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"SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

FLASH--Welcome new members, Bill Miller, Rod Baker, Orville Linder, and Jim Neighbor into NCCA. Glad to have you aboard!

FLASH--Thank you, Columbia Corvette Club, for your Newsletter. We appreciate hearing from you and we wish you alot of success on the Convention. All the newsletters that we receive will be at the meetings so you'll have a chance to read what other clubs are doing. Also, our own Kaleidoscope goes out each month to everyone mentioned in the paper and also Ron Trethan sends one to each of the WSCC clubs. Milt Piver sends one to all people in the area who give us publicity. So every article you submit to the Editor is well read!

FLASH--ATTENTION: PAST MEMBERS WISHING TO RETURN TO NCCA, NOW IS THE TIME! A new By-Law addition has been made stating: ARTICLE III Section A No. I A past member must reapply for membership as set forth in Article III Section A, with the exception that the initiation fee be waived. A fine may be levied at the discretion of the E-Board, not to exceed the initiation fee.

FLASH--Ron Trethan, Chairman for the North-South Event in Santa Maria on July 6 & 7 is holding the invitations for the autocross. See Ron if you're planning to attend. It's on a first come, first serve basis! The deadline for registration is June 15th.

FLASH--PORTLAND IS GETTING CLOSE! DON'T FORGET THE JULY 13TH PRE-RESERVATION DEADLINE. WE'LL ALL BE THERE TO AUTOCROSS, RALLY, DRINK, HOLD MEETINGS, AND PARTY! WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

BIT'S & PIECES CONTINUED--

FLASH-- Did anyone happen to see a brand new 1968 Copper Corvette sitting in my driveway for 2 days? Ask Jack Irasmith what happened!

FLASH--A fun type SOCIAL is planned for Saturday, June 8th. Mr. Allen Dorius, from the Hayward JayCees, has invited NCCA to take part in Haywards first annual ELEPHANT RACE! Neighboring stores in Hayward have sponsored a truckload of elephants to be brought up from L.A. NCCA can join the contest to decorate an elephant and then run it in the race! The decorating starts at 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning, the baby elephants will race at 1:00 p.m. and the 6 ton Mama's will race at 2:00p.m. The action will take place on A Street in Hayward. A caravan of anyone game wi1l leave the Altman's at 10:30 Saturday morning. Let's see how good NCCA can decorate an elophant with flowers, paint and the NCCA Banner. For anymore infromation call 534-2383.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED OUT

Fresno's weckend was upon us! The Pre-Convention had alot to offer NCCA members who enjoy evening entertainment, autocrossing, dining out, and partying. Many of our members left before the planned caravan because their jobs allowed them too. But the rest of us left the Dublin Chevron Station at 8:00 Friday and 2 hours and 20 minutes later we were registrating at the Holiday Inn in Fresno.

First on the agenda was registration of our reserved rooms. Second, was the registration of the the weekends events. Third, was cleaning out the bar of all the Coors they had on hand. Fourth, was bringing in our own beer. Fifth, was destroying Bob Wingate's room with a wild party. Six, was nursing Harold Doramus' driving wounds. C.H.P. are getting easier to outrun, huh Harold? And at 4:30 a.m. that took care of Friday nite!

Saturday turned out to be a day of glory for NCCA members! A brilliant autocross was it, with a very challenging 5 seconds per pylon, but NCCA met the challenge taking home 8 trophies including T.T.O. D. thanks to Mike Tsirlis!

Class A-1	Doug Newmaster	1st place
A-2	Gene Bothello	2nd place
A-2	Ken Altman	3rd place
A-2	Ashley Boesch	6th place
A-3	Mike Tsirlis	2nd place
B-3	Gary Carlen	1st place
F-3	Vera Carlen	1st place

T.T.O.D. was Mike Tsirlis with a 115.73. On a beer run on Sunday, Mike bettered his own time to a 114.00. T.T.O.D. Women's went to Iris Ziller of Camino Corvettes.

The Concourse saw past member Nick Viscusi walk off with top in class and overall winner. Very Good, Nick. Congratulations from NCCA.

