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### "SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

FLASH--It's that time of year again--DUES! This year starts our new policy of collecting in November and past due on December 31. Remember, if you delay past December, you'll have to rejoin our Association all over again the hard way! Give your 1969 dues to Roger Boaz at any event and be sure to get a receipt!

FLASH--Just heard through the grapevine that past NCCA member, Joan Bargioni, just underwent surgery. Sure hope you're feeling much better, Joanie, and we all hope you feel up to visiting old friends again soon!

FLASH--I want to extend my thanks to Florabelle Boaz and Mike Irish for working so hard on our flags and flagstand. The flags got a little damp at our event and the flagstand narrowly missed the lead foot of yours truly but.....!

FLASH--In case you all are wondering where Bud De Castro has been hiding, I hear he's taking an extended vacation in Europe, compliments of Uncle Sam. God Speed and Best Wishes, Bud, from all of us!

FLASH--In case you haven't heard, NCCA member Jim Weigner has sold out! The much lowerd silver streak now has a new owner! Also, latest dope on Camino President Jerry Ziller. It seems that Jerry prefers Ted Gruner's solid axle to his 427. He recently purchased it and now has his yellow 'Vette up for sale!

FLASH--See you at our first meeting of the month on November 5th at G.M.T.C. at 8:00 p.m.

FLASH--October was THE month for first places! Milt Piver took home his first first place trophy and I took first overall in the Napa Concours! Get those pitchers of Beer ready, Straw Hat!

BITS & PIECES CONTINUED--

FLASH-- The ALL TIME NCCA "BAD GUYS" award for 1968 goes out to Redliners for running classes!

FLASH--Thanks to all the people, members and prospective members, who worked our practice session. I had a list of workers, but I seemed to have misplaced it, so I can't name each individual. But, you know who worked and who didn't, so if you have credit coming, I thank you!

FLASH--The Bad Luck Charlie award goes out this month to Bruce Benninger for blowing his 'Vette in ??Tracy??

FLASH--The E-Board has a full month coming up. An E-Board Only Gin Fizz Breakfast is being given by the Irishs on November 24. At our November 2nd E-Board meeting, Sue and Ashley Boesch will serve dinner. And sometime in December, a New & Old Board dinner will be held at the Altman's. Don't you wish you were on the E-Board?!

FLASH--The ALL TIME " GOOD GUY'S" award goes out to Corvettes of Nappa Valley and especially Nick Viscusi for the beautiful selection of trophies for the Concour and for the King's Banquet at dinner. Also for hosting a party after the meeting and giving us the chance to use our newest (and most beautiful) mantle decoration.  
MORE.....

"T H E W I N N E R"

I, on behalf of the Northern California Corvette Association, can't express what a wonderful time we had at the WSCC Meeting & Concours hosted by Corvettes of Nappa Valley and how cordial CNV were in there recent task. You would have thought they were planning for a convention the way everything was taken care of. We only hope you guys do it again soon, so that Vicky and I can enjoy the winery tour that we missed.

CNV also added a little incentive to attract WSCC member clubs to their meeting besides a winery tour: VINTAGE D'ELEGANCE. I entered the Portland Convention Concour a little unprepared and took a fifth place trophy so this was a real challenge. I thought you as members would like to hear the hows, whys, and do's of preparing a Corvette for Concours.

As you know, I race "Black Beauty" almost every weekend and up until a month ago, I drove her back and forth to work. As you can tell, it's kind of hard to maintain let alone concour it. Well, I decided this was another one of my bags and I wanted all the marbles and was prepared to lose every thing in the posess. Saturday, a week before the meeting, I put my 'Vette in the garage next door and started to work! Sunday was our practice session which didn't allow for much work to be done. Monday, after work, I went home and ate dinner then went out to the car where I worked on the under carriage on the left side; cleaning, painting and detailing the underside of the fender wells, pulling shocks to spray them molly orange and to shine the backing plates and just an all around hand finish. Tuesday nite I had help from Rod Baker and we did the tires and wheels (and mended my accelerator pedal, take note fellow autocrossers). Wednesday nite was spent on the front end. Rod also helped that nite, too! Thursday nite was the interior nite, which my foster daughter, Judi Mandish, worked so feverishly on seats, until if you wet your finger you wouldn't be able to pick up any lint or dust. Friday nite I waxed it up good with



McGuire's mirror glaze. I repainted the side rock panels and polished up the grill and then stood back to see if I had forgotten anything.

Saturday, the day of the event, I was supposed to pick up Rod about 8:30 but my car wouldn't start! One good shove got it started on its voyage to Napa. All in all, with bad roads and hay trucks and newly cut grass along the way, we made our destination about 10:15 where we worked to restore the "Black Beauty". So when the whistle blew to stop working, Rod and I retired to the pub across the street for a pitcher of beer to drown our nerves and to await judgement. I soon realized that I had sewn up the competition class (I was the only one entered) and was being considered for overall winner!

