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The world-wide accepted and recognized definition of a "Sports Car" is simple: "a dual-purpose car; suitable for both everyday driving and weekend competition work." Fifteen years ago we added the proviso that "competition" was primarily road-racing and that the car should have the capability of making a reasonably good showing in its class. --- Road & Track, April 1966.

I would personally like to thank the membership for making "Monaco Corvanna" an enjoyable and profitable event. All 240 entrants were thru before darkness, which showed an awful lot of cooperation between each segment of the event. Those of us who stayed until the end found the course a challenging and exciting one, even at night.

I would like to remind the members about April 16. At 9 A.M. we will meet at Bancroft Junior High School, (Estudillo & Bancroft) San Leandro. We will drive the Miss San Leandro Contest girls on a 2 hour Caravana Parade. There are 16 girls, which means we need 16 roadsters. So all members are invited to attend. More information will be available at the meeting on April at G.M.T.C.

I will leave you with this note: FIBERGLASS - a material consisting of extremely fine filaments of glass; --- SO DRIVE CAREFULLY.

Ron Trethan

## VEEP'S VOICE

Just a very few words to all of you wonderful people who are crazy enough to drive those most fantastic cars called Corvettes, etc, etc, and etc.

I'm really going to make this short because I'm still trying desperately to finish over-hauling my Corvette for the event at Vaca Valley, which by the time you receive this Kaleidoscope, will be over and done with.

First I would like to thank all of you guys for making the First Corvanna of the Tenth Annual Monaco Series a success. A vote of thanks goes to the following people who worked very hard at making it a success: (I hope I've got everyone)

Joe & Adele Aboaf  
Bud & Lily DeCastro  
Ernie & Joanne Elia  
Jerry Haakenstad  
Mike Irish  
Bob & Donna Kerr  
Mike & Fran McBee  
Gordy Miller  
Larry & Samantha O'Brien  
Lloyd & Dolores Peoples  
Jim and Jean Prather  
Craig Preisendorf  
Harvey Scatena  
Dave Silveira  
Fred & Jackie Taylor  
Ron Trethan  
Mike Tsirlis  
Jerry & Pat Vercelli  
Phil Vercelli  
Nick Viscusi  
John Zeh

Sharon Kusak  
Ron & Sharon Christensen  
Gary & Vera Carlen

There might be a few more people I've missed -- if I did, I'm very sorry. I want those people whom I've omitted to contact me immediately, please.

At the Corvanna, while making my rounds, I was approached many times by people who wished

to express their appreciation of the terrific course that Gary Carlen designed, and the orderly manner in which the whole Corvanna was being conducted by all of the chairmen. A real feather in NCCA's cap, as far as I'm concerned. The Corvanna was over approximately 5:30 PM Sunday (not Monday).

After the trophy presentation, we, who had prevailed, were to embark on a "crazy driving Session" that lasted quite a while. All members who were there to clean up, had a wild ball taking turns driving the course over and over again. There were members switching cars, trying out their competitors cars ( really trying to find out whether it was the car or the driver ). We had the caretaker ( whoops- I mean Night Watchman) turn on all of the lights. It was a real ball... Something to look forward to at our next event on May 8th at Pleasanton.

Well, I said this was going to be short, so good-bye now. And to those who wish, you are all invited to participate as a group at my place doing our daily exercises with Jack LaLaine on TV every morning at 9:00 AM. Coffee will be served (even tea and milk).

Mike T.  
(as in Tsirlis)

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Results: March 20, 1966 at Pleasanton. Autocross put on by the Highland Touring Club.

### CLASS B

1st Ron Christensen  
2nd Ron Trethan  
3rd Larry O'Brien

### CLASS A

1st Gordy Miller

### CLASS L

1st Sammy O'Brien  
2nd Sharon Kusak

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1966

The regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President, Ron Trethan, on February 15, 1966, at Cochran & Celli Chevrolet in Oakland, California.

The "E Board" recommendation that the club advance member Woody Wood \$50.00 towards repairing the club's 3 walkie-talkies was made into a motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer, Mike Irish, reported the balance on hand as of February 1, 1966. The club was then reminded of the dinner at the "Pipers" in San Leandro on February 19.

