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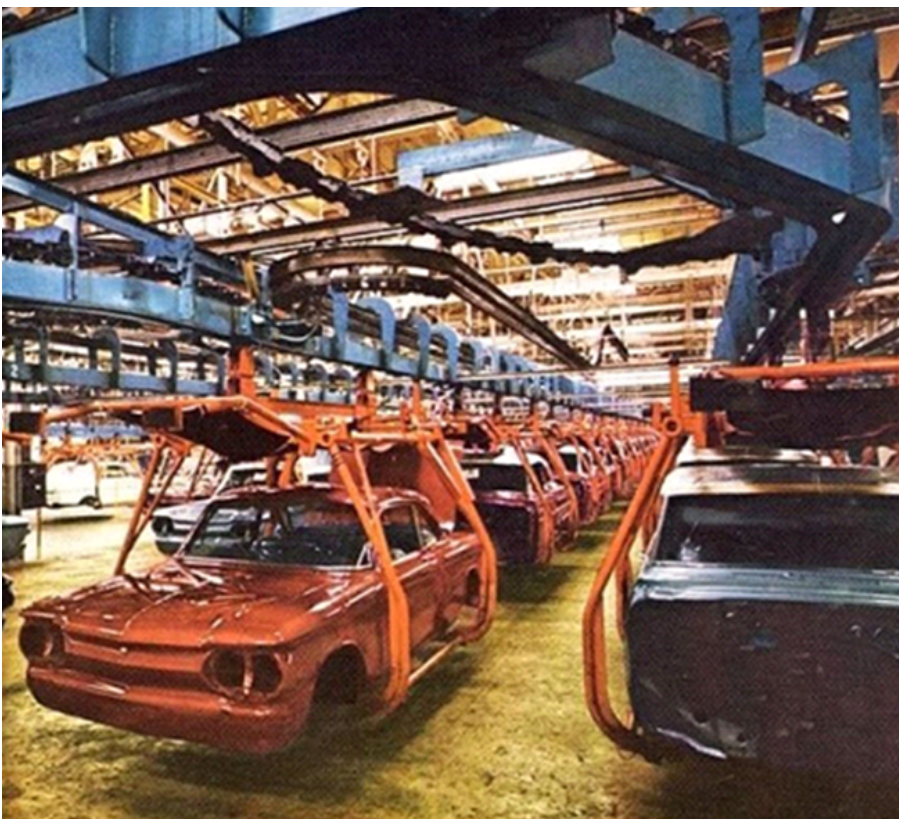
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Next Meeting: Saturday Sept. 14, 2024

>>> A Week Earlier Than Usual <<<

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Place: America of Wheels Museum

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Das Awkscht Fescht 2024, by Randy Kohler

The 61st edition of Das Awkscht Fescht is now in the books, and the weekend at Macungie brought it's usual sweltering temperatures and a bit of rain.

The show is run by the Ontelaunee Region AACA, with the Ford Mustang being this year's feature car with a nice display under the show tent. Sunday was Club day featuring 41 individual marque clubs. We are fortunate to have a nice parking area with some shade trees!

The extreme temperature and threat of showers kept our numbers down, 38 were registered although we did have 28 beautiful Corvairs come out. Attendance throughout the park seemed down. We had many more late models than early cars, which included 1 Rampside and 1 wagon.

Thanks so much to all that helped and brought along door prizes. Clark's Corvair Parts was so kind as to send us \$100 in gift certificates in \$10 and \$20 increments.

And above all, thanks to all participants that brought their cars out, I always enjoy getting to see my Corvair friends, all good folk!

See photos on next page!

Next Year. The Lehigh Valley Camaro Club will host the featured car display at next year's festival on August 1-3 2025. Pre-registration is \$17 per vehicle through December 31st, and \$20 per vehicle through July 1st, 2025.

Attention! Our Next Meeting

We're having our September meeting one week earlier than unusual. Instead of the third Saturday of the month, we'll be having it on the second Saturday, September 14th.

That will enable a bunch of us to participate in Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club's "Corvair Day" on September 21st at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR). This is a wonderful event that draws plenty of Corvairs (and Corvair owners) every year. Lots of door prizes, decent food and nice people.

Located not too far in York Springs, PA, the EMMR museum is worth a trip in and of itself, especially if you've never been there.

MINUTES ***Lehigh Valley Corvair Club***

Membership Meeting
August 4, 2024
Macungie Memorial Park
Macungie, PA

Our August meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by President Al Lacki at Das Awkscht Fescht.

