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**"SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES**

FLASH--August 5th next regular business meeting.

FLASH--Thank you again Bruce & Sharon Benninger, we all had a ball!

FLASH--I sure hope everything is coming fine, Vera!

FLASH--Ron Christensen finds fiberglass splitting problems.

FLASH--When caravanning what president would take off when the CHP shows up?

FLASH--A prearranged dual saw four buddies split the purse at the all expensive Tecate event in Vacaville. Bill Geen, Ron Christensen, Dave Mock and Herb Holt. But our own Bill Geen for being top eliminator and Dave Mock for setting TTOD shows alot of spunk. Sorry I missed it.

FLASH--Mr. GM himself left his plastic packadorme home because of a hobbled ankle, but this didn't hurt his socializing Captain Weber Days. Uh Ron T.

FLASH--Hope Irasmith must have nerves of steel as hubby Jack drove all the way from Nevada with a chunk out of his new Firestone tires.

FLASH--I understand NCCA fared rather well at the North-South event this year. 13 trophies in all - very good team! I guess we showed them.

**NORTH**

FLASH--over once again!

**HTUOS**

FLASH--Bad Luck Charlie award has found a home in Ron C. and Bruce B. - snap-out of it guys!

BITS & PIECES (Continued)

FLASH--Mine own eyes have seen, someone said three years - what do you think, Rod?

FLASH--Jim & Helen Clott will soon be back on the seen, but this time in B Stock.

FLASH--NCCA has selected WSCC officers for next year. They are:

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| President       | Max McKibben             |
| Vice President  | Ron Trethan              |
| Secretary       | Marilyn Owens            |
| Treasurer       | Boyd Maddox              |
| Events Chairman | Ken Altman & Carver West |
| Publication     | Ed Thiebaud              |
| Membership      | Brian Quadt              |

FLASH--Ron Trethan's Chevy II wasn't the only Chevy passing all the corvettes in the caravan, a long time friend and member John Zeh zipped by and waved HI on his way to work. Sorry you missed it. It seems NCCA people see John & Sig in many places like the North-South event. Good luck on your Hawaii project John & Sig!

FLASH--Remember August 10th - Social at Stinson Beach!

FLASH--Congratulations honey on your new home. You look great in it!

FLASH--Big "O" Tires, Foothill and 35th Avenue in Oakland has helped many NCCA members, so don't hesitate to ask Ron Asher about Mags, tires and other accessories.

A REALLY BUSY MAN

New house, a fairly new job, work over a corvette and all the problems of ma and the cookie crunchers plus president of NCCA, contest board member of Speed Events, Views Chairman of NCSCC Championships plus our own Sharon (publisher) Trethan asking for articles keeps me very busy. So with paint brush in hand and bent over the fender of the corvette, directing traffic through the house, I should say thank you NCCA for a very enjoyable and relaxing July 13th.

KEN ALTMAN

CHRIS'S CORNER

Twas the night Mock II sat on the pole, Geen sat on the throne, Ed Lynch sat on one too many pylons, the Space Riders and the Cycle Queens sat on your minds, and Jim Guthrie laid the egg! But don't think Tecate Racing is gone, cause it's not, just forgotten. The \$350.00 of guaranteed purse musta been purse knapped. Maggies Farm (a local group) saved the lobes from total dismay. You can't really put poor old Jim down, cause he was running under a handicap. He had to put up with a wider, longer, cleaner, and much more convient location!!

You can bet your sweet bippy that me and mortal the frendly snurd aint no way going back to that dust bowl for nobody. If you need ta Tecate Race for your thrills, you had better get packing for Mexico cause the season pass has.

RON CHRISTENSEN

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 1, 1969

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Altman at 8:15 p.m.

Milt Piver introduced the guests and members welcomed Bob Spinardi, Russell Cole and Terry Johnson.

The minutes were approved as corrected. Sharon Trethan corrected the section under Special Reports pertaining to the submission of two names to judge at the concour being the one held at the convention and not the North-South as was stated.

