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Chaparral 2D tail lights are from a ....(Guess!)

***Next Membership Meeting:***  
***Place: America on Wheels Museum***  
***Date: Saturday Feb. 15***  
***Time: 10 AM to Noon***

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# Who Comes Up With This Stuff ???

Isn't the internet a wonderful thing? I read it on the internet so it must be true!

I don't know what's fueling this, but over the past several months, a lot of YouTube videos have been featuring Chevrolet's newest model...the 2025 Corvair! And the videos are complete with realistic – if outlandish – views of what this new Corvair will look like when it arrives in showrooms later this year.

Typically, an announcer's voice in the background plays up the 2025 Corvair's wonderful features. Here's the script from one of them:

*Today, we're diving into a blast from the past reimagined for the future – the 2025 Chevrolet Corvair. Chevy has brought back this iconic nameplate with a modern twist, blending retro aesthetics with cutting-edge technology.*

*Design and Exterior. The 2025 Corvair pays homage to its classic roots with a sleek, streamlined silhouette reminiscent of the original's charm. It features a low, wide stance and bold lines that give it a sporty and aggressive look. The front end boasts a modern interpretation of the classic Corvair grille, flanked by LED headlights that provide a futuristic touch. The rear is equally striking, with LED taillights and a subtle spoiler integrated into the trunk lid.*

*Interior and Comfort. Step inside, and you're greeted with a blend of vintage-inspired design elements and state-of-the-art technology. The cabin is spacious and luxurious, featuring high-quality materials such as leather upholstery and real wood trim. The dashboard incorporates a large digital display that handles all infotainment and vehicle settings, seamlessly integrated with a retro-inspired gauge cluster that brings back the nostalgia of the 60s.*

*Performance and Engine. Under the hood, the 2025 Corvair is anything but old-school. It's powered by a turbocharged four-cylinder engine that delivers impressive performance and efficiency. For those seeking even more excitement, there's an optional V6 variant. Both engines are paired with an advanced automatic transmission, providing smooth shifts and excellent fuel economy. With its rear-wheel-drive layout, the new Corvair offers a driving experience that's both engaging and reminiscent of its classic predecessors.*

*Technology and Emergency Braking. The car also offers multiple driving modes, allowing drivers to customize their experience based on road conditions and personal preference.*

*Conclusion. The 2025 Chevrolet Corvair is a perfect blend of past and present, offering a unique driving experience that combines the charm of the classic model with modern performance and technology. Whether you're a long-time Corvair fan or new to the name, this car is sure to impress with its stylish design, luxurious interior, and cutting-edge features.*

Really? Of course, it's all in fun. At least I hope so!

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## **Minutes Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Membership Meeting January 18, 2025 Allentown, PA**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by President Al Lacki. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the prior meeting, November, 2024, were approved as published in the December newsletter.

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

New members Pete and Nancy Pesaresi were introduced. They live in Elysburg, and have a newly-acquired 1964 Monza, 4-speed.

### Old Business

It was noted that our Covered Bridge Tour in October, 2024, was featured in the current (January/February) issue of the CORSA Communiqué. The LVCC Spring Swap Meet at Egerton's farm is confirmed for April 12. Al Lacki reported that the Northeast Corvair Council will conduct perhaps up to four track days in 2025. One of these will be at Pocono Raceway, with the others to take place at New York Safety Track. Dates yet to be confirmed.

### New Business

The annual "Automania" indoor flea market is taking place on this weekend; members are invited to attend following the meeting. The neighboring Philadelphia Corvair Association had a meet-up at the event on Friday evening. An announcement was made for the annual indoor Corvair parts auction conducted by the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts, which will take place at the Elks Lodge in Pompton Lakes, NJ, on March 1st. This year's auction will include approximately 100 lots of new and NOS parts from the col-

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# Corvair for 2025!



lection of NJACE supporter Jack Rogers.

The date for the annual "GM on Display" car show at Macungie was confirmed as June 1st; club members are encouraged to enter their Corvairs.

Bob Weideman offered to host the club at his home on October 18, as the Philly club will be there at the same time. The offer was accepted on the spot.

