



# CORVETTE KALEIDOSCOPE



## EDITORIAL

As our second editorial of the year, we'll deal with last Sunday's "Corvanna" since that is a subject familiar to all of us. -- All in all, the event was run in a smooth manner with your Activities Chairman, Ron Craven, being on the receiving end of many complimentary comments. He was complimented mainly on the layout of the course. Naturally, he also ran into the ever present complaints that are part and parcel of every Corvanna. No one can be all things to all people, Ron. So don't be disheartened. We have no one to replace you. (Willingly, that is!) . . . . . The main difficulty encountered was, as usual, crowd control. This was due to the avalanche of children that spread itself in every corner and nook of the area. Also, we noticed a lack of turn marshalls (par for the course) which meant that a few had to do the work of many. It is really an absolute shame that a club of some 85 to 90 cars can only supply four or six turn marshalls at our events. And, with one or two exceptions, we saw the same faces 'out there' as last year. ---- The NCCA's new timing equipment, built and operated by Bob Lenz, worked fine as any you'll see. We're fortunate to have someone like Bob in the Club, not to mention that we're more fortunate in that he spent many many nights of his own time building this devise...To help pay for it, we're going to rent it out to other clubs for gymkhanas, auto-crosses, etc. So, spread the word around to others you know in other clubs. That about covers it in a nutshell... Let's not leave Ron stranded at the next event. Come on out and help. If a lot show up AND VOLUNTEER, all of us will put in only a couple of hours rather than all day.....

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**COMING EVENTS:** April 20, 1958 - Castle Air Force Base near Merced. The Yosemite SCC is putting on a wide-open auto-cross; running 11 classes with trophies, dash plaques, etc. Starts about 8:00 A.M., and promises to be a good one.

April 27, 1958 - Kingdon Drag Strip near Lodi. The RACING DRIVERS CLUB (RDC) is staging the 3rd practice session of the season. Most of the machinery from the area shows up for these runs, so you'll see a lot of action. If you've missed them before, here's your chance to catch one. Entry for spectators is nominal, being only 50¢ we believe. There should be a minimum of five Corvettes there, possibly nine.

April 4, 1958 - 7:30 P.M.  
NCCA Dinner Meeting - Art's Buffet, 4031 Broadway (off MacArthur) in Oakland. Be there. We always have a ball!

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**FOR SALE:** One three-speed Corvette Transmission in EXCELLENT shape. (Your editor will vouch for it; it came out of Marilyn Kane's car) Contact Parker Adams at Les Vogel's)

**FOR SALE:** Eight pair of binoculars ranging in size from 6X30 thru 7X35 & 7X50. All priced very reasonably; all guaranteed unconditionally. Contact Sandy Greenblat....

**NOTE FOR THE GALS:** If any of you women are interested in buying some real sharp driving gloves, Liebes' in S.F. have the Sterling Moss type (leather palms and knitted backs) available. Sterling Kane, ..I mean Marilyn Moss, ....I mean 'you know who' has a pair... ..Adds 19 h.p. to her Corvette, I hear.

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**SPECIAL NOTE FOR PICTURE BUGS:** Jim Joseph has just recently purchased a photo-enlarger and will do enlargements for all club members evenings by appointment. Call him at Montrose 4-1002.

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**REPORT ON PAST EVENTS:** March 2nd. - Some 41 Corvettes teamed up to go on the Bob Vitale and Pat Gellenbeck planned Winery tour. It proved a tremendous success, as Bill Souja will testify. (He's presently being sued by Christian Bros. for drinking dry a 22,000 gallon vat) We ended up in St. Helena for dinner, then on to home. The event was excellently planned and enjoyed by all...Next time, let's have 51 cars.....Speaking of socials, our new social chairmen are Fred and Bobbie Wetton of Berkeley. (Fred is the husband - Bobbie the wife --- not brothers)

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Does anyone know the true identity of the following 'mysterious' individual sometimes referred to as "BLACK BART"?

HA! - RAY A.  
who else?

He drives a black (almost) car, wears black gloves, black coveralls, races black tires, and is presently in a black frame of mind due to many technical troubles with his Corvette. If you have a clue to the name and whereabouts of this individual, contact the NCCA's law officer, 'Sherriff Tex Zeh' who will handle things from there!!