In the Treasurer's report, Rod Baker gave out the bad news on how much was spent on the trophies for our last championship event. But we have our timer paid for and so he felt we are still ahead. Ron Trethan asked if Rod knew how many trophies were given out. Rod said he would check on this but said that some of the profit was spent on the extra dash plaques we had to buy to put on the trophies.

Activities - Ron Christensen was absent so Vicky Altman gave out the dash plaques to the members who ran the Monza event.

A criticism of NCCA by SCAT was read out to the membership. They mentioned the narrow course and the difficulty with start-finish.

Dave Schwafel gave a few of the details from the Sacramento event held the previous weekend.

The results of the Petit Prix event on June 22nd were read off by Ken and a brief but vivid description was given of Rod Baker's new car.

Ken brought up the fact that alot of members seem to be missing. Has anyone seen or heard from Jim and Helen Clott? Ron Christensen was absent from the meeting as he is trying to get his car ready for the North-South event coming up this weekend. Sharon Christensen said they have already sent their deposit in so would like to go if possible. A discussion followed on member's cars and what's been happening.

Social Report - Mr. Bush-Boesch invited everyone to join him on the 13th of July for an autocross and social in Stockton during Captain Weber Days. The Benninger's have been kind enough to offer their home for a barbecue and swimming party. Flyers will be sent out to all members with the details. Ken lead a general discussion about the PeeWee Golf social on June 13th.

Membership - Milt had some name tags to hand out. He also said that Acme Trophy is having some hang up getting confirmation from Japan on our badges.

Milt also said that sweatshirt orders from WSCC will be cancelled if the order cannot be met within a certain time limit. Milt also checked with members to see who was receiving Corvette News as a letter with ten names was sent in some time ago to Corvette News along with addresses.

Public Relations - John Flotten gave a brief talk on Tecati racing and the \$5000.00 series starting at Vacaville on July 12th.

Publications - Sharon Trethan asked that all articles for the July Kaleidoscope be in by July 13th. She also requested new addresses be given to her as a new mailing list is in the making.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 1, 1969 (Continued)

Ron Trethan brought up North-South and said that NCCA and SCAT were in charge of Tech Inspection on Friday. He read off the names of the people on the two teams, one for the morning and one in the afternoon. It was asked that all NCCA members wear their club shirts while working tech.

The Micky Finn night was brought up, again along with the convention in August and the club was reminded that July 15 was the deadline for entry fees to be mailed in.

The WSCC election of officers will be coming up soon and the E-Board will be recommending certain people so as to eliminate confusion in voting as many of the members don't know the people who are running.

Council Report - There was no news to report from the last council meeting. Highland Touring Club will be putting on a championship event on July 20. The Speed Event report can be given by Ken at the Stockton party on the 13th of July.

It was suggested that we show some films at our next meeting. Ken and Vicky said that they have tried to get a hold of films but have had little luck. Dave Schwafel volunteered to try to have movies of some kind for the August or September meeting.

New Business - The E-Board recommendation had to be tabled to the Benninger's party as there were not enough members to make a majority in a vote. Seventeen members were present and we needed eighteen.

Caravans were brought up for discussion for those planning on going to North-South.

Some final words were mentioned on the great social planned for the 13th of July in Stockton and Ken said that it was a day that should appeal to both autocrossers and the social bugs.

Announcements - Roger Boaz has a '63 Corvette top for sale and ET mags. Ron Trethan has brand new Buck's caps and almost new 9-1/2 tires and a 427 hood he is giving away for \$50.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Susanne Boesch, Recording Secretary

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NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Those who didn't attend the Captain Weber Days autocross and social on Sunday the 13th missed a great day. We met wide awake and refreshed by the 6 A.M. morning air at Sambo's Restaurant in San Leandro. The club paid a dollar on each club members breakfast and would you believe the Trethan's bill came to exactly Two Dollars including tax. Nice planning Ron, bet you can't do it again.