Saturday nite started after the autocross, more Coors, washing our cars, a dip in the pool, dinner at the Branding Iron-Pinecone Restraunt while watching the world championship fight on T.V., then the WSCC meeting. More Coors, then to separate rooms for more normal NCCA quiet type parties, HA! HA! Then the management thought it best that we adjourn to the Inn's Banquet Room for an enlarged party which lasted until 6:00 a.m. for some of our members. Rod Baker wasn't awakened by the quiet cock-a-doole-do of the rooster either (Huh, Mike?).

Sunday found us awakened by traffic in our room, then breakfast while

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watching the Concourse and saying good-bye and good luck to the NCCA racers that wanted to attend PCA's event in Pleasanton. I stayed to pickup the gold that was given out at a very wonderful dinner which saw 169 Corvette owners in one room at the Inn. Ed Theibeau donated 100 turkeys for our dinner which couldn't be beat and the trophies were the best I've ever seen. Dick Smith, a Cobra driver, was the guest speaker. "He races Cobras but loves Corvettes". He went on to say that he borrowed his car back for the Oregon race. He answered questions on Cobra versus Corvettes. Trophies were given to the Officers of WSCC. There were 27 Corvette clubs represented in all. Clippinger Corvettes won for Club Participation with 13 cars racing. Sacramento had 11, Camino had 10, NCCA had 9. Overall most competitive driver went to Mitch Hunt of Peninsula Corvettes.

We finally said farewell to everyone we knew and had just met and passed out some NCCA membership cards to prospective people and we headed for the nice cool weather of the East Bay!

Ashley Boesch and Sue Hughes	Ron and Sharon Trethan
Harold and Jeanne Doramus	Mike and Lynne Irish and Family
Gary and Vera Carlen	Rod Baker
Roger and Florabelle Boaz	Mike Tsirlis
Orville and Marie Linder	Ken and Vicky Altman and Family
Doug Newmaster	Eugene Bothello
Prospective member: Bill Thornton	
And our good friends and past members: Ernie and Joanne Elia and Nick Viscusi.	

KEN ALTMAN

OLD LEADFOOT:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED AGAIN! COME ON, GARY, GET WITH IT!--ED.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SECTION B OF THE NCCA BY-LAWS, APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

DR. RICHARD C. LEE
 201 W. Estudillo Ave.
 San Leandro, California
 483-0339 (415)
 94577
 1968 Blue Corvette Convertible

JAMES B. CRAVEN
 20461 John Dr.
 Castro Valley, California
 94566
 Business Phone: 569-0805 (415)
 1964 Gold Corvette Fastback

THE DIRTY OLD MAN:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED. FINGER IN TOO MANY POTS!

BY

RON TRETHAN

DID YOU EVER STOP AND THINK: IF ADELE ABOAF MARRIED WILL GIVIN THAT SHE WOULD BE A. GIVIN?! IF KERRY JONES MARRIED BOBBY KERR HE WOULD BE KERRY KERR.....BUT IT WOULD BE.....VERY INTERESTING!!!!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 1968

The regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President Ken Altman at 8:20 p.m. at G.M.T.C.

The minutes were approved as read.

Membership: Ron Trethan introduced the guests present. They were: Karl, Brackett, Smith, Hall, Miller, Van Harn, Ryan, Thornton, Dr. Lee, Baker, Price, Ruxton, Dulbine.

Treasurer: Roger Boaz reported we have a balance in our checking account, and in our savings account.

Activities: Gary Carlen reported on the happenings at the Pre-Convention in Fresno. Our club brought home 8 trophies including T.T.O.D. won by Mike Tsirlis. A group left the Pre-Convention early to run a championship event at Pleasanton. At Pleasanton Mike also took T.T.O.D. Gary also reported there is an event May 19th, put on by SCAT at Santa Maria. May 26th there is a championship event at Pleasanton with run groups. Gary announced he is taking orders for shirts and the cost is \$7.00. He will be sending in an order the end of next week.

Socials: Jack Irasmith was not present so Larry O'Brien reported there will be a bowling night at Mels in Alameda on May 11th. It starts at 9:00 and costs \$1.90 for three games. Guests are welcome. Ken reported on the picnic-meeting May 25th at Redwood Regional Park. The cost is 50¢ per person, kids are free. It's all the hot dogs you can eat, and all the beer you can drink. Ken also reported that Jim and LaVern Craven have invited NCCA down to their cabin in Santa Cruz the weekend of October 12th and 13th.

Membership: Ron Trethan brought in three new members. They are Jim Neighbor, Bill Miller and Rod Baker.