Members in attendance included Larry Asheuer, Ryan Cengeri, Rich Greene, Walter Ingles, Bob King, Joan Lacki, Allan Lacki, Larry Lewis, Don Reinert, Fred Scherzer, Garry Smith, Dave Smullen, Jeff Strausser, Albert Unrath Jr., and Dick Weidner. The crowd also included several significant others and non-affiliated Corvair owners.

Al made a motion that the June minutes posted in the July newsletter be approved. Larry Asheuer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

Joan Lacki read the treasury report for the month ending July 31st and made a motion for the report to be approved. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

Each year, the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) awards plaques for the top three finishers in the Tony Fiore Memorial CORSA Chapter Newsletter competition. The number of competitors has never been announced, but CORSA has over 100 active chapters that are eligible.

This year, the LVCC "Fifth Wheel" newsletter took third place in the rankings. Marlene and Paul Passini accepted the plaque this year at the CORSA Convention banquet on behalf of editor Al Lacki. The plaque was on display under the LVCC EZ-Up. Al mentioned that the late Tony Fiore was one of the founding members of CORSA.

The members in attendance agreed that our September meeting will be held a week early, on Saturday September 14, so that members can attend Corvair Day at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing on September 21.

A member of the Studebaker club, Rob Reese, offered a pair of rocker panel moldings for 1966-69 Corvairs. Dick Weidner said he intends to sell part of his extensive collection of Corvair parts. . Another participant announced

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an event named "Cruising Returns to Allentown" which will be held on Sunday August 13. Cars will be staged on the America on Wheels Museum.

A motion to adjourn was made by Al and seconded by Bob King. The motion was approved by a show of hands. The meeting ended at 12:33 PM.

Treasury Report by Joan Lacki

The checking account balances below exclude dues revenue collected on August 4th at Das Awkscht Fesscht.

Beginning Balance: (June 31)		\$ 1,807.37
<u>Receipts:</u>		
None	\$ -	
		\$
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Newsletter (Allan Lacki)	\$ (10.60)	
Cash Box (Joan Lacki)	\$ (29.67)	
		\$ (40.27)
Ending Balance: (July 21)		\$ 1,767.10
New Members		n/a

Comments from Your Prez: With the dues collected at Das Awkscht Fescht, our bank account balance is over \$2,000 once again.

In fairness to you, our members, it's time to consider an additional activity our two so we can spend some of this loot!

Suggestions have included a covered bridge road tour, fall foliage tour, museum tours and possibly a holiday party. We need volunteers to make it happen!

Welcome New Members!

Joan's report above indicates we recruited no new members in July, but two new members joined us at Das Awkscht Fescht. They are Albert Unrath Jr. and Albert Unrath Sr. Welcome to the club!

Phil Levering Scores Again!

Congratulations Phil! Last year, LVCC member Phil Levering won the prestigious Cole Award at the Corvair Society of American convention in Wisconsin Dells. This year, at the Dayton convention in July, Phil one another award, this time for winning his class in the autocross. Phil is also one of the judges who scores the entries in the Concour d'Elegance event at the annual convention every year. Thank you for your service to CORSA!



CORSA Convention. Dayton Ohio. July 2024.



Concours Show at Carillon Historical Park.



Concours judging is serious business!



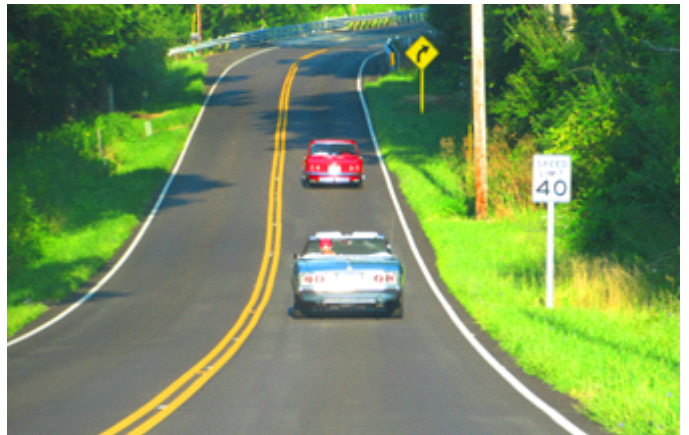
Phil Levering at the autocross starting gate.