Fourteen Corvettes and one Chevy II left Sambo's to caravan to Stockton. Without a doubt this is the most people to turn out for a club function all year, including our own Auto-X. During our gas stop about 1/2 way, Mike Tsirlis joined the caravan bringing the total to 16 cars. The course was basically the same as last year. That means 2nd gear, very rough and hot. This year entries went over 300. The party at the Benninger's after the event was a riot. Plenty of food, beer and Gary Carlen's famous wine coolers. By the way - someone might ask Sharon Christensen how long she can stand on her head when she is sober. Like I said, a great time was had by all.

ROD BAKER

## UNCLE MILTIE

Once again, folks, the North met the South in an autocross called the Golden State Grand Prix at Santa Maria on July 4 and 5. NCCA brought back 13 trophies. Not bad Guys and Gals. Unfortunately, results are not available at this time.

Everybody had a good time at the Hunter's Inn, which was race central. The night life wasn't bad either. Dining and dancing every night and a special awards banquet given by the Santa Maria J.C.s. The dinner is always tremendous with as much food as you can eat including one inch thick steaks. It is well worth just the ride down to eat. All and all the weekend was a very pleasant one. Oh, by the way, the North shot down the South on Friday which was the North's day. The South made a fighting comeback on their day, but still lost by over a 100 point total.

On July 13th, a caravan of 16 Corvettes went to Stockton to race at Captain Weber Days. While passing through the "mass metropolis" of Tracy, Mike Tsirlis and I drove side by side, and I guess the side exhaust of both cars echoed against the Blacksmith's shop and Livery stable. This awoke a dozing Highway Patrolman. About four miles out of town the sky suddenly lit up in a bright red. It sure didn't look like a Corvette behind me--it was painted like a skunk. With my heart beating at my toes, I pulled over. As I got out of the car, so did the other 15 Corvette drivers. The young rookie officer told Mike and I that our exhaust systems were illegal. Noticing that he had an audience, he played the nice guy type and only warned Mike and I to get our pipes muffled. All I can say is Thank God everybody stopped, because if they didn't Mike and I probably would have been written up. The moral of the story is if you decide to drive your prodified Corvette on the street, make sure 15 Corvettes are following you. For further information, contact the local CHP or any owner of an AP, BP or CP autocross car.

I would like to thank Bruce & Sharon Benninger for accommodating the club with their home, back year, and pool following the autocross. The turn out was "out of sight."

MILT RIVER

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## JOHNNIE ON THE SPOT

All I can say is uptight and out of sight for Captain Weber Day.

I can't remember when I had so much fun during a day. It started out with breakfast at Sambo's, then we all caravan to Stockton for the Auto-X. The course they set up was alot of fun to drive and quite a few of our drivers did real good. In fact our President took Top Time before Noon. I couldn't say if Mike Tsirlis got TTOD for the afternoon, but he did have the best time when we all left for the Benninger's. From the Auto-X we all followed Bruce & Sharon Benninger to their home for a swim party.

Almost all of us did go in the pool one way or another, and of course there was ample eats and drinks. At least I think everyone had enough of whatever they were haven. But I do think we need a new tapper team, what do you think about that Ron & Ken? The social ended with the sun going down at least I think that's when most of the people started making tracks back home including Rod and myself.

I would especially like to thank Bruce & Sharon Benninger for letting NCCA use their lovely home for the Captain Weber Day Social, which turned out to be sensational thanks to them.

JOHN FLOTTEN

FROM THE DESK OF ASHLEY BUSH-BOESCH

If you missed Benninger's beer, bathing suit and baked bean dip bust, you missed one of NCCA's best socials in a long long time.