Activities Chairman, Mike Tsirlis, reminded the club of the NCCA autocross at Pleasanton on March 6. He again stated that members who wish to run for trophies must run before noon. We then discussed one worker award per car per year. Mike again called for a volunteer to head tech inspection at the North-South Event on July 4.

Member Lloyd Peoples announced that he had contacted KTVU Television Station and that they have shown an interest in showing autocross films on a sports broadcast. He said he would check into it and have more definite information at a later date.

President Ron Trethan suggested that the NCCA present Mark Awards at our May Autocross. Publications Director Pat Vercelli thanked the members for articles to publish in the Kaleidoscope.

Council Representative Larry O'Brien reminded the club against tubeless tires at tech inspection. This has been observed at various events.

Ron checked into converting the timer over and it will cost approximately \$30.00

through Sports & Imports. Ron also announced that member Hal Doramus has been appointed by the "E Board" as acting Publicity Chairman.

Ron also announced that NCCA has again been asked to provide cars for the Miss San Leandro Contest to be held on April 16. There will be more discussion on this at a later date.

After the announcements, we then held our second raffle, after which the meeting was adjourned, followed by several movies.

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A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order at the General Motors Training Center on March 1, 1966 by President Ron Trethan. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The guests were introduced by Membership Chairman Bud DeCastro. Treasurer Mike Irish reported the balance on hand.

Social Chairman Nick Viscusi reported on the dinner held at the Pipers in San Leandro. There were 26 present and a good time was had by all. He also reminded the club of the dinner at "Franchini Chateau" to be held on March 19.

Activities Chairman Mike Tsirlis also reminded the club of our Corvanna to be held at Pleasanton on March 6, and he asked for workers on Saturday, March 5. He announced that member Dennis Travis had volunteered for co-ordinator from NCCA at the North-South Event in July.

Council Representative Larry O'Brien discussed fender wells under the NCSCC Autocross code.

Membership Chairman Bud DeCastro brought Mike and Fran Mc Bee into the club as members. Jerry Vercelli then reported on the Vacaville races and the Driving Training School now being

MINUTES CONTINUED:

held. Ron announced that member Woody Wood now has the Walkie Talkies in for repair. He also stated that the timer can be converted over at a reasonable rate through "Sports and Imports."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President Ron Trethan on March 15, 1966 at Dailey Chevrolet in San Leandro. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The guests were introduced by Membership Chairman Bud De Castro. Bud reminded the club that membership dues are now past due.

The "E Board" recommendation that the club spend a maximum of \$5.00 for club member trophies at our own events was made into a motion. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer Mike Irish reported the balance on hand. Social Chairman Nick Viscusi reminded the club of the dinner at Franchini's Chateau in San Rafael on March 19.

Ron announced that the calling cards have arrived and members can pick them up. He also reminded the club of the Miss San Leandro Contest to be held on Saturday, April 16, which the NCCA has been asked to participate in.

Larry O'Brien announced that money for the club jackets is over-due. There are still more members who have not paid.

Ron read a letter from SCCA which informed us we have a new insurance policy with Lloyds of London. Jerry

Vercelli read a letter from Bud Wingate in San Diego informing us of a newly formed Western States Corvette Council, and suggested that NCCA consider joining it. This was open for discussion. Jerry then made a motion that we join that council at a fee of \$10.00. Motion was seconded and carried. Jerry also made a motion that the "E Board" discuss joining the National Council of Corvette Clubs and decide on a recommendation to bring before the club. Motion seconded and carried.

Member Wayne Mooneyham reminded the club of the SCAT Practice Session to be held at Pleasanton on April 2, 1966 which is a Saturday.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jackie Taylor  
Recording Secretary

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ABIDING BY THE RULES SET UP IN THE BY-LAWS, THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Gordon Miller "Gordy"  
41 Glen Alpine Rd.  
Oakland, California

Black '66 427 Hp.

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A special note of thanks goes to Dolores Peoples for donating 20 reams of paper to NCCA for our publications. Canary Yellow here we come.

AS SEEN BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN

A white Corvette doing a great job of running; then with a wild spin at Start-Finish, gives the timing trailer a casual wave; then sneaks off course. Nice job anyway, Mike McB.

