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1976 - 2026 IT'S OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY!

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Next Membership Meeting:

Place: America on Wheels Museum

Date: Saturday August 15, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show Report!

Long-time LVCC member Randy Kohler once again arranged for us to occupy Corvair row on the show field, where some really tall trees offered shade for the weary. Randy also set up the club's EZ-Up, managed the parking of our cars, and conducted our mid-afternoon raffle which included, among other things, \$100 in gift certificates courtesy of Clark's Corvair Parts. Thank you Randy!

Thirty-eight Corvair owners pre-registered their cars for this event, of which thirty-three arrived. In addition, we had at least two day-of-show registrations, including Ryan Cengeri's '65 convertible and Edwin Buiter's 1926 Franklin. A Franklin? Sure! There is no Franklin class at Das Awkscht Fescht, so the organizers let Ed park his Franklin with us in Corvair row. After all, his Franklin has a six-cylinder air-cooled engine!

Congratulations go to Ryan because this was his convertible's maiden event! He and Edwin have been feverishly working on it to make it roadworthy and Ryan just got it registered in time for Das Awkscht Fescht. Among other things, it sports four-wheel disk brakes and big meaty tires for serious stopping power!

Folks come from miles around to show their cars at Das Awkscht Fescht and this year was no exception. In addition to the members of LVCC and PCA (Philadelphia Corvair Association), we had a number of them from NJACE (New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts) and CPCC (Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club).

All kinds of Corvairs were there, including two Rampsides, a wide assortment of early and late Corsas and Monzas, including hard tops, convertibles, two-doors and four-doors. A star attraction was Scott Oberholtzer's miniature Monza GT go-kart. It stayed on Scott's trailer all day, but young Sagan Heiss and friend got to sit in it, much to their delight!

The Das Awkscht Fescht tradition continues unabated, and Randy has already signed us up for next year - Sunday August 8, 2027. Mark your calendars!

LVCC Meeting Minutes **Saturday, July 28, 2026** **by Greg Dittrich**

Our July meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM. Attendees: Greg Dittrich, William A. Dittrich, William D. Dittrich, John Egerton, Rich Greene, Allan Lacki, Bob Marlow,

Peter Pesaresi, Dan Schmidt, Dennis Stamm and Bob Weideman.

Minutes from our June meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Rich Greene and seconded by John Egerton.

Treasurers Report – May 's ending balance was \$2,264.40. After a motion by Bill Dittrich and seconded by Dan Schmidt, the report was approved.

Old Business. LVCC Activities:

LVCC's 50th anniversary was discussed. The event will be held at the America on Wheels Museum on 9-13-26 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Rain or shine.

Tickets will be \$17 which includes museum admission, Corvair show display and general parking and a catered lunch!

Peoples Choice awards were discussed with three trophies to be awarded. Trophies will be donated by Greg & Al. The trophies will need new "tags" to designate the award class/rank.

Edwin Buiter, Ryan Cengeri and Wes Heiss are creating a design for T-shirts and perhaps pins to commemorate our anniversary. Their efforts are ongoing. President Al started a list of who wants shirts and what size.

It was previously suggested that we reach out to the Wheels of Time Street Rod Association of Lehigh County as they have a car "Teeter Toter" that challenges drivers to balance their cars in the least amount of time. After further research, this isn't practical for our event.

It was discussed to have a model car display. Many members have collectable Corvair models. Tables to display them will be set up in the museum's Hub Cap Café where our catered lunch will also take place. Bob Marlow mentioned that Gloria Peles has a large collection of models from her husband's estate that she would like to sell.

We are additionally planning to celebrate at the Das Awkscht Fescht car show being held on Sunday, August 2nd. We al-

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Das Awkscht Fescht Photo Gallery



Das Awkscht Fescht



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ways have strong attendance.

New Business. Discussion.

John Egerton shared that Corvair racer Terry Stafford had a wreck at Northeast Corvair Council's track event at Summit Point. Unfortunately, on his way home, while flat towing his Corvair, Terry rolled his van. He and his wife Alexis are OK.

John also shared that he had a brake lock up on his race car which put him out of the race after 4 laps. The good news is that he went home, got his 1964 Spyder and won his class in the CORSA convention autocross that same week!

Rich Greene shared details of a large warehouse fire a few blocks away from the America on Wheels museum. He also mentioned a Rampside for sale on Facebook Market Place. A discussion regarding the increased values of FC's and nice cars was held with some FC's getting as high as \$35,000!

