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"SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

FLASH--February 9, my wife and I spent the stupidest, longest, most argumentative, and fun est nite we've had in a long time attending the Alpine Touring Club's "WEAL WILD WALLY". WANTED: NEW NAVIGATOR!

FLASH--The second meeting of every month will be on a Friday or Saturday nite; at either a dealership or a private residence. SO ATTENTION WEEK NITE WORKERS! The second business meeting of March will be Friday, March 22 at Central Chevrolet in Fremont.

FLASH--There once was a man named Ron,
Who drives a going bomb.
At the strip he did meet,
At the strip he did beat,
Last year's Nick the Veep!

FLASH--A great big smack to all of you E-Board girls for the delectables at Gary and Vera's meeting-social. Many, many thanks, Carlen's for use of your house and bar. We all had a GREAT time!

FLASH--Our August 25th date for an autocross is gone, but we still have Pleasanton for a closed event on that date. August 11 is our first autocross of the year. Gary Carlen is work- with John Zeh on a site.

FLASH--Bodega Bay and all its' crab was a sight for empty tums for many NCCA members on Feb. 4. Joe and Adele Aboaf; Hope and Jack Irasmith, Roger and Florabelle Boaz, Vicky and myself, and prospective members, Dave and Marie Van Harn. On the way home we visited Joan and

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--Bits & Pieces continued--

Jim Bargioni in their new home in Novato, only to learn they will be associate members next year--THAT'S RIGHT--they traded their Corvette for a Camaro and a Chevelle! That's OK Jim and Joan, we still luvs ya!

FLASH---Thank you NCCA Autocrossers for a good showing at the Tyred Wheel Autocross. There were ten members ans we still didn't get the club participation trophy! Better luck to us next time. Attending members were:

Class A: Ken Altman (2nd)
Jim Weigner (8th)

Class B: Bob Kerr (1st)
Ron Christensen (2nd)
Roger Krause (3rd)
Mike Tsirlis (4th)
Milt Piver (5th)
Ashley Boesch (6th)

Class C: Gary Carlen (2nd)

Class L: Sharon Christensen (4th)

Prospective member, Jim Neighbors, took 7th in Class A.

FLASH---The height of loyalty: Roger Boaz lossed his job because of his Corvette. He was so worried about GM fixing it right after his mishap on the Bridge that he took off work once too many times so that he could check up on it and so bye-bye job! And since his 'Vette isn't ready yet, he's been driving a '41 Olds and the other day someone hit the Olds, then hit Roger right in the nose and then took off! Rog, we all feel for you! Good Luck in the future. You Need It!!!!

A PIECE OF MY MIND

I know it is early in this year yet, but I can't help wondering if some of our club members think that all the fun and activities are for Board members only! The turn-out for events and meetings seems this way. It gets pretty dishearting to see more guest than members at meetings, especially when there are not even enough members present to conduct the business at hand. (A new By-Law change had to be tabled at the last two meetings because of a lack of a quorum) NCCA doesn't need just people, it needs active members. I personally feel that different personalities make for a more personal club. This year I plan to get behind our members and work for a more participating club for all types of events, but I need members to stand behind. Suggestions are always welcome and taken into consideration. We all want the club to be well-rounded to suit all its' different members and their interests.

See you at the WSCC Dinner-meeting on Saturday, March 2, and on March 5th at GMTC for our regular business meeting.

KEN ALTMAN

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE RICH TEXAN THAT HAD A FLAT ON HIS MUSTANG, AND SHOT IT!

HAPPINESS IS WHEN A POLICE CAR STOPS YOU ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS!

ATTENTION NCCA MEMBERS

DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BY FEBRUARY 28, 1968!!! According to Northern California Corvette Association By-Laws a member paying his dues after the deadline SHALL NOT be fined monetarily but.....

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES WILL RESULT IN THE MEMBER BEING DROPPED FROM THE ROSTER. ANY MEMBER WISHING TO PAY DUES AFTER THE DEADLINE SHALL APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AGAIN AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE III.

Need I say more?????????!!!!!!!!!!!!

PLAN AHEAD AUTOCROSS

WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL SANCTIONED PRE-CONVENTION AUTOCROSS
APRIL 27 & 28, 1968
PRESENTED BY:

Corvettes of Fresno, Inc.
P. O. Box 1082
Fresno, Calif.

