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LVCC 50-Year Celebration:

Place: America on Wheels Museum

Date: Sunday September 13, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

RSVP: See enclosed flyer for details.

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LVCC Members Having Fun at Pocono Raceway!

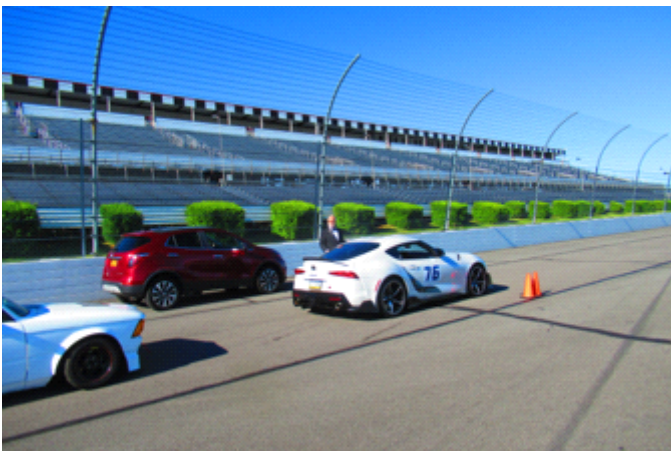
LVCC Members John Egerton, Dan Schmidt and Ryan Cengeri had a good time driving their cars in the NECC Motorsports time trials at Pocono Raceway. The event was held on Saturday August 29 and the weather was perfect.



John Egerton's '64 . The sky was really that blue!

John and Dan drove their track-prepared Corvairs. After a year of restoration, Ryan's Corvair is now roadworthy, but as a matter of good sense, he drove his Toyota Supra instead.

After the event, Ryan remarked, "Thanks for putting on the event. Probably one of the top days of my life." That's some compliment, coming from an Air Force colonel who has piloted some the biggest military jets in the world!



Ryan's Toyota Supra at the starting line. It has a 382-hp turbocharged 3.0-liter six-cylinder engine. It's fast!

Edwin Buiter at the NB Center

In 2025, LVCC Member Edwin Buiter graduated from McPherson college with a B.S. in Automotive Restoration and promptly landed a position as a craftsman at the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown.

The facility, located near the Iron Pigs baseball stadium is huge and not only includes a large showroom, but also separate shops for mechanical restoration, bodywork, upholstery and more. They are fully equipped and exquisitely clean.



Showing off some of the crankshaft work Edwin has been doing as well as the 33 Cadillac V16 he is assembling, and a pair of Buick 248 straight 8s.

Scott Oberholzer and Mike Slotwinski at the First State Corvair Club Show

Photos courtesy of Andy Rominiecki



LVCC Treasury Report, by Joan Lacki

Beginning Balance: (July 31, 2026)	\$	2,244.27
Receipts:		
Membership	\$440.00	
		\$440.00
Expenses:		
Newsletter Exp. (Allan Lacki)	\$ (20.13)	(AUG-26)
		-\$20.13
Ending Balance: (August 31, 2026)		\$2,664.14
New/Renewed Members:		
Asheuser, Larry	\$ 20.00	1 year
Buiter, Edwin	\$ 20.00	1 year
Dittrich, Greg	\$ 35.00	2 years
Dittrich, William	\$ 20.00	1 year
Dittrich, William Sr.	\$ 20.00	1 year
George, Eric	\$ 35.00	2 years
Greene, Rich	\$ 20.00	1 year
Ingles, Walter	\$ 20.00	1 year
Laws, Aliene	\$ 35.00	2 years
Lewis, Larry	\$ 20.00	1 year
Mason, Chuck	\$ 20.00	1 year
Oberholzer, Scott	\$ 35.00	2 years
Reinert, Donald	\$ 20.00	1 year
Smith, Dave	\$ 20.00	1 year
Smith, Gary	\$ 20.00	1 year
Smullen, Dave	\$ 20.00	1 year
Stone, Curt	\$ 20.00	1 year
Strausser, Jeff	\$ 20.00	1 year
Weideman, Bob	\$ 20.00	1 year
	\$440.00	

LVCC Meeting Minutes Saturday, August 15, 2026 by Greg Dittrich

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

We had 12 members in attendance. They were Edwin Buiter, Ryan Cengeri, Greg Dittrich, William A. Dittrich, William D. Dittrich, Eric George, Rich Green, Randy Kohler, Allan Lacki, Joan Lacki, Bob Marlow, Scott Oberholzer and Dave Smullen.

Prior to the meeting, our group enjoyed conversations outside and viewing each other's cars.