Wes Heiss' daughter Sagan at the wheel.



Highly modified Corvair coupe at the autocross.

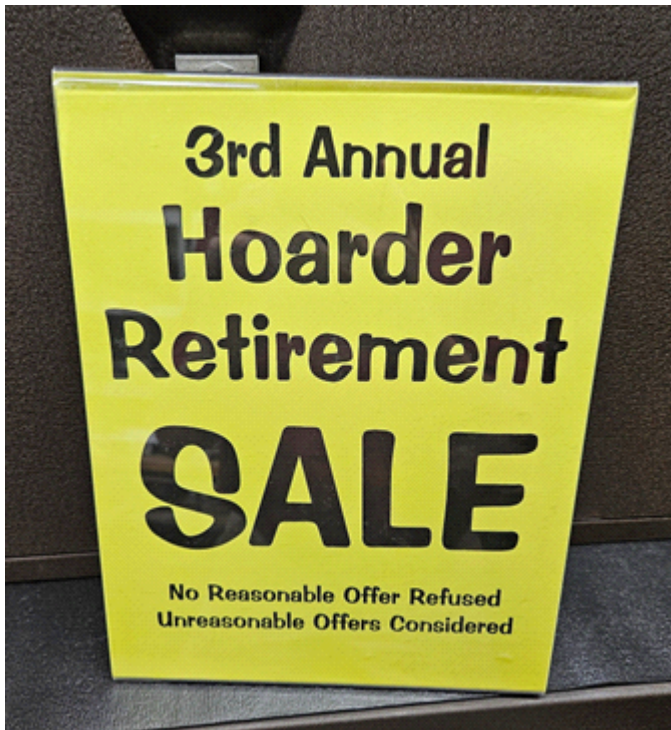


Scenic touring on the Economy Run.

I'm Cured! by Bob Marlow

I will admit freely that I have obsessive-compulsive tendencies. It's part of why I have collected Corvair parts over the years. It's also part of why I have maintained a scrupulous list of those parts.

But, following Sue's brain surgery and our move to a 55+ community in the Lehigh Valley, I made the decision to "un-ward" and start selling off my far-too-large collection of parts. In 2021, when we moved, that scrupulous list said that I had (gulp) 4,530 individual Corvair parts! It took countless trips with my truck and trailer to move it all from NJ to PA.



I have no heirs who will be interested in any of this, and if something were to happen to me I certainly don't want to addle Sue with it all. So I began selling.

My selling philosophy was "largest and heaviest first." Things like engines, transaxles, body panels, seats and glass were the first to go. Little by little, I worked my way down to the smaller items. I utilized local club events, such as our Spring Swap Meet and the annual Corvair Parts Auction in New Jersey, to make sales. I utilized other regional events, too. I also sold at the annual Detroit Corvair "Homecoming" and via the various online venues such as "Corvair Trader" on Facebook.

I also sold two pickup-loads to Clark's Corvair Parts and took two additional loads to the Corvair Ranch. I approached selling as only an OCD person can: It became my mission.

Most recently, I sold at the CORSA convention that took place in Dayton, Ohio. As a marketing gimmick and to break the ice with people visiting my tables, I had the sign shown in the accompanying photo. It worked. The sign itself drew laughs and was photographed numerous times. A significant number of women looked at it and said, "My husband needs to do that!" Sales at the convention were good.

Upon my return from the convention, as per usual I again updated my scrupulous list of parts. Where once I had thousands of parts, I now have a mere 93 individual parts! This despite buying ten Corvair carburetors from Scott Oberholtzer at our June meeting – I sold them, too.

I am going to keep selling until even those 93 remaining parts are gone. But after the convention, an interesting thought was expressed to me by a friend: I no longer qualify as a hoarder. It's a remarkably satisfying feeling.

CORSA Convention Recap by Allan Lacki

LVCC members Allan Lacki, Wes Heiss, Phil Levering, Gary Ganssle, Bob Marlow, and Don Reinert attended the 2024 Convention of the Corvair Society of America in Dayton, Ohio. The host chapters - the Dayton Corvair Club, the Corvair Club of Cincinnati, and the Columbus Mid-Ohio Vair Force - did a wonderful job in organizing this event which consisted of the usual welcome party, concours d' elegance, rally, economy run, autocross, valve cover races, tech sessions and banquet.

The hotel was clean and modern, the concours took place in a beautiful tree-lined park, the autocross took place on a real race track.