HEADQUARTERS: Holliday Inn
4278 W. Ashlan Ave.
Fresno, California

NCSCC CALENDAR AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 1968 *--Championship #-Champ.
pending

Autocrosses:	Variety Rallies	T & D Rallies
2/25 Continentals*	2/17 Fremont*	2/18 Rhombusmen*
3/10 Petit Prix*	6/22 Treas. Isle#	3/17 99ers#
3/24 Team Sprint*	7/21 Alpine#	5/18 D.F.R.T.#
4/7 Camino Corvettes*	8/3 Treas. Isle#	5/22 C & D#
4/28 PCA-GGR*	10/26 Fremont TC#	5/23 C & D#
5/12 S & I*		
6/23 Redliners*		
7/28 S & I*		
8/18 Team Sprint*		
9/15 MGOCC*		
9/28 & 9/29 Lockheed*		
10/6 Continentals#		
10/20 Camino Corvettes*		
11/3 Redliners*		

Look on your monthly calendar for ALL autocross events and dates.
The above list includes ONLY Championship events.

MARTIN 1968

* Championship events						
3 A.X. Lockheed Getate ASSSSS	4	5 NCCA 8:00 meeting G.M.T.C.	6	7	8	2 USCC dinner meeting XASX
10 A.X. Patt Priority * site unbroken	11	12	13	14	15	16 A.X. Sanka maua ASSSSS
17 A.X. Firmament Fencing Club ASSSSS	18	19	20	21 Kaleidoscope Deadline	22 NCCA Meeting 8:00 Central Club	23 Belmont Meeting ASSSSS
24 A.X. * Team Spirit	25	26	27	28	29 NCCSC meeting	30 E-Board meeting ASSSSS
31 A.X. Highland						

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PLANS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: WSCC DINNER-MEETING

MARCH 2, 1968

DINNER

TIME: Cocktails 7:00 p.m. Closes at 7:45 p.m.
Dinner at 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: General Motors Training Center
Conference Room

PRICE: \$5.15 per person includes tax and tip

DRESS: Suits and ties for men, heels for women. We want to make a good impression on our leaders!

MENU: Tossed Green with choice of dressing
Dinner size New York Steak with onion rings
Baked Potato with sour cream or butter
Green Beans with almonds
Ice cream sundaes

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST BE MADE BEFORE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

MEETING:

PLACE: GMTC AUDITORIUM

TIME: 9:00 p.m.

RAMBLE PARKING FOR YOUR CORVETTES!

AUTOCROSS NEXT DAY AT COTATI

NCCA CARAVAN WILL LEAVE FOR AUTOCROSS Contact Ron Trethan for time and place 582-6218

SATELLITE GRAND PRIX VII LOCKHEED SPORTS CAR CLUB

\$3.50 single, \$6.00 couple

RAIN OR SHINE!

Mufflers not Req'd---Helmets available---Seat belts & tires/tubes Req'd
Tech & Registration 8:00-1:30 p.m.

Dash Plaques---Xmas Tree Award---Trophies 1,2,3, in all classes---Club Participation---TTOD Trophy---Marque Awards---Top 10 eliminators

\$10.00 cash prize

Running 1967 NCSCC classes

Fremont Touring Club's IRISH RAMBLE at Pleasanton on Sunday, March 17

Start at 9 a.m. Registration closes at 1:30 p.m. Tech closes at 2 p.m.
Pre-Grid closes at 3 00 p.m.

\$3.50 single \$6.00 couple 50¢ cash refund for all cars running before 11:00 a.m.

Dash plaques---Trophies as per NCSCC---TTOD Trophy

Reruns \$1.50 if no line of cars

for information call 893-3474

Compliments of the Corvette Club of Michigan: I saw my Stingray the other day headed down the street the other way; A wistful grimace crossed my face as I stared into its old parking place; I wish I had it now and then like air or food, my 'Vette, Amen. Even now at stop lights it isn't the same; no go, no stares, no more but shame! Corvette is spelled with a capitol "C" no one knows that anymore than me.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 6, 1968

President, Ken Altman, called to order his first meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association on February 6, 1968, at 8:05 p.m. at General Motors Training Center and welcomed all guests present.

Ron Trethan, Membership Director, introduced the guests.

Ken then introduced the guest speaker Brent Stockwell from Pirelli. He answered questions from the membership and then showed a movie which the men seemed to enjoy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were in the Kalidescope, so Ken asked if there were any corrections or additions and there were none.

