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

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

***Date: Saturday October 18, 2025***

***Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM***

## ***Corvair Owners Picnic:***

***Place: Bob & Annie Weideman 's Place***

***Date: Saturday October 18, 2025***

***Time: Officially 11:00 AM***

***OK to arrive around Noon***

# CPCC's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual "Corvair Day"

LVCC Members Larry Asheuer, Eric George & Son, Allan & Joan Lacki, Bob & Sue Marlow, Scott Oberholzer, and Dave Smith traveled all the way out to York Springs, PA to participate in Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club's "Corvair Day".

This event is always a treat because it's so well run with plenty of door prizes, trophies and a great location – the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. The CPCC gang are friendly people, too.

Larry won the Best of Show award with his recently re-acquired 1960 Corvair Monza coupe. I say "re-acquired" because Larry bought it, sold it, and then bought it again over the past several years.

Larry's Corvair is a lovely pure-stock restoration that was done by the late Larry Ashley Sr. of the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts, way back in the 1980s. Mr. Ashley had an auto body shop in Flanders, New Jersey, so he had the experience and equipment to do it right, and Mr. Ashley certainly did a wonderful job on that car. Mr. Larry's son, Larry Jr., still runs the business.

Other award winners from LVCC included Eric George, Allan Lacki and Dave Smith; all with late-series Monza coupes. The trophies were hand-made, carved out of wood in the shape of Pennsylvania's "keystone" logo, and were personally-inscribed with each winner's name.

Meanwhile, Bob Marlow and Scott Oberholzer were in the vending area on the far side of the show field. Scott told us that business was good, and I'm sure Bob also made out well with sales.

## October Meeting Date & Picnic

We're going back to our original meeting schedule - the third Saturday of the month. That means our next meeting will occur on Saturday, October 18th. Same place: America on Wheels Museum. Same time: 10 AM

Directly after the meeting, we are all invited to attend a Corvair Owners Get Together & Picnic, sponsored by the Philadelphia Corvair Association at the home of Bob & Annie Weideman.

Location: Bob & Annie Weideman Residence. 4279 Chestnut Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088. Bob says they will be ready for guests to arrive at 11 AM, but we can arrive when-

ever our LVCC meeting is over. Event is rain or shine. Bob has a large garage and porch for shelter in the rain. Bring a folding lawn chair!

## A Dues Reminder Renew Your Membership!

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

To prevent confusion, your editor will be emailing this newsletter two times: One for members whose dues remain due and one for members whose dues have already been paid.

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

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club, PO Box 33, Orefield, PA 18069

## Nomination Period Is OPEN!

Effective *immediately*, we are accepting nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The period for submitting nominations will extend into the Old Business portion of our November meeting, at which time the nominees will either accept or reject the nominations they have received. The remaining nominees will be deemed official candidates for election.

The election will then be held during the New Business portion of that same meeting providing a quorum is present.

If no quorum is present at the November meeting, the election will be postponed until the next scheduled LVCC meeting when there is one. The newly elected officers will assume their duties immediately after the election.



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## ***LVCC at CPCC Corvair Day***



Dave Smith's Monza coupe with factory air-conditioning. And it works!



Bob Marlow and Scott Oberholzer set up their EZ-Ups and folding tables for selling Corvair stuff!



This is not an LVCC member car, but it's interested nonetheless. Clark's Ultimate Carb Kit or fuel injected?



Eric George brought his newly-acquired pristine 1969 Corvair Monza coupe.



Larry Asheuer's 1960 Corvair Monza. This car, restored by Larry Ashley Sr., won CPCC's Best of Show award.



Engine compartment of Dave Smith's Corvair Monza. Note the big GM air-conditioning compressor!

## ***Opportunity Knocks*** ***by Bob Marlow***

For the past cupla years I have been the club's elected secretary, a position that requires little more than recording the minutes of our meetings and handling the mail that comes to our PO Box in Orefield. It's not at all difficult, but it does require regular attention. Attention which I have been increasingly unable to give.

Last year, my wife received a formal diagnosis of Alzheimer's Dementia, after several years of noticeable cognitive decline. Anyone with even a small understanding of this disease knows that it puts an ever-growing strain on the caregivers, and I am feeling that strain.

One of the tasks that has fallen to me is meal preparation. Sue was always a great cook, and over my lifetime I have neither known nor wanted to know how to cook. But she can no longer handle the kitchen, so it is now a necessity that I do it. I have been learning how to not poison us while also not burning down the house.

Further complicating things are my own medical issues, which have gotten more serious this year.

The upshot of all this is that I am failing to give the LVCC secretarial tasks the proper attention. So it is time to pass the baton. For our club's elections of officers at the end of this year I will, to paraphrase Lyndon Johnson, not be seeking nor accepting re-election to the position.

LVCC is in increasingly good shape. The treasury is up, our membership numbers are up, and there have been several younger persons joining our ranks. I am confident that among our membership there are numerous good candidates to become the club secretary. It might be you! Please consider it.