#### Informal Discussion

Paul Pagoda is seeking a windshield washer pump assembly. Scott Oberholtzer is seeking a tinted/shaded windshield, as the one in his car is delaminating. Bob Weideman displayed two newer Corvair small-scale models, a Matchbox Ramp-side and an Oxford Diecast Greenbrier complete with surfboards on the roof.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Marlow, Secretary

## **Treasury Report** **by Joan Lacki**

|  |                    |            |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance (Dec. 31, 2024)</b> | <b>\$ 1,896.43</b> |            |
| <u>Receipts:</u>                         |                    |            |
| None                                     | \$ -               |            |
|  |                    | \$ -       |
| <u>Expenses:</u>                         |                    |            |
| Photocopies newsletter                   | \$ (10.60)         |            |
| Other                                    | \$ -               |            |
|  |                    | \$ (10.60) |
| <b>Ending Balance: (Jan 31, 2025)</b>    | <b>\$ 1,885.83</b> |            |
| <b>Membership Dues Breakout</b>          |                    |            |
| None this period                         | \$ -               | \$ -       |
|  |                    | \$ -       |

## **Cheap Rust Removal** **by Darin Wink**

*Source: Posted on the Corvair Owners Facebook Page, January 21, 2025.*

If any of you are like me and you have more time than \$\$\$\$ , then I hope you know what a good rust removal job normal grocery store white vinegar can do. At \$3 a gallon, you can't get much more affordable.

Parts must be kept submerged and a cheap aquarium heater will accelerate the chemical reaction. Once desired results are achieved, then a soak in a base solution like baking soda water for approximately 1/2 the time of the vinegar soak. This is required to neutralize the acid that may have leached into the good metal. If this is not done then the items will flash rust immediately on hitting the oxygen in the air.

Vinegar will evaporate at the same rate as water, so covering your soaking container will help with retention. If cost is the "pro", then time is the "con".

The pictured wheel was submerged for three weeks total (two weeks in vinegar and one week in a neutralizing solution of baking soda water). I can't emphasize enough that no scrubbing was necessary. All you will be left with is whatever good steel/cast iron you started with.

The acetic acid of vinegar chemically changes any ferrous oxide (rust) into ferrous acetate (a salt) and hydrogen gas. Many of us have projects going where time is plentiful and parts are just laying around on shelves waiting. I've tried to add value to this idle part time by soaking parts in advance so they are ready for installation when I need them.

## **Zolatone Your Trunk** **by Lee Olsen**

*Source: The Flat Six Journal, the newsletter of the Mid Continent Corvair Association, May 2024*

One year ago, I was able to get my Yenko Stinger #44 back after selling it in 2006. The car was just as it was when sold it. The interior still smelled the same as when I finished restoring it. The only issue was that the splatter paint that I had applied in the trunk with rattle cans 23 years ago was flaking off. A respray was needed.

After researching, I determined that a product called Zolatone was the best quality paint to replicate the factory applied paint. I purchased a quart for around \$70. The application



# ***Darin Wink's Cheap Rust Removal***

## ***Before***



## ***After***





instructions recommended a pressure pot sprayer, I don't have one of those and they are expensive. Further research showed that a spray gun with a 2.0 mm spray tip could also be used. I purchased an inexpensive gravity feed gun from Amazon to use.

Zolatone is a strange paint. It is somewhat grainy from the small paint balls that give the finished product the splatter effect.

The instructions call for a light coat to be applied at 50 psi with the needle screwed in for a light coat, let it dry then apply the topcoat with the needle opened up at 20 PSI. Everything was going OK with the topcoat until the gun quit spraying. I dumped the paint back in the can, unscrewed the cup and found the small plastic filter under the cup was plugged. I pitched the filter and rinsed the gun with starting fluid to clean out all passages.

After this procedure, the gun worked great, and my trunk turned out great. If you are considering painting or repainting a trunk, I would recommend Zolatone. It is a very durable hard finish that looks great.

## ***Tech Tips from Detroit!***

*Source: This series of Tech Tip articles is from the February issue of The Aircooler, the official newsletter of the Detroit Area Corvair Club.*

### ***Corvair Wintertime Storage By Ken Hand***

There is a lot of misunderstanding on what people should do

to store a car for the winter time. First, you should do a normal service on the car like change the oil, grease the front end, check the air in the tires. Second, figure out where you are going to store the car for the winter and once that is accomplished and you have the car parked in its spot, roll the front windows down about 1", go to the rear and disconnect the battery, and if you have a cover, put it on now.

