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The 3rd annual North-South Golden State Grand Prix will again be held in Santa Maria, California on the 4th of July Weekend. This year the sports car clubs from San Diego will present their "Tecate" event, open to all entrants on Monday.

I have competed in both the first two Grand Prix's, and can honestly say the weekends were worth remembering. Many new friends were met, ideas exchanged, and competition tremendous.

This organization has had good representation at the first two Grand Prix's and I would like to see the same response this year. The two (possibly three) events plus a banquet dinner for the price of \$10.00. There will be separate events on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday with trophies being passed out each evening. Last year there were 34 Stingrays in class. The North placed 8 in the top 10, of its class. I understand the South plans to show us some improvement this year.

We will be caravanning down to Santa Maria on Friday night, July 1st. If you are interested in making the trip, please let me know so I will be able to inform you on our departure time and place.

Well, I'll sign off now, since I hear those wedding bells ring. When you receive your Kaleidoscope, I will have made the trip down the aisle.

Bachelor No More

Ronald Trethan

MINUTES:

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order at 8:15 at G.E. Dailey in Livermore by President Ron Trethan.

In the absence of Membership Chairman Bud DeCastro, the guests introduced themselves. There were representations from Pleasanton, Oakland, Hayward, and San Leandro.

Vice-President and Activities Chairman Mike Tsirlis announced that there will be no Corvanna on June 12th. Since he left the results of the last three auto-crosses in his other slacks, he was only able to congratulate some of the winners. He also told of the coming events for May 22nd and May 30th.

It was moved, seconded, and carried (Christiansen, Vercelli) that our club boycott the Triumph Travelers Event in San Jose because they did not apply for a Co-sanction with NCSOC. The NCCA Club Members are to be officially notified of this.

Treasurer Mike Irish reported the balance on hand.

Ton Trethan announced that our Publicity Chairman Barbara Perkins is moving to Australia. Her position is to be filled by Hal Doramus.

Roger Longfellow reported on the dinner social at the Jolly Roger in Hayward. Seven couples were in attendance.

Publications Director Pat Vercelli announced the due date for our June Kaleidoscope will be May 27, 1966. She asked for articles from our officers and members.

Ron Trethan announced that 8 of our Championship Trophies have been paid for by sponsors. He also asked for discussion concerning silver trays that might be used for trophies for our events. Jerry Haakenstad volunteered to bring a holder for the tray which other clubs have used.

There was then a discussion of the North-South Event. Classes and tire specifications were discussed. Chairman Dennis Travis announced that NCCA has been asked to run Tech Inspection on Saturday from 8 AM to 2 PM.

A letter was received from the Western States Corvette Council. There are now 20 Corvette Member Clubs, and Wingate is the President. The letter also asked for Pictures of our Corvettes.

It was announced that decals, dash plaques, business cards, etc., were available tonight for those wishing to obtain them.

Ron Christiansen discussed Bellanti's exploits in Kent and Portland. He also mentioned that a Mike Tsirlis is still a legend "in them thar parts."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM, with a Shell Movie following. Ray Prince was thanked for setting up the chairs, etc. for our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Vercelli
Acting Secretary

On the first day of kindergarten the teacher was trying to find out the first names of the children's fathers. "Tell me, dear," she asked a wide-eyed little girl, "what does your mother call your father?"

"She doesn't call him anything," replied the child. "She loves him."

-- David Deutsch

Being grown up means we can have our own way ... at our own expense. Or as the saying goes, the only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys.

EDITORIAL:

May 9th of this year was our 9th anniversary of the Northern California Corvette Association. Since we are beginning our 10th year, it might be interesting to many of you just how our club got started. Jackie Taylor has given me a copy of the first Minutes of the club. So here goes:

March 28, 1957

The first meeting of East Bay Corvette owners was held on Thursday, March 28, 1957, at 8:00 PM in the Conference Room of the F.H. Dailey Company, 41st Avenue and East 14th Street, Oakland, Calif., with thirty-five people present.

The purpose of the meeting was for interested Corvette owners to combine their efforts to form a Corvette Association of the Oakland-East Bay area and to determine what would be the goal of such Association.

A suggestion was made to the effect that the people present form a Corvette Association which would function on a trial basis for a period of three months in order to determine if there was enough interest to warrant the permanent organizing of the association.

Thereupon, the people present unanimously agreed to appoint a Chairman pro tem and a secretary pro tem; Said Chairman and Secretary pro tem to serve in these capacities until a permanent organization is instituted and officers duly elected.

Johnny Zeh was appointed Chairman pro tem. Pat Gellenbeck was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Introductions: The thirty-five people present introduced themselves.

Incorporation: It was pointed out that the people present should decide whether they wanted the association limited to Corvette owners and those interested in Corvettes, or whether the association membership should be open to

all sports car owners. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the association should be limited to Corvette owners and those interested in Corvettes.

A person present, who is a member of the Oakland Motor Cycle Club, stated that in applying for incorporation to the State of California, the association should consider itself as a non-profit making organization, which means that any money made would go towards the operating expenses of the association only. He also stated that the members of the organization should stick together and create a favorable impression in the community. The Chairman pro tem stated that he has found that sports car owners usually help each other in case they develop mechanical trouble on the highway.

Following discussion, several suggestions were received for names for the association:

- (a) C.A. - Corvette Association
- (b) East Bay Corvettes

The steering committee will consider the suggestions and present several names at the next meeting which will be voted upon.

The following people volunteered their services to act as members of the Steering Committee:

Tom Lemasney	Ron Craven
Bill Xavier	James Mannon
Dick Donart	John Zeh

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the people elected Mr. Mannon as Chairman of the Steering Committee.