### ***MINUTES*** ***Lehigh Valley Corvair Club*** ***General Membership Meeting*** ***American On Wheels Museum*** ***Allentown, PA*** ***September 6, 2025***

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by President Al Lacki. In attendance were 17 members and guests.

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 \$2,207.00 in the checking account.

#### Old Business

It was asked which of the two hotels at the site of the 2026 CORSA convention in Gettysburg is preferred. It was noted that while the Wyndham hotel is technically the "host" hotel, the Courtyard hotel is immediately adjacent and is effectively a shared host hotel.

Al Lacki reviewed upcoming events, including the biennial Corvair show at Clark's Corvair Parts on September 13, the CPCC "Corvair Day" on September 20, the NECC track event at New York Safety Track on September 27, and the NJACE Fall tour on October 11 which will be based in Bucks County. Also mentioned were the Slate Belt Rotary car show also on October 11, and the PCA gathering at Bob Weideman's home on October 18.

#### New Business

Bob Marlow made it known that he will not be able to continue in the position of club Secretary after this year, and that candidates will be sought for the post. *[read: Volunteer wanted!]*

General discussion included four Corvairs available from Larry Asheuer, one of which is a drag racing car jointly campaigned by Rich Greene and Larry. This began a good-humored debate about whether a prior on-track engine failure in the car was driver error (Rich) or mechanic failure (Larry). Also discussed was the accident that totaled Eric George's fuel-injected 1967 coupe, a camshaft fitment issue on Greg Dittich's 1961 Corvair, Edwin Buiter's questions about the Powerglide transmission in Ryan Cangeri's car, and possible diagnoses of recalcitrant starters in Corvairs.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM, with further informal conversations following.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Bob Marlow, Secretary





## **Tech Topics**

### **By Jim Simpson**

*Source: August 2025 Group Corvair Comments newsletter, the official newsletter of Group Corvair, a chapter of the Corvair Society of America.*

### **Offenhauser Goodies.**

Remember Offenhauser? For those of us of a “certain age”, Offenhauser has long been associated with engine performance parts since the days of the flat-head Ford engines. When the Corvair came out, they saw the excitement around it and made some parts specifically for the Corvair including valve covers, oil pans and dual carburetor mounts. And they still do! Check their Corvair specific parts at: <https://offydirect.com/?s=Corvair>



### **Shroud Paint.**

From the San Francisco Bay Area CORSA comes a tip on shroud paint.

Shroud Paint. Unless you are planning on having your shrouds powder coated – something mostly done professionally – Josh Deitcher recommends RustOleum “High Heat Ultra Black” rattle-can spray paint, part number 241169. He says that he’s tried them all and this one stands out as the best. It is both heat resistant and has the right gloss being neither too shiny nor flat. The picture in the article seems to prove it.



### **Corvair Antennas.**

I noted an article in the Central Virginia VAIRifiable News that Bill Hubbell had put together a summary of his research into Corvair radio antennas. It’s an excellent reference that will tell you both what was stock on your car as well as having the part numbers, installation instructions from the factory assembly manuals, and photos of the various pieces. You can read this at:

<https://stock.corvair.org/wordpress/2024/06/corvairantennas/>

One side note on the antennas for the late-model AM-FM radios: Bill says that early in the 1965 production, Chevrolet offered the rear antenna using a telescoping mast as an option with the AM-FM radio but by December 1964 that option was dropped apparently due to not providing good FM reception.

After that, the AM-FM radio came only with a front mounted, fixed stainless steel mast antenna. I can understand the fixed mast; its length is designed to be “tuned” to the FM radio frequency band. But the front versus rear shouldn’t matter much. The difference is the length of cable used.

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While I haven't measured the cable lengths, the difference can't be much more than about 6 feet. Even the worst coaxial cables – and auto manufacturers aren't known for picking quality antenna cables – won't lose more than a few percent of the signal in that short a distance.

Of course, the Corvair's Delco AM-FM radio is extremely primitive by today's standards, and it needs all the help it can get. Plus, I suspect that the broadcast power of FM stations in the 1960's was lower than that used today.

My experience with a rear mounted, fixed mast antenna and a stock AM-FM radio is that it works just fine.

## Treasury Report

### by Joan Lacki

<b>Beginning Balance: (August 31, 2025) .....</b>	<b>\$2,207.00</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<b>Newsletter / Stamps (Sep</b>	<b>-\$26.20</b>
	<b>-\$26.20</b>
<b>Ending Balance: (September 30, 2025) .....</b>	<b>\$2,310.80</b>
<b>New/Renewed Members:</b>	
<b>Ashauer, Larry</b>	<b>\$20.00 1 year</b>
<b>Fox, David</b>	<b>\$20.00 1 year</b>
<b>Laws, Aliene</b>	<b>\$35.00 2 years</b>
<b>Marlow, Robert</b>	<b>\$35.00 2 years</b>
<b>Smith, Garry</b>	<b>\$20.00 1 year</b>

## NECC Motorsports News

### By Allan Lacki

NECC Motorsports - officially the Northeast Corvair Council, Inc. – conducted time trials at New York Safety Track on September 27<sup>th</sup>. LVCC Members Dan Schmidt and John Egerton drove their track-modified Corvairs that day. They shared their cars with their sons, Nicholas Schmidt and Eric Egerton who also drove on the track. LVCC is one of the NECC member clubs that host these events.