Old Business

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Bill Dittrich and seconded by Rich Green.

The Treasurers Report – July 's ending balance was \$2,244.27. After a motion by Bill Dittrich and seconded by Bob Marlow, the report was approved.

Treasurer Joan reminded everyone that dues are due! At that point, Joan collected dues from a number of attendees. Reminders will be sent to members who have yet to pay.

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 and an included catered lunch! There will also be a Corvair model display, so please bring your collectables for display!

People's Choice awards were discussed. Four trophies will be awarded. Trophies will be donated by Greg & Al. The trophies will need new "tags" to designate the award class/rank. Greg & Al will get together in the near future to prepare the trophies.

Greg will create a car show registration form, windshield card and voting sheet.

Ryan reported that a design for T-shirts has been finalized. President Al has started a list of people who are interested in shirts and requested sizes. If you are interested in a shirt, please reach out to president Al. The cost to the club is estimated at \$17. (Note: The final price will be \$20 apiece).

Joan Lacki is arranging catering for the lunch. We need a final head count, please email president Al if you are attending. Redbat01@verizon.net

We had a great turn out at the Das Awkscht Fescht car show held on Sunday, August 2nd with 38 Corvairs on display.

New Business

The then-upcoming AACA Grand Nationals Show car show was discussed. It was held on Saturday, August 22nd. It is an "Invitation Only" event.

It was suggested that a fall foliage tour be considered. Members thought it was a great idea and will be discussed at the next meeting.

AACA Nationals Meet at Bulgari Center

Photos by Richard Lentinello, Author of "Corvair Style"



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Scott Oberholzer shared that he is considering the purchase of a Rampside currently listed on Facebook Marketplace. He questioned adding air conditioning and several options were shared with him by club members.

Eric George updated the club on the progress of his 1967 project and inquired about the best method to install the drivetrain. Bill Dittrich mentioned that a Harbor Freight lift table is perfect for the job as long as you jack the car high enough to clear everything. It was suggested that the club would assist him when he was ready to install.

Adjournment

On a motion by Rich Green and seconded by Scott Oberholzer, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.
Respectfully submitted by Greg Dittrich.

R.I.P. Fred Scherzer

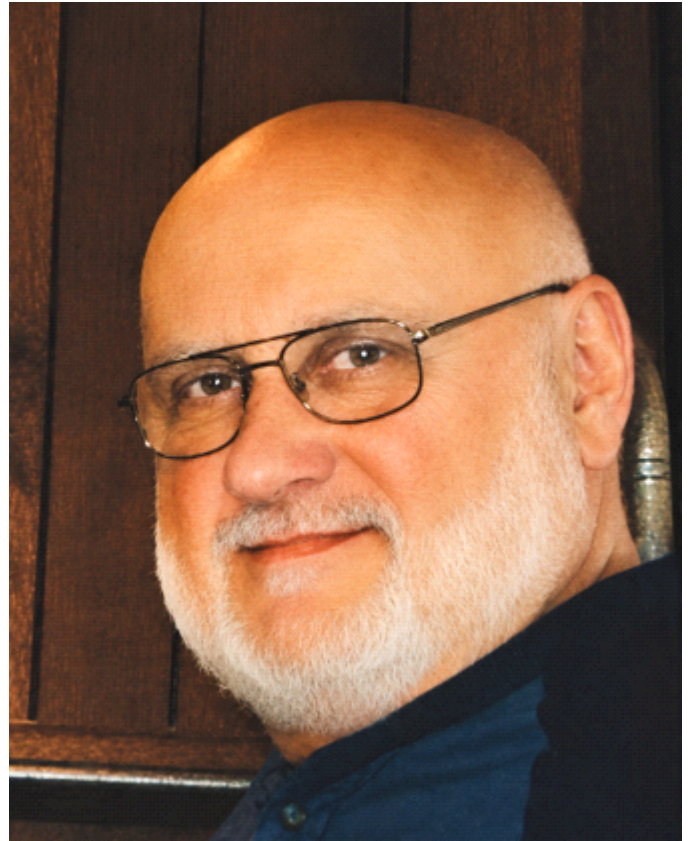
A couple of days ago, I received a phone call from Fred's son Jeffrey. He informed me that Fred passed a few days ago, on August 29. Fred was a long-time member of the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club and served as our club's Vice President for several years. He was a real expert on the care and maintenance of our little rear-engine cars. He will be sorely missed. R.I.P. Fred. Here is the obituary from the funeral home. Allan Lacki

Fred H. Scherzer, aged 82, of Perkiomenville, departed this life peacefully (at his home) on August 29, 2026. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Hugo and Erna (Meier) Scherzer. Fred was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend who touched the lives of all who knew him.