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MORE PAST EVENTS: If you missed the Stockton Road Races, you really missed a ball. Everyone grew web-feet. 24 Corvette people went to dinner together, led by Parker Adams... Jim Joseph, feeling his 18th for the night, managed to introduce himself to a table of Mercedes owners, then promptly proceeded to steal their food. Was more than successful. Verna...where were you?? -- The races themselves were more a circus than anything else with cars spinning out everywhere on the soaked course. All in all, the novice Corvettes suffered one and all. Altman had an engine failure, Hugh Harn, the eventual winner in Novice class and prospective member, tangles with a Mercedes and lost parts of a fender, A Corvette from Sac. broke off his transmission mount bolts. Another from Placerville went off course and brought home a garden. And, last but not least, yours truly sideswiped a hay bale and argued to the point of 'unpopularity' with one of the SCCA bosses. Well, there's more coming, so we'll all get more chances to race and/or watch.

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MICS. RAMBLINGS: The courses now being built at San Carlos and Vacaville are coming along in spite of the rain. As soon as the rain stops, if ever, they will be quickly finished. The San Carlos course, fathered by Rod Carveth, will be a real road circuit such as Laguna Seca with some 25 different courses available due to the manner in which it is being built. The Vacaville course is an airport course being enlarged from a drag strip. Both have tentative dates already. San Carlos for July 4th weekend; Vavacille for May 24-25 weekend. We'll keep you posted as we ourselves find out.

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Here's bad news for Senior Corvette drivers. Bill Love, the hot AC pilot from Los Angeles bought a new AC a couple months ago, but has since sold it and is now driving a CORVETTE. --Good news for Class E drivers. We're sure to see him at Laguna Seca in June..... Speaking of racing..and we always are..... here's a thumbnail list of the coming season. We don't guarantee it, but it is pretty accurate as it is taken from the SCCA.  
April: RDC (April 27) Lodi  
May 24/25 - Vacaville

June - Laguna Seca (I understand Novice drivers will be allowed.)  
July 4th - San Carlos  
August - Arcata (??)  
Sept. ??  
Oct. - Sacramento  
Nov. - Laguna Seca.  
Also, there may be another at Stockton, San Carlos, and Vacaville.

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FOR WHATEVER ITS WORTH DEPT: All automobile sales are down with the exception of Cheve and Rambler. Ford is off over 100,000 cars compared to the same period last year. The whole ~~Chrysler~~ Chrysler line is 'way down'. Actually, Cheverolet has outsold all five Chrysler cars combined! IT's now to the point where many plants are closing for a week at a time. DeSoto worked 1 1/2 days last week. Five Pontiac-Olds-Buick plants are closed this week. Others are in the same boat. In the meantime, foreign car sales jumped over 200% last year as compared to 1956. VW is still in first with Renault in 2nd with 22,000 sales. The 'small car fad' seems to be putting a dent in the American economy. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, GM, FORD, and Chrysler are burning the midnight oil getting prototypes of small cars built. It appears Cheverolet is leading the race with a 4-cyl. 'economy' car due out in the fall of '60. ....Besides all this, don't be too surprised if the big three start pushing little things towards the rear. Little things like transmissions first. Also, GM has their V6 running fine now. Was supposedly tested (final testing) in the prototype LaSalle that graced the 1956 GM Motorama in Chicago.

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CONGRADULATIONS TO: John Zeh, who took 2nd in last Sunday's Little Monaco event with a real fine job of driving.  
CONGRADULATIONS TO: Nick Zeigler, for being promoted to an executive position (he takes coffee breaks anytime he wants) at American Motors Zone Office.

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Warning to the unsuspecting: Come to the next business meeting well armed with nouns, verbs, etc. It appears there's going to be war over the Caravan situation presently under discussion.

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Interested in driving accessories?? Chick Leson has just opened a shop next to Transport Motors on Broadway in Oakland selling all kinds of gloves, suits, accessories, etc.

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Dick Cook & Mike Teilman have a new mag. coming out. SPORTS CAR WORLD. A weekly. 1st subscribers get it for \$1.00 a year. See me.

*Sandy Greenblatt*