



# Kaleidoscope

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## "SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

PRESIDENT  
KEN ALTMAN

FLASH--They call themselves 'Mr. & Mrs. Doug Newmaster' now!

VICE PRESIDENT  
GARY CARLEN

FLASH--O'Brien's RED FLASH is on the road! BEWARE!

SECRETARY  
LYNNE IRISH

FLASH--It looks like Roger Boaz will lose his title of 'Bad Luck Charlie' finally. He can now hand his crown to Poor Harold Doramus, for having the most trouble with his 'Vette for the month of June. Although he may have to share a piece of that crown with Poor Roger Kraus! Both of their engines blew on the way home from the last Auto X. But thanks to Jim Neighbor, Harold finally got his new tires!

TREASURER  
ROGER BOAZ

### DIRECTORS:

FLASH--There was an Elephant Race, postponed a week, but there were two that didn't get decorated-- NO TURN OUT! Not our fault though, just not enough advertising!

MEMBERSHIP  
RON TRETAN

FLASH--By now, I think everyone knows that former NCCA President, Red Faris, is in Eden Hospital with a cerebral hemorrhage. His condition is satisfactory but he's still in the intensive care unit and accepting no visitors. Our prayers and best wishes go with Red for a speedy recovery!

PUBLIC RELATIONS  
MILT PIVER

SOCIAL  
JACK IRASMITH

PUBLICATIONS  
VICKY ALTMAN

FLASH--June also finds another past NCCA President, Ray Altman, recovering from a dual eye operation in a Washington State hospital. Best wishes for a success, Ray, from your friends at NCCA! P. S. Hurry and get well Dad. Vic and I are bringing the 'Vette up in July, and you know what that means!

BOARD MEMBER  
AT LARGE  
MIKE IRISH

NCSCC  
REPRESENTATIVE  
JOHN ZEH

FLASH--Be sure to attend our July 2nd meeting at GMTC. It's a special NORTH-SOUTH and CONVENTION meeting. NO E-BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH. ALL BUSINESS HAS BEEN CLEARED UP!

BITS & PIECES CONTINUED--

YOUR PRESIDENT, AN AMERICAN

If you happen to notice that the Bit's & Piece's are a little short this month, it's because June was such a quiet month due to the cancellation of most events (autocrosses, elephant race, parties) in memory of Bobby Kennedy.

Because of the events surrounding his tragic death, I stopped to think just what it means to be an American. Some people have called our Country "a sick society" lately. I don't think this is true. Don't lose sight of the fact that in all 3 assassinations only 1 man was involved, certainly not a whole nation of 190 million people pulled that trigger.

I do feel that our young generation has so much to offer a country that has offered us so much. Where else on Earth could you use your free time as you do on weekends, with such an expensive plaything. Sure, you've worked for your 'Vette, but America's free enterprise system has given you the chance to earn that toy.

I think now is the time for us to take notice which steps our Country is taking, and to think not only of ourselves but be conscious of our fellow Americans. Over the years, the United States has performed many duties for the good of the world in general and not all of them have been pleasant tasks. All this was done by our people with cooperation among themselves. It's you, PROUD AMERICANS, that will make or break America. And as long as you participate in any capacity to help your country, then America will continue to prosper.

KEN ALTMAN

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OLD LEADFOOT SPEAKS:

Our 1968 Autocross season is about to begin! On August 11th, I'm sure NCCA will have another first with a new and tremendous Autocross site in the Oakland area. (Hush, hush! Top Secret) We are now awaiting confirmation on it.

I'm going to need alot of help on this one, and also a Co-Chairman to run the event. My vacation happens to fall on that date. I would like to also have volunteers for the following committees:

|              |                |          |
|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Registration | Pre-grid       | Timing   |
| Posting      | Course set-up  | Trailer  |
| Tech         | Course workers | Clean-up |

There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for members to designate where they would like to work. If you do not come to the next meeting and you want to work, contact me at home and I'll assign you to a committee. DON'T FORGET THAT TO WORK FOR AN NCCA AUTOCROSS ( NO WORKERS AWARDS THIS YEAR) IS TO WORK TOWARDS YOUR FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Let's see everyone at the July meeting to help plan for the Autocross and also to make arrangements for North-South and Portland. Also, I'm still ordering Team Shirts and if you want one, contact me. Most members have theirs by now and do they look sharp!

