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Limitations

If someone said they could hold their breath for 10 minutes would you believe it? If there was a 10 foot gap in the road and you need to cross it and somebody said go ahead and jump across, it should be fine, would you do it? Of course not, because you obviously know the limitations of the human body.

If, like me, you knew the limitations of duct systems, when someone asks you to do something that can't be done you would say no. Instead, too many contractors say let's give it a try or maybe it will work or if that's the way you want it I'll do it. Unfortunately, you have to live with the uncomfortable result forever. A fan can only push so much air through an opening. There are pressure calculations associated with all sizes of ducts and there are limitations that HVAC designers study and observe. We refuse to violate the laws of air movement not because we will be convicted and spend time in jail but because the system will not work correctly. There is not much margin for error. That's why we don't ballpark estimate or use rules of thumb. We design systems using specialized software. And when we do that they work correctly for their entire lifetime, which by the way is much longer than equipment that is misapplied and poorly installed. It's your money so why would you try to convince someone to do something that they're telling you will not work? It's funny but it happens to me far too often.

If you had to pull off the highway and drive in reverse back the exit to get home do you think there would be a traffic jam? If the road was narrower than your car do you think traffic would move slowly? You know it would be a nightmare because you know how to drive a car. But a 6 inch diameter flexible duct 40 feet long doesn't look like a problem to you because you don't understand duct systems. That is a trainwreck to me.

What blows my mind is the number of brand new homes I go into in with comfort problems only to see duct systems that are grossly inadequate and obviously designed by someone who has no clue about the limitations of an undersized duct system. To date there is no building code inspection for this aspect but I pray that one comes soon for the sake of homeowners spending nearly a half million dollars on a new home and getting and getting garbage.

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2023 Lehigh Valley Auto Show “The Future is Right Here, Right Now!”

By Sarah Dams

The Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association will host a press preview and conference Tuesday, February 22nd to offer media a first look at some of the new models to be displayed at the 2023 Lehigh Valley Auto Show. This year's show will feature 130,000 sq. ft. of new vehicles, classic vehicles, muscle vehicles, custom and tuner vehicles, crossover vehicles, hybrid vehicles, full electric, trucks, and cycles in Four contiguous venues, and will begin on Wednesday, March 22nd. It will again be held at Lehigh University's Goodman Campus and will run through Sunday, March 26th.

Founded in 1998, the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association is made up of 63 new car franchised dealers responsible for 6,370 jobs, with a combined annual payroll of more than \$390 million (according to the 2018 Automotive Industry Economic Impact Study prepared by Auto Outlook, Inc.) The association produces several major events each year, including their signature event, the annual Lehigh Valley Auto Show. The association and its member dealers are very active in the community, supporting area nonprofit organizations as well as programs that recognize and educate local automotive technology students. The association's goal is to help consumers get the most from their experiences with the group's member dealerships in addition to doing its part to help the communities where its members live and work.



Come Join us for a fun-filled event of Trick Hoops & Alley – Oops!

When you're in the stands, you're not just a spectator; you're part of the fun show. Come and experience a magical display of tricks, coordinated ball handling, fancy passing and aerodynamic athletics combined with high-energy comedy and audience interaction. It's the Harlem Wizards vs. Slater All-Stars

DATE: Friday, March 3rd
TIME: 7pm (doors open at 6pm)
Location: Bangor Area High School Gym (187 Five Points Richmond Rd)
All proceeds benefit the Bangor Area Middle School PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization)

Benchwarmer tickets \$95
Courtside plus tickets \$50
Reserved seats \$30
General admission \$20
Students \$15
Children 3 and under sitting on parents lap are free



To Buy tickets online:
<https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/bangor/>

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Friday, March 3rd

The Scorecard

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Post Time: 5:30

Admission \$5.00 Donation

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Food & Drink Available

From The Scorecard



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