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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Again! Because of the few articles received the Kaleidoscope wasn't published the past three months. I will guarantee that there will be a issue each month EVEN if it only has one article.

Quite a bit of activity has transpired since the last issue was published. I'll try to give a brief rundown on the events that have taken place for the benefit of the members unable to attend our latest meetings.

We have had two changes in the officers of NCCA. We lost our Secretary, Samantha O'Brien who resigned because of personal problems. I am sorry that she had to resign as she was doing an excellent job as the NCCA Secretary.

Upon receiving the resignation, NCCA elected Jeanne Doramus to fill the vacant Secretary's office. Congratulations to Jeanne in her new roll as Secretary of NCCA.

The Executive Board of NCCA voted to remove from office, Ron Trethan as Social Director at a special meeting held May 9th.

I would like to thank Ron for the Good Job he did for NCCA as Social Director until the circumstances that prompted the Executive Board action.

The election to fill the vacant Social Directors post was held June 6th at General Motors Training Center. Lloyd Peoples was elected the new Social Director. Congratulations to our new Social Director. I might add that a Social is planned for July 15th with details in this Kaleidoscope. Looks like our new social director is in action.

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COMING EVENTS

JULY 11th (this Tuesday) 8:00 P.M. General Motors Training Center
1444 Marina Boulevard
San Leandro, California
Take Marina East of Nimitz Freeway

JULY 15th NCCA Dinner Social
Details in this Kaleidoscope

JULY 23rd NCCA La Mans Corvanna
Fremont raceway
Fremont, California

WSCC CONVENTION

I'll give a brief rundown on the Western States Corvette Council Convention in Las Vegas for those who missed out on a terrific weekend.

NCCA had the second largest number of people attending the convention with 43 people registered. The convention Statistics: People registered 394, NO. of cars, 218, Clubs represented, 35, and states, 12.

I will say that all of the NCCA people who attended had a ball, meeting all the corvette people from all parts of the Western United States.

The rally Friday was enjoyed by 3 NCCA couples, The Viscusi's, the Boaz's, and the Irish's. The best that any of the couples could do was a 7th in class or lumped together 27th out of 43 cars. You might say we need some expert rally people in NCCA.

Well I do believe that Saturday at the Autocross was NCCA's day. Top time of day went to Mike Tsirlis, driving Ron Trethans Stingray. The event was run with 2 timed runs with the best time of the two for trophies. I had the pleasure of running my first autocross thanks to the ride in Frank Camilleri's 427 Stingray. I didn't get a chance to make a second run due to a WSCC Board of governors meeting that afternoon, but it really was quite a thrill to get a taste of Autocross competition.

Overall, NCCA took home a total of six trophies from the autocross.

Sunday at NCCA's part of the Convention (the Concours D' Elegance) everything went off smoothly thanks to our Concour Chairman, Ron Trethan. Three people from NCCA entered their cars in the Concour and Nick Viscusi took home a fourth in class trophy.

After the Concour all the people drove their cars to Stardust Raceways where a few FAST parade laps were taken. The cars were grouped together in front of the tower and pictures were taken. One of which will probably be the front cover of ROAD AND TRACK, later this year.

During the Board of Governors meeting Saturday, Nominations for WSCC officers were taken. Two NCCA members were nominated for office. I was nominated for President, and Ron Trethan was nominated for Events chairman. Also cont.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

two Convention sites for next year (1968) were proposed (Portland, Oregon and Albuquerque, New Mexico) I might add a third site is also in the running with a bid for Reno, Nevada, made after the convention.

It is my opinion that no matter where next years convention is held it will be an overwhelming success, as it was this year. I myself can't wait until convention time next year, wherever it may be.

This past weekend was action packed for Lynne and I, as Friday night we picked up Max McKibben, Vice President of Columbia Corvette Club of Portland, Oregon who flew into San Francisco that evening.. Max spent the evening with us talking about Corvettes, Our clubs, the WSCC Convention and about the activities of our clubs (would you believe untill 4 in the morning.) That Saturday morning we attended the wedding of Craig Preisendorf and Linda Frison, at which I had the Honor of being one of the ushers. May I give the clubs best wishes to the Newlyweds. I was quite disappointed to have to leave the reception early at 2 O'clock as it was the best I've had the pleasure to attend.

