



Newsletter of Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Inc.

# ***the fifth wheel***

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August 3, 2025. LVCC Meeting at Das Awkscht Fescht. Details inside! Photo by Bob Marlow.

## ***Next Membership Meeting:***

***Place: America on Wheels Museum***

***Date: Saturday September 6, 2025***

***Time: 10 AM to Noon***



## ***Awkscht Fescht Report***

Das Awkscht Fescht, Pennsylvania Dutch for "The August Festival", held its 62nd annual 3-day car show in Macungie Pennsylvania on the first weekend in August.

The Sunday show features 42 different marque car clubs which all manage their own display. Lehigh Valley Corvair has participated in this event for many years starting in the seventies. The event features a flea market, arts and crafts, food, live music, a car corral and of course 650 automobiles! Each year showcases a feature car, and this year it was the Chevrolet Camaro. Usually this weekend is either brutally hot or raining, but this year was dry and with more pleasant temperatures! We are fortunate to be assigned our usual spot which has a nice row of shade trees and room for our tent.

We had a total of 39 really nice Corvairs on display! I like to note the models that were there: 4 early open, 6 early closed, 13 late open, 13 late closed and 3 Rampsides! Most owners were from Pennsylvania, with 2 from New Jersey, 1 from New York and 3 making the trip from Delaware.

We always acquire various door prizes from LVCC members and Clark's Corvair Parts gave us a generous package of gift certificates worth \$100. They are always the first selected! I wish to thank my LVCC club friends who helped set up and park the Corvairs! Our participation award this year was a nice engraved mug. Next year's festival will be held July 31st through August 2nd 2026 and the feature vehicles will be vintage race cars which should be an interesting display!

I registered our club for next year's event, so we are set to go! Thanks to all who brought their cars, it is always enjoyable getting together with our Corvair friends! Hope to see you all again next year!

Randy Kohler

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### ***Early September Meeting Date!***

Attention! Our next meeting will be earlier than usual! The date is Saturday September 6. Those of you who attended our meeting at Das Awkscht Fescht may recall our Prez, Al Lacki, announcing there would be no meeting in September due to conflicts with the Clark's Corvair Show, CPCCs Corvair Day, and NECC's track day at Pocono Raceway. Those events occupy all the Saturdays in September except for one: Saturday September 6, so we'll take it!

## ***Welcome New Members!***

We have five new members!

Eric George of Robesonia. Eric has a 140/4-speed 1967 Corvair 500 coupe equipped with the Ted Brown EFI fuel injection setup.

Mark Fischer lives in Emmaus and has a 1969 Corvair coupe equipped with a 140 engine, as well as a VW bug and a VW bus. He likes rear-engine cars with air-cooled engines!

Edwin Buiter, originally from Kansas, currently resides in Whitehall, PA. He owns a 1966 180 turbo Corsa painted Aztec Bronze. His other toy is a 1929 Franklin, another air-cooled car.

Brian Grennan of Saylorburg. Brian bought his 1965 Corvair Monza convertible in May of this year as a car for retirement.

Peter Lewnes is actually a long-lost LVCC member who has returned to us! He has a 1964 Corvair 700, a 1962 Greenbrier, and a 1963 Monza convertible. His other hobbies include restoration of historic buildings and glass blowing!

Thank you all for joining us!

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## ***Dues Are Due*** ***By Allan Lacki***

The end of our fiscal year is July 31st and so dues are due! Many of our members already paid up in-person at Das Awkscht Fescht, but not everybody.

To prevent confusion, I will be emailing this newsletter two times: One for members whose dues are due August 1, 2025 and one for members whose dues are not due until August 1, 2026 - or in a few cases, 2027.

If you are one of the folks who are among the former group, you can pay in-person at our September meeting or by sending us a check in the mail. Our postal address is:

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club  
PO Box 33  
Orefield, PA 18069



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Rich and Donna Greene relax in the Rampside! An EZ-Up provides shade for their lawn chairs.



