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### VEEP VOICE

I would like to say "thanks" to Wayne and Joan Mooneyham for doing such a terrific job handling the North-South Golden State Grand Prix during the 4th of July at Santa Maria. For those of us that attended the event, it was a weekend worth remembering. A few incidents (with no names) such as one double bed for 4 people, swimming in the pool at 2 A.M. and being thrown out by the manager, sleeping at 4 A.M. on the lawn, going to emergency first-aid for an infection, wrapping the front end of Stingray's in cheese cloth to keep the bugs off while traveling, etc.

There were 39 Corvettes in Class C and a total of 28 Ladies competing in Class K. Our hats off to the winners (listed in the following pages) and may many more participate in next years event.

*Ron*  
Ron

## LE MANS CORVANNA

Many thanks to you the members who worked the last corvanna at Larwin Plaza Shopping Center, Vallejo, California on June 27, 1965. This was the 1st time in a long time that we have put on an Auto X in a parking lot. The crowd control was excellent, but the course was a little scary. We had 170 participants and 30 reruns.

Below is a list of those members who worked the event and will be entitled to a Course Worker Award at the end of the year. Remember, you must work 4 out of the 5 Corvanna, as well as the Closed Event.

Bellanti, Mario  
Carlen, Gary  
Christensen, Ronald  
DeCastro, Bud and Lily  
Frost, Jack  
Haakenstad, C. Jerry  
Hart, Bill  
Irish, Michael and Lynne  
Kerr, Bob  
Kuszak, Sharon  
Maas, Bill and Christine  
Perkins, Barbara  
Prather, Jim and Jean  
Searls, Richard  
Silveira, David  
Smith, Jim and Joyce  
Taylor, Fred and Jackie  
Trethan, Ron  
Tsirlis, Mike  
Vercelli, Jerry and Pat  
Vercelli, Phil  
Viscusi, Nick  
Wanderer, Al  
Zeh, Johnny

CHATTER 'n PATTTER

Our second July meeting was held on Tuesday, July 20, at G. E. Dailey & Son, Livermore. 12 Vettes caravanned from Max Gumm's station. We should do more of this! Fun! We had a very good attendance -- over 40 present. Ron Trethan, Vice President, presided in the absence of the President, and did a very commendable job. After the meeting, many members enjoyed a social hour across the street at a very nice little place!

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In May, Jim and Ye Editor paid a visit to our former members Marie and Bud Burke in their brand new home in Walnut, Southern California. And I do mean "brand new" because they had just moved in that very day! We went out for dinner after a pleasant hour or two of chatting and spent a most enjoyable few hours together.

On July 7, Marie had a bouncing baby boy -- Ronald Gordon. Weight 8 lbs. 5 oz. Quite an achievement for a tiny gal such as Marie! All our best wishes to the new parents!

Their new address -- 20401 Shadow Mountain Road, Walnut (3,000 population). Congrats on your new son and your new home, Marie and Bud!!!!!!!

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Thanks to the Northern California Corvair Association, Inc. for sending us their June "Corvair Comments." They are a busy group with rallies and autocrosses, both!

Thanks, too, to Corvettes, Ltd. of San Gabriel, for their July issue of "Screech." We seriously, however, contest their claim to be the "Largest Marque Corvette Club in the Nation." The NCCA claims that distinction, too!

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Harriet Gittings of the News Register, Fremont, gave us a nice write-up on our Vallejo A/C. Thanks, Harriet, for reading our Kaleidoscope!

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Max and Bobby Gumm had a bad accident on their way back from the North-South event in Santa Maria. The Vette was hurt the most, for which we are glad. We are sure sorry about your misfortune, kids!

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Won't be too long before the NCCA will have two more members. Lynne Irish and Betty Craven will be mamas again before too long! (Everyone expects Lynne to have hers at some NCCA affair!)

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Jim and Joyce Smith have been real busy remodeling their kitchen in their new home (to them) and Jim has been very busy getting his car in shape during what little spare time Joyce allows him!

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Welcome home to Patti Tsirlis! We missed you!

CHATTER 'n PATTEN  
(Continued)

Gary Myers and Karen tied the knot the weekend of our Vallejo A/C!  
All our best wishes for many happy years together!

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Ron Christiansen and Sharon Barrett are now engaged -- as of June 21! More congrats!

