Newsletter of Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Inc.

the fifth wheel

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NEXT LVCC EVENT!

The Philadelphia Corvair Association (PCA) has invited all LVCC membersto meet for a picnic at Bob and Annie Weideman's house. This will be our LVCC event for October. Bob, of course, is a member of LVCC as well as PCA, so don't be bashful. Come out for the fun!

Date: Saturday October 17, 2026
Location: 4279 Chestnut Dr, Walnutport PA.
Beginning Time: 11:00 AM

Normally, we'd have our club meeting on October 17 - the third Saturday of the month. But instead of meeting at the America on Wheels Museum that day, LVCC will be gathering at Bob and Annie Weideman's house. The address and time of day is shown below in Rich Greene's email.

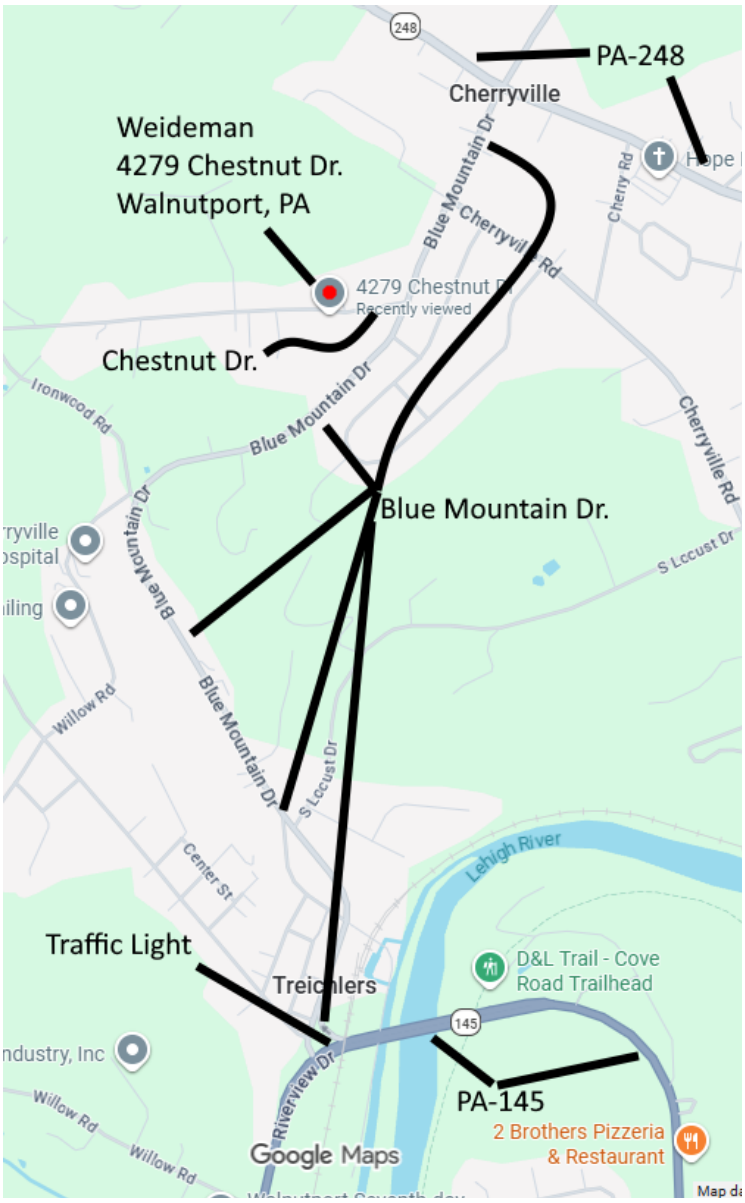
In his invitation, Rich Greene called this event a "meeting", but it's really more of a social gathering and there will be lots of food! And Bob and Annie Weideman's residence is a wonderful place. It's a farmette with an 18th century stone house, vegetable garden, turkeys, chickens and other friendly creatures including a very large land turtle!

Don't worry about rain - they have a three-car garage where we can take refuge if the weather gets damp!