A 1962 graduate of Upper Perkiomen High School, Fred dedicated many years as an automotive technician whose expertise and dedication shone through his impressive career. He spent 25 years at Heimbach and Sweatt Chevrolet followed by 15 years at Red Hill Ford. Alongside his work at Red Hill Ford, Fred proudly owned and operated Fred's Repair Shop for an impressive 30 years and was very well known throughout the Upper Perkiomen Valley area.

Throughout his life, Fred was more than just a mechanic; he was a true enthusiast. His love for cars and jukeboxes led him to become an active member of the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club, the Pottstown Car Club, and the American Historical Jukebox Club.

Known for his unwavering work ethic, he never let his hands sit idle. Whether he was tackling projects around the house,



cutting wood, or simply tinkering, there was always a sense of purpose in everything he did. He had a special love for family vacations, especially to Wildwood, NJ. Fred also cherished moments spent with friends over breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Fred was married to his loving wife, Diana "Dee" (Way) Scherzer, for 60 years before her passing in 2025.

He is survived by his sons, Walter and wife, Kristin and Jeffrey and partner, Jules; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Walter Scherzer.

A visitation time to celebrate and honor Fred's life will be held on Friday, September 11, 2026 from 4 to 6 PM at Mann-Slonaker Funeral Home, 222 Washington St., East Greenville, PA 18041 with a celebration of life dinner to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to The (Perkiomenville branch of the) Montgomery County SPCA (www.montgomerycountyspca.org) or Logan's Heroes Animal Rescue (www.lharinc.org).



CPCC's Covered Bridge Tour

By Paul Miller

Editor's Note: The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club is having a covered bridge tour and it sounds like a fun event! It is being coordinated by CPCC member Paul Miller and all Corvair enthusiasts are invited. The tour includes lunch at a local restaurant and Paul needs to tell the manager how many people to expect. So, please contact Paul if you are interested in joining the tour. His email address is: plmiller7@gmail.com.

All the ingredients are ready! The Sherman Creek water is flowing, the bridges are built, the scenery is wonderful, the weather is cooler & the autumn colors are emerging. The final required ingredient is a cluster of zealous Corvair drivers whisking their rear engine gems through 20 miles of countryside to see seven covered bridges- each over 100 years old. At trip's end will be a special lunch in a private room serving fresh Amish food.

Particulars:

Date & Time - Wednesday October 7 at 10:30 AM
Start Location - New Germantown Bridge- Lower Buck Ridge Rd- South of Germantown- at the church (don't worry it's the only church in town.)

Lunch: Approximately 12 - 12:30 at "The Local Table Restaurant, 654 Weavers Mill Rd, Loysvilles Rd, Loysville, PA 17047. Separate room reserved. Great reviews by patrons! Plenty of parking in back, but watch out for the hitching post and associated debris.

Special Bonus Treat: Longest covered bridge in the Commonwealth- the Academia/Pomeroy Covered Bridge- in Juniata County. Twenty miles from the restaurant if you'd like to go. This bridge is a magnificent 278' long. You can walk across it or wade the Tuscarora Creek and soak in the ambience. Still, it is a bit of a hike so this is an optional no-cost extra bridge to visit.

Our Commonwealth has the most covered bridges in the US (over 200) so see eight total if your game. This is good Corvair traveling country! Gentle rolling hills, fields, Amish and Mennonite farmers – you may see them harvesting with their horse-drawn threshers. Also veggie & fruit stands available.

Paul Miller for CPCC



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Rotary Slate Belt OKTOBERFEST CAR SHOW



October 10, 2026 (rain date Sunday October 11)

LVCC Member Greg Dittrich is a Rotarian.

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)



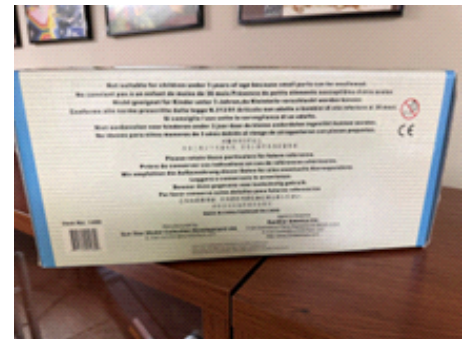
LVCC Classified Ads



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 Classified Ads (continued)

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



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.