On a motion by Bill Dittrich "Senior" and seconded by Scott Oberholzer, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Dittrich.

LVCC Treasury Report, by Joan Lacki

Beginning Balance: (June 30, 2026)		\$2,264.40
Receipts:		
Membership	\$0.00	
		\$0.00
Expenses:		
Newsletter Exp (Allan Lacki)	-\$20.13	
		-\$20.13
Ending Balance: (July 31, 2026)		\$2,244.27
New/Renewed Members:		
None as of July 31, 2026 (Prior to Das Awkscht Fescht)		
To be updated in September report.		

Corvair Pics of the Day

by Eva McKeel

Source: August 2026 issue of *The Flat Six*, the official newsletter of the Prairie Capital Corvair Association.
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Back in the 1960's, the Corvair 95 FC trucks were popular for use in various business ventures. The Corvair Greenbriers (window vans) and panel vans were great for commercial use. Utility and telephone companies (like Bell Atlantic) purchased fleets for their large cargo space and ease in parking ability (due to their 95" wheel base). Other companies used these air-cooled wonders for delivery services, business promotions, private schools, airport shuttle vans, and hotel guest transportation vehicles.

There were aftermarket companies that converted Corvair vans into fire trucks and ambulance/emergency vehicles (i.e. Amblewagon). The Rampside pick-ups were utilized by contractors and tradesmen due to the folding side ramp allowing for ease of loading heavy equipment, tractors, motorcycles, etc.

Corvair trucks were produced from 1961-1965. Due to the uniqueness of the air-cooled engine's placement over the rear axle taking up valuable interior cargo space and being expensive to run and operate; companies later opted for purchasing traditional front engine vans. The Corvair trucks were discontinued after 1965, and Chevrolet decided to focus on producing conventional front-engine vans thereafter.

FUN FACTS: General Motors famously named the van after (and promoted it to) the Greenbrier Luxury Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Corvair 95 FC trucks were produced at two locations: Flint Truck & Bus, Flint, Michigan and the St. Louis Assembly Plant, St. Louis, Missouri.

FC stands for "Forward Control" - the driver's cab, steering wheel and pedals are positioned directly ahead of the front axle (over the front wheels) instead of behind an engine compartment.

Ken Genest, GM Senior Designer, is credited for naming the Corvair panel van as "Corvan." He is also credited for the front end design of the Corvair 95 trucks, and making design contributions to the first and second generation of Corvair cars while working in the Ned Nickles Studio.

Here is Ken Genest's first hand account of the truck design: "At one point, we were asked to contribute ideas for a Corvair van. I made a sketch in a front three-quarter view



showing protruding peak beneath the windshield that went across the front, over the headlights, dipped down and wrapped around the headlights, and then went straight back to the rear of the vehicle. It was related to the Corvair car front end, but different. That sketch disappeared one day, and three years later the van came out with that design on the front end.

Design management would pick ideas, usually at night, from whatever studios they found them in, probably going through the studios after work hours and bringing them into the grist mill where they were applied. That Corvair 95, in its Corvan and Greenbrier versions, was developed in a full size clay model somewhere else in the Design building, I don't know where, probably Truck Studio. I never saw the clay model. That wraps up my involvement with the design of the first Corvair. Thank you for listening." Ken Genest, GM Senior Designer

If anyone has a Corvair truck that was formerly utilized for commercial use, please post a photo and provide its history in our comment section.

Eva "Corvair Lady" McKeel
Corvair Historian/Creator,
Meet the Makers of the Chevrolet Corvair

Did you notice - Eva got married to Mike McKeel (aka the "Corvair Wizard") on July 7 2026. July 7 is also the anniversary for the start of Corvair Production at Willow Run (1959), Congrats Eva and Mike!



Dues Are Due.... (for Some of You)

LVCC's financial year runs from August 1 to July 31 and that means dues are due!

One Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$20.00
Two Year Membership, New or Renewal..... \$35.00

For those of you who paid at Das Awkscht Fescht, we thank you! For those of you who haven't, you can do so at our next meeting, August 15. And you always have the option to mail-in a personal check by US Postal at:

Lehigh Valley Corvair Club
P.O. Box 33
Orefield, PA 18069

Some of you have opted for 2-year memberships. If you're one of them, then you can refrain from paying this year. Or if you like, pay anyway and we'll extend your membership an additional year into the future!

Al Lacki, LVCC Prez

LVCC 50-Year Celebration - Register NOW!