Here's the hitch - you need to RSVP for this event, just like you did with our 50-Year Celebration. Use this email address:

RSVP to corvairsrcooler@cs.com

And bring a chair for yourself!



LVCC 50-Year Celebration!

We held our 50-Year Celebration at the America on Wheels Museum on Sunday, September 13. Aside from early morning drizzle, it was a wonderful time! Highlights included a show of Corvair cars and trucks, including not only full-size Corvairs but also scale models. LVCC T-shirts were delivered and sold. A catered buffet-style lunch was provided for all with an "LVCC 50th" sheet cake and cupcakes. A film reel was playing in the AOW theater. And a docent-led tour of the entire museum was provided to anybody who wished to follow along.

I thank all the folks who made this event so memorable. Joan Lacki who took care of the catering arrangements; Greg Dittrich who ran the Corvair show; Ryan Cengeri, Edwin Buiter and Wesley Heiss who designed and sold the LVCC T-shirts; Peter and Nancy Pesaresi who donated the delicious sheet cake and cupcakes; Scott Oberholzer who brought his Monza GT Junior go-kart and Larry Lawrence Asheuer who drove it around the museum parking lot; Randall Kohler and Rich Greene who supervised parking of the Corvair show cars; Scott and Wes who put their model cars on display in the Hub Cap Café; Rich Greene who gave a magnificent tour of all the exhibits in the museum; and Randall Kohler who gave an impromptu speech about the history of the club. And of course, I thank Monica Ziobro, Al Ruozzi and the rest of the staff at the museum who worked with us to make it a memorable event.

Here's to another fifty years of LVCC!

Corvair People at the LVCC 50th

Folks line-up for the lunch buffet! Salads, chicken, meatballs, pasta parmigiana & more!

Big sheet cake donated to the club by Peter & Nancy Pesaresi. Thank you so much!

Car show registration table and T-shirt sales

Rich Greene explains the Corvair mystique to local citizens who dropped by to check-out the hub-bub.

Bob King explains intricacies of Corvair maintenance.

Big Corvairs at the LVCC 50th

Engine compartment of Bill Dittrich's '61 Corvair

Rich Greene's Corvair Corsa convertible up-front

Two 1964 Corvairs: John Egerton's '& Greg Dittrich's

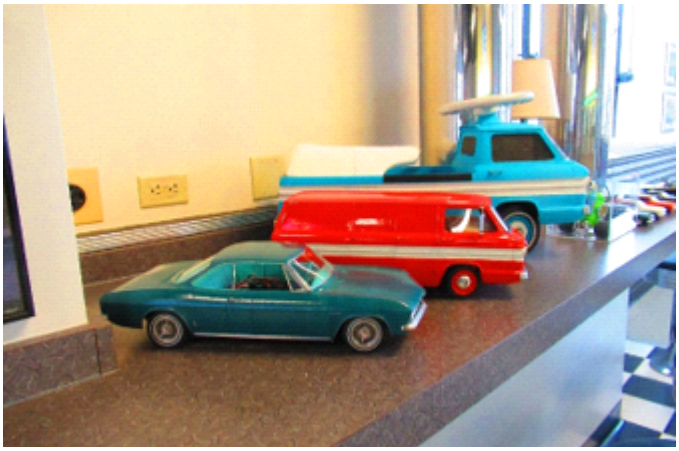
Sitting pretty! Greg Dittrich's '64 Monza convertible

Another pretty convertible. This one by Wes Heiss

Looking west toward the old Neuweiler Brewery

Little Corvairs at the LVCC 50th

An overview of the models on display in Hub Cap Cafe



Wes Heiss miniatures.

Al Lacki's models included a kit-bashed Monza GT

Scott Oberhozer's Corvair lamp, etc.

Larry Asheuer gets shoe-horned into Scott's Monza Jr!

It's Alive! Larry takes laps in Scott's Monza Jr!

Above: Aaron Buzzard says these neat Hot Wheels and Matchbox miniatures are available at Target & Walmart.
Below: Aaron had so much fun at LVCC's 50-Year Celebration that he created this neat banner using AI tools!

