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Kaleidoscope - a device containing loose bits of colored glass (Corvettes) may be found in the Merriam Webster Pocket Dictionary between two other words that are not commonly used, but whose meaning might be referred to among Corvette owners. The first word "kale" means a type of cabbage with curled leaves, (orange peel?) and the second being "kamikaze" meaning a pilot whose sole mission is a suicidal dive upon a target (hitting pylons?).

The Northern California Corvette Association is going into its 10th year of May 7, 1966. This means that this organization has existed for 9 years. Those who formed the Association never realized the good they would do for the Corvette. Their aim was to ban together those owners of the first American Sports Car.

Through the years, the Association has performed many services for the good of the community and Sports Cars in general. All of these were done by the members with cooperation among themselves. It's you the members, that make an organization. And as long as you participate in any capacity, the Northern California Corvette Association will continue to prosper.

Ron Trethan

VEEP'S VOICE

Hello again, you wonderful people - I'm sitting here trying to think of what to say, and all I can think about is my Cocker Spaniel - Oh well, anyway, getting back to the business at hand - In case you have forgotten, we are having our 2nd Corvona of this year on May 8th. It's promising to be the best yet -- Gary Carlen has some terrific ideas for this event; so all of you who missed our last event, make it a must on your calendar on Sunday, May 8th.

By the way, I'd like all chairmen to submit the names of the people who worked at our last event, so they will be given credit towards the Worker Award at the end of the year. Also, give me a list of the people you know will be working for you on May 8th. Just for your information, there used to be from 25 to 45 people to work an event in past years. They did not feel they had to, but wanted to participate with a sportsmanship spirit, and they enjoyed it too. There were many people to rotate frequently enough so each person did not have to work for a long period of time. So please, members, let's all come out for this next event on May 8th and make it a smashing success.

The members of the "E" Board have unanimously passed the resolution that all members wishing to run, must do so either in the A.M., up to 10 o'clock to be exact. All members will be refused running from 10 A.M. until after the event is over and the trophies are presented. Only then will the members be allowed to run. All members will be eligible for trophies regardless when they run. Of course, whoever runs, must also be able to help their fellow members during the day. The reason for all this is

that the only "gripe" that was heard at our last event was that the paying non-members were in line waiting for our members to run -- Bad Show. Well, we'll try it this way and see what happens.

I'll cut it short, with the Points Standing of the Championship Autocross Series:

<u>CLASS A</u>		<u>POINTS</u>
2	J. Frost	25
4	M. Bellanti	16
5	G. Miller	13
7	J. Rotary	5
8	D. Silveira	3
10	H. Scatena	2

<u>CLASS B</u>		
1.	R. Trothan	33
2	R. Christensen	32
3	I. Tsirlis	31
4	N. Viscusi	18
5	L. O'Brien	9
6	E. Elia	6

<u>CLASS C</u>		
1	M. McBee	32
2	W. Mooneyham	20
6	F. Taylor	5

<u>CLASS L</u>		
2	S. Kuszak	24
3	J. Mooneyham	20
4	V. Carlen	18
4	S. O'Brien	18

<u>OVERALL</u>		
2	W. Mooneyham	20
3	M. Tsirlis	16
6	J. Frost	11
13	G. Miller	3

See you at the Autocross,

Mike Tsirlis

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President, Ron Trethan on March 15 at Dailey Chevrolet in San Leandro. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The guests were introduced by Membership Chairman, Bud DeCastro. Bud reminded the club that membership dues are next-due.

The E Board recommendation that the club spend a maximum of \$5.00 for club members' trophies at our own events was made into a motion. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer, Mike Irish, reported the balance on hand. Social Chairman, Nick Viscusi, reminded the club of the dinner at Franchini's Chateau in San Rafael on March 19.

Ron announced that the calling cards have arrived and members can pick them up. He also reminded the club of the Kiss San Leandro Contest to be held on Saturday, April 16, which the NCCA has been asked to participate in.

Larry O'Brien announced that money for the club jackets is over-due. There are still more members who have not paid.

Ron read a letter from SCCA which informed us we have a new insurance policy with Iloyds of London. Jerry Vercelli read a letter from Bud Wingate in San Diego informing us of a newly formed Western States Corvette Council, and suggested that NCCA consider joining it. This was open for discussion. Jerry then made a motion that we join that Council at a fee of \$10.00. Motion was seconded and carried. Jerry also made a motion that the E Board discuss joining the National Council of Corvette Clubs and decide on a recommendation to bring before the club. Motion seconded and carried.

Member, Wayne Mooneyham, reminded the club of the SCAT practice session to be held at Pleasanton on April 2 which is a Saturday.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President, Ron Trethan, at the General Motors Training Center in San Leandro on April 5, 1966. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. The guests were introduced by Membership Chairman, Bud DeCastro.