Ken asked Ernie Elia, Treasurer of 1967, to report on the expenses of the club for 1967.

Gary Carlen, Vice President and Activities Director, told the results of the first autocross of 68' that was held on Sunday at Pleasanton. Gary said that there was nothing doing this weekend, but the next weekend there will be on at Pleasanton, and the first championship event will be the following weekend. Gary said he would be getting out a list of the upcoming autocrosses and that we got Pleasanton for August 25th and hopes that we can get another date. The preconvention autocross will be April 27-28th in Fresno.

Social Director, Jack Irasmith was not present, so Ken reminded everyone to get in their reservations for the WSCC dinner at GMTC on March 2. Joe Abolf reported on the Crab Feast at Bodega Bay. Ken said that the second meeting of this month will be at Gary Carlen's home, February 17, and Ken asked the E-Board Directors to see him after the meeting on what to bring. Mike Tsirlis told of a Greek Dance on February 16 at the Bold Knight in Sunnyvale. Gary Carlen said that he had made a reservation at the Galion for our Xmas dinner. Ken said Jack will let everyone know what he has planned for March.

Ron Trethan, Membership Director, brought Jim Wiegner into the club.

Public Relations Director, Milt Piver, reported on our joint social with Camino at the Ice Hockey Game. Milt said that Ashley Boesch and Hal Doramus will help him with publicity.

Vicky Altman, Publication Director, said the deadline for articles for the Kaleidoscope would be February 22nd, and that there will be a calendar with March's events. Vicky said that she wanted to make a retraction on Roger Boaz's column that, "I'll tell you how to INSTEAD of how not to drive across the Golden Gate Bridge."

Under Old Business Vicky said that there had been a mix-up in the money that Fremont owed us, but that Hal Doramus will pick up the check tomorrow. Ken said Mike Irish wrote SCCA about working their events and they said they would give us \$300.00 or two weekends at Coati. Ken said Mike took the liberty of asking for the money; and when we receive th money, we will write a letter asking them to let us use their insurance for our events because we used their bugs on our Corvanna Series dash plaques.

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Under New Business Ron Trethan reported that some members from the Portland club sponsoring the convention will be here for our WSCC meeting on March 2nd, and that they will have more information on the convention.

Secretary, Jeanne Doramus, read the Executive Board recommendation that Gary Carlen made that we raise the initiation fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 so that the fee would cover property changes. He recommended we eliminate the 1) flying pennant 2) identifying blazer patch 3) one year subscription to the Corvette Kaleidoscope, and for the \$10.00 initiation fee a member shall receive 1) metal automobile badge 2) a name badge 3) a decal 4) a NCCA Racing Team Shirt. A discussion followed. The recommendation was tabled because of insufficient number of members.

The second E-Board recommendation was by Ron Trethan that we reimburse workers towards their Xmas dinner if the club shows a profit in 1968. The amount to be determined by the Board depending on the profit and the number of workers to be reimbursed. Ken called for a vote and the recommendation passed.

The third Executive Board recommendation was by Ron Trethan that all official NCCA documents be placed in a locked file cabinet at Craven's office. Ken asked if anyone had a file cabinet or knew where we could get one so that all club documents could be in one place instead of scattered all over. Ken called for a vote and the recommendation passed. John Wilkens said that he might have something we could use.

Ken announced that Ron Trethan was appointed Chairman of the NCCA Autocrossing Team and John Zeh was appointed Council Representative.

Ron reported on the up-coming North-South event on the 4th of July weekend at Santa Maria. A discussion followed.

Announcements were made and Vicky said that she made plans for us to go to Bayfair Bowling Lanes after the meeting for a change.

Roger Boaz said that he would take dues from anyone that has not yet paid.

Ken thanked Mike Irish for the job he did as President for 1967, and presented him with the General Motors Trophy.

Mike Tsirlis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Vicky seconded the motion, and Ken adjourned the meeting to go to the Bayfair Lanes.

Respectively submitted,
Jeanne Doramus--Recording Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, SECTION B OF THE NCCA BY-LAWS,
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

WADE "GOOBER" SMITH
2001 Gaynor Ave.
Richmond, Calif.
Apt. #4
Phone: (415) 237-3022
1965 Silver Corvette Coupe 365 H.P.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 17, 1968

Ken Altman, President of the Northern California Corvette Association, called to order the meeting held at Gary and Vera Carlen's home in Alameda on February 17, 1968, at 8:25 p.m.