The deadline for registering for our 50-Year Celebration is September 1st and it will be here before you know it!

As I write this, only twelve people have done that, and all but two were members who attended our July meeting at the museum. So please, register by telling us your name and the names of any guests you intend to bring, including wives, significant others and kids.

Why register now? Two reasons: 1. LVCC Treasurer Joan Lacki needs to know how much food to order from the caterer. (Yes, this is a catered event). 2. The museum needs to know the names of you and your guests to qualify for the 15% discount on the museum admission price.

Order Your T-Shirts! Also, we are offering commemorative 50-Year T-shirts just for this occasion. Ryan Cengeri and Edwin Buitter have come up with a great design. So when you register for the celebration, please tell us how many LVCC T-shirts you intend to purchase along with the sizes, e.g. 2X, XL, Large, Medium, Small.



Corvair Links!



Source: March/April 2026 issue of HOT AIR MAIL, the official newsletter of the Northern Virginia Corvair Club.

CORSA Corvair Society of America.

<https://www.corvair.org/>

Corvair Center Forum - A question-and-answer Corvair discussion board with plenty of tech talk.

<https://corvaircenter.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=11>

Corvair Forum - Another question-and-answer Corvair discussion board.

<https://www.corvairforum.com/forum/app.php/portal>

Corvair Club Lending a Hand.

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/people/garagesquad-detroit-area-corvair-faithful-lend-each-other-a-hand/>

How to ID different Bolt Grades.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhrBYBiSFKQ>

How to read tires.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQJ3D8iRvvc>

Hagerty Corvair Valuation. 1965-69 Chevy Corvair Values Are Rising Fast

<https://shorturl.at/k96dM>

Corvair getting attention.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHuXM1Gb8XM>

Getting more attention. Why the Chevrolet Corvair Is the Best Cheap Car. Learn more about the AACA.

<https://aaca.org/>

How to ID engine/body Codes on your Corvair

<https://stock.corvair.org/2022/01/david-trulls-corvair-gold/>

GM Vehicle Information Kits

<https://www.gm.com/heritage/archive/vehicle-information-kits>

Motor Trend article

<https://www.motortrend.com/features/1806-1961-two-corvairs-endurance-test/>

Hagerty Corvair Mention. According-to-You - The Best Starter Classics Cars.

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/automotive-history/sowhat-is-the-chicken-tax-anyway>

Top shrouds

<https://stock.corvair.org/wordpress/2026/02/engine-top-shroud-variations/>

Ron Hill's Vision and the 1965 Corvair.

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/southcoast/misc/RonHill.pdf>

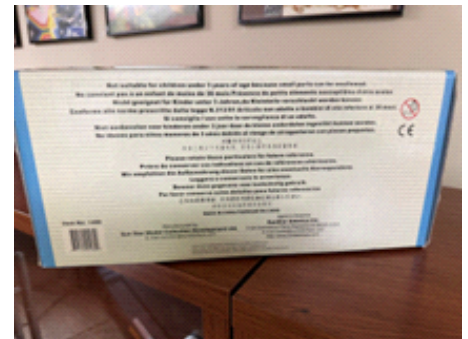
LVCC Classified Ads



For Sale: 1964 Chevy Corvair Rampside. Owned by long-time LVCC member Wayne Troxell. One of 851 Rampside's made in its final year, 1964. 164 cubic inch motor, 110 HP. Windows and bumpers re-chromed, new carpet, custom color Rhino-lined bed. Asking \$25,000. Buyer responsible for any delivery/ transport costs. More photos available upon request. Contact Christine Troxell, Andreas, PA. (570) 386-4347. (You can also contact Christine Troxell on Facebook).



For Sale: Sun Star 1/18 scale model of a 1963 Corvair Monza. This vintage, like new model, is white with red interior. It's still in its original packaging. Asking \$50. Any interested party can call or text me, Paul Pagoda, at (610) 883-1469. Email: ppagoda1948@gmail.com



For Sale: 1965 Corvair Monza Convertible. 110 / Powerglide. Evening Orchid with white interior. 61,000 miles. Meticulously maintained by LVCC Member Fred Scherzer. Asking \$18,000. Contact: Jeff Scherzer (Fred's son). (484) 948-5140 or jscherzer02@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!

This is just a sprinkling of summer-time car shows in our region! Many more can be found at <https://carmacruisefinder.com/>.

Corvair Events, Car Shows, Etc:

Saturday August 8, 2026. RFRHS Classic Car & Race Car Show.