At the dinner that nite the trophies were presented to the different classes. And CNV lead you to believe that 1st overall trophy was a very smart looking loving cup on a walnut base. Well, as it turned out, everybody was in for a surprise because they were hiding the most beautiful silver champagne bucket as 1st overall trophy. I can't tell you how gorgeous it is, you'll just have to see it for yourself--because me, Ken Altman, won his dream--first overall in a Concour D'Elegance! I just edged out Ed Thiebaud in his 1953 Corvette tailored show car! I know that I worked hard to earn that award and I know my car showed it; but thanks again, and again, and again, Corvettes of Nappa Valley for offering such a wonderful trophy to win!

KEN ALTMAN

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OLD LEADFOOT:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED! AND YOU WERE DOING SO-O-O GOOD, TOO, GARY!

GARY CARLEN  
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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TREASURY NOTES:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED AGAIN FROM ROGER!

ROGER BOAZ

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THE DIRTY OLD MAN:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED AGAIN!

RON TRETAN

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ATTENTION NCCA MEMBERS: IF YOU'VE SEEN FLYERS CIRCULATING ADVERTISING OUR AUTOCROSS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 10, DISREGARD THEM! WE HAVE LOST THE FAIRCHILD SITE AND HAVE CANCELLED OUR NOVEMBER 10TH DATE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN FINDING ANOTHER SITE. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, SECURED A DECEMBER 1 DATE AND ARE USING PLEASANTON. KEEP THAT DATE OPEN SO THAT YOU CAN HELP US WORK THE EVENT.--YOUR PRES. KEN

The regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President Ken Altman at 8:30 p.m.

The minutes were approved as read.

Ron Trethan introduced the guests present: White, VanMeader, Kelly, Ken Hoskins of Corvettes of So. Calif. and Benninger.

Roger Boaz gave the treasurer report.

ACTIVITIES: Gary Carlen told about our AX on Oct. 13th. Gary would like as many as possible to come around 7:30 Sunday morning to help set up the course. The cost for drivers is \$3.00. You can ride free with someone. Gary announced the Tecati is Sunday Oct. 6th. There is also an AX that day at Indian Creek Speedway. October 20th is a championship event put on by Camino Corvettes.

SOCIAL: Ashley Boesch announced the Halloween Party on Oct. 26th at Rick Garner's. The Christmas party is at the Galleon, tentatively Dec. 7. Roger Boaz gave a little report on the party at the O'Briens.

MEMBERSHIP: Ron Trethan brought in Bruce and Sharon Benninger as members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Milt Piver reported that those people who signed up for Wheel Sport should be getting it next week. Milt said Ed Dunkleman from the Tribune wrote an article about our AX. Milt told about the Tecati. Chris took Top Eliminator, Top Match, TTOD. We had several other members who trophied. The 27 of Oct. is the last Tecati event. As of this time we have 27 drivers for our event. 12 are NCCA members.

PUBLICATIONS: Vicky announced the deadline for the K. is Oct. 20th. She thanked Roger for helping Ken run off the K. She said the deadline for going to Napa for the WSCC meeting is Oct. 7th. Vicky also said that it is rumored that CNV has put in a bid for the 1969 Convention in Santa Rosa.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Ron Trethan told a little about Santa Maria. There were two meetings down there regarding Corvette classes. Next year there will be three weekend events. Second weekend in May, 4th of July, and Thanksgiving. Ron talked about Council classes and code changes.

OLD BUSINESS: Ken wants to get the trailer cleaned up on Oct. 12. Anyone interested in helping meet at Milt Piver's at 1:00. Ken also asked someone to get the jack back from Bob Kerr. Ken announced that the nominating committee will meet tomorrow night at his place. Ken asked Roger if the flags were done. Ken asked Mike about the flagstand. Ken said he had the fire extinguishers checked and sealed. Harriet Gittings of FRA has asked if they can rent our pylons in Nov. They will pay \$15.00 and replace all those damaged. Gary will run the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The E-Board has made a recommendation that any member handling club property be required to give receipt for articles sold. And to give a quarterly report to the E-Board on the inventory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Craig Preisendorf announced the Octoberfest at Pleasanton on Oct. 4, 5, 6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

LYNNE IRISH, SECRETARY



Well gang, it seems that our next social (The Halloween Party on the 26th) is happening after this article is due, so I'm going to fake it!

As far as having good times, our rained on practice session could be considered a social as well as an event. What a blast to autocross in the rain, sliding around the corners (whether you wanted to or not) and plowing thru the puddles, or were those small lakes? Any club member who didn't come out really missed out on some good practice as well as alot of laughs.

After calling it a day at Pleasanton, a few of us got together for a Taco dinner in Castro Valley. The Altman's, Piver's, Rod Baker, Roger Boaz, Hal Doramus and Boesch's were those present. Then our No. 1 Concour D' Elegance Pres. invited us over for some shop talk, a few beers, (EDITOR'S NOTE: Did you forget those hot ruttered bums, Ash) and some home movies of Laguna Seca and Vernalis. We were also taken to see "Black Beauty" stabled next door; being groomed for the Napa Valley weekend. He had the "shoes" off, the saddle waxed, her toenails painted. She was curried and combed from front to back and top to bottom. A JOB WELL DONE! Congrats, Ken, and to Vicky also for a show of much patience.

