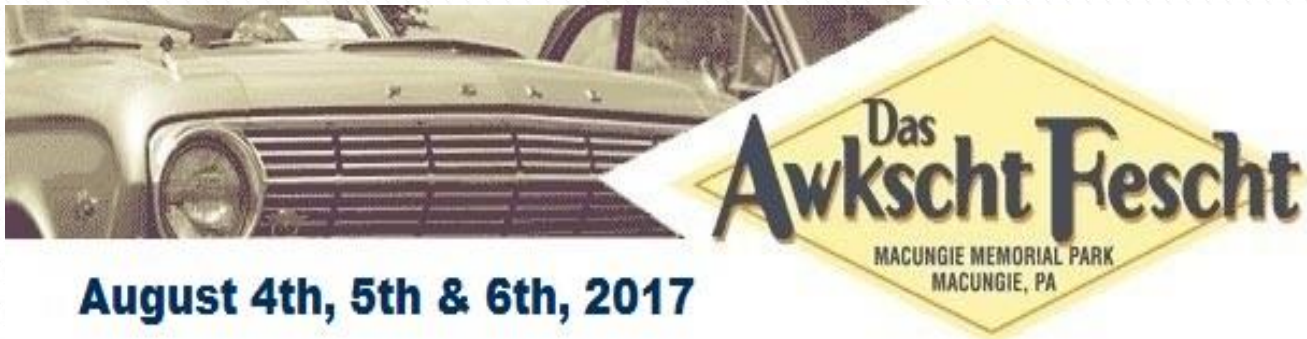


## August 2017



### **August PCA Event: Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht**

Date: Sunday August 6th

Where: Macungie memorial park

The show is all weekend, but Sunday is the day that brings out all the Corvairs. There are typically 40-50 Corvairs on the field with all the variations represented. Bring your vair or just stop by and say hi.

<http://awkscht.com> Check out the website for details on this annual show.

## **Upcoming events:**

To see the online event calendar, click the following link: [PCA event calendar](#)

Some of these events do not yet have dates. The dates will be entered as soon as we get confirmation on the correct date. Please check the online calendar regularly as events will be added throughout the year. If you hear of an event in your neighborhood and want to share the info, send it to Bob Weideman @ [4doorcorvairs@gmail.com](mailto:4doorcorvairs@gmail.com) so I can add it to the calendar!

8/6/17 [Das Awkscht Fescht Sunday Club Day](#)

8/12/17 First State Corvair show

8/19/17 under the Stars in Perkasio

8/27/17 Al Laskey Car Show in Collegeville

9/2/17 Duryea Days

9/16/27 Fall Classic at Clark's Corvair

9/23/17 [Corvair Days at the AACA Museum in Hershey](#)

10/7/17 [Rocktoberfest in Hatfield](#)

11/4/17 [Vargo Car Show](#)

12/10/12 [PCA Meeting at Larry Asheuer's](#)

\*Blue denotes the official PCA monthly event/meeting

## ***Chasing a Huffy Corvair.***

By Bob Weideman

A few weeks ago I received a text message from Larry Asheuer with a link to the Hudson Valley Craigslist site and a listing for a "1950's Huffy". It was actually a 1966 women's Huffy Corvair bicycle in pretty rough condition but it was only \$10 and it appeared to be relatively complete. The add stated "What you see is what you get". I saw a pile of parts including the frame, handlebars, both wheels, the rear chrome fender with rear rack and most importantly the tank with the Corvair script on it. Even though it was missing the



plastic headlight unit, the tank to me was worth the \$10, even if I ended up just putting it on the shelf for display. The location was upstate New York, about two hours away, just off exit 17 on the NY State Thruway. I convinced my wife to go on a road trip with me (and waste an entire Sunday afternoon) to go buy this Huffy rust bucket. We contacted the seller and made plans to meet on Sunday July 16th. Saturday afternoon rolls around and I am looking at Google Maps to get an idea of where we are heading the next

day and I see that Orange County Choppers is just off the same exit on the Thruway that we are headed to, and they have the OCC Café there (more like a sports bar than a café) so I suggest we go there for lunch first before we pick up the Huffy and my wife agrees. Sunday morning comes and we hit the road. It takes just about 2 hours to get to OCC, We get there right around lunch time and it's not as busy as I had expected. The beer menu is good, the food was good, but not great, and the connected retail shop had a number of OCC Choppers on display, many of which I recognized from watching the TV show, along with shirts and hats and other biker goodies for sale. After lunch we headed to the sellers house to pick up the bicycle. He was a nice gentleman who helped me load the bike pieces into the trunk. To my surprise he had found the front fender and included that as well. He also stated that he is sure he has the headlight unit somewhere and if he ever comes across it he would be sure to let me know and mail it to me, to which I offered to pay whatever shipping charges were. I'm not really expecting him to find it, but I'll keep my fingers crossed. He did say the bike had sat in pieces for about 16-17 years since he took it all apart. The sale was completed and we headed back to Pennsylvania, returning home about 7 hours after we left. A few evenings later I loosely assembled the bike, but found all the screws to mount the chain guard and fenders were missing. I was able to match the thread sizes up to some bolts in my stash and took them with me to the local hardware store where I found all the hardware I needed for



\$1.55. Also missing were the stem wedge and bolt that holds the handlebars in and the strap to connect the coaster brake. I checked my local bike shop but they didn't have any older parts stashed anywhere so I checked Amazon and found suitable generic replacement parts. I also ordered new whitewall tires and new tubes. The last part I will need is a new chain. My plan is to get this bike back to being a functioning rider, then decide later if I want to do any painting or restoring cosmetically. If anyone has any leads on the plastic headlight parts, please let me know!