Each person may have their own little thing they like to do extra, but these are the basic things that should be done. One other note: once you park the car for the winter, it is actually better NOT to start the car until you are ready to drive it in the Spring.

### ***Early Fuel Pumps have Longer Rods by Clark Hartzel***

If you buy a fuel pump at a swap meet, don't forget that '60 and early '61 pumps have longer rods sticking out the bottom of the pump. The early pump number ending in 4704 sticks out about 7/16" while the newer pump number ending in 4886 sticks out about 3/16. Don't mix them up or you will have trouble.

I recommend an electric pump on all Corvairs as you can flip the switch and fill the carbs before cranking and it will clear a vapor lock. You can still use the mechanical pump for driving but the electric is a great backup and makes the car start easier after sitting for long periods.



### ***77-83 Dodge B-150 Shock Absorbers by Clark Hartzel***

I haven't tried this but rumor has it that '77-83 Dodge B-150 van or pickup shock absorbers fit early Vairs and Greenbriers. If you go to a store and ask for Corvair shocks, they look at you like you are from some other planet!

Of course, I recommend you buy your shocks from a Corvair parts supplier to make sure they fit.





## ***The LVCC Gang! January LVCC Meeting***



Photos courtesy of Nancy Pesaresi. Left to right: Bob Marlow, Al Lacki, Bob Weideman, John Egerton, Scott Oberholzer, Paul Pagoda, Pete Pesaresi and Dave Smullen. Al just had dental surgery - and the swelling shows! Ouch!



## ***NECC Track Day Schedule!***

NECC - short for Northeast Corvair Council, Inc. - conducts high-performance driving events for all makes and models of cars, ranging from factory-stock to track-prepared. It's history goes back to 1973 when a group of CORSA chapters banded together and rented the Lime Rock Park racing circuit in Connecticut to hold time trials for Corvairs on the track.

The Lehigh Valley Corvair Club has been a member of the NECC for many years and is currently represented on the NECC board of directors by John Egerton and Allan Lacki.

This year, the NECC board settled on dates for four track days. They are:

May 17, 2025. New York Safety Track  
July 19, 2025. New York Safety Track  
August 23, 2025. Pocono Raceway - Southeast Circuit  
September 27, 2025. New York Safety Track

As you can see, three of them will be held at New York Safety Track. The proprietor of the track gave NECC an offer it couldn't refuse by waiving the track rental fee for the third date. This is a very good thing!

John has a neat track-prepared '64 Corvair that he runs at every NECC event. Al hasn't driven on the track in recent years, but years ago, he entered his Corvair and then his Toyota Yaris.

A Yaris on the track? Sure, it's more fun to drive a slow car fast than to drive a fast car slow! Currently, Al and Joan take care of driver registration for NECC events.

## ***CORSA Convention Update***

This year, the Corvair Society of America will be holding its International Convention in San Obispo, California. The dates are May 20 through May 23. It will include all the traditional fun events including Autocross, Rally, Economy Run, Banquet, indoor and outdoor parts vending and much more. Registration opens February 1. Visit [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)

To participate in convention events, you need to be a CORSA member. For those of you who are not, CORSA is offering a 6-month digital membership for a very reasonable \$20.

A special treat will be a group tour of the Hearst Castle in nearby San Simeon. The Castle was built for publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst between 1919 and 1947. No expense was spared.



The CORSA tour of the Hearst Castle is currently limited to the first 55 people who register, but I suppose you can take the tour on your own. <https://hearthcastle.org/>





# NJACE ANNUAL PARTS AUCTION

March 1st 2025



**Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge  
15 Perrin Ave Pompton Lakes, NJ**

9 AM For Setup. Bidding Begins 10:30 AM. Ends Approximately 3 PM  
Admission Is FREE!!! Open To ALL Corvair Enthusiasts

The Annual Corvair Parts Auction is conducted by the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts. Staged by our member-auctioneers, this indoor wintertime event provides ample opportunity to get hot deals on Corvair parts plus a few laughs! Food and refreshments will be available. See more details here...<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/auctions.htm>

## Lehigh Valley Corvair Club

### All-Corvair Swap Meet

Saturday, April 12, 2025

rain or shine  
9 AM to 3 PM

at Egerton Farm  
2510 Community Drive  
Bath, PA 18014

**FREE** for sellers  
**FREE** for buyers  
**FREE** admission  
**FREE** parking

REFRESHMENTS (okay, they're not free)  
50/50 Raffle (that's not free, either)

Corvairs, Corvair Parts, and Corvair-Related items only, please.  
Sellers, bring your own tables or tarps or canopies.  
Buyers, bring cash!