Location: North parking lot at the Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543. Time: 8 AM to 2 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 per show car. (All race cars are free!). Antiques, classics, customs, street rods, rat rods, race cars. Participant judging. Music, silent auction, 50/50 drawing, raffle prizes. Dash plaques and goodie bags to the first 100 registered. Host: Reading Fairgrounds Racing Historical Society. Contact: Darrell Herman (484) 516-7457. www.readingfairgroundsracing.com.

Saturday August 22, 2026. First State Corvair Club Annual Show.

Location: Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. Price: \$20 per car. Hosted by First State Corvair Club. Corvairs, music, food, family fun.

Saturday August 31, 2026. Boyertown Community Park – Duryea Day

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. Pre-registration and day-of-show registration for show vehicles available. All makes, models, and years are welcome. Contact michaela@boyertownmuseum.org <https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/>

Saturday September 12. Fall Fest Car Show.

Location: Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543. Rain date: September 19. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM. Price: \$20 plus 2 non-perishable food items for the food bank per show car. All classes welcome: Street rods, muscle cars, classics, Vettes, antiques, trucks. Live music, door prizes, goodie bags. 100 trophies by People's Choice. Contact: Pastor Lawrence Weed (610) 322-1622. pastorweed@hotmail.com. Chariots-of-fire.org.

SAVE THIS DATE! Sunday September 13, 2026. LVCC 50th Anniversary Celebration!

The Lehigh Valley Corvair Club had its first meeting on September 15, 1976 at 327 Montgomery St Allentown, PA. That's fifty years ago, so it's time for a celebration! RSVP to Allan Lacki, redbat01@verizon.net or (610) 927-1583 during business hours. Location: America On Wheels Museum, 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102. See enclosed flyer!

Saturday, September 19, 2026.- CPCC Corvair Day

Location: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372. 9 AM to 4 PM. A Corvair show with 50/50, free dash plaques, door prizes, and silent auction. Free indoor/outdoor vendor setup. On-site food vendor will offer breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages to purchase. Registration 9AM - 12PM. Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club Contact: Dave Steigauf, (H) (717) 898-7927 or (Cell) (717) 406-7382. davescorsa@gmail.com.

Sunday September 20. Leithsville Car Show

Location: 1995 Leithsville Road, Hellertown, PA. 9 AM to 3 PM. Awards at 1 PM. Day of show price: \$15 per show car. Live music, food trucks, judged & open classes. Sponsored by the Lower Saucon Fire & Rescue. www.lowerSauconfire.org.

Saturday October 17, 2026. 2nd Annual PCA/LVCC Picnic.

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

Sunday September 20, 2026 - Rod Burkhart Memorial Car & RaceCar Show.

Location: Jim Dietrick Park, 4899 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road, Reading, PA 19605. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Day of Show Price: \$20 (Race cars are free!) Antiques, classics, customs, street rods, rat rods & race cars.. Music, 50/50, silent auction, raffle

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prizes. Food & refreshments. Dash plaques & goodie bags to the first 100 registered. People's choice judging. Host: Reading Fairgrounds Racing Historical Society. Contact: Darrell Herman (484) 516-7457. www.readingfairgroundsracing.com.

Sunday September 20, 2026 - 40th Annual AACA Car Show.

Location: Tri-County Little League Field, Corner of Grove & Hancock Streets, McAdoo, PA. Time: 8 AM to 3 PM. Rain or shine. Day-of-Show Price: \$20 per vehicle. Antiques, classics, street rods, rat rod, modifieds, street machines, trucks, customs, motorcycles. Participation awards to first 150 registrations. Additional awards at the show. Musical entertainment provided by The Legends Oldies Band. Downloadable registration forms at aaca.com

Sunday September 27, 2026. 51st Annual All GM Fall Meet

Location: National Shrine of Padre Pio. 111 Barto Rd, Barto, PA 19504-8730. Rain or shine. Time: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Price: \$20 per car. Pre-registration discount available. We welcome all GM car clubs to join us. We will park you as you arrive. If your club wishes to park together, you only have to arrive together. We will have food trucks, music and dash plaques for the first 150 vehicles. Trophies will be awarded to the "Top 25" at 2:30pm along with door prizes. Contact: A.J. Koszi (610) 504-4735 r62gp@aol.com Website: www.kspoci.org.

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Sunday November 1, 2026 - Riegelsville Fall Roll-Out.