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! The following 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 September 5, 2026 60th Annual Duryea Day Antique & Classic Car & Truck Show and Flea Market

Location: Boyertown Community Park, 419 S Madison St., Boyertown, PA 19512. Time: 9 AM to 3 PM. 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.

Saturday September 12, 2026. 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.

LVCC Calendar of Events (continued)

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, 2026 - 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.

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 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 2:30 PM along with door prizes. Contact: A.J. Koszi (610) 504-4735 r62gp@aol.com Website: www.kspoci.org.

Wednesday October 7, 2026. CPCC Covered Bridge Tour.

Start Time: 10:30 AM. Start Location: New Germantown Bridge- Lower Buck Ridge Rd- South of Germantown- at the church (don't worry it's the only church in town.). End Time: Approx. 12:30 PM. End Location: The Local Table Restaurant, 654 Weavers Mill Rd, Loysvilles Rd, Loysville, PA 17047. Separate room reserved. Special Bonus Treat- Longest covered bridge in the Commonwealth- the Academia/Pomeroy Covered Bridge- in Juniata County. Twenty additional miles from the restaurant if you'd like to go. This bridge is magnificent.

Saturday October 10, 2026. Slate Belt Rotary Oktoberfest Car Show

Location: Wind Gap Borough Park, 334 South Lehigh Avenue, Wind Gap, PA 18091. Time: 9 AM to 2 PM. Rain date: Sunday October 11. Food, trophies, plaques. 15 classes. Day-of-show price: \$20 per vehicle. (\$15 if pre-registered). Proceeds benefit Operation Warm Coats for Kids. Contact: Greg Dittrich. (973) 476-4890 gdittrich1@gmail.com.

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 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!!



Lehigh Valley Corvair Club

a Regional Chapter of the Corvair Society of America

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 ---

The cutoff date was September 1, but we may be able to accommodate a few more people. 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.

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

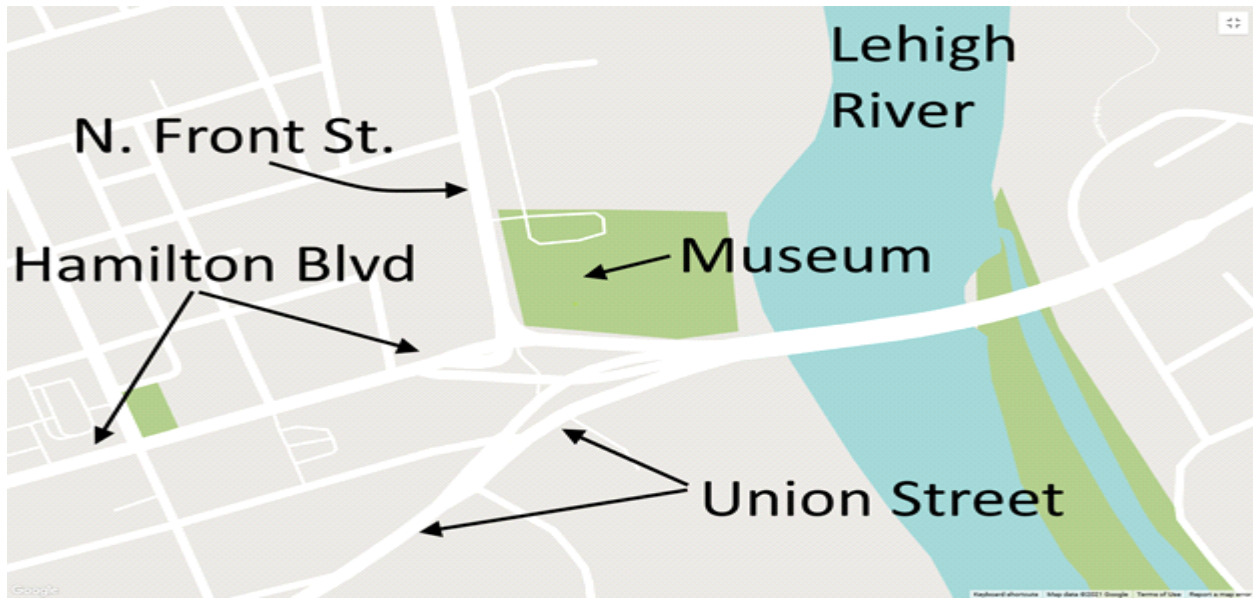


Next LVCC Meeting. We Meet Here!

Next Meeting Date: ***Sunday September 13, 2026 for Our 50 Year Celebration!***

Time: 9 AM to 2 PM (You can stay at the Museum until the 4 PM, but our room will close at 2 PM).

Place: America On Wheels Museum, 5 North Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102



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