See our Facebook page for details  
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## LVCC Classified Ads



**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 Asheuer for pricing. Phone (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, 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.

**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, Perkasio, PA.

**For Sale. 1968 Corvair 500 Coupe.** 95/PG. Mileage: 36,095 indicated - Could be 136,095. Acquired in 2021. Usual rust bubbles and a couple of holes at door and fender bottoms. Many new parts including exhaust system, fuel tank & sending unit, master cylinder, etc. Comes with Clark's electric fuel pump kit (not yet installed) and other items. The car started and traveled confidently while my son drove it to school for his senior year (2022-23), but now, additional work needs to be done to make it road-worthy again. The car will not start without priming the carbs with gas when- the car sits for a long time. Once it starts it will run until it warms up, then it dies. If I prime the carbs again, it will run for a short time then die. After replacing the master cylinder, the brake pedal will not build pressure to bleed the lines. So the car has no brakes. The emergency brake holds the car still on somewhat flat surfaces, 'gotta chock it. It will need to be towed. Located in Branchburg, New Jersey. Asking \$3,950 OBO. Contact Patrick Mariani. Voice or text 908-883-1736. Email patsuevin@gmail.com.



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# ***LVCC Calendar of /Events***



## **Saturday, March 1, 2025: Annual NJACE Corvair Parts Auction**

Location: Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge, 15 Perrin Avenue, Pompton Lakes NJ. Time: 9 AM for setup, bidding begins 10:40 AM. Ends approximately 3 PM. Admission: No charge. All Corvair enthusiasts welcome. It's the Annual Corvair Parts Auction conducted by the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts. Staged by our member-auctioneers, this indoor wintertime event provides ample opportunity to get hot deals on Corvair parts plus a few laughs! Food and refreshments available. More details at <https://www.corvair.org/chapters/njace/auctions.html>

## **Sunday March 2, 2025 Ontelalunee Region Leesport Swap Meet**

Location: 312 Gernants Church Rd, Leesport, PA 19533, USA. Time: 9 AM. Price: Adults \$3.00, Children under 12 free. Over 60 indoor vendor spots available (10' x 10' spaces for \$30 each). Unlimited Outdoor Spaces: Perfect for larger displays (10' x 20' spaces for \$20 each). Car Corral: Show off your vehicle for just \$10 per car.. Refreshments Available: Stay energized while exploring. Lester Manwiller, Chairperson. [leesportswapmeet@ontelauneeaca.com](mailto:leesportswapmeet@ontelauneeaca.com). 610-823-4656 (8:00 am—8:00 pm)

## **Saturday, April 12, 2025. LVCC All-Corvair Swap Meet**

Location: Egerton Farm, 2510 Community Drive, Bath, Pennsylvania 18014. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. FREE for sellers. FREE for buyers. FREE admission. FREE parking. REFRESHMENTS (okay, they're not free). 50/50 Raffle (that's not free, either). Corvairs, Corvair Parts, and Corvair-Related items only, please. Sellers, bring your own tables or tarps or canopies. Buyers, bring cash!

## **Wednesday April 23 to Sunday April 27, 2025. Spring Carlisle**

Location: Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. Admission: Daily Price: \$13\* (Sunday is FREE), Kids 12 and under are FREE (\*Online tickets discounted.) Hours are 7 AM to 6 PM every day except Sunday, which is 7 AM until Noon. Known as one of the world's largest automotive flea markets, the event fills the Carlisle Fairgrounds with 8,100 vendor spaces, offering a wide range of automotive parts, collectibles, accessories, memorabilia and classic & collectible cars for sale in the Car Corral. In addition, the Manufacturers Midway adds another layer of excitement, showcasing the latest and greatest products and services in the automotive world.