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Abiding by the rules set up in the By-Laws, the following have applied for membership:

Lloyd and Dolores Peoples  
2214 - 14th Avenue  
Oakland 532-5232

'61 Red Vette

Hal and Jean Doramus  
2348 Maracopa Avenue  
Richmond 234-4116

'62 White Vette

These two couples were a terrific help at our Vallejo A/C!  
Thanks a million!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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COTATI RESULTS (Briefly)  
July 17-18

ABCD Production Race

- 1st - Herb Caplan of Sacramento in a 396 Stingray
- 2nd - Our very own member; Red Faris, in a 396 Stingray, which was only 1 1/2 weeks old!
- 3rd - Another Stingray

Modified Race

- 1st - Bart Martin in a Brabham
- 2nd - Ed Leslie in a Webster
- 3rd - John Bolander of Oakland in a Lotus
- Our Paul Rinehart DNF

EXTRA!!! Watch for Jim Hall of Midland, Texas, at Candlestick in the Chaparral!!!!

CALENDER

For Sure and Maybe!

- 7/25 - Belated 4th of July Picnic (see details elsewhere)
- 8/ 3 - Regular meeting at General Motors Training Center
- 17 - 2nd August meeting - place to be announced
- 22 - CORVANNA at Camp Stoneman (?)
- 30 - NCSSC meeting at the Fremont Motor Inn (call Wayne Mooneyham for more details, if interested in going)
- 9/4-5-6 - Sports Car Olympics, Squaw Valley
- 7 - Regular meeting at General Motors Training Center --  
election of the Nominating Committee!
- Winery Tour - date and place to be announced later
- 21 - 2nd September meeting - place to be announced
- 10/5 - Regular meeting at G.M.
- 19 - 2nd October meeting - place to be announced
- Halloween Party - date and place to come later
- 11/2 - Regular meeting at G.M.
- Annual Reunion - date and place to follow
- 16 - 2nd November meeting - place to be announced
- 21 - CORVANNA at Pleasanton
- 12/7 - Regular meeting at G.M. - Election of Officers
- Christma Party - date and place to follow (monotonous, isn't it?)

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A/C EVENTS THIS SUNDAY, JULY 25

- 8:00AM - Hi Speed Auto--X presented by Team Sprint & Stopwatchers, Ltd. SCC at G.M., Warm Springs Blvd., at Fremont Blvd.; Fremont.  
Benefit Centerville Lions Club. Trophies, brass bowls, 1st - 3rd in each NCSSC class. No tubeless tires; belts required. Entry fee \$3.50.
- 8:30AM - Triumph Twist III Auto--X by Triumph Travelers SCC. 4th in series of Bay Region Championship at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton.  
Trophies, mugs, 1st 3rd in 12 classes. TTOD and TTOW and Marques.  
\$3.50 - \$6.00.

SECOND 4th of JULY PICNIC

- WHERE: Spanish Flat, Lake Berryessa, California
- WHEN: Sunday, July 25, 1965
- TIME: Bay Area people meet at Hy's Drive In (MacArthur & Telegraph) at 9:30AM. We will caravan up to Nick Viscusi's and he will lead us to Spanish Flat. People from up Napa Way can meet at Nick's house (1734 Sequoia, Napa) about 11:00AM.
- We are going to stop at the Nichilini Winery on the way up and we can get some wine to go with our lunch! Wine is \$1.00 per bottle.
- COST: The price to get in to Spanish Flat is \$1.00 per car.
- ACTIVITIES: Swimming, Bar-B-Queing, Boating, Water Skiing (bring your own skis).
- BRING: Steaks or whatever you want to eat. The Club will supply the beer.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

For further information contact Mike Irish at 536-0175.

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That's One Way of Looking At It!

Two buddies were drinking at a bar when suddenly one lurched backward off his stool and fell flat on the floor without moving a muscle.

"That's what I like about George," the other said to the bartender, "he knows when to stop!"

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No Bigamy For Him!

Two Irishmen, one accompanied by his wife, met on the street.

Said Pat to Mike, "Let me present my wife to ye."

"No, thank ye," replied Mike, "got one of me own."

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PLEASE NOTE: The following two pages are reprints from 1963 Kaleidoscopes!

AUTOCROSS RESULTS

Flying Wheels S.C.C., Inc.  
Pleasanton, Calif.