It all started at Sambo's Pancake House in San Leandro with a very good turn out for breakfast at 6 A.M. in the morning. We left Sambo's at about 7:30 with a 16 car caravan lead by Gail & Uncle Miltie Piver and our rear guard was Sharon & Ron Trethan. It was a pretty site and one I think we should see more of. As we travelled along we pickup up Midnight Mike and Gary "Skinny Tire" Carlen towing the Green Monster.

Say, when we pulled into the course area at Stockton, you knew NCCA had arrived and the head turned to see what it looked like to have about \$120,000.00 worth of G.M.'s best in one long line.

The day was hot, the course was fast, and NCCA had a ball.

After everyone had a crack at the course we gathered into two groups to head for Benninger's and a few cool ones which were more than welcome by this time.

Needless to say the pool was never empty from the time we arrived and our host and hostess made it a day that NCCA will be talking about for many many moons.

Our next big bust is coming up on August 10th before the Convention. It will be our Beach Party with North Bay Corvettes at Stinson Beach, price \$1.00 per head. A flyer will be sent out giving all the details.

ASHLEY BOESCH

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CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| JULY 26      | E-Board Meeting - John Flotten - 8:00 P.M.  |
| JULY 27      | Auto-X - Camino Corvettes - G.M. Plant - Fremont -<br>no run groups - TTOD before noon Bruce's<br>Certificate |
| AUGUST 3     | Auto-X - Championship - SCAT - Ford Plant<br>Milpitas - run groups  |
| AUGUST 5     | General Meeting of NCCA - G.M.T.C.<br>San Leandro - 8:00 P.M.   |
| AUGUST 10    | Beach Party - Stinson Beach   |
| AUGUST 15-17 | WSSC Convention - San Diego   |
| AUGUST 24    | Auto-X - Championship - Team Sprint   |
| AUGUST 31    | Auto-X - Competition SCC - Cal-Expo Sacramento  |