Location: Riegelsville Borough park, 400 Wayside Way, Riegelsville, PA. Time: 8 AM to 2 PM. No vehicles newer than 1999. Exhibitors entry begins at 7 AM. Vintage, Antiques, Street Rods, Customs & Trucks. Automotive Flea Market. No entry or registration fee for vehicles. Spectator admission \$5. First 475 receive dash plaques. Get there EARLY - the show field fills up quickly!!



Late Breaking News - Another Classified Ad!

For Sale: 1967 Corvair Monza Convertible. Madeira Maroon exterior. Black interior. Excellent condition throughout. Rust-free. 110 hp engine. 4-speed transmission. Asking a truly reasonable price of \$16,000. Location: Wernersville, PA. LVCC Prez Al Lacki has seen this car and vouches for its condition. Contact the owner directly - B. Pysher, (610) 451-0009 or email drano35494@comcast.net





LEHIGH VALLEY CORVAIR CLUB 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Lehigh Valley Corvair Club had its first meeting 50 years ago, on September 15, 1976 at 327 Montgomery St., Allentown, PA. It's time for a celebration!

When: Sunday September 13, 2026 from 9 AM to 2 PM (Rain or Shine).

Where: America on Wheels Museum, 5 N. Front St., Allentown, PA 18102

Price: 15% discount off regular museum admission ticket prices.

Includes: Corvair car show, model car display, discount-price museum admission and free catered lunch at Noon.

--- RSVP by September 1, 2026 ---

We need to know how many of you plan to attend. If you don't tell us, you won't qualify for the 15% discount and we may not have enough food to feed you! So give us your name and the names of any guests. Also, we'll be selling LVCC 50th commemorative T-shirts. Tell us how many and the sizes you need.

Contact allanvlacki@gmail.com or call (610) 927-1583. Feel free to leave a message. Deadline September 1, 2026!

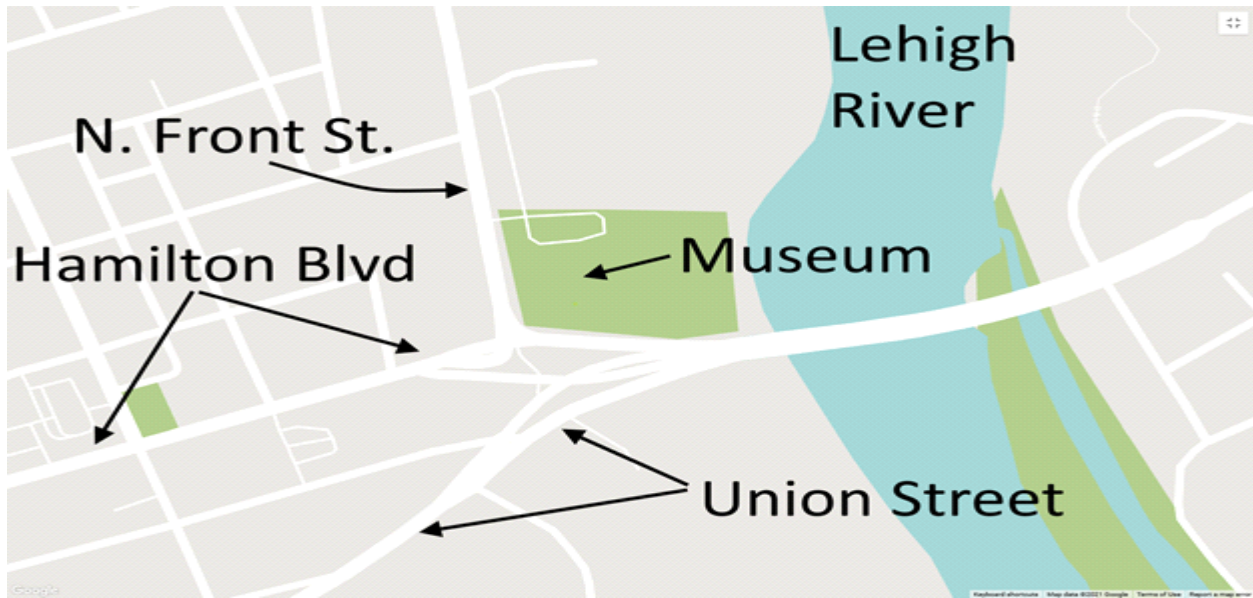


Next LVCC Meeting. We Meet Here!

Next Meeting Date: **Saturday August 15, 2026**

Time: 10 AM to Noon

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!