weideman to confirm.

Discussion took place concerning the upcoming CORSA convention in Wisconsin, and of the 2024 convention location, and of conventions in general.

Discussion took place concerning the Old Spokes Car Museum on Old Rt 22 near Kutztown; President Al Lacki solicited a volunteer to arrange a club visit for the Fall or Winter months.

Discussion took place concerning Das Awkscht Fescht, including the need for car owners to register no later than July 1, and a reminder the Sunday of Das Awkscht Fescht is club day.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM. This was followed by informal discussion of Corvair matters and other topics.

William D. Dittrich, brother of Greg Dittrich and son of William A. Dittrich, joined the club at this meeting. William owns one Corvair and several other vintage vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Marlow, Secretary



Car shows bring out dozens & dozens of hot rods. Tri-Five Chevies, Mustangs, GTOs, Little Deuce Coupes - We have seen them all! How about something different ?

Well, at this year's Fleetwood Car Show, we saw some unusual cars. For example, there was a little Honda Beat, a tiny two-seat mid-engine roadster only sold in Japan. It sports a 656 cc engine and a 5-speed transmission. Overall length: 129.7 inches! The tiny car brigade was also represented by a 1930s American Bantam and a late 1940s Crosley.

At the opposite end of the scale, there were two great American classics: a massive 1930 - 1931 V16 Cadillac Roadster and a 1931 straight-eight Packard dual-cowl phaeton. Nice!



This year, instead of simply collecting your dues money and saying thanks, we will ask you to fill out a membership form with basic information – name, address, phone, email – so that we can do a better job of keeping track of membership status and a better job of communicating with everyone.

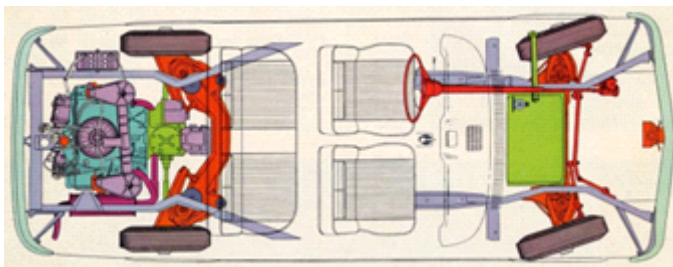
If you are going to be at Das Awkscht Fescht – and why wouldn't you be? – please look for either myself, Joan Lacki or Al Lacki among the Corvair display on Sunday and re-up. New this year is that the club now offers a two-year membership option. A one-year renewal is \$20, and a two-year renewal is \$35.

If you are not going to be at Das Awkscht Fescht you can use the membership form included on page 10 of this newsletter and mail it in with your dues payment, or you can renew at our July or August meetings at the America On Wheels museum.

And thank you for being a part of LVCC! *Bob Marlow.*

LVCC Treasury Report by Joan Lacki, Treasurer

Beginning Balance: June 5, 2023		\$ 847.12
Receipts		
* New Members	\$ 55.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 55.00
Expenses		
Newsletter photocopies & postage	\$ (10.58)	
P.O. Box Rental	\$ (88.00)	
Total Expenses		\$ (98.58)
Ending Balance: June 30, 2023		\$ 803.54
* New Members		
William D. Dittrich	\$ 20.00	1-year
Jonas and Kara Borger	\$ 35.00	2-year



Duck and Cover from the Corvair Center Forum

Editor's Note: I actually stole this from the NJACE Fanbelt, which is edited by Bob Marlow.

Here's a Corvair radio, a '63 to judge by the trim plate. See those two little triangle symbols between 55 & 7 and between 11 & 14? Do you remember why they were there?



They are CONELRAD markings, marking AM frequencies 640 and 1240 where info could be found when Khrushchev dropped the Big One and it was time to "duck and cover."

By law, radio sets manufactured between 1953 and 1963 had to have these two frequencies marked by the triangle-in-circle symbol of Civil Defense. From Wikipedia: "In the event of an emergency, all United States television and FM radio stations were required to stop broadcasting."

Upon alert, most AM medium-wave stations shut down. The stations that stayed on the air would transmit on either 640 or 1240 kHz. They would transmit for several minutes and then go off the air, and another station would take over on the same frequency in a "round robin" chain. This was to confuse enemy aircraft who might be navigating using radio direction finding."

The 1960 Corvair Owner Guide has a picture in which the CONELRAD frequencies (640 and 1240) are pointed out. From 1961-64, in both car and FC Owners Guides the CONELRAD frequencies are described in a box labelled "Radio Tips."

While the CONELRAD markings were required from 1953 to 1963, some car radios had them for a little longer. The use of these frequencies was ended in August, 1963, when the first '64 models were already on their way to the showroom; radios without the markings would not reach the factories until later.