Ken introduced the guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Roger Boaz, reported the club's balance.

Gary Carlen, Activities Director and Vice President, told of the upcoming autocrosses. Gary said that we have two dates for autocrosses—August 11 but no place and August 25 at Pleasanton. A discussion followed. Ron Christiansen suggested that the San Jose Police Dept. has a good area for an autocross, so Gary said that he would contact John Zeh about it.

Social Director, Jack Irasmith, was not present so Ken reminded everyone of the WSCC Dinner on March 2 and said he had only received 5 reservations so far. Ken said that he thought Jack was planning on doing something after the second meeting in March at Central Chevrolet in Fremont.

Membership Director, Ron Trethan, introduced a guest from Fremont that just arrived and passed out flyers on the Tecate Grand Prix at Santa Maria on March 16th and 17th.

Milt Piver, Public Relations Director, said he had nothing to report.

Publications Director, Vicky Altman, said that articles for the Kaleidoscope will be due Feb. 24th and will be published the next day. Vicky suggested that Milt send out flyers on the socials and second meetings of the month, because it seems that we need to be reminded.

For Special Reports, Hal Doramus reported on his first and last rally with his wife and Ken and Vicky Altman.

Under Old Business Ken said that we received the check from SCCA for \$300 for the events that we worked and that he has not as yet heard if we will get to use their insurance for our events this year because of running their bug last year. Hal Doramus got the check from Fremont for \$468. Ken asked Mike Irish if the club stationary had come in yet and Mike said that he would pick it up. Ron Trethan said that we can work the Sightsavers autocross and car show at Candlestick Park, but Cobra will be in charge.

Under New Business Ken said that the E-Board recommendation on Article IV Section A would be printed in the Kaleidoscope so that a vote could be taken at the next meeting. Mike made a motion that we send WSCC a check for 20 car plaques and 40 jacket patches. Lynne seconded the motion. A discussion followed. Mike Tsirlis arrived and introduced his guest. Ron called for the question. Ken called for a vote and the motion passed.

Announcements were made. Ken thanked the Carlen's for letting us meet at their home. Ken asked if anyone had or could get any door prizes for the WSCC meeting. Ken adjourned the meeting at 9:25 for the party.

Respectively submitted, Jeanne Doramus, Recording Secty.

SOCIAL:

You can't bank on what some people will do today to make a buck.

Jack talked Hope into going to work (at none other than a stock and bond house). Guess he figures that she can pass on some good tips.

You had better be good to her too. She may be able to make you a buck.

Jack would sure like to know how many people bowl, ski, ice skate, golf, tennis or what have you. We are trying to line up some kind of social, so far all we need is some kind of suggestions.

Our president's grandmother not only moved away from him but took a plush apartment in San Mateo next to Hope's cousin and also does her stock buying where Hope works.

Don't look for added socials in the month of March, other than the WSCC dinner-meeting, the March 5th meeting, and the Friday nite, March 22, meeting. Because of a lack of funds on the part of most of our members and the unpredictable weather conditions. But keep those summer months free and we'll make up for it!

See you next issue!

NCCA'S OWN DON JUAN

VICE PRESIDENT AND ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:

Autocrosses 1968 for those new competitors promises a big year ahead for you with lots of travel and competition. There are four events at Santa Maria, one of which is the Golden State Grand Prix, over July 4 weekend. The Pre-WSCC autocross at Fresno follows-- then the WSCC convention in July at Portland. September begins Squaw Valley Olympics, add in a couple of hillclimbs; one in Georgetown, the other at Donner, plus miscellaneous events at Sacramento, Stockton, Cotati, Turlock, Salinas. This gives us a pretty full shedule! Oh, I almost forgot! Our own events and the NCSCC events which fill all Sundays from now to November. You think you've got problems, what about your poor car?! This is one of the fullest shedule of events that I've seen since 1961-62-63 season.

Mike Tsirlis, John Zeh, Terry Weygandt, Bob Kerr and myself and many others would think nothing of driving 500 miles on a Sunday, taking in 3 or 4 autocrosses. The first Sunday I remember most was one in which we hit four autocrosses in one day. We met at 6 a.m. in Oakland; from there along the back roads to Fresno; then to Lodi where it was 110° in the sun. Arrowjet General in Sacramento was the next stop. By this time it was around 3:30 and we still had 60 miles to go to Vacaville. We arrived around 5 o'clock and the temperature was still over 100° and we were really feeling it. We finally finished running around 7:30 and headed for home to a nice soft bed and the coolness of the Bay Area.