There were two special "tech" sessions. Carl Kelsen's presentation was named "Australian C.K.D Assembled Right Hand Driver Chevrolets". C.K.D. stands for "completely knocked down", referring to local assembly of full-scale cars delivered to the factory in the form of "kits" typically manufactured in the United States or Canada. Using photos and diagrams, Carl showed how the Australian branch of GM built the kits for Chevrolet.

Model car builders got a special treat this year with Mark Corbin giving an informative presentation itemizing just about all the different Corvair model kits and miniatures ever made, including promotional models, plastic kits, tin-types, die cast toys, etc. During the second half of his presentation, Mark demonstrated a wide range of tools and techniques for assembling and detailing model cars to make them as realistic as possible. Mark noted that some of these techniques can be applied to detailing full-size Corvair for exhibitions.



45th Annual CORVAIR DAY

hosted by
Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

9AM - 3PM

at
Eastern Museum of Motor Racing
100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372 (map on back)

Registration: 9AM - 12PM

Free Indoor/Outdoor Vendor Setup

REGISTRATION FORM

SHOW **DRIVER** **DON'T JUDGE**
Circle One

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Spouse/Friend _____
Address _____ Email _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Cell # _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year _____ Model _____ Body _____ Engine _____ Color _____
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EVENT FEES

	Pre-Registration	Day of Event	Total
Registration/People's Choice	\$12.00	\$15.00	_____

MEMBERSHIPS:

CORSA (New Membership)		\$45.00	_____
Central PA Corvair Club	NEW RENEWAL	1 YEAR-\$20.00 2 YEARS-\$38.00	_____
	Circle One	Circle One	

TOTAL DUE _____



Pre-Registration Deadline: August 31, 2024

Proceeds from this event go to the Salvation Army of Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster counties and the Wounded Warrior Project.

EMMR offers breakfast, lunch, and snacks items available for purchase throughout the day.

CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Central PA Corvair Club
c/o Dave Steigau
599 Westfield Drive
Landisville, PA 17538

LVCC Calendar of Events



Cruise Nights: Interested in doing a cruise night? Go to <https://carmacruisefinder.com/> It's easy to use and lists more cruise events than we could possibly fit in this newsletter!

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

Sunday August 11, 2024 - 24th Annual Perry Township Auto Show

Location: Perry Township Recreation Area, 702 Onyx Cave Road, Hamburg, PA 19526. Rain Date: August 18. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. (Pre-registration available for \$15). Door prizes. Food and music.

Saturday, August 24, 2024. First State (Delaware) Corvair Car Show

Location: Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. This is an all-Corvair show sponsored by the First State Corvair Club, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America. The entry fee covers coffee, cookies, beverages, a variety of great sandwiches for lunch, plenty of door prizes and nice trophies. It was well worth the price of registration. For more info, contact Mike Slotwinski at 302-377-5268 or e-mail him at slinkyslot@verizon.net

Saturday August 31, 2024 - 58th Annual Duryea Day Car & Truck Show

Location: Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. Price includes admittance to the Boyertown Antique Car Museum. Flea market spaces available. Hundreds of vehicles will be on display throughout the park. Shuttle service will also be available between the Park and Museum throughout the event.

Saturday, September 21, 2024 - Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club Corvair Day

Location: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR), 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Free flea market spaces. Join us for our Annual Corvair Day event being held at Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR). <https://www.centralpacorvairclub.org>

Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Fall All GM Show

Location: The Shrine for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, PA 19504. Rain or shine. Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Day of show price: \$20 per show car. Sponsored by: Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International. Info: Tom Wright 610-587-3468 or tommyjw22@yahoo.com

Battery Cables! By Fran Schmit

Source: August 2024 issue of the Leaky Seel, the official newsletter of Corvair Minnesota

The batt cable is only for the high current to the starter, right? The little wire on that same terminal feeds ALL other circuits in your CORVAIR. There are a few inches of that wire purposefully made of a smaller gauge wire. Usually you can see the splices where the little wire has been added in.

This is very much like a fuse, in that the wire itself will burn off- in a safe part of the vehicle- rather than starting a fire under your dash or wherever.

So when you look at your battery cable and see the smaller wire next to it- be aware that the short piece of smaller wire is not an accident-it is there for an emergency that hopefully you will never have to use- - like this one was!