Greg Dittich's newly-acquired '64 Monza convertible as featured in the last issue of the Fifth Wheel.



A very nice 1961 Corvair Monza sedan driving onto the field. White with red interior was a common combo.



Another recent acquisition: Dave Smith's 1966 Corvair coupe with factory air-conditioning.



Randy Kohler's Corvair Spyder with period-correct Hands aluminum wheels.



Bob King's potent 1965 Corvair with fancy paint and racing stripes

**MINUTES**  
**Lehigh Valley Corvair Club**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Macungie Memorial Park**  
**Macungie PA**  
**August 3, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 2:54 PM by President Al Lacki. In attendance were more than 30 people..

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the "Fifth Wheel" newsletter.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved as published in the "Fifth Wheel" newsletter. The report reflected a current balance of \$1,767.60 in the checking account.

**Old Business**

Al Lacki reviewed upcoming events on the club calendar, including a possible Fall tour in conjunction with the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts. John Egerton reminded attendees of the upcoming NECC track event at Pocono on August 23.

**New Business**

A discussion of upcoming meeting dates took place, with an acknowledgment that the "regular" meeting date of the third Saturday would conflict with the Central Pennsylvania club's "Corvair Day" in York Springs. A move to one week earlier would conflict with the biennial Corvair show at Clark's Corvair Parts. An informal show of hands indicated that a similar number of members intend to go to each of these events. For the moment, a date for a September meeting was placed on hold.

Attendees were informed that the First State Corvair Club's annual Corvair show is scheduled for August 23 at the Lime-stone Presbyterian Church near Wilmington.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 AM, followed by ticket drawings for an extensive assortment of door prizes, including multiple gift certificates in \$20 and \$10 denomination donated by Clark's Corvair Parts.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Bob Marlow, Secretary

**Treasury Report**  
**Lehigh Valley Corvair Club**  
**by Joan Lacki**

<b>Beginning Balance: (July 28, 2025) .....</b>	<b>\$1,767.60</b>
<b><u>Receipts:</u></b>	
Membership Dues	\$450.00
	\$450.00
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>	
Newsletter (May)	-\$10.60
	-\$10.60
<b>Ending Balance: (August 17, 2025) .....</b>	<b>\$2,207.00</b>

**Fun Stuff! Valve Cover Racers**  
**by Bill Vellner**

*Source: December 2024 issue of "The Aircooler", the official newsletter of the Detroit Area Corvair Club*  
 Bill Vellner mr.bill0728@att.net

Before starting on your racer and making it go fast, some theory is needed. This may seem a little boring and dry, but it is important if you want a winning racer.

A valve cover racer has two main forces acting on it: gravity and friction. Even at its fastest, aerodynamics normally don't play a significant role. Gravity is limited by the weight of the racer. The rules specify a maximum weight of 4 1/2 pounds, so the main effort is to reduce friction as much as possible.

Experience has shown that unshielded ball bearings combined with CDs or DVDs make the best wheels and bearings. Just make sure that the grease that may be in the bearings has been washed away and a light oil is used for lubrication. . .

There is one other consideration to consider that is determined by the design of the starting system. Rods are placed to keep the racers at the start and are dropped to release the racers. Those rods are 3" high and the sooner your racer clears those rods, the sooner it will start to roll. A racer that has a lower clearance just under 3" has an advantage over a racer with a lower clearance. It may seem like a small thing at the start, but the advantage becomes greater even before the finish line.

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One of two Corvair entered by Wes Heiss and Angela Fraleigh.



LVCC Treasurer Joan Lacki sitting in the shade - and collecting membership dues!



Top of the line for 1966: Corvair Corsa convertible with optional 180 hp turbocharger.



Another white Corvair convertible, but this one is a 1967. The Strato bucket seats give it away!



A very nice 1966 or '67 Corvair 500 4-door sport sedan, complete with window option sheet.