We had an agreement with most of the clubs, because we would bring up to 30 drivers, that we could have preference and run when we arrived.

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so we could go on to the next event. We became one of the best respected clubs; the one that the other competitors hated to see show up in their out-of-the-way area autocrosses. The reason: because we would take home most of the "gold". Usually T.T.O.D., 1, 2, 3, in modified, stock and women's classes!

This year gives our club a good chance again to show autocrossing people who has the strongest cars and best drivers. Let's all try to hit as many events as a group that we can and rebuild some of our respect!

OL' LEADFOOT
GARY CARLEN

MEMBERSHIP:

SOME BROKE THEIR TOYS

On Saturday and Sunday, February 17 & 18, the Sacramento Chapter of the San Francisco Region of SCCA put on an Auto-X in the Sacramento Fair Grounds. The course was run in the streets with five continuous laps of approximately 50 seconds each. The first 2 laps were under the yellow flag with the next three under the green. All five laps were timed individually with the fastest of the last three counting for trophies.

Many individuals said the course was dangerous, but then nothing is safe anymore. Aside from seven damaged cars hitting trees, light poles, buildings, and curbs no closer than 2 feet from the course, it was a challenge just to finish.

It was not a very fast course considering I was in first gear for the entire time. But then I was doing 65 MPH down the street thru chicanes with the outside pylons sitting next to the curb. Pylons only counted 2 seconds each (I had heard that trees were 3 seconds) and this was the deciding factor in the Corvette Class.

As for Corvettes, we went, we watched, and we won. Our own Mike Tsirlis was a winner's winner. He received awards for (1) fastest time on Sunday, (2) fastest time of the event, (3) first in class and (4) checkered flag for Overall Winner!

THE DIRTY OLD MAN
RON TRETHAN

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The first Auto-X of the 1968 season was held on February 4, 1968, and was presented by the Tyred Wheel Motor Car Club, Inc., at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Classes at this event were run by last year's NCSCC rules, which meant that modified and stock classes were run together.

The course was a very tight course, and drivers found themselves ripping up pylons, which was very costly to them in time. With the course as tight as it was, drivers of larger cars found it difficult to maneuver through the course. But overall, NCCA members who participated in this

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Auto-X did very well.

The results of the classes that our Corvettes compete in are:
Class A: Ken Altman drove to a Second Place. Jim Neighbors got a Seventh in Class A. NCCA did best in Class B, by getting the first six places in class. First Place went to Bob Kerr, with Ron Christensen driving to a Second Place with only 6/100 s of a second behind Bob. Third Place went to Roger Kraus. In Class C, Gary Carlen did very well with a Second Place. We had one young lady driving Class L--Sharon Christensen. She drove to a Fourth in Class.

With such a good turnout of NCCA members for the first Auto-X of the 1968 season, it is my sincere hope that more members will participate in future events of this season.

Ron Trethan has been appointed Team Captain for the 1968 Auto-X season. He will be organizing club Auto-X teams for championship events. This will make it very interesting and enjoyable for club participants.

UNCLE MILTIE
MILT PIVER

TREASURER:

TREASURY NOTES

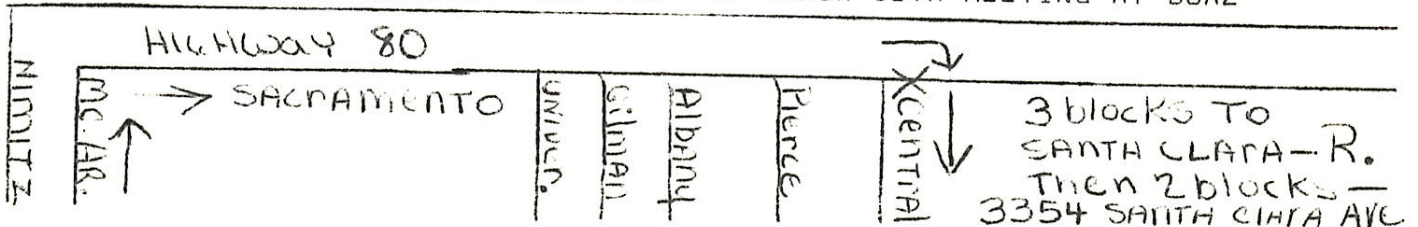
The treasury is in better shape than the Treasurer at the present time. We received checks from Fremont and SCCA. We also received some dues--remember the deadline is February 28th.