NECC's time trials consist of early-morning practice sessions followed by hours of open track where the drivers could run as many laps as they please. At 3:00 PM, the cars went out individually for timed laps.

There were some spin outs on the track but no crashes. It has been many years since we've had a mishap like that. I think one of the Porsche guys blew his engine - if so, \$\$\$\$\$ for him. Aside from that, there were a few mechanical breakdowns, but nothing catastrophic.

A young guy named Josh managed pit lane for us this year. He worked well with Ray Zabinski and respected the way we run our events.

Joan and I did the timing with NECC Good Guy Ray Coker's assistance. Ray Coker took care of the walkie-talkie while Joan and I clicked the stop watches. He was in constant communication throughout the timing session with Ray Zabinski, who was letting cars out at the grid for timing. Without the two Rays, it would have been chaos in the timing shed.

You can see more photos at the NECC Facebook page and on the NECC website: [www.neccmotorsports.com](http://www.neccmotorsports.com)





## LVCC Classified Ads



Contact Larry Asheuer if interested in any of the following offers. a-lcorvair@msn.com

**For Sale: 1965 Corvair Drag Race Car** (Set up for NHRA Bracket Racing 2018) - \$4,000. This Corvair is totally set-up for Drag Racing and is NOT street legal (15.29 Sec @ 90 MPH).

**For Sale: 1969 Corvair 500 Coupe.** Frost Green - \$6,000. This Corvair has only 36,000 miles on the original Odometer. Corvair was stored in a garage from 1982 until purchased by Larry, in 2016. Runs great and will smoothly drive down interstates doing 80 MPH.

**For Sale: 1966 Corvair Monza Convertible.** Project Car - \$2,500. Car was taken completely apart by previous owner. Larry is slowly making it a roller. This Corvair has a very solid Body. It is a Project Car.

**For Sale: 1967 Corvair Monza Coupe.** Project Car - \$2,500. Car was completely taken apart by previous owner in 1974 to paint but never painted. At this time, it is only a body that is a roller. Car sat inside from 1974 till 2023 in this condition. The body is solid with no rust anywhere. This is a solid start but is a project

**For Sale: 2000 Dively Car Trailer.** Bought new. - \$2,500. Selling because I upgraded to Featherlite Car Trailer. Used this trailer to tow race car for years. Open deck with front tool box. Trailer brake system works well.

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



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# 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 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:***

### **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 for info](mailto:LVCC Member Greg Dittrich for info). 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 Owners Get Together & Picnic**

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club members are invited! Come right after the LVCC meeting that same morning. Bring a folding lawn chair! Location: Bob & Annie Weideman Residence. 4279 Chestnut Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088. Time: 11 AM to whenever. It's OK to arrive a bit late - this is a laid back event! Sponsored by the Philadelphia Corvair Association. Contact: [trailrunner18018@yahoo.com](mailto:trailrunner18018@yahoo.com)

### **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)

### **Saturday February 21, 2026. NJACE Indoor Corvair Parts Auction**

Location: Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge, 15 Perrin Avenue Pompton Lakes NJ. Time: 9 AM for setup, bidding begins 10:30 AM. Ends approximately 3 PM. All Corvair enthusiasts are welcome. Staged by our member-auctioneers, this indoor wintertime event provides ample opportunity to get hot deals on Corvair parts and is consistently one of our most popular activities. At the auction we offer Corvair parts and Corvair-related items to the highest bidder, with a 10% commission of the sale price going to the club treasury. You may bring parts to sell, you may buy, you may do both, or you may just come to enjoy the fun.

### **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)

### **Monday June 22 - Friday June 26, 2026. Corvair Society International Convention**

Location: Historic Gettysburg, PA. Registration & hotel reservations opening early 2026. Welcome party, concours d'elegance, road rally, autocross, economy run, tech sessions, banquet & awards ceremony and more. Participation limited to CORSA members. More information to come. [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org).



## ***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)**

## ***AOW Museum to Weideman Picnic***

Here's another invitation! Bob & Annie Weideman have invited all PCA & LVCC members to a Corvair Owners Get Together & Picnic at their place in Walnutport. The directions should be a cinch for Lehigh Valley natives! Basically, take Rt 145 (by the Lehigh Valley Mall) to Blue Mountain Road, then to Chestnut Drive. Google Maps says it's a 27 minute drive, 12.8 miles. Date: Saturday October 18. Any time after 11 AM.