Larry Asheuer is the proud owner of this beautiful 1960 Coriva Monza coupe.



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The slope of the track also offers another design consideration. About 3/4 of the way down, the slope of the track decreases significantly. If the majority of the racer's ballast (to reach 4 1/2 pounds, you WILL need ballast) is placed at the rear of the racer, the greater slope of the track will push the racer longer than if the ballast is placed further forward. Remember, you want gravity working for you as much as possible. This also keeps the racer in the "spirit" of the Corvair in that the weight is greater at the rear.

Needless to say, you want your wheels mounted so that the racer will track as straight as possible. We will cover techniques for that in a later part. Even if your wheels are aligned perfectly, minor irregularities in the track will cause it to scrape against the barriers on either side. This is where reducing friction comes into play again. By mounting rods at each corner of the racer that are slightly outboard of the wheels and extend down to about 1/2" above the bottom of the wheels with a ball bearing on the bottom of each rod, any contact will be rolling friction and thus will be very low.

This covers the theory and design considerations for a valve cover racer. In later articles, we will look at various construction technique suggestions and possible variations. All of the above has nothing to do with how you decorate your racer, so there are no limits there as long as you don't mount sails that might actually slow things down. LOL . .



Sponsored by LVCC Member Greg  
Dittrich's Chapter of the Rotary Club!

**Rotary**  
Slate Belt



**OKTOBERFEST**

# CAR SHOW



**Saturday, October 11, 2025 (rain date Sunday, October 12)**

**WIND GAP BOROUGH PARK**  
334 S Lehigh Ave  
Wind Gap, PA 18091

**REGISTRATION:** 9am - 11am  
**VOTING:** 12 noon - 12:30pm  
**AWARDS:** 2pm

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:**  
Operation Warm  
(Coats for kids)



## ***LVCC Members are cordially invited to....***

Another covered bridge tour, this one arranged by the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts! Unlike last-year's Lehigh Valley tour, this one will explore the covered bridges of Bucks County! RSVP requested. See flyer below for details.

## **NJACE FALL FOLIAGE TOUR**

### ***Bucks County Version***

***October 11 - 11am***

### **Bucks County, PA Covered Bridge Tour**



**Meeting in the ACME Shopping Center 11am!**

**480 N Main Street Doylestown, Pa**

**Departure Time 11:15**

**We will head down the street to the local WAWA to gas up and use the facilities. Paper directions will be given at that time. Tour led by Chris S. After tour late lunch will be had at The Wood Fire Pizza and Family Restaurant in New Hope. RSVP [Chriss.corvair@gmail.com](mailto:Chriss.corvair@gmail.com)**



# ***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:***

### **Sunday September 7, 2025. Fiberglass & Steel Car Show**

Location: Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N Poplar St, Macungie, PA 18062. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of show price: \$25(!) per show car. All GM vehicles welcome. This is a judged show. Awards: Top 15 All GM plus several Corvette awards. Food, raffles, 50/50, DJ music. Sponsored by Allentown Area Corvette Club. Contacts: John Kostick (610) 703-1753 & Dave Hornung (610) 390-9484.

### **Sunday September 7, 2025. Womelsdorf Car Show**

Location: Womelsdorf Town Park, 101-133 S Water St, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$15 per show car. Live Music 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Live music from Noon to 3 PM. Plenty of Food at affordable prices (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Sausage Sandwiches). No Glass Containers, No Bikes & No Pets. Participants Choice Awards for the Nicest Cars. First 200 registered receive a dash plaque. Contacts: Ray E. Swope, Jr. (610)-589-5616. Paul Hopple (610) 589-5349.

