ACTIVITIES

Lehigh Valley offers great fun, food

If you're looking for some quality entertainment and cuisine while attending the ERA Trade Show in Allentown, Pa., you won't be disappointed.

If excitement is what you crave after a long day on the show floor, then head to the **Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem**. Lehigh Valley's state-of-the-art attraction boasts more than 3,000 slot machines and 100 table games. Just off the casino floor, you'll find the hottest bands, DJs, live karaoke and other free shows at Molten Lounge, Infusion and Coil. There's also the new Shoppes at Sands featuring luxury brand outlet shopping. All this and more located on the grounds of the ghostly Bethlehem Steel plant. (77 Sands Blvd., Bethlehem)

American On Wheels (AOW) celebrates our nation's love affair with motorized and non-motorized over-the-road transportation and its permanent exhibits range from one of America's first automobiles, produced in Allentown, to the massive Mack Trucks that helped America become the most powerful nation in the world.

AOW also offers hands-on playtime exhibits and learning centers for the children and a souvenir shop for race fans and anyone with an affinity for our automotive legacy. Purchase your museum tickets by visiting the America on Wheels Museum. Ticket prices are $7 for adults, $5 for senior citizens $3.50 for children ages 6 to 16. Children 5 and under are free. (5 N. Front St., Allentown)

The **Mack Trucks Historical Museum** is the repository of historical documents and artifacts from Mack's long and storied history as the leading American truck manufacturer and world-renowned brand name. Among the antique vehicles in the museum's collection is one of the original sightseeing buses built by Jack and Augustus Mack in the first decade of the 20th century. The gas operated, open-air bus carried up to 26 tourists at a time around the streets and sights of Chicago in the summer and New Orleans in the winter for 25 years and more than a million miles of service, before returning to Mack as the anchor of its antique truck collection.

For many visitors, the museum's real treasures aren't made of steel at all, but of paper and celluloid. There are more than 80,000 photos in the collection, many dating back to 1905. Mack has records for nearly every chassis it manufactured since 1905, all of which are filed here. (2402 Lehigh Parkway S., Allentown)

At **The Crayola Experience™** visitors enter a world of discovery as they experience more than a dozen hands-on activities as well as learn how Crayola Crayons® and markers are made. This is not the real manufacturing plant. It's a colorful and interesting visitor center that allows children of all ages to unleash their creative spirit. Each quarter, themes and projects change to give visitors a variety of projects to create throughout the year. (30 Centre Square, Easton)

The **Lehigh Valley Ironpigs**—the Triple-A level minor league baseball affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies—are playing at home April 13 through 15 at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown.

Named Ballpark Digest's "Ballpark of the Year" in 2008, **Coca-Cola Park** continues to be received with an unmatched level of excitement and fanfare in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding regions. Tickets for seats at Coca-Cola Park are much less expensive than those at major league ballparks. Visit web.minorleaguebaseball.com for details. (1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown)

The **Moravian Book Shop**, the oldest bookstore in the world, was founded in 1745 when the Moravian Church appointed Samuel Powell of the Church's Crown Inn on the South Side of the Lehigh River to operate a bookstore. After several locations, the Moravian Book Shop was moved in 1871 to the church's publications building near the Central Moravian Church. Today, the Moravian Book Shop's home is this same site on historic Main Street in Bethlehem. In addition to a fine selection of books, the store now offers a wide variety of distinctive merchandise. Visit their online store at moravianbookshop.com or come on down and browse in person. (428 Main Street, Bethlehem)

GOOD EATS

Here are a few unique local spots to check out for brunch, lunch or dinner:

Cosmopolitan

(22 N. Sixth St., Allentown)

Fine dining featuring six floors of breathtaking architecture with exquisite details that pay tribute to Allentown's rich history.

Allentown Brew Works

(812 W. Hamilton St., Allentown)

Brewpub and restaurant featuring American and international cuisine.

Sangria

(840 W. Hamilton St., Allentown)

American continental cuisine and style featuring the largest outdoor sidewalk patio in Lehigh Valley.

Glassbern Inn

(2141 Packhouse Rd., Fogelsville)

Farm-to-table fine dining. Reservations required—please call (610) 285-4723 or book online through Urban Spoon.

Yocco's "The Hot Dog King"

(625 Liberty St., Allentown)

A Lehigh Valley tradition serving quality fast food since 1922. Best known for their world-famous chili dog.

The Brass Rail

(3015 Lehigh Street, Allentown)

Noted for its original cheese steaks and steak sandwiches.

For a complete list of attractions and dining in Lehigh Valley, visit their website: discoverlehighvalley.com.

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