Congratulations to a certain brown Corvette, suffering from a slight skin disease, on a great job of finishing. This car also went through without losing a single muffler. By the way, don't miss the chance of riding in this "car of tomorrow." I did and guess what... I walked differently when I got out.

A word of thanks to everyone who helped with grid. Without their help, a fast moving event like we had would have been impossible. Thanks again, Dave Silveira.

Bob (Farmer) Kerr was seen doing a great job of plowing around course. He even said so himself...

Also seen doing a great job of driving were all NCCA drivers.

Fran: "How do you feel after going out with a fellow who has no sense of humor?"

Martha: "Wonderful ... I never knew you could have lots of fun without laughing.."

"Did you see that donkey fall on the street yesterday and break his leg?"

"Did they blame the driver?"

"No, they said it was the asphalt."

At the last Championship Event, your Team Captain was absent due to a USAC Midget Race, which was one of the best I've seen.

Dave Silveira  
Team Captain

SOCIAL NOTES

Nick Viscusi has announced the following dinner socials:

- April 16, Chef Cardini's Crab Feed, Glen Ellen
- May 14, Jolly Roger Somewhere in the East Bay.

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar so you won't miss out on the fun.

Remember, there are movies after the meetings furnished by Jim Prather.

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A special note of thanks to the O'Briens for inviting all the NCCA members at the Pipers Dinner to their home afterwards. You missed a great time with lots of "Bench Racing" etc., etc., if you weren't there.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

A wiseman once said that an organization is made up of four kinds of Bones.

There are the Wishbones who spend their time wishing somebody else would do the work.

There are the Jawbones who do all the talking, but very little work.

There are the Knucklebones who knock everything that everyone else is trying to do.

And there are the Backbones who get under the load and do the work.

Oh, those bones, oh those bones, oh those jee-umping bones ..... Oh the Backbone connected to the .....

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A motorist is a person who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.

-- The Record.

EDITORIAL: if you can call it that.

Last month we received a Newsletter from the W.N.Y. Corvette Club, Cheektowaga, N.Y. Several articles may be of interest to us all.

"As memberships fall due the first of every year," (Ours are due in December) "money will be accepted and welcomed at the meeting. A full treasure means a fuller and richer club experience. Your club cannot exist on kind thoughts and promises."

Oh, how true. How true.

"Unlike Rockefeller, we have not raised your fee by 50 per cent or any other per cent. It still is \$5.00 for singles and \$7.50 for couples." Wow, let's move to Cheektowaga. ... But it's difficult to see how a club could operate on this amount and give away a Christmas dinner, put on events, etc. This would hardly pay our postage. Let us continue.

"Pay now and save yourself the trouble of being hounded by the membership chairman. As of this writing there are only four members: Joanne Meyer (who won the membership campaign), Ray Silver, Ed Jones, and Jim & Cindy Mecca."

This sounds like a new, growing club. We wish them all the luck in getting started.

For those of you who did not read the article in Competition Press, February 5, 1966, here is part of it. It really makes you feel proud to be a Corvette Owner.

In Defense of Detroit and Honorless 'Vettes, by Eric Pelkie

What if Detroit were to come out with a sport car more powerful than the biggest street stuff out of Europe? With handling to match (courtesy of some well designed discs all round & a sophisticated independent suspension.) Reasonably tasteful

styling and luxury enough for the maharaja of Makaw. All with typical American sturdiness, negligible maintenance & tractability in traffic?

I'll tell you what would happen. Nothing. Not a thing. Because Detroit has come out with just such a car, it's called the Corvette & for my money it's the most underrated car in the world, outside of maybe the Citron.

Yes, I know all the old arguments.

To whit: "You have to have lots of guts to drive one of those things hard. They take their corners sideways, it's just a big American pig with 2 seats," etc, etc, ad nauseum.

Hokay, so let's take a closer look at this prophet without honor.

First we'll have to set up some sort of an ideal to shoot at for right away we're in trouble, but I think we can find a few criteria on which to agree.