Autumnal Things to Do…. Car Museum Rundown

Hey, now that car show season is winding down and the weather is getting colder, we'll be looking for alternative things to do (aside from preparing our Corvairs for winter!) So, here is a rundown on some car museums within reasonable driving distance of the Lehigh Valley in addition to the America on Wheels Museum.

Be sure to contact them before you make the drive. Hours of operation vary and you may need to make an appointment to get inside.

Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum
6825 Norwitch Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 365-7233 https://simeonemuseum.org/

Located in southern Philadelphia, PA, the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum is one of the world's greatest collections of racing sports cars.

Assembled over fifty years by Dr. Frederick Simeone, the Museum contains over 75 historically significant cars including Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Bugatti, Mercedes, Jaguar, Bentley, Porsche, Aston Martin, Corvette, Ford, and more.

The Simeone Museum has rotating exhibits and they regularly take cars out of the museum to drive them on their 3-acre lot in back for demonstration days.

You can sign up on their website home page to receive their email newsletter to keep informed of their upcoming events.

Demonstration Day at the Simeone Foundation Museum. Here, we see a Shelby Cobra Daytona coupe followed by a Ford GT 40. These are just a couple few of the running race cars that are on display.

Rolls-Royce Foundation Museum
189 Hempt Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
(717) 795-9400 https://rollsroycefoundation.org/

Inside, you'll find more than two dozen historic Rolls Royce and Bentley motorcars on display, engaging interactive exhibits, and an elegant art gallery. The museum showcases vehicles spanning the full history of both marques, complemented by rotating exhibits and carefully curated artifacts.

Please note: Due to private events and ongoing museum renovations, all visits and tours must be scheduled in advance.

Bill's Bike Barn
7145 Columbia Blvd, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
(570) 759-7030 https://billsbikebarn.com

In a wooded grove, on the hill just behind Bill's Custom Cycles - the parts shop - Bill Morris worked to make his dream materialize. There you will find his museum - Bill's Old Bike Barn - a true collection of vintage motorcycles and Americana memorabilia.

At a glance, the green metal pole barn appears to be a storage building constructed to house equipment for the long harsh winter. Stepping over the threshold you are in yesteryear. First thoughts are, "Not in your wildest dreams!"

You're in an old barn circa 1800, that was purchased in a nearby town. Painstakingly dismantled piece by piece, transported and reconstructed inside the building. Some of the beams are 40-50' long including the ladders.

The 16' ceiling is now home to the thousands of posters and signs. His 1947 Harley Davidson, Allentown, PA neon sign towers sixteen feet above the 1961 Moto Guzzi one and a half ton dump truck which was totally restored. It's known to be the only one in the U.S.A.

Bill's collection also includes a 1941 Police UL, '49 Hydra Glide, '37 Indian Chief and a '37 Knucklehead, all glistening under the light of a seven foot Indian motorcycle sign.

Bill's Old Bike Barn has an overwhelming display of the pristine collection of motorcycles and memorabilia. Any true motorcycle enthusiast is sure to be impressed as they gaze upon all there is to see. Each time you visit, you are sure to find another item you missed on your previous visits, whether it be the Zundapps or Toppers - or how about the 1956 German NSU?

(Editor's Note: "Zundapp"? Yeah, it's a real motorcycle! A buddy of mine had one back in high school, circa 1970),

Then there's the military display complete with foxhole, a '45 NOS military bike with 30 caliber machine gun, palm trees finished off with spanish moss. No detail was left out, right down to the 1940 military parachute that covers the display!

Old Spokes Car Museum
10399 Old 22 in New Smithville, PA
(484) 641-5500 https://oldspokes.com/

Old Spokes Car Museum is the world's largest collection of Hudson automobiles and consists of over 60 antique vehicles from the 1900's - 1960's like Maxwell, Plymouth, Chrysler, and of course, Hudson, Essex, and Terraplane.

