



# Kaleidoscope

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CALENDER

February 2	Regular meeting at General Motors Training Center, Nimitz Freeway and Marina Blvd., San Leandro 8PM
20	Dinner meeting at Valentine's Chuck Wagon, Oakland. (See details elsewhere.)
March 2	Regular meeting at G.M.
13	San Quentin dinner and tour. (More details in a later issue.)
21	Corvanna.
April 6	Regular meeting at G.M.
May 5	Regular meeting at G.M.
27	Corvanna.
June 1	Regular meeting at G.M.
July 6	Regular meeting at G.M.
August 3	Regular meeting at G.M.
September 7	Regular meeting at G.M.
October 5	Regular meeting at G.M.
November 2	Regular meeting at G.M.
December 7	Regular meeting at G.M.

Be sure to put these down on your calender!  
More dates to come later!

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DUES ARE DUE NOW

Deadline February 28

Send in your check for \$12 (the sooner the better) to Jerry Haakenstad, 22555 Linden Street, Hayward, RIGHT AWAY -- or better yet, come to the meeting on February 2!

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Jack: "Did you ever tickle a mule?"

Bill: "No."

Jack: "Try it sometime. You'll get a big kick out of it."

## MAN ALIVE!!! IT'S...

JERRY VERCELLI

Jerry was born right here in Oakland on August 25. Raised in East Oakland in the Fruitvale District. Attended Manzanita Grammar School, Hamilton Junior High and Fremont High. So did Pat, his future wife -- but Jerry always managed to stay a year ahead of her. In fact, they were raised only a block apart -- and I've heard on good authority that he used to throw rocks at her! Wonder what happened?

Jerry became interested in cars when only 14 years old; raced cars when he was 15. Bought his first Corvette in March of 1958; now owns his third one.

Jerry was a Marine, spending his duty in the U. S. during the Korean War. His hobbies include Bowling, Corvettes, Racing (?). He joined the NCCA in 1958, dropped out for a short time (no Corvette) and rejoined in 1963. Has been Social Chairman of our Club several times, and was Vice President in 1964. Now our President! He works as a jet aircraft engine tester for the Navy at Alameda Naval Air Station. Attends night school, too!

Pat and Jerry were married in August of 1963. Pat attended U.C. and now is a teacher in Oakland.

Objectives: Going to devote a great deal of time to NCCA.

Going to stick to autocrossing this year instead of racing because of an understanding with Pat. Raced last season at Vacaville, Stockton, Cotati, and then Candlestick where (oops!!) on August 8, 1964, something went awry and Jerry wound up with two broken arms, dislocated and crushed elbow, broken ribs and teeth and miscellaneous cuts and bruises. That is what brought about that understanding with Pat and his resolve to stick to autocrossing, in case you were wondering!

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Won't you send Ye Ed a blurb about yourself? We all would like to know more about you! We would like to publish as many write-ups as possible about our members this year. A black and white picture would be nice, too -- you and your wife (or husband), your and your car, or just you. Don't be bashful, let us read about YOU in print!

Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 1965.

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order at 8:00PM, January 19, 1965, by President Jerry Vercelli, at Cochran & Celli, Oakland, California.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction; the June 27 Council autocross date has been denied.

The recommendations of the Executive Board were accepted as read.

Jim Smith, Membership Chairman, introduced our guests. Looks like Jim will be giving the past Membership Chairmen some competition as two of the guests will be brought into the Club shortly. He reminded members that the deadline date for payment of membership dues will be the end of February. He also requested that members notify him of any change of address, as a membership list will be prepared in the near future.

Jerry Haakenstad, Treasurer, reported that we have a balance of \$2,655.88 in our savings account and less than \$100.00 in our checking account.

Jerry Vercelli reported that Cochran & Celli have graciously donated \$25.00 toward the purchase of our overall Corvanna trophies. He also has been promised \$25.00 from Dailey Chevrolet. Several members volunteered to contact Chevrolet dealers near them for similar donation; all members were urged to do the same. The dealers who participate will be given an NCCA display for their showrooms.