We then proceeded to burn up the road to Santa Maria to make the WSCC meeting being held there at 7 o'clock at the Vanderburg Inn. This also happened to be the Golden State Grand Prix Headquarters. We arrived 15minutes before seven and got a room and then attended the meeting.

The normal council business was handled, the candidates for office introduced and then the Representatives of the convention sites for 1968 gave their reports. Dennis Barden of Corvettes of Sacramento gave a report on the Reno Convention site. Then Max McKibben gave his report on the Partland Convention site and passed out proposed convention information. A total of 12 WSCC Clubs were present including Cal Coast Corvettes who hosted the meeting.

When the meeting concluded, we had dinner then proceeded to attend the parties already in progress.

The next day was spent watching the souths portion of the Grand Prix, taking movies of the Corvette Classes and of course , doing a little Politicing. We then attended the Awards Banquet for the North-South event that evening. After what I consider to have been a very enjoyable weekend we set out for the return trip to the Bay Area.

I only hope that we were able to show Max a weekend on behalf of NCCA that he won't forget. We hope to see him at the two day Autocross planned for October.

NUF said for this issue. See you at the meeting this Tuesday.

Michael D. Divil

NICK THE VEEP

For those members who did not attend the meeting at G.M. on June 6th, heres a little information about some of the things going on.

We have added 4 classes to our Corvanna classes, R Class, Camaros, Mustangs, Firebirds, Barracudas, etc. Classes AS, BS, & CS, this is for classes A,B,&C, the S meaning stock tires. 7" rims & 7 1/2" tires and no fender Modifications. There is a good chance we will split Sedan classes also.

We have had long talks with the people from the Fremont Drag Strip, they are going to widen the paving to let people have a chance to change course designs. The only thing they have to have is a guarantee of 20 events a year. NCCA has guarenteed them 10 events next year. (that is we make money.)

I believe with the new rules and classes and the drag strip for a site (among other things) the NCCA is going to be the richest club in the USA. If the club wants the reputation of being the richest and the strongest, all members new and old are going to have to forget personal gains and work together. The club would have more respect and the members would have more fun if we learned to work for the club and each other.

There is also a good possibility that NCCA is going to aquire a Sponcership. The details are being worked on now and we hope to have an answer at the next meeting. The details cannot be printed at this time.

The plans for a closed event are now in the making. I hope to have a first in the USA for a closed event. The only hint I can give is Two days of Corvette racing. We could have more cars and people then the Convention and NCCA members not have to work and make money besides.

I know in the past that our closed event has been for club members only, but it will be discussed at the second meeting in June. If you want to voice

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your openion or get more details, come to the meeting.

Our next event is at the Fremont Drag Strip June 25, 1967.

The calendar of Autocrosses Are:

June 25th Fremont Drag Strip

July 23rd

August 20th

September 24th

October 21st & 22nd Closed Event) SURPRISE!

If everything pans out we also hope to go 4 or 5 deep in Corvanna series Tropics. This will also be a first. We have also added a TTOD for women ad and re-runs for TTOD for \$2.00.

If you know of anyone with a Corvette tell them to join the old and growing better(if possible) NCCA.

Your Vice President
NICK VISCUSI

FOOD FOR THOUGH T:

(ALSO) SUBMITTED BY OUR VICE PRESIDENT.

A GERMAN FACTORY MAKES NON-RATTLING PLASTIC KEYS WITH SPECIAL LOCKS THAT PERMITS H USBANDS TO RETURN HOME LATE AND ENTER NOISELESSLY . A FRENCH WIFE ON THE OTH ER H AND, HAD A GADGET INSTALLED IN THE DOOR LOCK. WHEN HER HUSBAND INSERT S H IS KEY, IT BREAKS A SWITCH THAT STOPS AN ELECTRIC CLOCK AND TELLS TH E WIFE JUST WHAT TIME HER ERRAN T SPOU CE CAME IN.