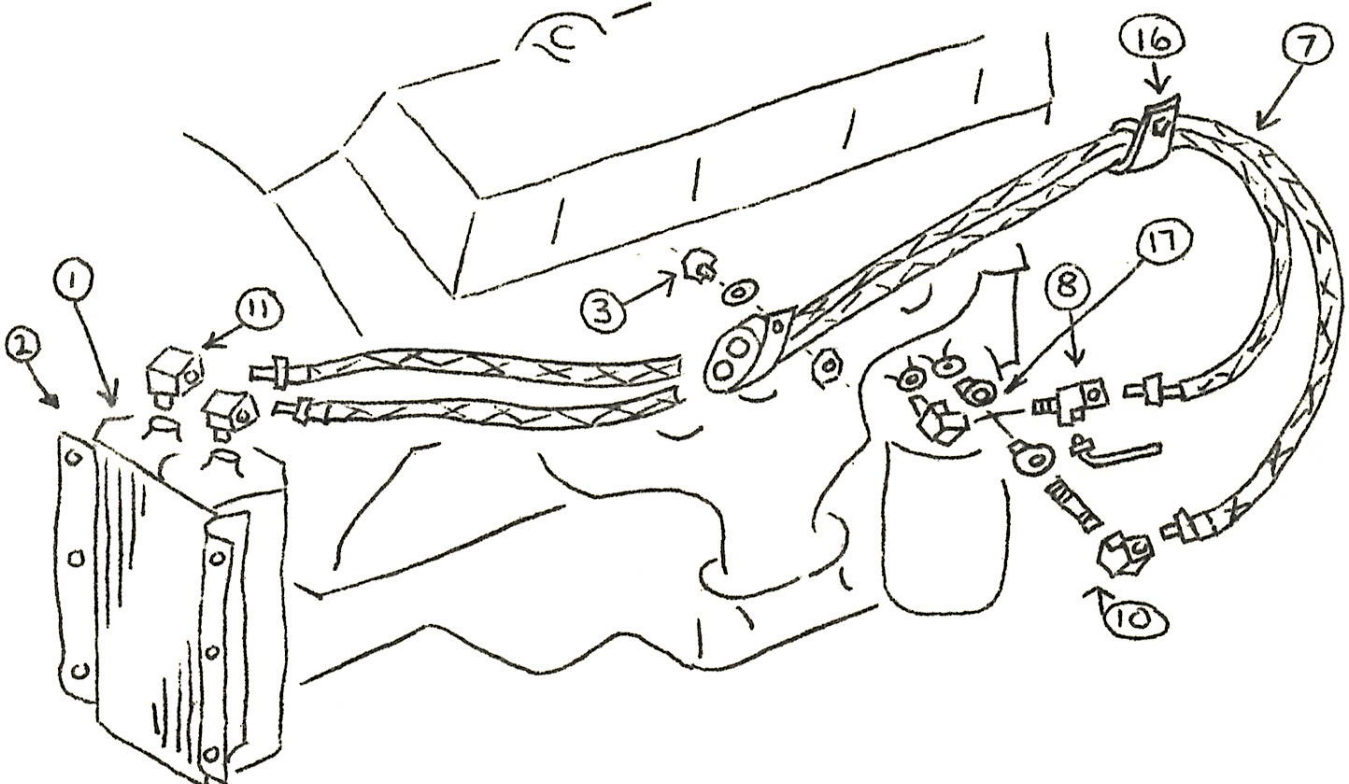
BORED NOTES

OIL COOLER INSTALLTION

| GROUP (A) | NO.  | DESCRIPTION                   | QUAN. | PART NO. | PRICE  |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|
|           | ( 1) | Oil cooler assy. (C & D)      | 1     | 3157804  | 155.75 |
|           | ( 2) | Bracket, pass. (B)            | 1     | 3881803  | 3.70   |
|           | ( 3) | Bolt, 5/16-18 x 7/8           | 8     | 443899   | .05    |
| 8.143     | ( 4) | Nut, jam 5/16-18              | 8     | 3792259  |        |
| 8.929     | ( 5) | Washer, 5/16                  | 8     | 120386   |        |
| 8.931     | ( 6) | Lockwasher, 5/16              | 8     | 187119   | .05    |
|           | ( 7) | Hose assy., pass. (B)         | 1     | 3879938  | 11.50  |
|           | ( 8) | Tee, outlet (F)               | 1     | 3879940  | 4.00   |
| 8.963     | ( 9) | Elbow, inlet hose 45°         | 1     | 444215   | .65    |
| 8.963     | (10) | Elbow, outlet hose 45°        | 1     | 444058   | 1.35   |
| 8.963     | (11) | Elbow, engine cooler 90°      | 2     | 444044   |        |
| 8.963     | (12) | Nipple, inlet hose 1/2 x 3    | 1     | 9417840  | 3.95   |
| 8.963     | (13) | Bushing, reducer 3/4 x 1/2    | 1     | 144042   | .60    |
| 8.900     | (14) | Bolt, 1/4-20 x 1/2            | 4     | 180016   |        |
| 8.916     | (15) | Nut, jam 1/4-20               | 4     | 124818   |        |
|           | (16) | Clip, cooler hose             | 4     | 3925416  | .40    |
|           | (17) | Valve, oil cooler by-pass (E) | 1     | 5575416  | 1.53   |

- NOTES:
- (A) All parts are listed in Group 1.540 with the exception of the by-pass valve which is listed in Group 1.837 (some parts have second listings).
  - (B) The bracket and hose assembly are listed for the pass. 396, 427. Construction of different bracket and longer hoses may be necessary for installation.
  - (C) Small block engines (302, 327, 350) will require marine adapter to connect at the oil filter area.
  - (D) The 427 engines that are suitable for coolers are marked "Hi Perf" near the oil filter. These engines have taps for comp. oil cooler.
  - (E) Press by-pass valve into outlet hole approximately 2-1/4" so that valve bottoms on shoulder.
  - (F) Connect oil pressure gauge tubing to this tee.

