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"SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

FLASH--Have I got gossip for this month! First, the Irishs' have done it again! You had better ask Lynne what, cause I'm not sure I can tattletail yet! And former NCCA members, Ernie and Joanne Elia, are enlarging their family again, I understand! Congratulations!

Also, two weddings were in the offering this last month. Bob and Judy Kerr finally tied the knot in July, as did former member, Harvey Scatena and his girl, Kathy Gaal, on August 24! NCCA is so happy for both couples and may we wish you all the very best and much happiness!

FLASH--We have just heard that past President of NCCA, Red Faris, has been released from the hospital. I guess that it's true--you just can't keep a good man down!

FLASH--As you may already know, NCCA has a new Social Director, in the form of the flying Canadian, Ashley Boesch! Thanks for accepting the post Ash, and we know you'll do a great job and get us some riproaring socials for the rest of the year!

FLASH--Hi to the newest members of NCCA, Bill and Lindy Geen and Bill "J.C." Thornton! Glad to have you aboard! By the way, Bill G. makes a mean MaiTai!

FLASH--If the autocrossers, Class A, are still looking for dash plaques from the Vernalis event staged by Petit Prix, we're still working on them to get us some. We'll pass them out as soon as they are available!

FLASH--I owe an apology to someone whom I left out of the list of nominees for WSCC. Please forgive me, Dennis Hobbs of New Mexico running for the office of Events Chairman!

FLASH--The yellow Banana--the nickname of Doc' Geen's Corvette--had its first outing with its new super engine at the Tecati on Sunday. Read on further to find out how he ended up!

FLASH--Bad Luck Charlie crown this month goes to Bill Miller for stacking up his solid axle on a hillside. Next time keep your eyes on the road, Bill!

FLASH--Yipes! Rod Baker just called, and it reminded me that I've left his name out of several articles this issue. Just to catch you up: Rod attended the Tecati too, where he did a very dirty Tecati word????? And he was at the picnic socials and at the dinner at the Geens when Chris got the fortune cookie! Does that get me back in your good graces, Rod? (Editor)

As I look over the last few months I've found that our members are learning how to make a place in their lives for NCCA. Both new and old faces are letting the NCCA become a very real and vital part of their lives. I feel this is a big booster to the future of the club. The turnouts are the Pre-Convention in Fresno, the Convention in Portland, the many socials, autocrosses, Tecati's, meetings and such have really been impressive! There were 64 people at our last meeting at G.M.T.C.

I don't like losing an officer for any reason, but I know there are still a number of great people left, now, who are willing to take over when I'm let down. NCCA also had two members nominated from the floor at the Convention and still another signed up afterwards to run for a WSCC office! NCCA seems to be growing maybe not so much in size as in strength--we don't always have the most at an autocross to take club par but we're enthusiastic enough with what we have on hand. We seem to always lack those two or three people that it takes to take club par trophy, but as I said, we make up for it in our drive of competition. I am very proud to say to anyone I meet, "The members of the Northern California Corvette Association are the GREATEST!"

IMPORTANT: The next meeting of the Association is on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at General Motors Training Center at 8:00 and it is very important that you attend. It's that time of year again where our nominating committee must be selected. The purpose of this committee is to nominate only 9 suitable candidates to fill the elective posts. The committee gets in touch with those members interested in serving their club as an elective officer and finds out which post they are interested in taking and if they are eligible and capable. They then discuss the qualifications amongst themselves and at a later meeting the 9 names they have chosen, along with any names from the floor, are put up to a vote to you the members. One vote per membership car, only! After the committee has been selected, please, if you are interested in holding an office, notify them immediately so that they may bring your name up! Remember, this committee is just to find candidates not to dictate to you whom to vote for! It just saves alot of on the floor declining the nite we vote. Those officers will then take office on January 1, 1969.

Remember also, our first autocross, come Hell or High Water, will be on Oct. 13 at Pleasanton. And it may be slated for a championship status! More next month on how you can help NCCA, Gary Carlen, and chairman, Ron Christensen make our first race of this year a success!

OLD LEADFOOT SPEAKS: (EDITOR'S NOTE: BELIEVE IT OR NOT, GARY WAS THE ³
FIRST ONE TO HAND IN AN ARTICLE THIS MONTH!)