EACH TIME I SEE A SIGN "ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- TRAVEL AT YOUR OWN RISK" I WONDER AT WHOSE RISK ONE TRAVELS THE REST OF THE TIME.

In the past ten years, there have been articles written by club members telling a little about themselves. I also would like to start this up again this year. It not only gives new members a chance to get acquainted with us but also helps old members know a little more about our various backgrounds.

So, here is this months member.

NICK VISCUSI

WRITTEN BY ROBERTA VISCUSI

It has been quite awhile since anyone has written about a club member, so I thought maybe this would break the ice and start the ball rolling.

Here is a little information about my husband, and your Vice President, Nick viscusi.

He was born, Carmine Nicholas Viscusi, (Nick) on October 31st (Halloween, and that explains a lot) 1936 in Napa, Calif.

Nicks father is Carmine Viscusi, who came from Italy when he was 17, in 1939, worked his way (selling fruit & working the fields) to Calif. By 1923, he bought a house. At that time the place was so run down that "Pop" lived in a tent for three years until he could rebuild it. He then married Nick's mother, Josephine Agnello in 1931. Two years latter Nick's sister Ida came along, and then Nick.

His parents seperated when he was 3, the mother & sister went their way, and Pop raised Nick himself until Nick was 11, when he remarried. Nick went to school in Napa, but it was rough, pop had to work the fields (he has a fruit ranch in Suisun) during the day light hours and was pooped at night, Nick worked with him after school, on weekends, and during summer vacations, and was never able to join in sports which he loved so much.

Nick often tells how when his dad was asleep he'd shimmy down the grape arbour outside his room, to bowith his buddies.

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In 1953 Nick joined the Navy, He traveled all over Japan, Gwam, Etc. He served on three ships, but has never been further than Nevada in the U.S. Nick has always loved traveling. Before and after the Navy he would build cars. He had several (at different times) that were the hottest in town (or should I say out of town on a back road).

Nick worked several jobs after the Navy and a couple of years of college. He worked at Hobergs as a barentender and drove lumber trucks. He went to work at Mere Island as an Electrician in Feb. of "61". Two days later he heard about a wedding party, so with bottle in hand he bounced up the stairs asking "wher's the party" and ran into me (the brides sister). 26 days later Nick and I eloped to Reno & were married.

I was, and still am, working as a Psychiatric technician at the Napa State Hospital.

We were married 3 months when the Marchant Marines called him. You know what his new bride did? I cried, and it worked, he stayed home.

On December 7th, our son C.H. Viscusi Jr. was born. At this time we had a lovely 3 bedroom home built in Bel Air in Napa and we bought a new chrysler.

When Nicky was 17months old we traveled all over the U.S. & Canada. We enjoyed Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon, Natural bridge Tenn, Maine, The worlds fair (New York) & Niagra Falls. The whole time we were traveling Nick would see a Vette & point like a kid and say "you know babe, I've always wanted a Vette since they first made them, this has always been my dream. half way across the U.S. we talked Corvette and by the time we got home, we had decided it was time to do something about it. Well after much looking for what we wanted, we found our Vette in Sacramento, and had to wait 3 days for paper work, and

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Hick Viscusi (cont.)

Nick was like a cat on a hot tin roof. A copy of Corvette News followed the Corvette and in it we found the NCCA.

Since joining NCCA we've had a daughter, Gina Francesca, leased our house and moved into the house "pop" rebuilt in "23". We've cut fender wells, llinch tires, new paint job, fuel injection, headers, I could go on but I really don't know what they all mean except they came with joining NCCA.

At first I wasn't really happy about driving 135 miles (2 Hours) back and forth to the meetings twice a month, then Nick said "if we didn't want to drive th e Vette, then why the Hell did we get it? Were on ly young once so lets have a ball and when we get old maybe we can have two of them."

Nick and I are really happy to be members of NCCA. We enjoy the company of all the members and love to Autocross as you all know. Nick's interest is growing stronger each day and he has hopes that he can help the club grow stronger. He feels he has a lot to offer the club, and I'll sure its begining to show.