LVCC Classified Ads



For Sale. 1965 "Corsa" convertible. A 1965 Monza, fully updated to Corsa specifications. 140-hp, 4-speed. Extensive performance modifications, including center-mount 4-bbl carburetor, Recaro seats, roll bar, electric fuel pump, and much more. Comfortable street cruiser, capable track car. Multi-time Fitch Award winner at Lime Rock. Owned for 40+ years by a long-time AACA member, CORSA member, past CORSA director, past LVCC member and past NJACE chapter officer. Being offered on behalf of the late owner's estate. Located just off I-78 near Phillipsburg, NJ. Asking price is \$16,000. Please contact Bob, voice or text at 201-444-1859, email vairteccorp@gmail.com



For Sale: 1963 Avanti. We don't usually offer non-Corvairs but this 1963 Studebaker Avanti R1 has a connection to our club. It is being offered by Gloria Peles, wife of our late member Ron Peles. This is an AACA class-winning show car. Gray with red interior. VIN: 63R2313. This car was previously owned by Ron's father Bob Peles and has been in the family for many years. Asking \$48,500. (Yeah, it's that nice!) Location: Stewartsville, NJ. Being offered on behalf of the late owner's estate. Located just off I-78 near Phillipsburg, NJ. Asking price is \$48,500. Please contact Bob, voice or text at 201-444-1859, email vairteccorp@gmail.com

For Sale: 1963 Corvair Monza Coupe. 72K miles. In dry enclosed storage for 40+ years. No rust through, creases in two doors. 100% complete. I have all the parts. Second engine comes with the car. Last titled in VA, I do not have a title. Car is presently located in Thornton, PA. \$1,500.00. OBO. Contact info: Lee. 302-420-1721 lweers@verizon.net



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, and much much more. Used Parts: Too many to list. 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 kcorvair@ptd.net or text/call to 610-442-2873.

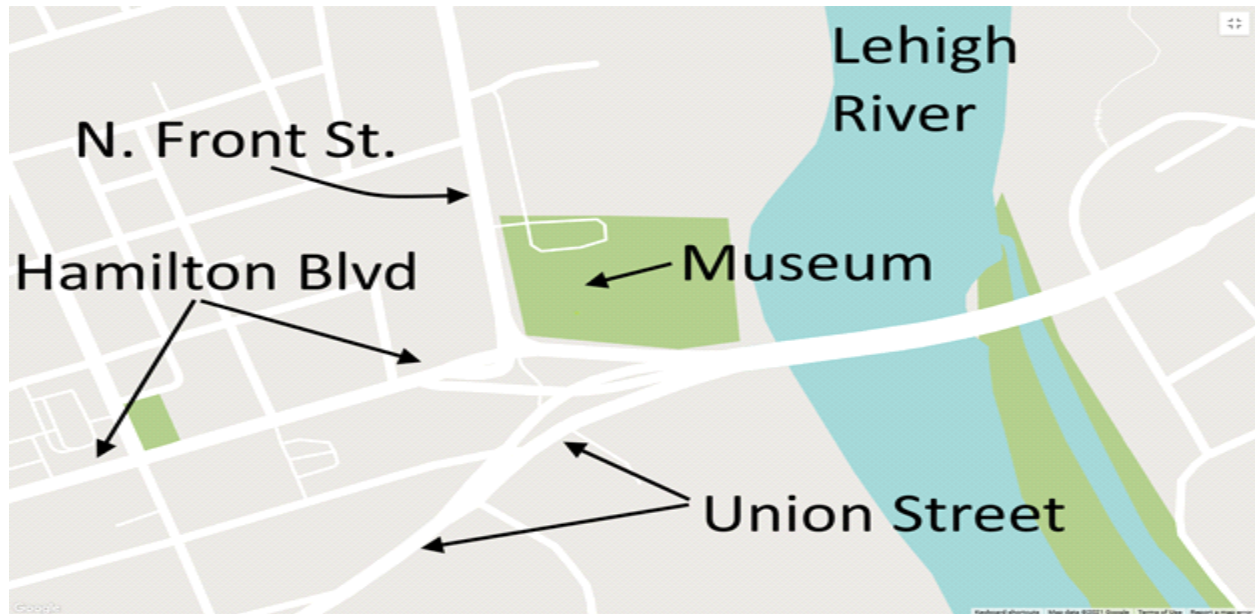
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Next Meeting Date: **Saturday September 14, 2024, 10 AM**

That's a Week Earlier than Usual!

Place: America On Wheels Museum



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