### **Saturday September 13, 2025. Gasket Goons Hot Rod Bash Car Show**

Location: Silver Creek Athletic Association Field, 2943 Route 212, Hellertown 18055. Time: 8 AM. Price: \$15 per person. Show cars must be 1969 or older. Activities include pin-up content, bicycle show, vendors, live bands, food, swap meet and at 12 Noon, valve cover racing. Register for the valve cover races no later than 11 AM. Infor on Facebook at <https://shorturl.at/50haA>

### **Saturday Sept 13, 2025. Clark's Corvair Show**

Location: #400 Mohawk Trail (Rte. 2), Shelburne Falls, MA. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Rain or Shine! Top Ten People's Choice Awards. Day of show price: \$25 per car. Largest Corvair gathering in the Eastern USA! Special show discounts on parts. 14% off for Pre-Orders (Must be ordered by 9/10/2025). 10% off Day of Show Purchases. Sales tax will be added. Order upholstery AT LEAST 4 weeks ahead. Clark's will have your order ready for you, so you'll have more time to enjoy the show! Visit the Clark's Corvair Parts website for hotel information. Or contact: Paul Botelho (508) 822-9665. paulbotelho@verizon.net.

### **Sunday September 14, 2025. AACA See You in September Car Show**

Location: Tri-County Little League Baseball Field, McAdoo, PA. Take I-81 to Exit 138 to Route 309. North on 309 to top of the hill and turn left on Kelayres Road. Proceed 1 block to Hancock Street and turn right. Field is 1/2 block on the left hand side. Rain or Shine. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$20 per show car. Antiques, classics, street rods, rat rods, modifieds, street machines, trucks, customs, muscle cars, motorcycles. Joe Forish (570) 929-2017. [www.araaca.com](http://www.araaca.com)

### **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](http://www.centralpacorvairclub.org)

### **Sunday September 21, 2025. Rod Burkhart Memorial Car Show**

Location: Jim Dietrich Park, 4899 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road, Reading, PA 19605. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Day of show price: \$20 per show car. No charge for race cars. No charge for spectators. Dash plaques and goodie bags for first 100 entries. DJ Music. Come visit Race Car Alley. 50/50. Raffles. Food.



## ***LVCC Calendar of Events (continued)***

### **Sunday September 21, 2025. Leithsville Car Show**

Location: 1995 Leithsville Road, Hellertown, PA Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. Awards at 1 PM. Day of show price: \$15 per car. Live music, food trucks, judged and open classes. Host: Lower Saucon Fire Rescue. [www.lowersauconfire.org](http://www.lowersauconfire.org)

### **Sunday September 28, 2025. All GM Car & Truck Show**

Location: The Shrine for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504. Time: 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. \$5 discount for pre-registration. Flea market space: \$20. Sponsored by Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International. Contact info: Tom Wright (610) 587-3468 or [tommyjw22@yahoo.com](mailto:tommyjw22@yahoo.com).

### **Saturday October 4, 2025. 12th Annual Cars for Kacie Car Show**

Location: Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543. Exit 298 on the PA Turnpike. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. Open to all years, makes, models, antiques, modifieds, tuners, trucks, motorcycles. All cars will be judged based on points system. Awards ceremony at 2 PM. 50/50, food & live music, prescription drop-off box, Narcan training by Kacie's Cause. <https://kaciescause.org/contact/>

### **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. Day of show price: \$20 per car. Food, trophies, dash plaquest to first 125 entries. Sponsored by Slate Belt Rotary. Proceeds benefit Operation Warm (Coats for Kids). Contact: LVCC Member Greg Dittrich. Email: [gdittrich1@gmail.com](mailto:gdittrich1@gmail.com)

### **Saturday October 11, 2025. NJACE Fall Foliage Tour for Corvairs in Bucks County**

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club members are invited. Muster Location: ACME Shopping Center, 480 N. Main Street, Doylestown, PA. Departure: 11 AM. There will be a late lunch stop after the tour. Price: \$0. Tour will include the covered bridges of Bucks County. RSVP Requested. Email [chriss.corvair@gmail.com](mailto:chriss.corvair@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](mailto:trailrunner18018@yahoo.com). LVCC Members Welcome!