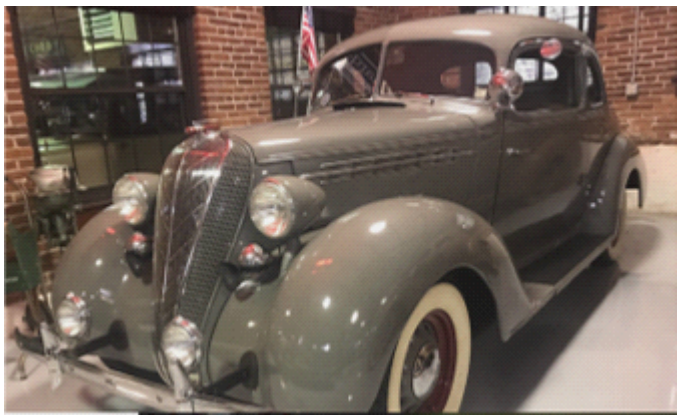
In addition to the impressive car collection, Old Spokes Car Museum showcases an extensive collection of car memorabilia displayed throughout a fully-restored 1830's farm property, a 1930's Ford dealership, and 1930's Maxwell car warehouse with an original cafè.

The car exhibits are housed in two buildings, the "Ford Building" and the "Maxwell Building". "The Ford Building" was the well-known O.J. Fritz Ford Dealership decades prior. When purchased, it was in severe disrepair and needed a lot of love and hard work to restore it back to everyday working condition. It has since been fully-restored and is now proudly used to display part of the Hudson collection.

"The Maxwell Building" started as a Maxwell car dealership. It required extensive structural and cosmetic restoration before it became the "Home of the Hudson." The Maxwell building houses some of the Old Spokes' Hudson collection, as well as "Bob's Auto Orphanage" office for all official car and auto sales.

The Old Spokes Car Museum is open only by appointment, so please contact them at (484) 641-5500 with any questions or to schedule a museum tour.

An elegant 1918 Hudson Touring Car.



A factory hot rod, this 1936 Hudson Terraplane Coupe could outrun a flathead V8 Ford.

LVCC Classified Ads

For Sale: 1964 Chevy Corvair Rampside. Owned by long-time LVCC member Wayne Troxell. One of 851 Rampsides 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.

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

Jeff Marvill's Suspension Services: I have over 45 years of suspension experience and I'm extremely experienced with 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, Perkasie, PA.

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

- **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: 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.

2026 is Our 50th Anniversary!

2026 is the 50th Anniversary of the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club! LVCC was formed when a group of local Corvair guys kept bumping into each other at car shows in the Valley. They decided it would be good to form their own Corvair club where they could trade their experiences on a more regular basis. Dick Lehman hosted the first LVCC meeting on September 15, 1976 at his home in Bethlehem. Ed Hohe was our first President.

LVCC Calendar of Events

Cruise Nights

Interested in doing a cruise night? Go to https://carcruisefinder.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://carcruisefinder.com/.

Corvair Events, Car Shows, Etc:

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. Day of Show Registration price: $20 per car. All GM cars welcome. 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 Email: 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. Cross the longest covered bridge in the Commonwealth- the Academia/ Pomeroy Covered Bridge. It is 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!!

LVCC Treasury Report
by Joan Lacki

Beginning Balance: (August 31, 2026) ….					**$2,664.14**
	Receipts:				
		Membership Dues	$60.00		
					$60.00
	Expenses:				
		50th Anniversary Party			($1,226.25)
Ending Balance: (September 30, 2026) ….					**$1,497.89**

Breakout - Membership Dues Revenue

Nenow, William	$20.00	1-Year	
Fox, David	$20.00	1-Year	
Fischer, Mark	$20.00	1-Year	
			$60.00

Breakout - 50th Anniversary Expenses

Caterer	-$585.69		
Drinks, Misc	-$39.33		
Hub Cap Café Rental	-$292.50		
Trophy Plates	-$50.00		
T-Shirts	-$240.00		
Newsletter Exp (Allan L	-$18.73		
			($1,226.25)

Greg Dittrich's Slate Belt Rotary Car Show!

In addition to being LVCC Secretary, Greg Dittrich is also President of the Slate Belt Rotary, a chapter of a global organization dedicated to community service. Initiatives include helping people with disabilities, finding safe haven for the homeless, supplying food for the hungry, helping to eradicate polio and more. https://www.slatebeltrotary.org/

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