As all of you probably know, Vera and I have been running autocrosses for approximately 8 years now. In all this time, neither of us has run an autocross like the one I'm going to describe.

The event was on the Sunday of the Convention in Portland. It was put on by one of the Mustang Clubs in Portland. We happened to hear of the event while we were looking over the cars in the Concours.

It was 10:30 a.m. and we had the Awards Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. As all of you must have heard by now, we goofed and let Vera run out of gas in the event Saturday, so I kind of felt I should let her run a full event so that she wouldn't feel too abused for the weekend!

We left at 11:00 for the event and arrived at a go-cart course about 1/2 hour later. It was beautifully set down in a valley which was green, green. We asked if we could run through right away so that we could get back to the Awards Banquet. They said GREAT! I asked them where I should get in line. They said pull right up in front, so I did! I waited to get teched and guess what, NO TECH INSPECTION! I couldn't believe it. (We found out later that very few clubs know what tech inspection is!)

The course was all banked turns with pylons narrowing the course in corners. So I threw on my helmet and went like..... On the last turn I got myself half scared because it was a downhill drifter with a 50 foot drop and a pond that was 10 feet from the track which I later found out was 3 feet deep, 80 feet long and about 20 feet wide! WOW! I almost made a very costly error on the sharp left turn after the straight away on my last lap. I went in too hot and hit the gravel on the outside of the corner missing six pylons and a ten foot high bush. (Earlier, a Stingray had gone straight into the brush passed his doors). This slight error, according to their timer, cost me TTOD. Vera's run was very smooth as usual. Everyone came over and congratulated us on our runs and told us we each had a first in class. From this point on, I was able to live with my wife again!

We have some real good slides of the Convention that we'll have to show some evening.

Our autocrosses for 1968 might shape up into two championship events, if I deal right. One will be at Pleasanton on October 13th and one hopefully at Cotati. We will keep you posted as to the outcome of the NCSCC Speed Events committee's decision.

GARY CARLEN

THE BACK SEAT DRIVER:

Congratulations to former NCCA member, Harvey Scatena and his girl, Kathy Gaal, who were married Saturday, August 24th. Many years of happiness to the newlyweds and we hope to see you driving another Corvette soon!

This month has been a bit on the busy side, as Lynne was in the hospital for a little over a week and just got out in time to make the NCCA meeting last Saturday. Being a bachelor for awhile just isn't like it used to be!

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USRRRC TITLE 2ND YEAR IN A ROW:

Mark Donohue wrapped up the title by driving his McLaren M6-A Chevy to victory in the mid-Ohio USRRRC, August 18, as he led the entire 75 laps. Mark is the first driver in the series history to wear the USRRRC crown for two years in a row.

TRANS-AM SEDAN WIN:

On August 25, Mark Donahue won the Trans-Am Sedan Race at Continental Divide Raceway, Colorado, driving a Camaro to victory. Looks like Mark is going to pull a "hat trick".

Well, see you at the meeting on September 3rd at GMTC at 8:00!

MIKE IRISH
BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

Dear Autocrosser:

Tecati racing has got to be the most up and coming Corvette sport around! I attended my first one last Sunday at Fremont Drags, and even though it costs \$2.00 a person, whether you spectate or participate, it was well worth it. Tecating is as much fun to watch as I imagine it is to run. Bill Geen stole the show from Ron Christensen, but Ron says Bill really deserved to win. My hubby took 1st runner-up, Top Eliminator, behind Bill, and Milt Piver placed very high as did Bruce Benninger and Cobra driver, Jack Frost. Sharon Christensen and Lindy Geen went off together and drove a mirrored course, both finishing even. Just would like to advise you to try one once before condemning the sport. The next one happens to fall on a championship event, but maybe you could plan on the one on Sept. 22nd. 9 a.m. starts the day at Fremont. Well, would love to go on but am running out of space.

Love, Vicky

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 1968

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Altman at 8:25.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. The correction being beer was sold at the Vacaville autocross but not on course.

Ron Trethan introduced the guests present who were: North Bay Corvette Association, also Pellarid, Carel, Thornton, the Geens, Taylors, Whitney.