Upon suggestion, the Steering Committee will meet next week; said meeting will be arranged at the convenience of all concerned.

The duties of the Steering Committee will consist of the following:

- (a) Name for association to be submitted by the Steering Committee to the membership at their next meeting.
- (b) Formulate and submit to the membership the proposed purposes of the association.
- (c) Submit proposed Bylaws and other proposed material

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- necessary for incorporation of the association.
- (d) Obtain copies of Bylaws which are used by other similar associations and from which the association could pattern their Bylaws.

It was agreed that all parties interested in Corvettes would be invited to the next regular meeting and that Corvette owners in other areas of California would certainly be welcome.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Corvette owners would be held on Thursday, April 11, 1957 at 7:30 pm at the F. H. Dailey Company.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 o'clock pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Gellenbeck
Secretary Pro Tem

In our next issue of the Kaleidoscope, we will reprint the Minutes of the second meeting. It includes the first elections, and the Bylaws were ratified.

Jerry Vercelli received a letter from a Master Lester Norman, Box 163, Barton, Ohio, 43905.

"Dear Sir;

"I would appreciate it if you would send me some information and pictures of 1966 Corvette Sting Rays. Thank you

Sincerely yours,
Lester Norman"

Perhaps some of you have some of the information this young man requests. Sending him materials would be appreciated. Possibly a future Corvette Driver ? ? ? ?

MOVIES:

Jim Prather has announced the following movies to be shown after our meetings:

- June 7th, "Challenge" Story behind 1963 Indianapolis 500 mile race. Color.
- June 14th, "The Golden Age" Story of automobile development and racing during the 1920's. Black and White.
- July 5th, "Monte Carlo Rallye" The 1963 Rallye featuring 296 starting cars. Color.
- July 19th, "The Titans - Part I" The great races of 1930-1934. Black and White.

HELP ... HELP.... HELP.....

Where are those articles, tidbits and mechanical information for the Kaleidoscope ? ? ?

PROMISES .. PROMISES... PROMISES..

Remember this is your publication. If you have any suggestions for the editor, they would be gratefully received.

The next due date will be June 28, 1966 (Tuesday).

Calling All Corvettes
WHERE ARE YOU ? ? ? ?

Two women were discussing the BATMAN TV SERIES. The first said, "I just can't stand that program." The second said, "I think Batman and Robin are interesting. What's wrong with two men running around the house all day in leotards ?"

LETTER FROM SAM JONES

..... Hello to all the gang,

Now for race results -
(Hawaii Style) Have run in 3 auto-crosses - 1st in class all three (No overall trophies given here) - ran in 2 drag events - got beat both times by a Ford "T" Bird with Chevy power. Once the clutch (diaphragm pressure plate) wouldn't engage - and the other time I forgot to tighten 2 bolts in the water pump and dumped water out (into the carb.) while leading the guy.

Drags this weekend - think I can borrow a Hilborn f.c. - I run modified so it's legal. - Next result - road race run on 15 May - I ran B prod.- had a (sick) Tiger - a Lotus Super 7, and Lotus Elan for class.

Ran in 1 heat race and won. Ran in 40 mile (20 lap) feature - led for 6 laps and slowed to keep heat down - wound up 4th overall and 1st in class - Also turned fastest lap in race. Had never been on this course before the 15th. No Cobras present though.

I need BIG tires. Plan on getting some 9 - 9½ Goodyears (May wait till I come back from West - Pac in Dec.) We leave in July. I can only run 7" wide rims - Know anyone with mags for sale?

I'm sponsored by Aloha Motors local BIG BIG Chevy Dealer. Get parts (oil, tires, etc.) at their cost and all entry fees paid. Better than nothing --

Well this should fill you in.

..... Comment here is that they haven't seen Vettes go (until mine) I'm holding up the reputation.

Drop a line if you get a chance.

Yours kindly,
Sam

(For more particulars , contact
Ron Trethen)

ANCIENT HISTORY by Jerry Vercelli

Roy Storey, our first president in 1957, was the first person from the West Coast to race a Corvette. In 1956 he ran a red "56" with an automatic transmission at the old Pebble Beach course. Would you believe that maybe Jim Hall was watching?

Our next president was Ray Altman. Ray went on to be Regional Executive of the San Francisco Region, SCCA. He also was elected to the position of Area Governor SCCA and was the first person west of the Mississippi to become SCCA National Chairman, which he held for tow years. Ray is currently on the Board of A.C.C.U.S., the United States representation to the F.I.A.

Elmer "red" Faris was our third president in 1959. He also was elected as Regional Executive of the San Francisco Region and now he is an Area Governor for SCCA.

Sandy Grrenblat, NCCA president of 1958, was also elected as Regional Executive of the San Francisco Region of SCCA.

Jim Craven and Ron Craven, father and son, are both past presidents in 1964 and 1960 respectively of NCCA. Ron served on the Board of Directors of SCCA of the San Francisco Region for three consecutive years.

Our 1965 president, Jerry Vercelli, is currently on the San Francisco Region's Board of Directors.

All of our past presidents mentioned, with the exception of Jim Craven, have successfully campaigned Corvettes in SCCA road races.

In 1958-1960, you could always see from 6 to 8 NCCA Corvettes on the starting grid with our past presidents Ray Altman, Sandy Greenblat, Jerry Vercelli, and Red Faris almost always starting in the first two rows and usually finishing in the top five. I would say that is a pretty good showing from a one marque club.