RON TRETHAN



WERE YOU THERE?

Many members were seen in Stockton on July 13th either watching or participating in the Captain Weber Days. A pitcher of beer if you were there and your name is not listed below:

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Manny Pretti       | Dave Schwafel           |
| Nanci Mathews      | Kerry Jones             |
| Bruce Benninger    | Vicky Altman            |
| Gene Bothello      | Joe Aboaf               |
| Marie Linder       | Ron Christensen         |
| Gary Carlen        | Boots Ginter            |
| Sharon Christensen | Jack Irasmith           |
| John Flotten       | Orvil Linder            |
| Ron Trethan        | Milt Piver              |
| Lindy Geen         | Adele Aboaf             |
| Jack Ginter        | Ken Altman              |
| Gail Piver         | Ash Boesch              |
| Jerome White       | Clint Mathews           |
| Julie Lewis        | Mike Tsirlis            |
| Richard Lee        | Bill Geen               |
| Jim Wiegner        | Sharon Trethan          |
| Roger Kraus        | Walt Reeder             |
| Hope Irasmith      |                         |
| Dave Mock          | Prospective Members     |
| Sharon Benninger   |                         |
| Rod Baker          | Terry & Rosalie Johnson |
| Sue Boesch         | Jerry & Nanci Lockwood  |

C O R V E T T E

How many words can you find in the above letters? A prize will be given to a member for the most words and the longest word that are accurate and listed in the latest edition of the ever popular Funk & Wagnalls. Deadline will be September 1, 1969. Submit entries to the Kaleidoscope editor.

FOR SALE by Ron Trethan - phone (415) 582-6218

|                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tri Power (69 design)               | Universal joints - new         |
| Chrome Air Cleaner                  | 1963-69 Vette                  |
| 3-Two Barrel Carbs                  | 4 for \$20.00                  |
| Aluminum intake manifold            |                                |
| All linkage intake                  | Chrome Valve Covers (396-427)  |
| \$125.00                            | \$10.00 pair                   |
| 427 Corvette Hood (1968-69) \$50.00 | Cal Custom Chrome Air Cleaner  |
|                                     | low design for Holley 4 barrel |
|                                     | \$5.00                         |

For Sale - 1967 Side Exhausts - almost new, complete with pipes \$150.00  
Contact Gene Bothello (916) 885-6962



Letter from Rich Garner

Dear NCCA Members:

Please excuse me for not being at anything for awhile, but I have been very busy and haven't even had time to write and let you know where I'm at.

I have moved and now I am at a new job as a Fire Prevention Technician with the U.S. Forest Service in Truckee, California which is about 30 miles North West of Reno, Nevada. It is a little to far to travel to meetings, so please excuse me.

I'll tell you a little about the job. I have been assigned as Ranger in charge of a new dam project bring built up here and it keeps me fairly busy.

If any of you come up this way, please stop by and see me at the Truckee Ranger Station. Its just off Highway 80 and is 12 miles from the North Shore of Lake Tahoe.

I hope to get down there to some of the events as soon as time permits.

Sincerely,

Rich Garner

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Auto-cessories of Marin has a complete line of accessories and competition equipment. The owner is a member of Marin GT Sports Car Club and a weekly autocrosser when he isn't road racing. Look him up at the next autocross where he will have a display, or contact Bill Van Horn, 208 Grande Vista, Novato, (415) 892-3830  
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'70 Corvette To Be Delayed (taken from Competition Press & Autoweek)

Detroit, July 8 - While most auto assembly plants are expected to begin assembling 1970 models shortly, the assembly of 1970 Corvettes at Chevrolet's St. Louis, Mo., plant has been delayed indefinitely, it was learned here.

A strike at the plant--April 10 to June 9-- caused a delay in filling orders for the 1969 model, according to a company spokesman.

The present Sting Ray styling in fiberglass will be continued in 1970, he pointed out.

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"HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY"

HAL

HOPE

KEN