### **Sunday November 2, 2025. Fall Roll Out Car Show and Automotive Flea Market**

Location: Riegelsville Ball Park, Rt. 611. Riegelsville, 18077. Time: Get there no later than 7 AM if you want a spot for your car! Earlier is better. No entry fee or registration fee. No cars newer than 1990. Open to vintage, antiques, street rods, customs and trucks. Vendor spaces are available. For more information call (484) 316-0204 or email [RiegelsvilleFallRollOut@gmail.com](mailto:RiegelsvilleFallRollOut@gmail.com). Website: [FallRollOut.com](http://FallRollOut.com)

### **Sunday March 1, 2026. 59th Annual Ontelaunee Region AACA Swap Meet & Car Corral**

Location: Leesport Farmers Market. 312 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA 19533. Time: 7 AM to 2 PM. Rain or shine. Admission: \$3 per adult, children under 12 free. Over 60 indoor spaces. Unlimited outdoor space. Car corral. Vendor setup: Saturday 9 AM to 3:30 PM & Sunday from 5 AM to 7 AM. Registration & details: Lester Manwiller, [leesportswap-meet@ontelauneaaca.com](mailto:leesportswap-meet@ontelauneaaca.com) (610) 823-4656 (8 AM to 8 PM)

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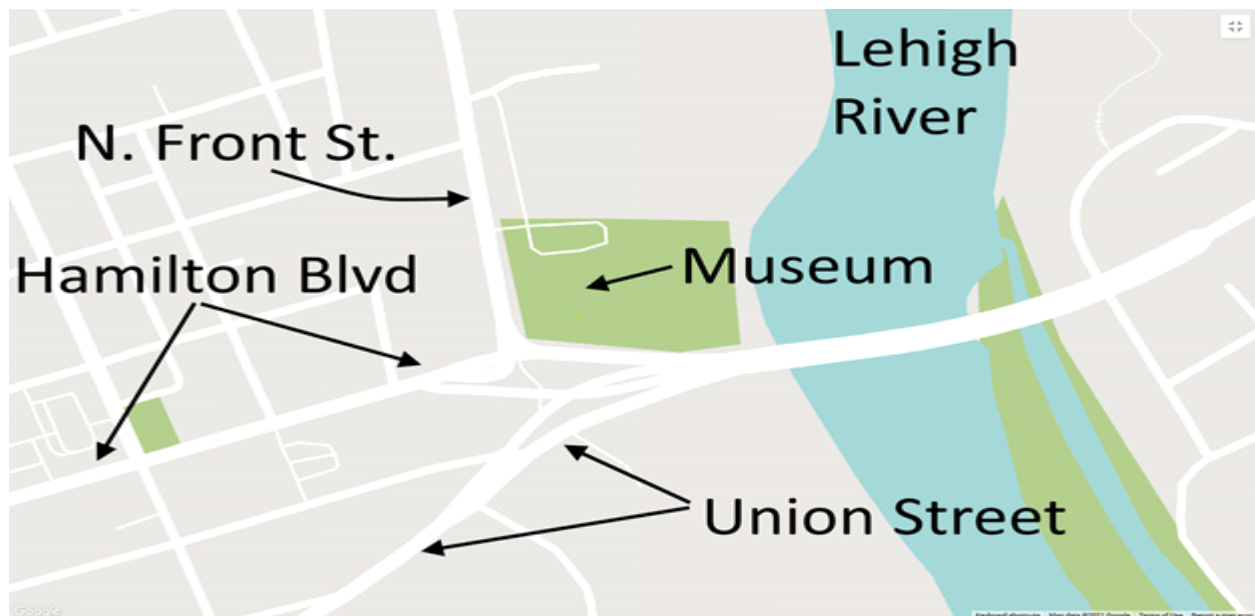
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## ***Next Meeting. We Meet Here!***

Next Meeting Date: **Saturday September 6, 2025, 10 AM**

Place: America On Wheels Museum

5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102



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Contact Ryan to have your favorite Corvair photos posted on Instagram!



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