Activities: Gary Carlen was on vacation. Ron Christensen gave a report on the championship autocross in Sacramento two weeks ago. Several of our members brought home trophies. Ken added a little to Ron's report. Ken also presented Ron Christensen with his trophy from that event. Ken announced our upcoming autocrosses: Aug. 11 is cancelled because of no site. Aug. 25 is lost because the Council took it away. Oct. 13 we have a date opposite Laguna Seca and also that weekend we are supposed

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to spend at the Craven's. Nov. 3 we have the date if Redliners will drop it. Ron Trethan announced the N-5 results. The North won. Next year will be a 3-day event because of the 3-day weekend. Ken presented Mike Tsirlis with his trophy from the Sacramento event. Ken also gave a report on the autocross at Southland and told the results. Ken gave a rundown on the autocross in Portland. NCCA placed 3 out of 26 clubs in team points. Ron Trethan gave an activity and special report on the National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Zora Duntoff was there as guest speaker. The next National Convention will be at Daytona Beach with the autocross at the Daytona Speedway. Ken announced some upcoming autocrosses.

TREASURER: Roger Boaz arrived and gave the treasury report. He announced as of August 1st he will be changing his way of bookkeeping.

SOCIAL: August 11 is another picnic at the Rod & Gun Club. We will all meet at the Standard station by the San Rafael Bridge at 12:30. Bring your own lunch and no booze! August 24 is a meeting-social at the Altman's. B.Y.O.B. August 30, E-Board meeting at the Irish's.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Milt Piver said he will try and get Corvette News for those not receiving it. He also said the Council would like us to subscribe to their "Wheel Sport". The cost is \$1.00 per year.

PUBLICATIONS: Vicky announced the deadline for articles is August 24th. Vicky said she entered our K. in the WSCC contest.

OLD BUSINESS: Ron Trethan is making a new roster and will have it at the next meeting. Ken asked Ron Christensen to ask Jim Guthrie for a check for use of our pylons. Roger will give Ron a bill to give him. So far they have used the pylons 4 times. Ron Christensen gave a rundown on the Tecati events at Fremont and how they were run. Ken said last year Jim Downing got a bug in his eye at our Vernalis event and had to use our ambulance. The E-Board made a recommendation that we pay for Jim Downing's ambulance bill providing we receive proof of his paying the bill. Milt seconded the motion. Passed 20 to 0. Ken said our Social Director, Jack Irasmith, resigned and we have to elect a new social director. Nominations were opened and Ashley Boesch was elected. He named Bill Miller as his co-chairman. Ken asked Ron Trethan what this \$1.30 per person for Council insurance would be used for and what we would get. Ron said clubs will no longer have to get their own insurance. He said its the same policy as we had last year only lots cheaper. A discussion followed. Vicky made a motion that we purchase this insurance at \$1.30 per person from the Council. Ron seconded the motion. Passed 12 to 1. Ken announced who was running for WSCC offices from our club. Ron Trethan is running for President, Mike Irish for Treasurer, Ken Altman for activities. Ken said the next Council meeting is August 23, and he is going as our representative.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Ron Trethan told about Riverside. Ken said he met and talked to John Thomas, an old NCCA member, in Portland. Roger introduced his two guests. Announcements were made. Ken congratulated Bob and Judy Kerr on their marriage. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
LYNNE IRISH
Recording Secretary

SOCIAL:

MAY I INTRODUCE OUR NEW SOCIAL DIRECTOR: ASHLEY BUSH-BOESCH!

To quote what someone once said "Would you believe?"--two swimming pools, a gymnasium for basketball and volleyball, bowling alleys, shuffle boards, four pingpong tables, two pool tables, rowboats, and several barbaque pit areas! Now here's the part that will really blow your mind, baby! It's all at an "Oil Refinery". Thanks to Jeanne Doramus who works for Standard Oil, we had the use of the Rod & Gun Club in Richmond for a couple of socials this past month.