GARY CARLEN

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING JUNE 4, 1968

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by President Ken Altman.

The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER: Roger Boaz reported we have a balance in both accounts.

ACTIVITIES: Gary Carlen reported we have a very good autocross site, but he can't announce where just yet. There is a good possibility we can have the site exclusively 3 times a year. Gary announce there is an AX June 9th at McClellan AFB with class runs. There is another AX on June 16. There is another AX put on by Sacramento Corvette Owners on June 30th. Gary read the championship point standings and also told us that NCCA is 9th in team standing. Gary also reported shirts are now \$8.00.

SOCIAL: Jack Irasmith was not present so Ken announced the elephant races on Sat. June 8th. NCCA will paint and decorate an elephant. We will leave from Ken & Vicky's at 10:30 a.m. June 22nd, we are playing Pee Wee golf in Castro Valley and eating after at Roger Kraus' Frostie Freeze. The price is \$1.00 per person and if we have less than 10 it will cost \$1.50.

MEMBERSHIP: Ron Trethan brought in Dr. Lee.

PUBLICITY: Milt Piver is on a two week army cruise. Nothing to report.

PUBLICATIONS: June 22nd is the deadline for the K. Vicky asked that each officer write an article because Ron Trethan will be taking this issue to the National Convention in Detroit. Vicky also announce that when she put Ashley & Sue's wedding in the paper, that she put it in as a happening, and that we shouldn't all show up unless we are invited.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Ken asked John Zeh to check with Petit Prix about our Class A dash placques. Ron Trethan announced that June 11th is a strategy meeting at Me & Ed's Pizza Joint in Fremont to discuss swapping cars for the North-South event. Ron flew to Portland over the weekend and gave us a report on the Convention. Some of the changes are that the books are not out yet, so we are to fillout the application on the flyers we received. Ron read some of the class codes to be used at the Convention. A discussion followed. Ron said to take Interstate 5 straight thru to Portland. Also he said that July 13th is the deadline for getting your money in. After the 13th there is a \$5.00 late charge. Ron also told us about our rooms. He said they are small but nice. The rally will not be time and distance but more of a scenic rally. There will be 5 classes in the Concouse (including a custom class and allowing 2 changes per car. There will also be nominations for WSCC officers at the Convention meeting. Ken gave a report on the picnic we had. NCCA and the GM ballteam played a game of baseball and we won. The Camaro Club also showed up. Larry O'Brien told about our bowling social.

OLD BUSINESS: Ken said we have a letter from Wilson Young Insurance and we have to take inventory and list everything in the trailer so our insurance will cover it. Gary is taking orders for shirts. Ken asked if John Zeh or Jerry Haakenstad knew where we could get patches .

NEW BUSINESS: Ken announced we made a change in our membership application forms (he read them) and said the new forms are being made.

--MINUTES CONTINUED--

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joe Aboaf announced he finally got a first place trophy. He has tried for years in his 'Vette to get one, but it took his Mini Cooper to get him a first place.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
LYNNE IRISH, SECRETARY

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TREASURY NOTES:

While preparing my '66 roadster for the Convention, I found my typewriter out in the garage. I dusted it off--the car is still dusty--to tell a little about the history of my plastic toy.

On May 4, 1966, when the U.S. Army kindly rejected my involuntary application for employment, the examining physician asked me if I would jump off a bridge if the Army did not take me. I told him that I would not jump off any bridge, and I could hardly keep from telling him that I was going right down to buy a new Corvette. That afternoon, after test driving one with the big monster motor and sewer pipes out the side, I signed an order for a 327 convertible with two tops, air conditioning (it sure felt good in Las Vegas) and a four-speed transmission, quick ratio power steering, power disk brakes with dual master cylinders, 3.08 positraction, and a wireless. Two anxious months later, on June 24, 1966, I drove my new plastic monster home.

Now, a young bachelor, like myself, hopes that a Corvette will attract girls. Well, actually they do, indirectly. Since, like most new cars, they are so often in for repair under the warranty, one meets many nice girls on the bus; and that is how I met my wife, Florabelle. She is a left-handed, blue-eyed blond just like me. To celebrate the Corvette's birthday, we got married on June 24, 1967.  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY, FROM YOUR NCCA FRIENDS)

Aside from the excellent handling of the car, I like the good gasoline milage it delivers. I am now getting 17 to 18 m.p.g. in town and 20 to 21 m.p.g. on the road with the A/C on. If I ever drive within the speed limits I might expect 23 to 25 m.p.g.