I'M sure if any of you drop by G.M. Training Cen ter in 1990 you'll see Nick Viscusi among the membership and the way things are going now there may be a Junior and Senior Viscusi their.

ROBERTA VISCUSI

ROBERTA, MANY THANKS FOR THIS EXCELLENT ARTICLE ON OUR VICE PRESIDENT. I HOPE OTHERS WILL TAKE THE HINT NOW, AND SEND ME ARTICLES ABOUT THEMSELVES.

AGAIN, THANK YOU.

Since I have some extra space here, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the membership for not getting the kaleidoscope out these past two months.

What with not getting ANY ARTICLES from the MEMBERSHIP, and being in the hospital, I just haven't been able to get it out.

So if some of the articles are old "hat" by now, you will have to forgive me.

I would also like to say, that this is your paper, and unless you the membership give me things to put in it, I can't put out the Kaleidoscope. Unfortunately, I'M not creative enough to write the complete paper by myself.

So to all NCCA, PLEASE SEND ME SOME ARTICLES, FOR SALES, WANTED, ETC.

The deadline for the next Kaleido- scope is july 13th. (Officers, take note.) Also articles are being accepted from the general membership.

Thank You.
Lynne Irish

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SECTION B, OF THE NCCA BY LAWS, APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

MARGARET "PEGGY" CONWAY
2732 Marine Street
Napa, Calif. 94558
226-9824 (area code 707)

1966 327 Nassaua Blue
350 H.P.

RON GRAY
1933 Donner Ave.
San Francisco, California 94124
1963 Riverside Red 250 H.P.
PHONE 467-1795

Jim Malloy Sinasek
38572 Athy Street
Fremont, California 94537
1962 360 H.P. Maroon
PHONE 797-9872

JULY DINNER SOCIAL

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

WHERE:

GOLDEN WEST
3869 TELEGRAPH AVE.
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



WHEN:

JULY 15, 1967

TIME: COCKTAILS 7:00 to 8:00 (COCKTAILS 65¢ and up)

DINNER AT 8:00

MENU: STEAKS \$3.95
Prime Rib of Beef \$3.75

FREE PARKING ACROSS THE STREET (with lights) in the Catholic Church parking lot.

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94606

PHONE 532-5232

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MISCELLANEOUS SECTION:

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

WILL GIVIN.
6571 Camden Avenue
San Jose, California 95120
PHONE # 266-0929

"WEDDING BELLS"

MR AND MRS. WILLIAM J. MYERS OF
OAKLAND ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT OF
THEIR DAUGHTER FLORABELLE LOUISE TO
ROGER WILLIAM BOAZ,

Roger is a computer programmer for
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, company.
Florabelle is with Phoenix of London
Insurance. After a June wedding, they
will reside in Berkeley.

Congratulations you two.....

Mr and Mrs George Dean announce the
Forthcoming marriage of their
daughter Linda Frison to Craig
Preisendorf. Linda and Craig will
be married on July 1st.

Congratulations to
you two .

JUST RETURNING FROM A ONE MONTH
VACATION IN EUROPE IS JIM AND LA VERNE
GRAVEN. HOPE YOU H AD A GOOD TIME
AND TOOK LOTS OF MOVIES TO SHOW US.

WELCOME HOME ! ! ! ! !

JIM AND JOAN BARGIONI, TWO OLD TIME
NCCA MEMBERS WHO LEFT THE CLUB IN
GOOD STANDING, WERE WELCOMENED BACK
INTO NCCA AS MEMBERS.
THEIR ADDRESS IS:

8 PALISADES DRIVE
DALY CITY, CALIF. 94015

WELCOME BACK ! ! ! ! !

WANTED:

SET OF 4 "65" wheel covers for \$2000

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etc, etc, etc, please send to me

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3432 Storer Ave.
Oakland, Calif. 94619

or Call me at 536-0175 and I will
be more than happy to put it in the
Kaleidoscope.

thank you.
