



Kaleidoscope

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi again,

Another month has flown by, filled with a Corvanna, a wonderful dinner at Luigi's, and many other sports car events.

First of all I want to give you the dates and places for the meetings for the remainder of the year:

Sept. 21	Cochran & Celli, 12th and Harrison St. Oakland 7, Calif.
Oct. 5	GMTC, San Leandro
Oct. 19	Clear Chevrolet, 480 - 23rd St. Richmond
Nov. 2	GMTC, San Leandro
Nov. 16	Les Vogel, Van Ness and Market San Francisco
Dec. 7	GMTC, San Leandro (Elections)

For those who haven't heard, our club has been offered the opportunity to man the gates, sell programs, and direct parking for the SCCA Divisional Run-Offs at the Vaca Valley Raceway on Nov. 5, 6, & 7, 1965. We have been guaranteed a minimum of \$300.00 plus a percentage of all advance sale tickets sold by our members. All members will be needed to make this a success. You will find a sign-up sheet on the following page of our Kaleidoscope. This is the first time any club has been offered such a package deal for a guaranteed price. So all such opportunities in the future will depend upon our participation in this event.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Jerry Smith of SCCA will be at our October 5 meeting for a run-through of our responsibilities for this event.

Our nominating committee has been elected at our Sept. 7 meeting. They are: Johnny Zeh, Wayne Mooneyham, Al Wanderer, Jerry Haskenstad, and Bud DeCastro. Good luck to them in selecting the slate of officers for 1966. Any suggestions you have of candidate selections, you can contact one of the above gentlemen.

While on the subject of elections, I would like to give my support as President of NCCA to Red Feris, a present NCCA member in good standing and former president of NCCA, for the office of area governor of SCCA. Also, I would like to recommend Don Saiki for the office of Regional Executive, San Francisco Region of SCCA. As you know, Don is chief starter at the races.

A wreath was sent in the name of NCCA for Bart Martin, a driver well-known to many of us.

See you at the next meeting. And don't forget Oct. 5 at GMTC will be the run-down on the Vaca Valley Races.

Jerry

P.S. As you might have heard, Pat and I have moved. Here is our new address and phone number: 20095 Hathaway Ave., Hayward, Calif. 94541. 351-8268

SIGN-UP FOR WORKING AT VACA VALLEY RACETRACKS, NOV. 5, 6, & 7

I (We) will be able to work the following days:

Friday, Nov. 5 _____

Saturday, Nov. 6 _____

Sunday, Nov. 7 _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PHONE # _____

Please send to Jerry Vercelli at above address as soon as possible. Sign-ups for this are necessary so that passes can be arranged for you on the days you will be able to work.

For those of you who weren't at the September 7 meeting at G.M., the following very nice letter has been received from our member, Sam Jones.

July 21, 1965

Dear Club Members,

Although I was only in the Bay Area for a year, I feel that I have many friends. The majority of them are from the Northern California Corvette Association.

It was a real pleasure to have associated with such a fine group of people.

I wish that I could have continued this association, however, due to my profession, I am unable to.

We are now headed for the South China Seas and since I won't get any excitement from my Corvette for a while, I'll have to get it over here -- probably shooting at certain individuals who cause quite a bit of trouble over here.

Once again, it's been a real pleasure to participate in the NCCA.

Any news that you have of the Club -- Corvettes, sports car racing, etc. would be appreciated, as we don't get too much news over here (we make it).

I'll keep in touch with the Club and hope to see every one when I get back to San Francisco.

Yours truly,

SAM JONES

USS Cochrane (DDG-21)
FPO San Francisco

P.S. For those who like BIG engines, this ship has 70,000 horsepower.

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LOONEY LOGIC

During the question period following a lecture, a man arose and put a foolish query to the speaker. The speaker replied:

"The logic of your question makes me think of another. Can you tell me why fire engines are always red? You can't? Well, fire engines have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight are twelve. Twelve inches make a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth was a ruler. The QUEEN ELIZABETH is the largest ship that sails the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fight the Russians. The Russians are Red. Fire engines are always rushin'. Therefore, fire engines are always red. I hope this answers your question also."

PROFILE OF TWO AUTOCROSS DRIVERS

Vera & Gary Carlen

Prior to sports cars and autocrossing, Gary was behind the wheel of a boat or behind the boat on water skis. Russian River was the favorite spot and he skied from morning until dark every weekend. One incident Gary won't forget was when another boat ran into his and cut it in half. Luckily no one was injured.

Teaching water skiing at Camp Richardson, Lake Tahoe, filled two summers for Gary. He recalls one fellow coming in for lessons and couldn't swim a stroke. After strapping on many life jackets, the fellow learned to water ski even though he never learned to swim. Gary spent every Friday night skiing in a show while working at Tahoe.

Autocrossing finally edged out the water activities and in October, 1959, he placed an order for a new Corvette. He received the car on New Years Eve night, starting 1960 in a big way. In January NCCA had a new guest and soon-to-be member.

Much of the credit for Gary's ability to autocross so well came from John Zeh. He worked with Gary and within three weeks a 3rd place trophy was his prized possession. Later on at AeroJet a 1st in class won won and then top time of day at Vacaville in July was taken home.