Public Relations: Milt had no report. He asked if we were working the N-S event. Ron said yes and we will be getting our registration soon.

Publications: Vicky Altman announced the deadline for articles for the K. is May 25th. Ken announced that it is his and Vicky's anniversary.

Special Reports: Dave Van Harn reported on the picnic Speed Under Glass had. Dave and Ashley Boesch reported on the Miss San Leandro car parade. Ron reported there was a Speed events committee meeting tomorrow (May 8) at G.M.T.C. They will talk about insurance and class codes. Roger Boaz reported on the social at Yolanda's.

Old Business: Ken reported on the old business that had been cleared up. Vernalis is paid. Bob Laird's money was returned. Ken got a letter from SCCA and we can run under their insurance. Gary reported he had checked the Oakland Airport and the Port of Oakland for possible AX sights. Vicky wrote two thank you letters to Fresno. We paid for our WSCC patches and bars. The E-Board has recommended a proposed By-Law addition. (See enclosed flyer). A discussion followed. The By-Law addition passed 17-0.

There was no New Business. Announcements were made. Trophies were given out. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25. 40 people were present.

Respectively submitted, Lynne Irish, Recording Secretary

ARTICLE III

Section A

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A. Registered owner of a Corvette
- B. Attainment of the age of legal majority
- C. Advance payment of initiation and regular dues
- D. Valid drivers' license
- E. Automobile insurance to comply with the California minimum
- F. A history of reasonable safe driving habits
- G. Attendance at two Association functions
- H. Sponsorship by two Association members, neither being the Chairman of the Membership Committee

PROPOSED BY-LAW ADDITION:

- I. A past member must reapply for membership as set forth in Article III, Section A, with the exception that the initiation fee be waived.

A fine may be levied at the discretion of the E-Board, not to exceed the initiation fee.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I received an issue of the Corvettes of Nappa Valley newspaper, TIRED WHEELS, in which the following appeared. Past NCCA member, Ernie Elia expressed the desire to see it reprinted in the Kaleidoscope in full.

THE SALAMANDER'S REVENGE

The following poems have appeared in the Corvettes of Nappa Valley's publication Tired Wheels and the Northern California Corvette Association Kaleidoscope in regard to a series of drag race contests between CNV's Nick Viscusi and NCCA's Ron Christiansen beginning with an after autocross contest three years ago and most recently a grudge match at Fremont about three months ago. Enough has been said in the verses so I shall labor no longer here--read on-----

FEBRUARY 1968 Kaleidoscope by Ken Altman
There once was a man named Ron,
Who drives a going Bomb.
At the strip he did meet,
At the strip he did beat,
Last year's Nick the Veep!

FEBRUARY 1968 Tired Wheels by Ernie Elia
There once was a amn named Ron,
Who thinks he drives a goin Bomb.
After a grand he did spend,
His lost courage he did mend.
So, at the strip he did meet,
Our CNV, Nick the Veep.
Twas boasts and glares and even fire;
So its said, Nick's one to ire.
The color was green...at last;
The stripes-moleskin and salamander
By Ron he did go as fast;
As tongues may wag the latter.
Shifts the salamander did bark;
Like a fast cannon retort.
At the end twas Ron a Mark;
But Nick ahead a thousand.

APRIL 1968 Kaleidoscope by Ron Christiansen
There is a cat we all know as Nick,
Who decided the drags was his schtick.
With big drag tires and real low cogs,
He apparently decided that cross-overs are for dogs.
With sponsors and names written array,
Nick's car took the appearance of gold lame.
Even with skinnys up front and super wides on the back,
Ron beat Nick's time BEFORE all that jack.
It's needless to say, as time ticked away;
Poor Nick should have stayed away from the track.
The ex-veep was destroyed, so the wit he employed,
Excuses and bad nasty cracks!

MAY 1968 Tired Wheels by Ernie Elia
A hollow was the set and lunar lit;
Cool and damp tho a midsummer night's dream:
An owl, a hoot, a mouse, a screech; budad!

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All were present to see life's little bit.
Twas a skirmish by gee with taunt and crack;
"You stubbed my toe you rat, no mole, you clod."
So it went with not a lack of retort;
"A salamander who can't read a tach."
The blue racer cast a lot of salt;
The bits and pieces were granules in the brew.
Lots are meant as game, scalded are its cast;
Fun is fun, race is GAME, but don't let it halt.

