



CORVETTE KALEIDOSCOPE



-- EDITORIAL --

Beginning with this issue, we will be presenting a monthly editorial. The editorial will deal with the item or happening of the previous month most relevant to the N.C.C.A.....
...This time it so happens that the subject of discussion to be the first to fall under the scrutiny of 'yours truly' is that illustrated masterpiece mailed to most Club members by another unnamed individual. This time, the item of interest dealt with the forthcoming Corvannas, due to commence in March. For those of you who may have missed this little gem, it was a Steno-fax type processed sheet showing the picture of a complete moron, accompanied by the select wording: "JAGBENZ HIMSELF SAYS 'Ten muncce ugo I cutnt evn spel Korvanna un now I are running aix more of them'.".....

First of all, the picture in itself was more than derogatory, inasmuch as it reflects on each and every member of the Club....Secondly, JAGBENZ himself (at least the original Jagbenz, and not one of these unoriginal imitators/plagerizers) was never affiliated with any such statement in such a manner, and is not even remotely connected....Thirdly, the whole idea is not new as it was originally printed pertaining to an engineer (spelled injuneer) who had recently graduated from college. In that light, it was meant as--and accepted as--a joke. If....if, by chance, this sheet was sent out by a Club member, let him step forward, declare himself, and be shot! ... Once more - IF this was sent out by a club member, let it be a lesson to all of us in that we should spend a bit more time in putting the grey matter to work before jumping the gun. Any individual in the Association who enjoys this sort of degrading "fun" certainly doesn't have the best interests of the club at heart.....In the event it was mailed out by a non-member, then it is surely no surprise as someone is always occupying his spare time in taking 'pop-shots' at us. Of course, it may have been intended as a joke. This may be true, but it was certainly in poor taste.

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FOR SALE: One axe grinding machine -- cheap -- contact your editor!!

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As you know, we had quite a fine rallye with Jag Assoc. Group a couple Sundays ago. Dinner at the Village in Richmond followed, and, needless to say (since the bar was opened) everyone had a ball! The people of the Jag Club were all real fine sports. It appears that this will be an annual affair. Let's hope so. Winners of the rallye were:

- 1st: The Ed/Shirley McCarroll Corvette team
The Tracy/Liz Catledge Jaguar team.
- 2nd: The Rodden (Corvette)-????Franklin (Jaguar) team.

Booby prize went to the Prince/Corvette and Gordon/Jaguar team. Oddly enough, Ray Prince won the prize he donated. How's that one???

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Anyone in the market for a case of non-detergent 20-weight Pennzoil?? If so, contact me (Sandy Greenblat is the name) and I'll call it to you wholesale/wholesale. Or, I'll trade for a like amount of 20-weight or 30-weight.

Remember a while back I mentioned the appearance of a 1958 Corvette road test run by Ken Miles that appeared in the Sports Car Journal?? Well, Mr. Miles has done it again. This time, in the issue of Sports Car Journal (Feb) that is now on sale... He tested C.S. Head's 1958 Full Competition model that Jerry Austan is going to drive this year. Once again, 'the man' really gave the car a complimentary review. His biggest gripe, and rightly so, was the poor seats...Don't miss this one.....While on the subject of the Cal Club magazine (which all-in-all is a fine magazine) note the last item in "Around The Course" on page 3. It mentions that the 270 h.p. Corvette is no longer in production, and that by putting a Duntov Cam in a 245 will not bring the h.p. to 270 as the lower end is not the same in both cars....Since the publication of that issue, Corvette HAS began to produce 270's. One S.F. dealer has already delivered one, with another in stock. Who could this be??

We have a celebrity in the Club...Dick Sisich. A while ago, he ran the 'Early Times' Rallye. (That name brings back unpleasant memories) And, he received an award for being the individual to come from the farthest point.. The following week, he ran in the Scavenger Rallye (now there's an appetizing name) and took 1st. Congradulations!! Well, Bill Boldenwick, come on. You've got someone to challenge.