Florabelle and I are looking forward to the W.S.C.C. Convention this year in Portland, Oregon. So much in fact, that we are going to Portland the week before the Convention starts to attend the Easy coder school so we can be right there when the Convention does start.

ROGER BOAZ

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UNCLE MILTIE SPEAKS:

Boy, those NCCA members who don't attend our socials have really been missing out on some fun!

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UNCLE MILTIE CONTINUED--

There were 24 people at the Pee Wee Golf Social that we had on June 22nd at the Golden Tee in Castro Valley. We met about 8:00 but we started gabbing and so we didn't start playing until about 9:00. Ye Ol' Editor made 3 holes in one in a row! And Roger Kraus pulled a Fred Flintstone and made a par 2 anthill with white rocks! Tammi played a better game than did Daddy Gary! And everyone wanted to smell my shaving lotion all night. It's called Scotch on the Rocks!

We all went to Roger Kraus' Frostie Freeze afterwards and ordered the biggest sundaes, shakes, hamburgers, and what-have-you. The top male golfer, Ron Trethan, had a 9 under par and earned himself a deluxe hamburger, tall Coke and a bag of fries on the club. The top female golfer was a guest named Myra (yikes, I didn't get her last name) and she ordered a gigantic sundae. The Boob Golfer turned out to be Myra's hubby, Wayne, and he too earned himself a sundae with a 72 score on a par 50 course! Oh well, one champ in the family is enough!

People attending were:

Milt and Gail Piver  
Ken and Vicky Altman  
Roger and Dee Kraus  
Ron and Maryann Gray  
Dr. Lee  
Rod Baker and Sue

Wayne and Myra  
Orvil and Marie Linder  
Don and Dolleen Holmes  
Ron and Sharon Trethan  
Hal and Jeanne Doramus  
Gary and Vera Carlen and Tammi

MILT RIVER

EDITOR'S NOTE: THANKS, MILTY, FOR PUTTING ON JUNE'S SOCIAL. WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME AND IT WAS REALLY WELL PLANNED!

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YES, NCCA MEMBERS! HERE IS THAT PICNIC YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

*Our Annual Fourth of July Picnic*

BUT, IT'S PRESERVATION ONLY. CALL KEN IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND!  
YOUR NAME MUST BE ON RECORD AT THE FRONT GATE TO ENTER.

TIME: AUGUST 3, 1968 FROM 10 A.M. TO 10 P.M. SATURDAY.

WHERE: STANDARD OIL'S ROD AND GUN CLUB

JEANNE DORAMUS HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NCCA MEMBERS AND THEIR DATES AND PROSPECTIVE NCCA MEMBERS ONLY TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL ( SORT OF ANYWAY ) FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC. A LIMIT OF 50 PEOPLE IS SET.

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD. CHARCOAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB.

SWIM IN ONE OF 3 POOLS! 1 ADULT SIZE, 1 CHILD'S POOL WITH 2-4FT OF WATER, 1 BABY POOL WITH 3 INCHES OF WATER!

BOATING IN THE LAGOON FOR ALL YOU MUSCLE MEN (OR WOMEN)!

BOWLING AND THE CHANCE TO IMPROVE THOSE SCORES BEFORE THE NEXT BOWLING SOCIAL!

RECREATION ROOM OFFERING BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, AND ANY OTHER SPORT YOU CAN THINK OF! (HA, HA!)

PLEASE, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!!



THE DIRTY OLD MAN SPEAKS:

PORTLAND!! OR BUST??

Well, Conventioneers, it's time to start making your packing list! The 3rd Annual W.S.C.C. Convention is drawing near! The schedule of events will start with Registration on Friday, July 19 at 9 a.m. For those of you who will arrive on Thursday, there will be an informal cocktail party that evening.

A few weeks ago, I was in Portland, Oregon to preview the Convention. The Sheraton Motor Inn is excellent. It has its own coffee shop, restaurant, cocktail lounge, Tiki Room, swimming pool and its location is superb. Across the street is Portland's largest shopping center. For those who ice skate, there is an outdoor rink. More stores than you can imagine. All of this is within a quarter of a mile of the Interstate Freeway.

