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Next Membership Meeting:

Place: America on Wheels Museum

Date: Saturday May 10, 2025

Time: 10 AM to Noon

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LVCC's All-Corvair Swap Meet!

Saturday, April 19th - Dry skies and perfect temperatures. Unlike the previous Saturday - the original date - when it actually snowed! We said we'd hold the swap meet "rain or shine", but we never said we'd hold our swap meet in the snow!

Vendors included LVCC Members David & Aaron Buzzard, Greg Dittrich, Bob King and Bob Marlow. There were others, too. NJACE Members Ray Coker, Brian O'Neill, Ray Rodriguez and a few others whose names escape me.

NJACE Member Jean O'Day and Al Lacki tended to the "Open Kitchen" where they served coffee, soda, water, burgers, and dogs with all the fixin's. In addition to being a Corvair lady, Jean's hobbies include beekeeping. She had bottles of her freshly-made honey on sale. It's good stuff!

Greg Dittrich supplied beverages, ice and donuts. Barbara Egerton also supplied ice and, before the event began, made sure the propane grill was clean - and it was! Thank you so much!

Behind the scenes, thanks also go to Joan Lacki. Joan was not able to attend this year but, throughout the prior week, bought and packed-up "vittles" and tableware for the Al & Jean's Open Kitchen!

Most importantly, John and Barbara Egerton let us use their property for the swap meet, and without that, there would be no swap meet at all!

Thanks to everyone who came out, from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Virginia and.... one person from California!

Revised Meeting Schedule by Al Lacki

We usually have our meetings on the third Saturday of each month. However, those dates won't work for some of us this summer. So, to avoid schedule conflicts, we'll be having the following meetings on the *second* Saturday of each month instead of the third. Here are the changes:

1. Change May 17 to May 10.
2. Change June 21 to June 14.
3. Change July 19 to July 12

In August, we'll meet in Corvair Row at Das Awkscht Fescht like we always do. The date for that is Sunday August 3. Be sure to pre-register if you want to display your Corvair at Das Awkscht Fescht! You can do it here: <https://awkscht.com/>

Meeting Minutes

We were scheduled to hold our monthly meeting on April 19th, but we held our swap meet instead. Our last regular meeting was in March. Refer to the April issue of our newsletter to read the March meeting minutes.

Treasury Report by Joan Lacki

This period, LVCC incurred extra revenue and expense due to the All-Corvair Swap Meet at Egerton's Farm and Post Office Box rental in Orefield, Pennsylvania.

Beginning Balance: (Mar 31, 2025)		\$ 1,879.20
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Membership	\$ -	
4/19/25 Swap Meet Food	\$ 147.05	
Total		\$ 147.05
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Newsletter Expense (Ala	\$ (10.60)	(APR)
P.O. Box Rental	\$ (84.00)	\$ -
Swap Meet Drinks / Doug	\$ -	(pending)
Swap Meet Misc. Food /	\$ (37.97)	\$ -
Swap Meet Hamburgers /	\$ (25.00)	\$ -
Swap Meet Porta Potty	\$ (121.90)	\$ -
Total		\$ (279.47)
Ending Balance: (Apr 24, 2025)		\$ 1,746.78
New/Renewed Members		None this period



The Swap Meet field at Egerton's Farm. So many Corvair parts for sale!



LVCC Members Bob King & Dick Weidner. Dick served as LVCC's Secretary / Treasurer for almost 50 years, beginning with the club's establishment in 1976. Wow!



Bob King and Bob Marlow. Two vendors making a deal!



John Egerton & Ray Coker park Brian O'Neill's trailer.



Bob Marlow's neatly-organized "store" makes it easy for customers to shop for what they need.



Newly-restored Corvair Corsa. See our classified ads!



Every vendor offered a wide assortment of clean usable car parts. Two complete Corvairs were also for sale.



Among other things, a complete white interior in near perfect condition was offered.



Al Lacki's "Open Kitchen", located under John Egerton's car port, served coffee, burgers, dogs and soda at reasonable prices. Donuts were all-you-can-eat for free!



Here's Jean O'Day, Al's assistant who kept the kitchen under control while Al burned food on the grill!



That little yellow sign says, "Reasonable Offers Welcome. Unreasonable Offers Considered!"



Ray "Tripp" Rodriguez offered this Fitch Sprint 904 Ventop accessory. Price: \$0! Take it & it's yours!

Go Fast, Be Safe, Have Fun!

By Ray Coker

On Saturday May 17, registered drivers will meet at the New York Safety Track (NYST) in Jefferson, NY to test their driving skills on a racetrack that is 2.1 miles long with 17 turns.