Ron reported that he has found a store where we can purchase jackets for \$7.00 each, in lots of fifty. He will obtain sample jackets in white and blue to show members at our next meeting.

Ron will take reservations at the February 2 meeting for the snow trip to Squaw Valley. The cost for bus fare is \$7.50 per person. The bus leaves at 6:00AM, returning at 10:00PM. The bus can only accommodate 38 people, so reservations should be made promptly. If room allows, guests will be permitted.

Ron also announced that there will be an autocross at Pleasanton on Sunday, January 24, sponsored by Competition Sports Car Club. An autocross is also scheduled for February 7 at Chico. All members planning to attend should contact Ron for details.

Mike Irish, Director of Social Activities, reported on the Installation Dinner at the Edgewater Inn. A good time was had by all.

He also reported on the General Motors tour. Although not as many people attended as had indicated they would, the tour was enjoyed by all who participated.

Mike is accepting volunteers for his Social Committee.

Wayne Mooneyham, Council Representative, reported on the Speed Events Committee meeting held Friday, January 8. Wayne read the recommendations of the Committee and all were accepted.

Nick Viscusi, Public Relations and Publicity Director, is also seeking volunteers for his committee. Nick reminded members to watch their local newspapers for articles that might be of interest to the Club. Be sure and mail all news to Nick promptly.

Recommendations of the Executive Board (as mentioned in the minutes):

1. President Jerry Vercelli's home address, 3020 E. 18th Street, Oakland, Apt. 20, Oakland 1, California, to be used as the NCCA address for the coming year.
2. Pewter mugs having a glass bottom with an NCCA decal placed on the bottom be given as the awards for our autocrosses instead of the usual trophies.
3. Any past member of the NCCA in good standing at the time of his leaving the Club, who no longer owns a Corvette and who wishes to retain his membership in the Association, can qualify as an Associate Member. An Associate Member will be charged \$10 membership dues which will include all privileges of a regular member with the following stipulations:
  - a. The # \$10 dues includes price of Associate Membership, an Associate Membership Card, and all Club publications.
  - b. An Associate Member will be entitled to NCCA discount on parts purchased.
  - c. An Associate Member will receive one Christmas dinner to be paid by the NCCA.
  - d. An Associate Member may not participate in voting.
  - e. An Associate Member may not hold office.
4. Present members having two persons per car will have the second person designated as an Alternate. Each will receive a membership card. However, the second person will have an "A" (Alternate) after the number on the card. Associate Members will not have alternates.

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SNOW TRIP

A Snow Trip is being planned for a Sunday in February. It will either be the 14th, 21st, or 28th. It will be a one-day affair to Squaw Valley by Greyhound.

At the meeting on February 2, the Club will vote on the exact date. So, if you are interested, please attend the meeting.

The price will be \$7.50 per person with a limit of 38 persons. At the meeting a sign-up sheet will be passed around. After this, the reservations will be open to friends of the members. If you will be unable to attend this meeting, please notify Ron Trethan, 4100 Kuhnle Avenue, Oakland, NE.8-2591.

A flyer will be mailed to all of those with reservations as to the date, time and place of departure. A discount of 10% on equipment has been offered to those making the trip.

## Prices without discount:

Sig Ulland Ski Equip.	Skiis & poles	\$3.00
8612 MacArthur Blvd.	Pants	3.00
Oakland, California	Boots	2.00
	Parka	2.00

## Minutes of the meeting of January 21, 1965 - Continued

Jackie Taylor announced that her employer will probably be able to obtain the Corvette News for the membership free of cost. All interested persons should supply Jackie with their name, address and Corvette serial number.

Jerry Vercelli announced that he had received confirmation of our meeting dates for the General Motors Training Center, San Leandro. A flyer will be sent to members listing dates.