It could only happen in California--finding a place like this at an Oil Refinery. When it was first mentioned to me I thought, "Oh boy, we'll all sit around sniffing gas, get a little high and cook our steaks over one of those blow pipes!" Could I be more wrong! Wow, was I wrong! Everyone had a blast! The proceedings started about 1:30 and continued until 9:00 or later (that's when Sue and I left) We had a barbaque area overlooking the pool and lagoon. GREAT!

Then came the pool--80° at least with an automatic shower as you enter the gate. Several people got wet, including yours truly, before changing into their swimsuits. Towards the end of the swim session, Milt (The Seal) Piver made his entrance and proceeded to completely break everyone up with his imitations--fantastic!

Next on the agenda was the prompt adjournment to the gym. While the girls played volleyball, the guys had a basketball game. Some went rowboating while others just watched and laughed. An exhausting time was had by all. Never say die, to off to the pingpong tables and shuffle boards.

The scene was Ken Altman and Rod Baker having a knockdown, dragout battle on one table, and Sue and I having a not-too-friendly game at another and Vicky and Jeanne fighting it out at shuffleboard. Dr. Lee supervised the children.

Everyone had more than a fantastic time and if you weren't there, you really missed the boat, baby!

Thanks again, Jeanne, for the suggestion and Standard Oil for their facilities!

The members who attended were: The Stocker (I think)--A. & Mrs. B., The Altman Family, The Milt Pivers, The Boaz', Rod Baker, Dr. Lee, Bill Miller and guest, Carol, The Orvil Linders and Melody, The Doramus' and I hope I didn't leave anyone out!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We had a second social the next week at the same place and it went much like the first one. Check Milt's column for details and who attended. Also, thanks so much for the article, Ash. And it sure is great having you accept for Social Director.)

ASHLEY BOESCH

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

BRUCE BENNINGER----5950 Alexandria Place----Stockton, California 95207
ASSOCIATE: SHARON (209) 477-1349----1963 SILVER CORVETTE 340 H.P.

AFTER THE TECATI MEET ON SUNDAY, THE CHRISTENSEN'S WENT TO THE GEEN'S HOME HERE THEY ORDERED CHINESE FOOD FOR DINNER--AND IN CHRIS' FORTUNE COOKIE IT READ--"BEWARE OF LOSS THROUGH YOUR OWN CARELESSNESS TODAY"--AND THAT SAME AFTERNOON CHRIS HAD LOST HIS FIRST PLACE STANDING AT FREMONT TO BILL GEEN BECAUSE HE JUMPED TWO RED LIGHTS!!!

UNCLE MILTIE SPEAKS:

The results for the 5th Annual Golden State Grand Prix just reached me at the time of this article. On the South's day, S.C.C.S.C.C. slalom rules were used. Class "B" had 27 cars in class, Stock 327 and 427 alike. 18th in class was Harold Doramus driving Ken Altman's Black Beauty. 23rd in class went to Ken Altman. In Class "N" there were 26 cars in class, again 327 plus 427 plus Cobras. But Mike Tsirlis did it again with TTOD and first in Class. 8th place went to Ron Trethan. 13th place went to Bill Geen, followed by Jim Wiegner. In 19th place was Rod Baker, followed by Milt Piver. 24th place went to Bruce Benninger. In Class N-W, the 6th place winner was Vera Carlen.

Sunday's event was sponsored by the North, using N.C.S.C.C. autocross rules. Class A-P had 26 cars in class. In 11th place was Ken Altman riding Black Beauty. 15th in class was Jim Wiegner. 20th place went to Bill Geen. In Class B-P, 6th place went to Ron Trethan. 12th place went to Harold Doramus driving my Silver Beast. 14th place went to Bruce Benninger (NCCA's newest member). WHAT?! Mike Tsirlis in 19th place! OOPS**** 20th place to Milt Piver! There were 21 cars in class! In Class C-P, 3rd place went to Gary Carlen. 19th place went to Rod Baker. I hope that I didn't leave any members out who ran these events.

Here's some more results: Highland Touring Club presented Southland IV Autocross on August 4, 1968.

CLASS A-P 9th Ken Altman
 10th Bill Geen

CLASS B-P 1st Mike Tsirlis
 2nd Kerry Jones
 3rd Ron Christensen
 5th Roger Kraus
 6th Bruce Benninger
 7th Milt Piver
 8th Harold Doramus

It looks as though NCCA had a closed event in Class B-P!