Ken Altman and I contrived to build a forum of interest between clubs and Corvette owners. You can see its development. I apologize for any misunderstanding, and hope we can all still enjoy a good laugh.

Ernie Elia
Corvettes of Nappa Valley

NCCA'S OWN DON JUAN

I'm still stiff from bowling but, IT WAS FUN! We had more people (31 to be exact) than we had lanes available; some had to wait to start, but it was like starving; waiting for a good meal, it was so much fun afterwards!

Everyone that was anyone came with their own ball and shoes! HA! HA!

I, as your social chairman am holding office under false pretense; the whole evening was scheduled and planned by Larry O'Brien. "Pitcher" O'Brien that is! And he did a splendid job! Ron Trethan won a trophy for the Best NCCA Male Bowler of the Evening, and Judy Christensen won for the Best NCCA Female Bowler of the Evening with a fantastic single game of 215! New NCCA member, Bill Miller, brought his girlfriend, Penny, who walked off with Boob Bowler trophy! We stayed around for a while afterwards and shot a few rounds of pool. Then some of us went up to the Altman's for a quick beer and some Corvette Talk! Look for your name below to see if you attended our May Social:

BOB KERR AND JUDY CHRISTENSEN	DR. RICHARD LEE
RON AND SHARON TRETHAN	ORVILLE AND MARIE LINDER
LARRY AND SAM O'BRIEN	JIM AND LAVERN CRAVEN
MILT AND GAIL PIVER	ROD BAKER
ROGER AND DEE KRAUS	ASHLEY BOESCH AND SUE HUGHES
KEN AND VICKY ALTMAN	BILL MILLER AND PENNY
JACK AND HOPE IRASMITH	GARY CARLEN
JIM AND LESLIE	DON AND DOLENE

Keep your eyes glued to your mailbox for a flyer on the next social planned for June. And be sure to check the calendar for a fun type social on June 8th to which NCCA members have been invited.

JACK IRASMITH
SOCIAL DIRECTOR

TREASURY NOTES:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT MONTH! DON'T FALL DOWN ON THE JOB, ROGER! --Editor

THE BACK SEAT DRIVER:

Many thanks go to Corvettes of Fresno for the fine job of putting on the Pre-Convention Autocross and Concourse. A lot of the credit will also have to go to the Chairman Ed Thiebaud for the fine weekend.

Congratulations to Mike Tsirlis for taking home the gold for T.T.O.D. for the weekend, with the best one lap time at the autocross Saturday.

On Sunday at the Concours D'Elegance former NCCA member and good friend Nick Viscusi took a first in class and won the trophy for top car overall. Congratulations for a job well done, Nick!

WANT TO GO ON A RALLY?

Put on by Vaca Valley Corvettes

WHEN: June 9, 1968

WHERE: Wells Fargo Bank Parking Lot
E. Monte Vista, Vacaville

TIME: Registration 9:00. First car out 9:30

FEE: \$2.50

1st place trophy, dash plaques to all entries. Driver must be female. Bring Navigator.

1968 THE YEAR OF THE TURBINE!

I'm going to stick my neck out and make a prediction that one of the STP Turbine cars will be the big winner at this year's Indy 500. Anyone for going to watch it on closed circuit T.V. this Thursday, May 30th?

MIKE IRISH, BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

UNCLE MILTIE:

SHOP TIPS: The distributor on the 1968 Corvette 327 cubic inch engine has been rotated clockwise to gain clearance on tachometer drive and fire-wall. The position of cap wires have been altered due to the repositioning of this distributor. Although firing order has not changed, each wire is indexed clockwise by one from the conventional arrangement. This change affects only the 1968 Corvette 327 cubic inch engine. All other Corvette V8 engines are wired in the conventional manner. For wiring illustration, check your manual.

MILT RIVER
PUBLIC RELATIONS

MAY 25, 1968 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION PICNIC & GAMES:

Thanks to Vicky Altman for the planning and executing of the Redwood Regional Park Picnic, and to Orville Linder for the setting up of the baseball game.