Max Gumm has volunteered his service station for painting the trailer. Max will supply all necessary facilities. Tentative date set is January 30, 10:00AM.

After Jerry thanked Cochran & Celli for their kind hospitality, the meeting was adjourned for coffee and pastries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Mooneyham, Recording Secretary

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Abiding by the rules set up in the by-laws, the following people have applied for membership:

Alan (Al) Bond  
393 - 51st Street  
Oakland

'63 Bronze 300HP

William (Bill) and Anita L. Hart  
5940 Laird Avenue  
Oakland

'56 Green 360HP

James (Jim) and Alice Jean Prather  
24900 Santa Clara, Apt. #64  
Alameda

'65 Maroon 350HP

Phillip (Phil) and Jeanette V. Vercelli  
20145 Catalina Drive  
Castro Valley.

'57 Venetian Red 283HP

Robert (Bob) Wright  
3275 Gloria Terrace  
Lafayette

'58 Sebring Silver 270HP

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"Look what I got for my wife," said the husband proudly, as he showed his neighbor a new Corvette in the garage.

"Wow! Are you lucky!" replied the neighbor. "Wherever did you make a deal like that?"

ALL  
YOU  
CAN  
EAT!

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, February 20, 1965

WHERE: Valentine's Chuck Wagon  
10615 East 14th Street  
Oakland, California

MENU: Prime Rib or Fried Chicken

A large variety of salads

Vegetables

Potatoes

Rolls

THERE IS NO LIMIT AS TO HOW MUCH YOU EAT!

COST: \$3.65 including tax and tip

Cocktails 7:00PM

Dinner 8:00PM

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY

Please send in the reservation blank and your check to Mike Irish no later than February 16, 1965. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCCA.

Mike Irish  
764 Walker Avenue, #203  
Oakland, California 94610

Phone 452-3351

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$3.65 each  
for the February 20 dinner meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

TSIRLIS SHINES AT NIGHT

It took a borrowed tire and the high beam headlights of his Stingray for Mike Tsirlis to take TTOD at Pleasanton on January 24, 1965. The event was the first autocross of the year entitled "Warm-Up Auto-X" sponsored by the Competition SCC.

The weather was slightly overcast with a brisk nippy breeze and there were many, sports cars. So Mike came early (he lives in Dublin), registered, teched, and left. Arriving back in the afternoon, he placed his car in the grid area behind the last car at the time. There were only a dozen cars that weren't in line at the time.

About noon, Terry Weygandt (ex NCCA) and his Corvette set TTOD. About 2PM, Craig Waller in a Spitfire took over, only to be beaten by Roger Bailey in a Lotus Elan. Then as the sun started to disappear, Jerry Saurman in a VW Special arose as the man to beat.

Our own Johnny Zeh emerged on top only to be knocked out by Eric Ressler in the Volksair GT-X while the limited course lights came on.

About this time it was either use your headlights or have a photographic memory of the course. And ready to show his stuff was the one remaining "hot dog" Mike Tsirlis.

After leaving Start/Finish and making a half lap he stopped on course, got out and looked at his right front tire. He then got back in the car, and tried that same turn again; only to end up coming across the course and pulling into the grid area. At this time it was learned that he had a cracked rim.

It was then that Johnny Zeh (who was 1st in the Corvette Class) offered him his tire and rim so Mike would be able to make a timed run. With the help of Al Wanderer (and his jack) and myself, we changed tires and Mike was ready again. He made one of the smoothest runs of the day (night) and proceeded to take over TTOD and No. 1 driver of the day!

Mike proved again that he is truly a champion among champions whether night or day or even at the beginning of the season. But it must be said, that people like Johnny Zeh who loaned a tire only to be bumped out of 1st in class, make the sport of autocrossing an exciting and friendly one.

Ron Trethan

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Voice from passing car: "Engine trouble?"

Voice from parked car: "Nope."

Voice from passing car: "Tire down?"

Voice from parked car: "Nope. Didn't have to."

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