The description of the CONELRAD frequencies is found in the first edition of the 1964 Corvair Owners Guide but is gone in the second edition.



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: ✓

Saturday July 8, 2023 7th Annual Centerport Fire Co Car Show, Craft Show & Antique Tractors

Location: Central Berks Fire Co., 111 Callow Hill Street, Centerport, PA 19516. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Craft spaces \$10 each. Peoples choice & long distance awards. Music by Sound Factory. More info, call or email Kevin Miller at (484) 955-5631 or kmillersafety@yahoo.com

Sunday July 9, 2023. New Holland Antique Car Gas Engine & Tractor Show

Location: New Holland Community Memorial Part. Pre-registration required and due no later than Noon on Saturday July 8 to be a show participant. Registration forms and related instructions at <https://tinyurl.com/ycknzu9t> . Time: 9 AM to 4 PM. Live music, food, etc. Rain or shine. Many classes for stock and modified cars but no Corvair class.

✓ Sunday, August 4, 2023 – August 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 slinkslot@verizon.net

Sunday August 13, 2023. Classics & Cruisers on Hamilton

Staging Location: America on Wheels Museum, 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM. Rain date: August 20. It's an all-day event. Rain Day of cruise price: \$25 per show car (Oy!) Cruise includes self-guided tour of AOW Museum, open house at RB Classic Car Restoration Collection, police escorted cruise to car show area, awards ceremony. Ends at "the Ritz" at 5 PM. Info: Lucinda Wright (610) 841-3506 or Asst. Chief Jim Gress (610) 439-5915.

✓ Sunday September 2, 2023 57th Annual Duryea Day Car Show & Museum Visit

Location: Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA. 19512. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of show price: \$20 per show car. Flea market & vendor spaces available. Typically includes a free pass to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. Contact: mail@boyertownmuseum.org or visit <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



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listed. Help celebrate our 50th year! Tours, door prizes and presentations. 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. 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.

Saturday September 16, 2023. Twin Cities Car Show

Location: 106 N. Susquehanna Avenue, Shickshinny, PA 18655. Time: 12 PM – 5 PM. Rain date Sunday September 17. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Spectators free. Trophies, music, dash plaques, food, 50/50, vendors, raffle baskets. Benefiting the Mocanaqua Volunteer Fire Company of Shickshinny-Mocanaqua. Contact (870) 447-8556.

Sunday September 17, 2023. 37th Annual Anthracite Region AACA Show

Location: Tri-County Little League Field, Corner of Grove & Hancock Streets, McAdoo, PA. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Judged show. No Corvair class. For info, call Joe Forish (570) 929-2017 or visit www.araaca.com

Sunday October 1, 2023. 48th Annual Fall Meet of GM Cars

Location: Padre Pio Shrine, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504. Time: 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. Rain or shine. Food, music, trophies, 50/50, door prizes, flea market. Portion of proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Flea market space: \$20. For info, call Tom Wright (610) 587-3468 tommyjw22@yahoo.com or Sandy Kemp (610) 367-6664.

For Sale: Modine Shop Heater. 150K Btu, propane. Was working when removed from shop. \$200. Contact Dan Schmidt. Call or email and leave a message. (570) 801-1710 or Aircooledan@yahoo.com

LVCC Classified Ads

For Sale: Torpedo Style Kerosene Heater. 200K Btu. Needs tune-up. Last used ten years ago. \$50. Contact Dan Schmidt. Call or email and leave a message. (570) 801-1710 or Aircooledan@yahoo.com

For Sale: Several Electric Baseboard Heaters. 200V. \$5 each. Contact Dan Schmidt. Call or email and leave a message. (570) 801-1710 or Aircooledan@yahoo.com

For Sale: Motors Repair Manuals. 1970s through early 2000s. I have dozens and dozens and dozens! \$10 each or less if purchased in bulk. Contact Dan Schmidt. Call or email and leave a message. (570) 801-1710 or Aircooledan@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1960s Allis-Chalmers Garden Tractors and implements. Have several in various conditions. All require some work. Prices vary. Contact Dan Schmidt. Call or email and leave a message. (570) 801-1710 or Aircooledan@yahoo.com

For Sale: 5 hp Sandone Air Compressor. 80 gallon 220 V. Old but was working when removed from shop. Very heavy! Contact Dan Schmidt. Call or email and leave a message. (570) 801-1710 or Aircooledan@yahoo.com