ASHLEY BOESCH  
SOCIAL DIRECTOR

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AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE OF, NCCA WILL HOLD ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT OUR DECEMBER 3 MEETING AT GENERAL MOTORS TRAINING CENTER AT 8:00 P.M.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTION:

According to Article X, Section C of the NCCA By-Laws, the Nominating Committee met to select nine candidates for nomination. These selections are as follows:

PRESIDENT: KEN ALTMAN  
VICE PRESIDENT: RON CHRISTENSEN  
SECRETARY: SUSANNE BOESCH  
TREASURER: MIKE IRISH

MEMBERSHIP: MILT PIVER  
PUBLIC RELATIONS: BILL GEEN  
SOCIAL: ASHLEY BOESCH  
PUBLICATIONS: SHARON TRETAN  
BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE:  
RON TRETAN

SHARON TRETAN  
CHAIRMAN 1968 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

ROBERT "DOUG" WHITE  
121 Pine Street  
Apt. 209  
Concord, California  
(415) 686-2783  
1966 Black 427 Corvette



Our practice autocross on October 13, 1968, was very successful, except for the liquid sunshine that dampened our course.

The course was set up by Gary Carlen. He did a fine job of designing the course. It was fast enough and it used a great variation of different types of turns. As far as I'm concerned, it was an excellent practice session course.

I hope every registered driver got at least one run in before it started to rain. As I looked at the Pre-Grid, there were only about 25 to 30 cars participating, but our limit of drivers. About an hour later, there were only about 10 cars left to run. Well, all I can say is that running in the rain sure moved pylons around.

Roger Boaz had a little problem learning what the different flags stood for, but after a little encouragement from Ron Trethan, (Nice going, Ron. How did you do it?) Roger began to realize what the flagman standing in the rain stood for--HE HE! Roger also learned about the difference between small tires and big tires in the rain. After this little pun, I have to thank Roger and Florabelle for making up the flags.

I just hope that everybody had a good time at "LIMIT 75" even though it did rain. I would like to thank in behalf of the Northern California Corvette Association; Harriet Gittings, Ed Dunckelmann, Gordon Martin, Miles Ottenheimer, Al Auger, and everybody else who helped publicize our event on October 13, 1968. Thank You Very Much!

TECATI: At the last Tecati race on October 6th, NCCA had a very bad day. Almost everybody jumped bracket except for Ken Altman--but he also had a bad break, and had to run for top elimination twice in a row, leaving him with hot brakes on his second run. The XKE he ran against must have some special brake cooling system because on the second try he was able to go into the turns before braking. I like to think that the driver of the XKE learned a lesson when Ken blew his doors off on the first try. (Do you agree, Ken?)

Of course, there was NCCA's Rapid Ron Christensen taking top time of day, as always. By the way, Ron is in first place for the points standing of Tecati racing. Not far behind is Ken Altman in his first Love, (EDITOR'S NOTE: I think I resent that!) Black Beauty, like about third or fourth. Congratulations, gentlemen!

A few members of NCCA heard about a high speed event in Salinas on October 20. Well, we all tried to run in Salinas and get back here in enough time for Camino Corvettes Championship event at Pleasanton. Unfortunately, we didn't get back in enough time. At the Salinas autocross sponsored by the Roadrunners, Ron Christensen took TTOD and First in Class A driving Bill Geen's Bee. Bill Geen took a Second place. I took a First in Class B. Bruce Benninger and Hal Doramus arrived late and couldn't register. In addition to arriving late, Bruce Benninger dropped a valve in his engine on his way to the event in Salinas. The Roadrunners live dangerously. They ran cars without any tech inspection and drivers without helmets! I don't think the boys in Salinas know what real competition really is. The Monterey area drivers were about five seconds slower in time than us.



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C L U B   P R O P E R T Y

- A. Any member handling club properties such as; Shirts, Badges, etc., be required to give receipts for articles sold.
  
- B. Any member that has NCCA property make an inventory of all club property such as Badges, Plaques, Shirts, etc., and keep cur inventory up to date and report quarterly to the Executive Board.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 DUES ARE DUE.....	2 E-BOARD MEETING DINNER 6:00 BOESCH'S
3 REDLINERS AX**	4 TECATI AWARDS DINNER	5 MEETING G.M.T.C. 8:00	6	7	8	9
10 NCCA AX PENDING	11 VETEREN DAY	12 SHOP NITE	13	14	15	16
17 PETIT PRIX**	18	19 SHOP NITE	20	21	22	23
24 E-BOARD BREAKFAST IRISH'S REDLINERS	25 AX	26 SHOP NITE	27	28 THANKS-GIVING HOLIDAY	29 NCSCC MEETING	30

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US, HUH JACK!

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THE BACK SEAT DRIVER:

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MIKE IRISH

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 BRIGHT BLUE WITH RED/YELLOW BANDS  
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