This driving event and others like it are overseen by the executive directors of the Northeast Corvair Council (a.k.a. NECC Motorsports), which has been promoting high speed driving events for over 40 years.

Copied from the NYST website:

“New York Safety Track provides a safe and exciting environment for you and your family. From motorcycle and car and track days to airplane landing areas and dirt bike sections for kids, we have everything you need to turn your weekend into a mini-vacation! New York Safety Track makes you feel like home and offers a variety of options to make your stay fun and exciting. We’ve got you covered! Eat-in, Play, Ride! From bathrooms and showers to airplane landing. We have everything that you might need in one place. Picnic areas, BBQs, bicycling and a roller blading area, mechanic shop, motorcycle storage and much more.”

Even though this driving event is promoted by a group of people who own Corvairs, do you need a Corvair to enjoy one of these track days? NO!

Do you need to own a race car? NO!

Do you need to be a semi-pro or a professional race car driver? NO!



All you need is a desire to enjoy a fun filled, safe day of driving your own car on the track. Your car must pass a technical inspection, you need to pay the driver’s fee, you need to have a specific helmet, wear long pants and sleeves and no open toe shoes. Simple, eh?

Each driver will have four hours of driving time (laps) to test and tune their cars before the timed laps started. Once timed laps begin each driver will be given two timed laps and one cool down lap. All the drivers realize they are racing against the stopwatch and not against another driver.

During the timed laps, only two cars are on the track at a time. One driver is released by the track starter and when that car is about halfway around the track, the second driver is released by the track starter. This keeps a safe distance between both drivers who are on the track at the same time.

It is impossible to jot down everything that is going on throughout the day at these track events. You need to come to the next event and join the excitement! *You do not need to enter your car and drive around the track, you can come to the track and be a volunteer or just hang out and enjoy the day.*

Check out the NECC Motorsports website for all of the details. www.corvair.org/chapters/necc/



Muffler Relocation for Valve Lash Adjustment Safety

by Bob King

Hello Corvair folks. This is a tip for engines equipped with single exhaust. Ever have an issue with the muffler in the way while doing hot valve lash adjustments on the passenger side for a single muffler exhaust system? Well, here is a way out of it.

First step: Remove your muffler. If it's corroded onto the cross-over pipe, that may be impossible to do, but there is a way around this. Remove the exhaust system entirely and replace it with a bare cross-over pipe. Leave the muffler off.

Obtain a sufficient length of flexible metal exhaust hose like the side pipes you see coming out of the hood on 1930s SJ Duesenbergs. Many auto parts supply stores have this in stock. I happened to have two sizes that complement each other perfectly, but one would be fine with proper adapters.



Attach one end of the flex pipe to the outlet of the cross-over pipe. Attach the other end to the muffler's inlet. Use standard exhaust pipe clamps to hold everything in place.

Result? You have made yourself a remote muffler so the heat and noise are farther away from your work area.



Naturally, you'll want the muffler outlet to dump the engine's exhaust outside your garage.. If you have an indoor shop with an exhaust port on your garage door, simply attach another length of tube to the muffler's outlet and vent out. And if it's

cold in your garage, that will give you the advantage of having an instant space heater. You won't have to freeze in the cold. (Caution: Make sure you have a carbon monoxide sensor in the area. There are always leaks).



You can see in the picture above that the flexible metal hose fits over the crossover and is clamped on with a 2" clamp. Don't copy my sizes since you have to measure what you have. There are NOS and aftermarket crossovers that may not be the same.

Measure the OD (outside diameter) of the crossover outlet and buy a section of hose with an 1/8 larger ID (internal diameter) and as long as you need.

Now, I happened to have another piece of flex hose that just fit into the larger one, and it just fit over the muffler intake eliminating any need for a reducer adapter. But your situation may be different. Buy yourself a few adapters: 1-5/8" up to 2" in 1/8" increments. They are cheap and always come in handy.

So, now your muffler won't tattoo your arm, oil won't splatter all over the hot muffler and stink up your area, and you won't have as much noise to deal with. Doesn't that sound like a win-win?

Peace and happy Corvairing!



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 by the LVCC member Ron Peles who passed away two years ago. Being offered on behalf of the late owner's estate. Located just off I-78 near Phillipsburg, NJ. Asking price is \$16,000. Pay using wire-transfer. Please contact Bob, voice or text at (201) 444-1859, email vairteccorp@gmail.com



For Sale: 1966 Corvair Corsa coupe. This pretty white & blue '66 Corvair Corsa coupe is for sale. It's a rust-free California car that's been freshly restored with a rebuilt 140 hp engine dual exhaust, electric fuel pump and many other features. Contact Brian O'Neill if interested. oneill1258@juno.com



For Sale: 1961 Corvair Hub Caps. I have four chrome "dog dish" hub caps that I would like to sell. They are from a 1961 Corvair. Here's a photo of them. I am asking \$75 for all of them. I can be contacted at 215-896-9129. Ask for Rob.