A&L Corvair Parts: New Parts: Brakes hoses, air filters, oil filters, tune-up parts, brake shoes, shocks, tail light lenses, gaskets, plugs, cables, choke pull offs, electrical switches, gas filters, caps, backup switches, suspension parts, engine bearings, valves, emblems, exhaust, turbo parts, patch panels, early bezels, head studs, 140 exhaust extractors, Y pipes, mufflers, fuzzies, clutch cables, lower bracket, heim joints, models, magazines, CORSA magazines, Hot Wheels, Racing Champions cars and much, much more. Contact Larry for pricing. Used Parts: Too many to list. Larry Asheuer Call 267-994-1569 or email: a-lcorvair@msn.com

Sky King Automotive Services: Now offering Corvair head work. Valve-seat grinding, Pro Flow grinding/ polishing, cleaning-cutting head gasket surfaces, de-flashing, thread repair. (I have measurement equip to confirm correct gasket surface depths). HV carb rebuilding. Top engine cover modifications for one gasket, no more leaks! Sound proofing interiors, gas tank replacements, as well as rear and front axle bearing units. Late rears in stock! Bob King kcovair@ptd.net or text/call to 610-442-2873.

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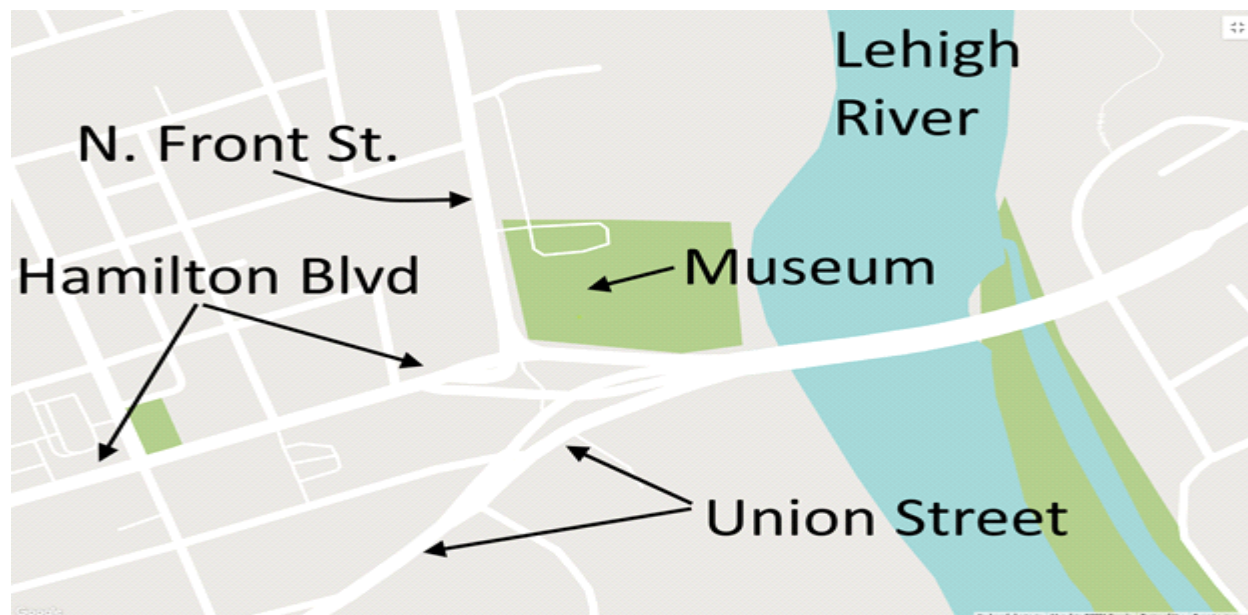
Next Meeting Date: **Saturday July 15, 2023**

Start Time: 10 AM

Place: America On Wheels Museum

5 North Front Street

Allentown, PA 18102



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**Lehigh Valley Corvair Club***c/o Joan Lacki, Treasurer**PO Box 33**Orefield, PA 18069*☐ New Membership or ☐ Renewal☐ Individual or ☐ Family***Family Membership includes two adults and all children under age 21 living at a single address.*

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name of 2nd Adult Family Member _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

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LVCC membership dues are payable as follows:

☐ One Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$20.00☐ Two Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$35.00Membership expires on July 31st

Total Remitted: \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to LVCC Inc. and mail this completed form and payment to the address above or deliver it to the Treasurer at any club event. You should receive your first newsletter within four weeks of our receiving your application.

LVCC encourages all members to join CORSA, the Corvair Society of America, P.O. Box 68, Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359 USA. Email: messages@corvair.org. Phone: (630) 403-5010

Tell us about yourself and your Corvairs

Your Corvairs (year, model, color, equipment, condition etc.) _____

Your other cars and trucks _____

Your other hobbies and interests _____

When and why did you first buy a Corvair? _____

Anything else you'd like to tell us _____

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