The day couldn't have been better considering all the rain the nite before. Everything really got going about 12:30. The Central Chevrolet Camaro Club entered enforce, about seven cars strong and all flying their banners. The GM Industrial Baseball Team was ready, uniforms and all! What a great start! Five cases of beer, 150 franks; given a special discount price by Hopkins Market, 13 dozen hot dog buns discounted by Phil Kronenberger of Kilpatrick's Bread and a prospective member. Many of our gals donated salads and Tom Covington donated two cases of coke.

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PICNIC CONTINUED--

We also reinstated ourselves as being able to play baseball with the NCCA and Camaro Club joining forces (THANKS, FELLOWS!) to tame the GM Industrial Team 6-2, in a game which saw Mr. Larry O'Brien strike out at least 11 players and socked in two RBI's and the Camaro Club's President, Kerry Marina, make two fine catches!

Football was next on the agenda for our exccerise-minded NCCA BEERO'S (?!!) with the help of long, tall Ron Trethan, and stiff-armed Richard Lee, it was again Larry O' who caught the winning touchdown pass from little ol' me, your President!

The day wasn't through yet! The girls had to get in the scene. Sammy O'Brien and her girlfriend, Ruby, get us started on badminton until we just couldn't take it anymore. Many people stayed right up to the last, which was a sore, stiff, & stoned, 8:00 at nite. 51 people were present. NCCA members attending were:

- Ron & Sharon Trethan----Ken & Vicky Altman & Family----Mike & Lynne Irish
- Harold & Jeanne Doramus----Orville & Marie Lindor----Jack & Hope Irasmith
- Roger & Florabelle Boaz----Rod Baker----Gary Carlen----Richard Lee----
- Larry & Sam O'Brien----Milt & Gail Piver

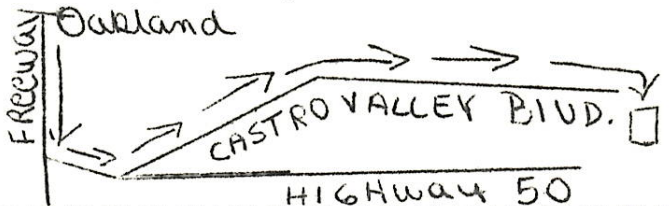
By Ken Altman

CALENDAR	CALENDAR	CALENDAR	SOCIAL	SOCIAL	SOCIAL	SOCIAL
AUTCROSSES:	JUNE 6	EMPIRE	WHEN:	JUNE 22, 1968	SATURDAY NITE	
	JUNE 9	COMPT. SCA	TIME:	8:00 P.M.		
	JUNE 23	REDLINERS****	WHAT:	PEE-WEE GOLF		
	JUNE 16	NOR-CAL CHEVY	WHERE:	GOLDEN TEE		
*****				ON CASTRO VALLEY BLVD.		
SOCIALS:	JUNE 2	DOUG'S WEDDING	COST:	\$1.00 PER 18 HOLE COURSE.		
	JUNE 8	ELEPHANT RACE		TWO COURSES AVAILABLE. 60¢		
	JUNE 22	GOLF SOCIAL		FOR EACH REPLAY.		
	JUNE 29	ASH & SUE'S WEDDING	BRING CORVETTES. PLENTY OF GOOD PARKING AVAILABLE. DRESS WARM. GUESTS WELCOME. AFTERWARDS WE'LL ALL GO TO ROGER KRAUS' FOSTER FREEZE FOR SHAKES, SUNDAES, SODAS, OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU! (WE HAVE TO HELP FELLOW MEMBERS PAY THEIR DUES FOR NEXT YEAR!)			

MEETINGS:	JUNE 4	REGULAR MEETING GMTC AT 8:00				
	JUNE 28	NCSCC MEETING				

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE KALEIDOSCOPE WILL BE TAKEN TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MICHIGAN BY RON TRETHAN. COPIES WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO PORTLAND AND PASSED OUT. I WANT TO WORK ON A SPECIAL ISSUE, WELL-ORGANIZED AND NEAT, SO PLEASE GET YOUR ARTICLES TO ME EARLY. NO EXCUSES PLEASE! YOU ALL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO START WRITING ONE AND HAVE READY BY THE JUNE 22ND DEADLINE. I WANT ONE SUBMITTED BY EACH OF THE E-BOARD MEMBERS AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE THEIR TALENT READ! WHO KNOWS, YOU MIGHT EVEN MAKE THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE OR CORVETTE NEWS!

--EDITOR--



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