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, Perkasié, PA.

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!

Corvair Events, Car Shows, Etc:

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

Saturday, May 3, 2025. Blue Mountain Classics Car Show

Location: Bicentennial Park West, 5351 Park West Lane, Bethlehem, PA. Use Colony Drive entrance. 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. Website: www.bluemountainclassics.com/car-show/

Saturday May 3, 2025. Hot Dogs & Hot Rods Car Show at Cabela's

Location: 100 Cabela Drive, Hamburg, PA 19526, Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. Rain date: May 4. Price: Open to all makes and models - JUST FOR FUN SHOW - Rain date May 4th. Come join us for a fun day of appreciating cars of all ages, makes and models. There will be a 50/50 drawing, boy scouts to support, food trucks for some awesome treats and a DJ rocking some tunes. Sponsored by Cabela's.

Saturday May 10, 2025. Wheels At The Grove Car Show

Location: Morgenland Church, 3075 Weidasville Rd, Orefield, PA 18069. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. Price: \$10 per show car. Rumble seat rides in 1935 Ford available for \$5.00 from our antique bell. Brunch & lunch in pavilion behind church. Basket raffle. "Pastor's Prize" drawn at 1:30 PM. <https://morgenlandchurch.org/up-coming-events/>

Saturday May 17, 2025. Northeast Corvair Council at New York Safety Track

Location: New York Safety Track, 396 Zimmerman Road, Jefferson, NY 12093. Our high-performance driving events consist of tech inspection, group driving sessions and open-track driving sessions throughout the day. Timed laps begin mid-afternoon. All makes and models of cars are welcome to participate in this event including unmodified factory street cars as well as cars modified for track use. Information at www.neccmotorsports.com. Registration at <https://clubregistration.net/events/eventsRegional.cfm/NECC%20Motorsports/0>

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

Sunday May 18, 2025. Leesport Auto Parts Flea Market

Location: Leesport Farmers Market, 312 Gernants Church Rd, Leesport, PA, United States, Pennsylvania 19533. Time: 7 AM to 2 PM. Free Admission & Parking. To purchase a space to set up as a vendor please visit our website www.leesportmarket.com (610) 926-1307. info@leesportmarket.com

LVCC Calendar of Events (continued)

Wednesday May 20 - Sunday May 25, 2025. CORSA International Convention

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, California, 93405. Corvair car show, concours d' elegance, autocross, rally, economy run and more. Complete information and register at <https://tinyurl.ph/lhPBf> Talk to folks at the CORSA business office. (630) 403-5010. corsacluboffice@gmail.com

Sunday June 1, 2025. GM on Display Car Show

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N Poplar St, Macungie, PA 18062. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain or Shine. Day of Show Price: \$20 per car. No judging or trophies. High quality dash plaques for the first 100 registered vehicles excluding cars for sale. Door prizes will be awarded by drawing. Flea market featuring General Motors parts and literature. For Sale signs are not permitted on the show field. Vehicles for sale will be the same price as show vehicles and parked in the Car Corral. Coffee, donuts, and a hot breakfast will be available in the park until 11 AM. A variety of hot and cold lunch items will be served after 11 AM. A variety of music will be provided by our DJ. Info: Tom Wright, 61 Elmar Circle, Royersford PA 19468. Phone: (610)587-3468 Email: tommyjw22@yahoo.com

Sunday June 15, 2025. Father's Day Silver Creek Car Show

Location: Silver Creek Athletic Association, 2943 Route 212, Springtown, PA 18081. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. (Gates open at 8 AM). Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Food, drink, 50/50, entertainment. Flea Market spaces available, visit website for prices. www.silvercreekathleticassociation.com. Phone: 610/346-6840. Email: SCAAcarshow@gmail.com

Friday July 4, 2025. Quakertown Community Day (Includes Car Show)

Location: Memorial Park, 728 Park Ave, Quakertown, PA 18951-1542. Start time: 8 AM. Price: Not listed. The day starts with a traditional pancake breakfast and ends with fireworks. In between, we have a car show, vendors, morning worship service, live entertainment, food, etc. <https://www.instagram.com/quakertowncommunityday/#>

Sunday August 3, 2025. Club Day at Das Awkscht Fescht with Corvair Row!