CLASS B-S 6th Joe Aboaf
 7th Dr. Lee

CLASS K 5th Linda Geen

CLASS L-P 2nd Sharon Christensen

Tecati Racing is taking hold of NCCA like a fever. Ken Altman, Harold Doramus, Bill Geen, Bruce Benninger and myself attended our first Tecati Race at Fremont Drag Strip. We all agreed that this is our bag when there is no Championship event scheduled. We were instigated to try one by our

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own Tecati Champ, Ron Christensen. Thanks to Ron, we had a ball, even though most of the NCCA and the Tecati racer's wives were left at the club social picnic steaming. Well, it just goes to show you the pains some Corvette owners will go through to run a race! By the way, Ron Christensen took Top Eliminator that day. The next Tecati event will be August 25th. (Check Vicky's article for what happened on that day) I would like to see more NCCA members try this type of racing, but remember to bring your wives--don't leave them at picnics. He, He!

MILT PIVER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: WIVES ATTENDING PICNIC WERE: Jeanne Doramus, Vicky Altman. OTHER MEMBERS ATTENDING WERE: Joe & Adele Aboaf, Roger & Florabelle Boaz, Rod Baker, Dr. Lee, The Irish Family, Orvil & Marie Linder, Bill Miller and Penny Brooks, Bill Thornton and guest, Darrell and guest and Roger Boaz' cousin, Charlie and guest Jane from Nashvill, Tennessee. We again had a ball. Roger went in the pool, thanks to a gang of NCCA boys, fully clothed! Ye old editor lost her swimsuit top thanks to that same gang! So you Tecati boys also missed out on a good time!)

September

S	m	T	W	T	F	S
1 Practice Session TS-\$2.50 Pleasanton	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 Meeting G.M.T.C. 8:00	4	5	6	7
8 Tecati AX* Pleasanton Continental	9 <i>Admission Day</i>	10 Yippee! School Starts!	11	12	13	14
15 AX MGOC BEACH PARTY SOCIAL--See Flyer	16	17	18	19	20 E-BOARD Meeting Irish's 8:00	21
22 AX SCAT Pleasanton Tecati	23	24	25	26	27 NCSCC Meeting 8:00 Blue Dolphin	28 **Two Day Event-- Lockheed
29 Lockheed AX Continued Championship	30					

OVER HEARD: MIKE TSIRLIS MUST BE THE GREATEST SLALOM RACER IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY! (ALL OF NCCA AGREES, MIKE!)

OKAY, NCCA, HERE IS THAT BEACH PARTY SOCIAL THAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN ASKING FOR! AND YOU HAD BETTER SHOW UP OR YOU'LL BE MISSING THE SOCIAL OF THE YEAR!

SOCIAL: BEACH PARTY!!!!!!

PLACE: STINSON BEACH!!!!!!

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1968

MEETING PLACE: JACK LONDON SQUARE IN OAKLAND (PARKING LOT)

TIME: 10:00 A.M. WE'LL LEAVE THE SQUARE AT 10:30. SO BE ON TIME IF YOU WANT TO CARAVAN OVER WITH US IN YOUR CORVETTES!

COST: \$1.00 PER PERSON. INCLUDES ALL THE HOT DOGS YOU CAN EAT AND ALL THE BEER AND COKE YOU CAN DRINK. JUST BRING YOUR SWIMSUITS AND YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE SELVES, THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE REST! (IF THE CLUB GIRLS WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT, THEY CAN PROVIDE US WITH A SALAD!)

WE HAVE ALSO INVITED THE NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION TO JOIN US AND DISCUSS OUR UP-COMING AUTOCROSS ON NOVEMBER 10, AT WHICH THEY PLAN TO HELP US

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ROGER BOAZ

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, LINDY

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IN MY WISH BECAUSE YOU SEE,
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OUR BEST, KEN AND VICKY

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BE IN THE NEXT K., ALONG WITH
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THE MONEY COLLECTED AT THE
CONCOURS WILL GO TO THE SANDY
HAWKINS BENEFIT AUTOCROSS TO
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BILL. SO, NCCA GET YOUR CARS
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