The autocross site is Jantzen Speedway. It consists of a quarter mile track and connecting go-kart track. Across the parking lot is an amusement center complete with roller coaster.

The rally will take the drivers out of town on a 3 hour scenic tour of Oregon. There will be no time element involved, so picture taking is requested.

The Concour D'Elegance will be judged across the street from the Sheraton Motor Inn. This year there will be a custom class. Rules for this will be outlined in the Convention Booklet that is now being passed out to members.

Many questions are being asked and a frequent one is about babysitting. The Motor Inn itself does not have this service. But, Columbia Corvette Club is making preparations for those who will need the service. If you will drop Max McKibben in Portland, a note stating the number of children, ages, and other information of importance, I know he will arrange this service for you.

As it stands now, I have received convention cards from 16 W.S.C.C. clubs stating they will have 145 cars and 275 people attending the Convention. I believe this will be about one half of the attendance in Portland during the week of July 19, 20, and 21. So plan ahead for the best 3 days of Corvette chatter you have ever attended. If you have any questions at all that are still unanswered, give me a call. My wife and myself will be attending the National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the week before Portland, so we will have lots to talk about at Portland. Until then, look me up in the bar at the Convention.

RON TRETHAN

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,

DR. RICHARD C. LEE. DOC' IS A

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,

REAL ACTIVE MEMBER OF NCCA, EVEN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR RON T.....

THOUGH HE JUST JOINED! BY THE WAY,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

DOC' DRIVES THAT 1968 BLUE CORVETTE!

FROM NCCA

SOCIAL:

NO ARTICLE RECEIVED!

JACK IRASMITH

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THE BACK SEAT DRIVER:

A past president (1959) of NCCA, Red Faris, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage June 12, and is in the intensive care unit of Eden Hospital.

Red is currently an Area Governor of Sports Car Club of America. For information on Red's progress, contact the San Francisco Regional SCCA office. All NCCA members hope Red has a speedy recovery.

It looks like the prediction I made about a turbine triumph at this year's INDY 500 will have to wait until next year. At least a Ford powered car didn't win it! Heh, Heh!

Convention time is nearing. Less than a month from now Corvette people from all over the Western United States will be converging on Portland, Oregon, for what promises to be another smash WSCC Corvette Convention. Hats off to Max McKibben and his Convention helpers for the pre-planning and many hours of work in preparing for this year's Convention, as "Portland is the date for '68". Everyone, as am I, anxious to renew friendships of last year's Convention in Las Vegas, and to meet the "first-time" Corvette Conventioneers in Portland.

SEE YOU THERE!

MIKE IRISH  
BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

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THE LAST MINUTE RUSH:

THE SILVER STREAK FINALLY GOT A NEW PAINT JOB! LOOK FOR RON & SHARON T.'S BLUE 'VETTE ON THE CONCOURS FROM NOW ON. AT LEAST IT NOW LOOKS LIKE IT BELONGS THERE!

JIM WEIGNER'S BLUE 'VETTE HAS TAKEN ON A WHOLE NEW LOOK FOR NORTH-SOUTH. AT LEAST THAT WHAT JIM'S TELLING EVERYONE! APPARENTLY HE'S KEEPING IT UNDER COVER AND A BIG SECRET UNTIL THEN!

O'BRIEN'S BOMB SHOULD HAVE A WHOLE NEW LOOK BY THE PORTLAND CONVENTION. THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT THAT FAR, LARRY?

OF COURSE, THERE'S THE USUAL LITTLE TINKERING GOING ON AT THE RIVER'S, ALTMAN'S AND CARLEN'S, JUST TO NAME A FEW! BUT YOU SOUTHERN PEOPLE HAD BETTER WATCH THESE "QUIET" LITTLE CORVETTES. THEY GO.O.O.O.O!

AND DEEP FROM THE DEPTHS OF MIDNIGHT MIKE'S CAR COMES A WORD ON BUILDING A SET OF HEADERS; DON'T!

NO MOANS AND GROANS FROM NCCA WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHAT TIME YOU HAVE TO WORK THE NORTH'S EVENT ON SUNDAY, PLEASE! ASKS YOUR PRESIDENT. AND BE SURE TO BRING AND WEAR YOUR NCCA SHIRTS BOTH FOR N-S AND PORTLAND!