While in NCCA Gary was Activities Chairman and on the Board of Directors for two years each position.

Vera met Gary on a blind date and they saw one another every day except two until their marriage in 1961. For their honeymoon they attended a Five State Corvette Autocross at Winnemucca, Nevada. This event was Vera's first and she also won her first trophy, a very memorable weekend.

Prior to her marriage, Vera roller skated about as much as Gary water-skied. She took lessons at the rink in San Leandro for many years. They both reside in Alameda of which Gary is a native. Vera was born in Oakland and attended San Leandro High School.

Gary works for American Brass and Copper in Emeryville as a salesman and Vera is only a short distance away at the Manufacturing Distribution Center where she is an IBM tab operator.

Both Gary and Vera have been overall championship class winners and have over 180 trophies to their credit.

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NOTICE:

At the North-South Event, "Ma" Barbera Perkins lost a white Cashmere sweater belonging to Pat Gibson. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please let "Ma" know!

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"How far down do you want to sit? asked the usher.
"All the way," answered the little old lady. "I'm very tired."

CALENDER

- September 21 - Regular meeting, 8PM, Cochran & Celli,
12th & Harrison, Oakland
- October 5 - Regular meeting, 8PM, General Motors Training
Center, San Leandro
19 - Regular meeting, 8PM, Claar Chevrolet, Richmond
? - A social in Vallejo - Rich Searls in charge
- November 2 - Regular meeting at G.M.
5,6, 7 - NCCA members work the gate at Vaca Valley races
(we need everyone on this activity)
16 - Regular meeting at Les Vogel, San Francisco
21 - Our last Corvanna of the year - Pleasanton
Fairgrounds. We have the small picnic
grounds reserved for afterwards.
- December 7 - Regular meeting at G.M.
? - Christmas Party
? - Date and place for our Reunion event and dinner --
to follow.
- March 6, 1966 - Corvanna at Pleasanton
May 8, 1966 - Corvanna at Pleasanton

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BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT EVERY MEETING -- or be fined!

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Abiding by the rules set up in the By-Laws, the
following have applied for membership:

Larry and Samantha O'Brien
230 Begier Avenue
San Leandro

FLASH.....

New arrival at Providence Hospital, Oakland, California
The Irish's finally did it... More SIrish
IT'S A BOY !!!!!

Arrived on Sunday, September 19, 1965 at 3:47 AM
Weight 8 Lbs. 4 Oz.
Length 13½
Doctor W. Jeffers attending
Congratulations to all concerned!!!!!!

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Nominating Committee has chosen the following members for
The recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the officers of the
Northern California Corvette Association for the year 1966 is as follows:

President: Mike Tsirlis
Vice President: Al Wanderer
Treasurer: Mike Irish
Secretary: Jackie Taylor
Membership Director: Bud DeCastro
Publications Director: Pat Vercelli
Social Director: Jim Prather
Publicity and Public Relations Director: Barbara Perkins
Director - at - Large: Jerry Vercelli

Respectfully submitted,
John Zeh
Nominating Committee Chairman

EXTRA: EXTRA!!!!!!!

Don't forget the Fall Laguna Seca Professional Races on October 15, 16, and 17,
put on by SCCA in conjunction with SCRAMP (Sports Car Racing Association of the
Monterey Peninsula.)

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SPECIAL NOTICE

HALLOWEEN PARTY _ Saturday, October 30

CPO Club, Oak Knoll Hospital

SAVE THE DATE*

More details to follow.

FOR SALE

General Electric electric stove

High speed thrift cooker

3 burners

1 oven and broiler

3 storage drawers

Excellent condition \$50.00

1 - 411 Positraction \$85.00

(less than 2,000 miles,
will trade for 370 plus)

A.H. Corvette

1955 LeMans body

Silver Blue

Fuel injected - 301 cubic inch

Aluminum 4 speed - Chevy positraction

Completely rebuilt

----- Contact Gary Carlen 523-8260 -----

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1963 StingRay Coupe, fuel injection, 360 HP engine

Red with Black interior

4 speed - close ratio transmission

Positraction - 4.11 - 1 differential

Metallic brake linings; transistor ignition

Talbot exterior mirrors

Dual antenna; theft alarms

Only 19,170 miles - beautiful condition - new nylon white wall tires

Will consider trade-in.

---- Contact Johnny Zeh AN.1-1124

TE.4-5151, ext. 2266

3235 Brunell Drive, Oakland

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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MATTEROwner of Midget Auto: "I want a half-pint of gasoline and a teaspoon
of oil, please."

Service Station Attendant: "And shall I cough into the tires, sir?"

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A mother was worried about her daughter and took her to see the
doctor.

"Does she drink milk before she goes to sleep?" the doc asked.

"Yes," replied the mother.

"Well, that's the trouble right there," said the doctor. "If you
feed the child milk before bedtime, she goes to sleep and tosses from
side to side. The milk turns to cheese, cheese turns to butter,
butter turns to fat, fat turns to sugar, sugar turns to alcohol -- and
the first thing you know, the kid wakes up with a hangover!"