CLASS A

Place	Name
5	John Wilkens
10	Jack Frost
16	Gary Carlen

CLASS B

4	Mike Tsirlis
7	Bob Kerr
8	Ron Trethan
9	Wayne Mooneyham
10	Terry Weygandt
13	Al Wanderer
14	Ron Christensen
18	Mario Bellanti
20	Fred Taylor
24	Bud DeCastro

CLASS I

4	Joan Mooneyham
5	Sharon Kuszak
8	Barbara Perkins

Sports & Imports, Inc.  
June 20, 1965  
Camp Stoneman

CLASS A

4	Gary Carlen
7	Jack Frost
8	John Wilkens

CLASS C

1	Mike Tsirlis
2	Wayne Mooneyham
6	Sam Jones
8	Johnny Zeh
9	Mario Bellanti
11	Gary Myers

CLASS C (Cont.)

Place Name

12 Dave Silveira  
 13 Ron Trethan  
 14 Al Wanderer  
 20 Fred Taylor

CLASS K

4 Sharon Kuszak  
 8 Joan Mooneyham  
 9 Barbara Perkins

NCSCC  
 July 3, 1965  
 Santa Maria

CLASS A

2 John Wilkens  
 7 Gary Carlen

CLASS C

1 Wayne Mooneyham  
 2 Mike Tsirlis  
 8 Ron Rethan  
 10 Al Wanderer  
 11 Johnny Zeh  
 23 Ron Christensen  
 27 Fred Taylor  
 36 Max Gumm

CLASS K

8 Vera Carlen  
 9 Joan Mooneyham  
 28 Barbara Perkins

SCCSCC  
 July 4, 1965  
 Santa Maria

CLASS A

2 John Wilkens  
 13 Ron Christensen  
 20 Ron Trethan  
 22 Johnny Zeh  
 32 Max Gumm

## SCCSCC (Cont.)

Place	Name
CLASS A - WOMEN	
11	Barbara Perkins
CLASS B	
7	Fred Taylor
CLASS N	
3	Mike Tsirlis
5	Wayne Mooneyham
8	Gary Carlen
18	Al Wanderer
CLASS N-WOMEN	
1	Joan Mooneyham
3	Vera Carlen

Petit Prix Sports Car Club  
 July 11, 1965  
 Camp Stoneman

CLASS A	
5	John Wilkens
8	Jack Frost
CLASS C	
1	Bob Kerr
2	Mike Tsirlis
4	Ron Trethan
5	Dave Silvira
7	Mario Bellanti
8	Al Wanderer
10	Bill Hart
11	Ron Christensen
16	Fred Taylor
23	Milt Piver
CLASS K	
7	Sharon Kuszak

SUDDENLY ITS 1963  
or THE COBRAS DIDN'T SHOW!

It was like old times last Sunday with Corvette way out front right where it belongs! Our own "Red" Faris jumped right out in front on the first lap and led for the first four or five laps with a grin from ear to ear. Frank Search came from out of the pack in Paul Reinhart's old '63 fuel injected Vette to take the lead when Red got a little apprehensive about the brakes on his new 396. Search led for a lap, lost his "F.I.", put a haybale into the middle of turn four and almost hit Red. In the confusion, Herb Caplan from Sacramento took the lead in his 396, hotly challenged by his old '63 Stingray until it locked in third gear and had to pull into the pits. From then on it was all 396 with Herb leading and Red right on his heels.

In the "B" Production race, Jaguar made it's mark by coming in first followed closely by a Corvette and third by a funny little Falcon Mustang.

The modified race was led by Oakland's Paul Reinhart until the fourth lap when he lost part of the tuned exhaust system and lost power in his Corvette powered Genie.

Paul ran for six more laps second to Bart Martin in a lesser machine (powered by Ford) when his suspension broke coming into turn one, retiring him from the race. Bart Martin lapped everyone on the field except Ed Leslie, and set a new course record of 1.20 flat. (Watch Reinhart go at Candlestick August 7-8!)

Bob Crawford

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BOOKIE BUGGED BY SILENT PARROT

A Broadway character, a bookmaker, was given a parrot in lieu of a cash payment. The bird's vocabulary included, in addition to English, some choice expressions in Spanish, French and Italian.

Appreciative of his valuable acquisition, the bookie carried the bird into his favorite tavern and displayed him to the bartender. "Speaks four languages," said the bookie.

The bartender tried to ignore him, but was finally shamed into a \$10 wager.

"Parley-vous francais?" said the bookie to the parrot.

There was no response.

There was no response, either, in English, Spanish or Italian. The bartender collected his \$10 and told the bookie to get out and quit bothering him.

On the street the bookie glared savagely at the parrot. "What a stupid bird!" he fumed. "How could you keep your beak shut when I had 10 bucks riding on you?"

"Don't be a jerk," said the parrot, "just think of the odds you'll get tomorrow!"