Now about driving across the Golden Gate Bridge--it can be done if you don't lose your steering control as I did on Christmas eve. About half way across the bridge we (my brother and I) lost the steering and by sheer luck took the side of the bridge instead of the twenty or so cars which were staring us in the face only seconds before. I am happy to report that Corvettes stand up well under impact. We hit at 40 MPH and disintegrated the front end back to the engine, but the rest of the car, unlike a metal car, was undamaged. We were also able to walk away uninjured and you don't often do that in metal cars. Two thousand dollars and two months later it should be running again although at this writing I don't have it back yet. Central Chevrolet in Fremont is doing the repairs and a nice job too; but the hang up has been on the headlight swivels. This car has been in production for five years and yet the headlight parts are not to be had?

On Washington's birthday I was the victim of a hit and run--a guy hit my Olds and then me (bloody nose) and then roared off. Well, with the treasury looking up, there may even be hope for the Treasury yet!

ROGER BOAZ

ATTENTION E-BOARD MEMBERS: MAP FOR THE MARCH 30TH MEETING AT BOAZ'



BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE:

Got a letter from former NCCA member, Jim Prather, in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that the temperature was 70 degrees at the time he wrote the letter when only two weeks prior Atlanta was blanketed with 4" of snow and a nippy 12 degrees.

Jim plans to be out to California on vacation in 69, and hopes to take in the 1969 WSCC convention.

Jim also mentioned he is trying to complete his collection of "Corvette News". He needs the following issues if someone has extra copies: volume 4, #1, volume 6, #6 and volume 10, #3. If anyone has these copies I am sure Jim would be indebted to the donor.

Another note of interest took place at the SCCA national convention in Atlanta, as Zora Arkus Duntov was in attendance for Chevrolet to accept the SCCA manufacturer's Rally Championship Trophy.

At the same convention a slalom was held as an added twist with pro and amateur classes. All drivers raced MGB's and TTOD was taken by Mark Donohe by 01010 seconds over Dan Gurney, as the pro's won out.

24 HOURS OF DAYTONA

Believe it or not, the winner at Daytona in the GT category were Jerry Grant and Dave Morgan driving a smooth-running Sunray DX 1967 Corvette. The 1968 Corvettes were troubled with assorted problems.

Both the 68's of James Garner's American International Racing Team suffered from 4 leaking differential units, but did manage to keep one running for a 6th in GT class. With all the problems three others managed to grab 3rd, 4th and 5th place in the GT class. As I see it things are going to get better when these assorted BUGS are removed.

Nuf said for this issue but wait until the Sobring 12 hour on March 23rd.

HOPE TO SEE YOU MARCH 2nd.

THE BACK SEAT DRIVER

MIKE IRISH

HEY FELLOWS! GET READY! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

The annual Miss San Leandro Parade takes place again this year on April 13th. The Junior Chamber of Commerce has again asked NCCA members to participate. If you have a convertible and wish to have one of the lovelies ride with you, or if you have a coupe and would just like to drive in the parade, contact Ken Altman 534-2383 as soon as possible. A list of accepted drivers will appear in the April Kaleidoscope, along with further details.

Alpiners Weal Wild Wally!!!!

BY
WEIRD HAROLD

Well, I've gone and done it. I've run my very first rally, and man was it wild!

On February 10, Ken and Vicky Altman and Joanne and myself decided we would run a rally. That night we met early at Ken's house in the Oakland hills and we caravanned to the Lake Merritt Duck Pond where the rally began. After a long wait for all of the cars ahead of us to leave and after pondering over all the confusing instructions, we finally left in a cloud of dust and tire smoke.

The directions led us through the Caldecot Tunnel and into the Lafayette hills where we came upon four roads with the same name. After many heated arguments between the navigator and I, we came to our first checkpoint at Blossom Lane and Charles Hill Road. After we left there, we proceeded to San Pablo Dam Road, then down to El Sobrante. At the outskirts of El Sobrante we turned onto Ranch Road and from there we went through Pinole Valley to Pinole, where we promptly got lost! After finding ourselves again and at another checkpoint on Appian Way, we proceeded on into El Sobrante again. After winding around through there for awhile we came to another checkpoint on Road 20 in San Pablo. We went on from there to El Portal Shopping Center and another checkpoint. From there we went to the Straw Hat Pizza Parlor and the FINISH!