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The Racing Driver's Club held their second practise race at the Kingdon Airport near Lodi last Sunday (Feb.23rd) and had a turnout of some 140 participating cars. All told, there were approximately 2000 people there. The weather was beautiful which helped things no end. Everyone who ran enjoyed the day, I think, even though mechanical troubles took their toll. Sure was nice for those who ran, as it gave them a chance to get their feet wet before Stockton. I.O.C.A. Corvettes were represented by Cloyd Gray, Ray Altman, Jim Casper, and Sandy Greenblat. Also present, but in other mounts, were the two Bobs; Nix and Bent.

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COMING EVENTS: March 30, 1958. Our first Corvanna of the season. This will be the Miniature Grand Prix de Monaco. Location is the Fairway Shopping Center two miles south of Hayward on the Hiles Road. Be there to help, as it will be a long day if we don't have enough personel. I wouldn't swear to it, but I think the Corvettes will run in the A.M..Probably before 9:30. Check with your Activities Chairman to be sure.....

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Next on-our coming events calender is the long-awaited-for weekend of March 22-23. This is the date of the Stockton Road Races. Novice production over 1600cc race takes place Saturday at 2:20 in the aft. Senior production race over 1600cc takes place Sunday afternoon. The exact time escapes me, but its somewhere shortly after the noon hour. Here's a chance for some of you to ban together and make an impromptu social out of this two-day weekend.

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Thanks to Ross Shelley for setting up the spaghetti feed held last Thursday night at the Backyard in Berkeley. Ross is one of our new members who is letting no grass grow under his feet...Many thanks, Ross.

...Since I've run out of room, and don't have enough for another page, I'll sign off here for this month

Sandy Greenblat

By the way, did you know that during the year 1957, auto racing in its varied forms drew more paid attendance than ALL FORMS of organized baseball?? Not bad for an outlaw sport that is comprised of maniacs, nuts, egomaniacs, etc.

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In case you might have missed Josh Hogue's column in the S.F.Chronicle last Thursday, we will soon be fortunate enough to have a 2.6 mile race course right in our own backyards...San Carlos to be exact..Ray Altman & I attended the hearing before the San Mateo Bd.of Supervisors. Argueing fot the 'PRO' side were Dick Cook (Part-time radio announcer and full time sport car enthusiast)Capt. Fortune (who's real name escapes me now) and various others. Their arguement, along with the help of a lady supervisor, completely mowed down the opposition, who were so poorly prepared that they didn't know the difference between a drag strip and a race course. It is our understanding that Mr. Rod Carvoth of Atherton (owner of the Kangaroo Stables of Aston-Martins) is the man behind this. Our congradulations. It will be just fine to drive to San Carlos rather than Stockton, Arcata, etc. We'll keep you posted as we ourselves find out more.

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Don't forget the next meeting after Vogel's. -March 18th - at Dailey's-San Leandro. On East 14th about 105th. (Right next door to the Cheverolet plant) We will have, as our guests, (this is a switch) a member of the State Highway Patrol. I understand he's coming to put governors on all the Corvettes.

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It seems we always have a sad note to inject. This time it concerns the Manstalls. Not a few days after Chuck and Eve got their car out of the shop after getting it all repaired following a previous mishap, Eve proceeded to Los Angeles to pick up Chuck, who was there on business. On the way back, they stopped at a school bus crossing in San Luis Obispo, whereupon another individual promptly plowed into their newly repaired car, smashing the rear end clear up to the rear of the top. To make matters worse, Eve suffered undetermined injuries, including a severe back injury. She's presently in traction in a San Luis Obispo hospital. If you wish to send your best, send it to Chuck Manstall(s home (see your mailing list) and he'll surely forward the cards, etc. to Eve. Best of luck, Eve. Get out of there fast..We're waiting for you.