UPDATE: New parts have arrived and are installed. This bike is now a comfortable rider!

## **Monthly Movies**

[Corvair camper van](#)

1964 Greenbrier Camper van

## Why I love '60s GM Engineering - and the A/C switch

By Bill Garrison

I have a '66 daily driver with factory air conditioning. It sure is nice on hot days. But when it breaks, parts can be hard to find. Not too many Corvairs came with A/C. One such part is the switch that changes the mode from heat to A/C. The CORSA Tech Guide shows how to use a relay to reduce the current this switch has to handle, but I never got around to installing one. And, after only 50 years, the switch on mine failed the week before the CORSA convention. I checked Clarks and other places on-line and no one had one. Since I was going to the convention, I figured maybe I could find a good used one there. Nope, didn't see one anywhere.

So, now what? Well, I could try to fix the old one or come up with some sort of substitute. Nothing fits and works as well as the factory original part and the switch was already broken, so what could I lose trying to fix the old one?

The switch is not designed to come apart. However, just 3 bent metal tabs hold it together. You can see the tabs in the picture – one by the button, two at the other end. Carefully prying them up, it all comes apart. I was amazed how simple the switch was and how it looked designed to last forever. Nothing was broken or badly worn, it just needed a cleanup and a bit of grease to go back into service.



The switch is just a plastic slide piece in a housing (left) that holds a copper plate (top center) that makes contact with terminals on a circuit board (right) when you move it. I just cleaned and greased the slide, used a Scotchbrite pad to clean the copper plate and contacts and put it all back together. It worked great!

The point of all this is to say you might be surprised what can be fixed on a '60s car. Can't find a new one? Take a good look at your old one. It might just be easy enough to fix and then work for another 50 years.

Do you save your receipts from Clarks? Bob King recently came across this receipt dated August 11, 1977. Does anyone out there have one that is older?

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## Vintage Ads

Last month we featured this great ad for camper conversions. This month I found a 1966 Ford with a very similar camper unit for sale locally on Craigslist:

<https://allentown.craigslist.org/cto/d/ford-econoline-falcon/6191251666.html>



**Stand-Up Campers**

The boom in outdoor vacations has resulted in some space-stretching conversions of American compact buses to rig them as campers.

The Home Cruiser, built by Travel Equipment Co., New York City, uses Falcon (\$3350) or Corvair (\$3650) vehicles; the Traville (Detroit 26, Mich.) Vista Camper converts the Greenlier Sports Wagon (\$4183). Their novel roofs allow stand-up cooking. Both sleep four adults and contain full kitchen, water storage and toilet facilities.

HOME CRUISER'S TOP collapses neatly, licensed as station wagons, campers can legally travel all streets.

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## **FOR SALE**

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post. Lots of fasteners (nuts bolts washers grease fittings, roll pins. Engine sheet metal / shroud top screw / bolt sets. I have some battery hold down w/ external lock-washers. Sets with all 3 sizes. Note 50 year old bolts are brittle! \$7. 00 O-ring sets 1.00\$ off / set for 5 sets give me list of what you want I get serious Fastenal discounts based on 750k corporate sales year! All grade 5 like GM spec, some GR 8. Stainless too. Also carbs don't forget. I do more than other rebuilders

All venturis miked and matched, PES valves matched, bases machined flat to eliminate warp, HP UPGRADES, which are most effective if you upgraded exhaust/ cam/ high voltage. Total restoration with some s/s parts i.e. choke plates- accelerator pump linkage, & re-plated components. Note Carbs in picture above are modified for aftermarket air cleaners that are clamped on the top carb. Thanks to all you folks calling me!

**Bob King text/call to 610-442-2873**



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Contact Larry for pricing.

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**Larry Asheuer**

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## Corvairs for Sale

### For Sale

1964 Corvair Model 700  
4 Door, Turquoise Interior and Exterior  
Totally original with 46,703 original miles.  
Very nice condition.  
In same family since new.  
Asking \$4,500 or Best Offer.  
Contact – Joe Deck @ 215-885-1408



### FOR SALE

'65 Corvair Monza. Runs very good. Rebuilt carbs, new torque convertor and HD starter. Solid body (maroon) but minor rust is starting in usual spots. Upholstery is in excellent condition (saddle). Needs carpet, fuzzies and weather-stripping. \$4300 Call or email Larry. (267) 994-1569. [a-lcorvair@msn.com](mailto:a-lcorvair@msn.com)



### For Sale

1969 Corvair 500 coupe. 35,000 original miles. Frost Green with black interior. 110 hp engine. Power glide transmission. All-new, brakes, lines, hoses, wheel cylinders, hardware, master cylinder. Rebuilt front suspension. New gas tank, sender unit, sock, etc. Engine resealed, rebuilt carbs, balancer, plugs, cap, rotor, ignitor, coil, heater hoses, heater motor, exhaust y pipe, muffler, tail pipe. New Coker tires, engine wire harness, battery, carpet. All smog equipment hooked-up and works. Runs great. \$7000.00 obo. Call or email Larry. (267) 994-1569. [a-lcorvair@msn.com](mailto:a-lcorvair@msn.com)



### For Sale 1964 Spyder coupe

150 HP Turbocharged, 3 spd. (Believed to be 1 of 6 so equipped) Car has been stripped of original paint & primed, (except doors). No body filler, NO RUST! Very hard to find such a solid & complete car. (Minus carpet) Good glass. Excellent example to restore. \$3,750. Contact Dave Stein at 215-715-3755



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