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N Poplar St, Macungie, PA 18062. Time: Gates open at 6:00 AM for walk-in visitors. Show cars enter the fields beginning 7:30 AM. Join us in Corvair Row on Sunday! Flea market goes through dusk, and arts & crafts vendors are open until 9 PM until about 4 PM on Sunday. Pre-registration required! \$20 per show car. \$10 per adult spectator. Free for ages 15 and under. Information hotline: (610) 967-2317. info@awkscht.com. <https://awkscht.com/information/>

Saturday August 30, 2025. 59th Annual Duryea Day at Boyertown Community Park

Location: 419 S Madison St, Boyertown, PA 19512. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Price per show car: Not listed. Spectator admission is \$10 for adults, free for ages 12 & under. Admission includes both the Park and the Boyertown Antique Auto Museum. Hundreds of vehicles will be on display throughout the park, and shuttle service is available between the Park and Museum through the duration of the event. Pre-registration and day-of-show registration for show vehicles available. All makes, models, and years are welcome. Visit <https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/> to find the registration form. Contact michaela@boyertownmuseum.org <https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/>

Saturday September 20, 2025. Corvair Day at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing.

Location: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. 100 Baltimore Rd (Old US 15) York Springs, PA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Price per show car: Not listed. An all-Corvair car show featuring museum entrance at no extra cost. Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. www.centralpacorvairclub.org

Saturday October 11, 2025. Octoberfest Car Show hosted by the Slate Belt Rotary Club

Location: Wind Gap Borough Park, 334 S Lehigh Ave Wind Gap, PA 18091. Rain Date: Sunday October 12. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. Price: TBD. Proceeds benefit Operation Warm (Coats for Kids). Contact: Greg Dittrich. Email: gdittrich1@gmail.com

Saturday October 18, 2025. Corvair Tech Session

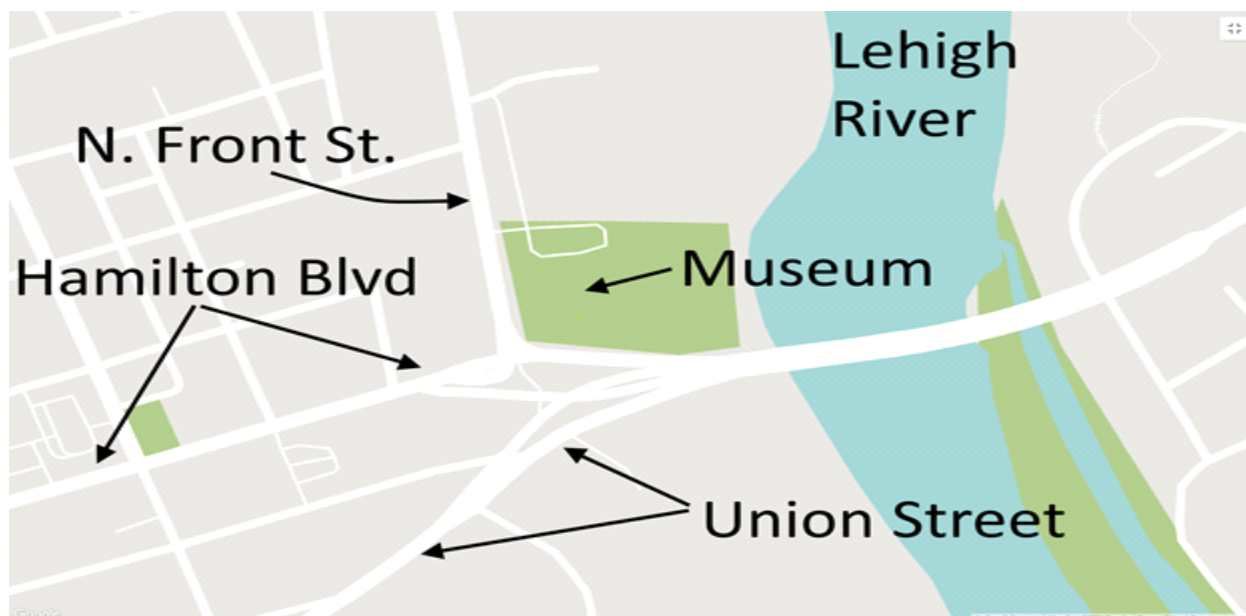
Location: Bob & Annie Weideman Residence. 4279 Chestnut Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088 Sponsored by the Philadelphia Corvair Association. Contact: trailrunner18018@yahoo.com.

Next Meeting. We Meet Here!

Next Meeting Date: ***Saturday May 10, 2025, 10 AM***

Place: America On Wheels Museum

5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102



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