For the purposes of people who read this sort of publication (Comp. Press), the ideal car has plenty of power, genuine agility in a corner, excellent stopping power, a modicum of comfort, reasonable price, good looks & a certain indefinable quality of excitement. Nothing outrageous there.....

By comparison, the Corvette has 425 horses available (390 if you want to go the hydraulic lifters and mild cam route) & that, friend, is instant hemorrhoids. This at a price between 5500-6000 depending on your taste in baubles. ..."

We may continue more of this article in our next issue. But if your interested, you can look it up sooner.

Editor's Excuse: Ideas are very much like children. Your own are wonderful.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO COME

April 2 & 3, SCCA Regional Races  
Camp Stoneman

April 5, Meeting, GMTC,  
San Leandro

April 16, Dinner, Crab Feed at  
Chef Cardini's,  
Glen Ellen

April 19, Meeting, Site To Be  
Announced

May 3, Meeting, GMTC  
San Leandro

May 8, Corvana II,  
Pleasanton

May 6,7,&8 Races, Laguna Seca

May 14, Dinner, Jolly Roger

May 17, Meeting, Site To Be  
Announced

June 4 & 5, SCCA National Races  
Stockton

June 7, Meeting, GMTC

June 21, Meeting, Site To Be  
Announced

July 5, Meeting, GMTC

July 4th North-South Event  
Week-end

July 9 & 10, SCCA Regional Races,  
Site To Be Announced

July 17, Corvana III, Site To  
Be Announced

July 19, Meeting, Site To Be  
Announced

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Remember, refreshments and Movies  
at the Straw Hat after every GMTC  
Meeting.

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Your Editor has not received any  
Schedule of Autocross Events. I  
Hope Someone will obtain this  
information so it can be included  
in the next issue of our Kalei-  
doscope.

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Point of Interest: Has Gary  
Carlen sold any of his parts  
since our last issue ?

WANTED WANTED WANTED

Articles and pictures are  
wanted for our Kaleidoscope  
covering:

- Autocrosses
- Socials
- Races
- New, Old, and Present  
Members
- Technical Information
- Reviews of Articles from  
Other Publications
- Advertisements
- Coming Events
- \*Interesting Tidbits
- Etc.

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL MAY  
KALEIDOSCOPE April 19, 1966

Please start thinking and  
writing those articles now. Time  
passes so quickly.

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MOVIES:

Jim Prather has announced  
the following movies for our  
April 5th Meeting:

1320 Feet (Drag Racing)  
Take The High Road

Keep up the good work Jim.

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Franchini's:

There were eight that had all  
the fun  
The rest of you people had none.  
It was a very poor showing  
For a club so growing.  
Tho it's been said, "If it's too  
far away, you're not going."  
But that is amazing, since at  
the meeting  
So many hands were showing.

----- THE DIGGER

MONAGO CORVANNA

March 6, 1966

CLUB RESULTS

	Place in Class	Name	E.	Time
		<u>CLASS A</u>		
1	5	Mario Bellanti	-	1:14.05
2	7	G. Miller	1	1:14.23
3	8	Jack Frost	1	1:15.00
4	10	Bob Kerr	-	1:15.49
5	12	Harvey Scatena	-	1:17.05
6	18	Jerry Vercelli	-	DNF
		<u>CLASS B</u>		
1	1	Mike Tsirlis	-	1:12.76
2	3	Ron Trethan	-	1:15.20
3	4	Lawrence O'Brien	-	1:16.30
4	7	Bob Brehnan	-	1:18.11
5	10	Joe Aboaf	-	1:19.00
6	11	Nick Viscusi	4	1:23.38
7	*	Johnny Zeh	-	1:14.74
		<u>CLASS C</u>		
1	4	Gary Carlen	-	1:15.16
2	6	Bud DeCastro	-	1:18.31
3	12	Craig Preisendorf	1	1:22.56
4	13	Mike McBee	-	DNF
		<u>CLASS D</u>		
1	2	Samantha O'Brien	-	1:17.45
2	5	Vera Carlin	-	1:19.36
3	6	Fran McBee	-	1:24.56
		<u>CLASS N</u>		
1	8	Adele L. Aboaf	-	1:29.16
		<u>CLASS Q</u>		
1	3	Dave Silveira	-	1:14.07