YOUR EDITOR SPEAKS!

" B E N C H D R I V I N G "

My first introduction to the sport of Autocrossing happened to be one of our Corvanna Series in Fremont in July 1967. My fondest memory of that event was my husband, Ken Altman, winning the Boob Driver's Trophy for DNFin'g all over the track! How on earth do you DNF on a course that you helped plan and set up just the day before?

Anyway, from that day on I became what is commonly known as a "Bench Driver". A true "Bench Driver" has certain rituals and duties she performs each Autocross. First, you neatly stuff 3 kids, 2 adults and all the baby equipment you'll need for the day, into the back of your Black Beauty Fastback! Then you head for the pre-designated Autocross site.

After registering and going through Tech., you spend the rest of the afternoon watching other Corvettes, Cobras and what-have-you going around parking lots, deserted air strips, etc. all the while keeping close track of the times of his competition, so that you can quote them when asked because by this time he's usually busy inside the engine making last minute repairs. Now is a good time to stuff his lunch into him while emptying the car of all non-essentials (there goes that stroller, bottles, diaper bag and kids).

Now the real "driving" begins! As your hubby prepares to go out on course you ask: Has he checked the gas tank? The tire pressure? Where's his helmet? Does the car 'feel right'? Then you make a mad dash over to the best viewing area where the rest of NCCA is usually gathered with their trusty stopwatches in hand.

Now, here is where your work really begins. You must catch his time, watch each pylon, and decide if he's 'leadfooting' it enough. Here is a good time to mention that in order to be a good "Bench Driver" you must learn all the Autocross terms so that you sound like you know more than you do.

As soon as he passes that checkered flag, you ask his time from one of the NCCA clockwatchers and then you run like crazy to where he's parking that Bomb! Now all that information you've been storing up can be put to use. He'll want to know his correct time and standing and how he looked on course.

If he's done well, then it's easy. Just look happy and thrilled, which of course, you are. But, if he somehow goofed, be sympathetic and agree with whatever mechanical failure or what have you, that caused his 'being off'. Remind him that everyone sooner or later hits pylons, DNF's and besides "it was a M I C K E Y MOUSE course anyway!".

Does all this sound like a lot of work for just a "hobby"? Oh well, that's what the Altman's joined NCCA for and we love it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Signed,  
A Dutiful Wife And Corvette Owner

VICKY ALTMAN

# JULY

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|  | 1  | 2<br>MEETING<br>GMTC<br>8:00 | 3  | 4<br>INDEPEN-<br>DENCE<br>DAY<br>SILVERADO AX | 5  | 6<br>NORTH<br>SOUTH<br>AUTOCROSS       |
| 7<br>NORTH<br>SOUTH<br>AUTOCROSS           | 8  | 9                            | 10 | 11  | 12   | 13<br>CONVENT-<br>ION<br>DEADLINE      |
| 14<br>TRIUMPH<br>TRAV. AX                  | 15 | 16                           | 17 | 18  | 19<br>20<br>PORTLAND<br>CONVENTION<br>AX--RALLY--PARTIES |  |
| 21<br>PORTLAND<br>CONTINUED<br>STOCKTON AX | 22 | 23                           | 24 | 25  | 26   | 27                                     |
| 28   | 29 | 30                           | 31 |   |  | AUGUST 3<br>SOCIAL<br>DON'T<br>FORGET! |

NCSCC CALENDAR AS OF JUNE 4, 1968. \*\*CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7/4 SILVERADO
- 7/14 TRIUMPH TRAV.
- 7/21 STOCKTON
- 8/4 HIGHLAND
- 8/11 NCCA
- 8/18 TEAM SPRINT \*\*
- 8/25 NOR-CAL-CHEVY
- 9/1 TEAM SPRINT
- 9/8 CONTINENTALS \*\*
- 9/15 MGO
- 9/22 SCAT
- 9/28 LOCKHEED \*\*
- 9/29 LOCKHEED \*\*
- 10/6 TRIUMPH TRAV.
- 10/13 NCCA
- 10/20 CAMINO CORVETTES \*\*
- 10/27 HIGHLAND
- 11/3 RED LINERS \*\*
- 11/10 NCCA
- 11/17 PETIT PRIX \*\*
- 12/1 MARIN G T

INTRODUCING...