Across the street at the Carlisle Expo Center, the Spring Carlisle Collector Car Auction runs from April 24-25. This auction, held alongside Spring Carlisle, offers enthusiasts a chance to buy and admire classic cars. More than just an event, Spring Carlisle is a destination where passion meets commerce, ensuring every visitor finds something to fuel their love for automobiles.

Contact Info: Phone: (717) - 243 - 7855. Email: [info@carlisleevents.com](mailto:info@carlisleevents.com)

## **Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Blue Mountain Classics Car Show**

Location: Bicentennial Park West, 5351 Park West Lane, Bethlehem, PA. Time: 9 AM to 4 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Rain Date: 5/4/25. Includes trophies, door prizes, muffler rapping contest, flea market, tricky tray, 50/50 raffle, food, etc. All vehicles are welcome. Email: [info@bluemountainclassics.com](mailto:info@bluemountainclassics.com). Website: [www.bluemountainclassics.com/car-show/](http://www.bluemountainclassics.com/car-show/)

## **Saturday May 17, 2025 Wheels On The Canal Car Show**

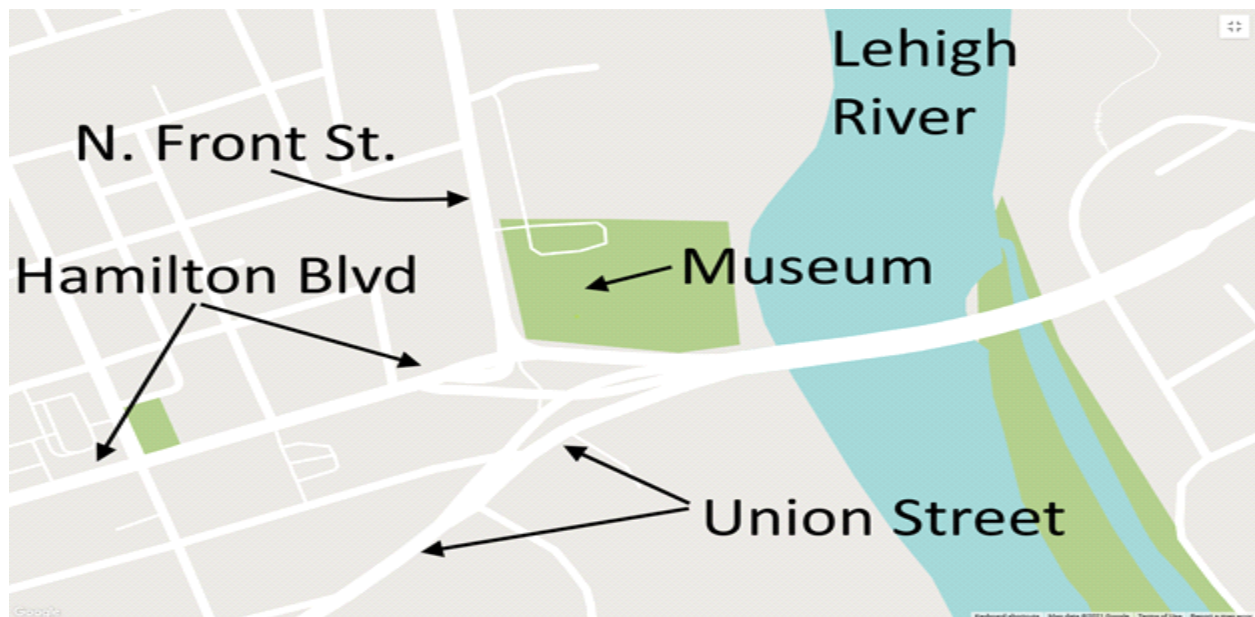
Location: Canal Street Park, 531 East 4th Street Rear entrance, Northampton, PA. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM Price: \$20 cash only per car, day of show. Pre-registration available for \$15. This event welcomes all types of vehicles, including cars, trucks, and motorcycles, and features a live band, DJ entertainment, and various crafters and vendors. Proceeds benefit Mission 22, a National Veteran Non-Profit Organization. [wheelsonthecanal@gmail.com](mailto:wheelsonthecanal@gmail.com)

## ***Next Meeting. We Meet Here!***

Next Meeting Date: ***Saturday February 15, 2025, 10 AM***

Place: America On Wheels Museum

5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102



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