We turned in our cards (it was a poker rally). We had only three; a jack of clubs--an eight of diamonds--a seven of spades. As you already can guess, that kind of a hand won't win much in a poker game, so we didn't place very high in the Rally. After turning in our paper work, we settled down to a cold coke to cool down the navigator and myself, and to wait for Ken and Vicky who had gotten lost about the same time we had. Finally they came dragging in and we found out we'd missed two checkpoints and they had missed one. All in all it was a blast! I don't know if I'd ever run another one, but it was different!!!

We received our results later and found out we placed 22nd out of 23 cars in our class.

AND THAT'S THE WEAL WILD WALLY STORY!

HAROLD DORAMUS

(MANY THANKS, WEIRD HAROLD)--ED.

Just something short on the first championship autocross of the 1968 season at Pleasanton. Continentals set up a very well organized, well marshalled and a very good course for Corvettes. NCCA was there in full force, something like 20 members and four teams set up by Team Capt. Ron Trethan.

As soon as I get the final tabulation, I'll pass on the results to you via the Kaleidoscope. --EDITOR

NCCA WILL BE GAINING A NEW VOTING MEMBER AS OF JUNE 29, 1968, COMPLIMENTS OF MR. ASHLEY BOESCH. HE FINALLY POP THE QUESTION TO MISS SUE HUGHES AND SHE ACCEPTED! CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPINESS TO YOU BOTH FROM NCCA MEMBERS.

THE REAL COST OF A SPORTS CAR

It isn't the initial cost or even the upkeep that flattens the bank account of the sports car owner, instead it's those hidden costs. The first entry was written in a firm, sure hand.

1965

May 1-8	Expenses for old auto while shopping for foreign car lots..	22.91
May 8	Flowers for wife to introduce subject to bargain Corvette..	12.50
May 8	Evening at O'Briens bar after argument.....	14.75
May 9	Dinner for wife to lure her to look at Corvette 327.....	17.75
May 10	New hairdo for wife after demonstration ride.....	14.00
May 10	BOUGHT CORVETTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	3,250.00
May 11	Bought scarf for wife so hair wouldn't blow.....	65
May 12	After dramatic scene, traded scarf on special hardtop.....	100.00
May 13	Friend who claimed to be expert demonstrated speed shifting. New third gear.....	63.65
May 14	Wife bought sweater to match Corvette.....	25.00
May 18	Raced with Cobra on way to work. Speeding citation.....	25.00
May 19	Wife bought slacks to go with sweater on May 14.....	29.95
May 20	Had car modified solid lifters and cam. Raced some Cobra on way to work. Speeding citation and modifications....	245.00
May 21	Neighbor's kid drew crayon pictures on upholstery and doors. Cleaning.....	20.50
May 22	Settled out of court for clobbering neighbor's son.....	150.00
May 23	Wife bought shoes to go with slacks which went with sweater that matched car.....	16.95
May 24	Expert friend showed me how to adjust carburetor. Replace eight burned pistons and 16 valves.....	252.95
May 25	Evening at O'Briens after argument resulting from returning handbag wife bought to go with.....etc...	14.75
May 26	Raced 350 GT on way to work. Speeding citation.....	25.00
May 27	U.S.A. plates, badge bar, badge starter set, misc.....	50.34
May 30	Had car modified to fuel injection.....	275.00
June 10	Added all above figures. Told wife to economize. Evening at O'Briens after argument.....	14.75
June 15	Expert friend demonstrated proper cornering technique. Repair right front fender.....	39.00
June 16	Bought racing tires and shocks and mag wheels.....	350.00
June 19	Party to placate expert friend and my wife after heated discussion. Gin, vermouth, canapes.....	19.10
July 1	Taught wife to drive Corvette. New clutch.....	79.00
July 2	Gave wife second lesson. Evening at O'Briens.....	14.75
Aug. 1	Wife raced Cobra Super. Speeding citation.....	25.00
Aug. 2	Expenses while shopping the lots for "GOOD DEAL" 427 Corvette.....	31.75
		<u>\$5,200.00</u>
Aug. 9	427-425 Corvette full race equipment.....	<u>\$5,200.00</u>

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