Treasurer, Mike Irish reported the balance on hand as of April 1, 1966. Publications Director, Pat Vercelli, handed out the Kaleidoscope to members in good standing. She then asked members for more articles for the paper.

Activities Chairman, Mike Tsirlis, reported on NCCA members who had trophied at various autocrosses in the weeks previous. Ron then reported on NCCA members who ran the SCCA Race at Camp Stoneman on April 3.

Social Chairman, Nick Viscusi, reported on the dinner held at Franchini's Chateau on March 19. He explained how disappointed he was at the poor attendance at the social. He also reminded the club of the Crab Feed to be held at Chef Cardini's in Glen Ellen on April 16.

Ron reminded the NCCA that club jacket money is way past

MINUTES CONTINUED

due. Please turn it into Samantha O'Brien as soon as possible. He also reminded the club of the Miss San Leandro Parade to be held April 16 in which the NCCA has been asked to furnish convertibles. Drivers are to meet at Bancroft Junior High, San Leandro at 9:00 Saturday morning.

He also announced that our next meeting would be held at East Bay Chevrolet in Albany. There being no further business nor discussion, the meeting was adjourned to the Straw Hat for movies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary

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SQUIRING AROUND

Congratulations to our Publications Director for a fine job of "conning" me into writing this article.

We left Bancroft Junior High at approximately 10:30 AM, April 16th, with the contestants for the Queen of San Leandro, on a winding tour of the businesses which sponsored each of the girls. At around 11:30 we stopped at the Manor Bowling Alley for a 20 minute break, and then back on the road. We ended up back where we started around 1 1/2 hours later.

I think everyone had a good time, especially the drivers who with their waving, smiling, blowing horns, etc., etc., looked like they were running also.

Ron Trethan had a list of about 30 roadsters and 16 showed. The exact number we needed. That's cutting it close.

That about wraps it up, except for a few warnings to those of you who may go on one of these in the future --- Ask the

SQUIRING AROUND CONTINUED

girl to remove her spike heels before she steps on your seat, not to set her purse (which resembles a porcupine) on your car and then drag it the full length of your hood when she picks it up before she gets it air-born.

All in all, the Parade for the girls running for Queen of San Leandro couldn't have turned out better. Lot's of sun, pretty girls, free gas and beer.

Travis

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Here are the Team Standings for the NCSSC 1966 (Championship Autocross Series:

1. Team Sprint #1	135
2. SCAT #1	130
3. Twin Valley #1	130
4. Sports & Imports #1	127
5. NCCA #2	124
6. Team Sprint #2	116
7. NCCA #3	105
8. NCCA #1	73
9. Nor-Cal-Vair	71
10. Lockheed #1	56
11. NCCA #4	45
12. Continentals #1	39
13. Camino Corvettes #1	35
14. Team Sprint #3	32
15. Sports & Imports #2	28
16. Ecurie Awol	11
17. Empire Sea	2

GO TEAMS GO.. GO.. GO.....

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WANTED WANTED WANTED

We need mor articles for our Kaleidoscope: Almost anything will be accepted.

- Autocross Tidbits
- Socials
- Races
- Notes about Members
- Technical Information
- Reviews of Other Publications
- Advertisements

EDITORIAL:

In looking over our membership application this last month, there are a few items worth quoting, items which many of us "old" members may have forgotten. At least they are worthy of a second look.

EXERPTS FROM NCCA BY-LAWS
ARTICLE 2, SECTION A
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

- A. To encourage interest in the ownership of Corvette automobiles.
- B. To promote favorable relationships with the general public.
- C. To exchange ideas, general information and technical data relative to Corvettes and Corvette owners.
- D. To actively support sports car competitions in their various forms.
- E. To cultivate safe driving habits and stimulate the pride of ownership among Corvette owners.
- F. To secure the latest technical information, etc. from the factory and related sources.

"I have read and understand the above statements and do hereby pledge to actively support and participate in all Northern California Corvette Association events, competitive, and social, to the best of my ability and the time that I have available. I will comply with the by-laws of the Association."

Applicant's Signature

As you remember in our last issue, we were quoting part of the article in Competition Press, February 5, 1966. Here are the remaining paragraphs:

In Defense of Detroit and Honorless 'Vettes, by Eric Felkie

..... Jaguar, Magnificent car. Exciting. Excellent handling, all things considered, But again, woefully wanting in power by comparison to the Corvette and, at some \$6,500 to \$7,00 the copy, no bargain.

Ferrari. What's to say about this gorgeous beast after which most of us have lusted? But at something like \$15,000 each, it's a bit more than we can squeeze out of the household budget. And despite the frenetic shriek of those 12 lovely cylinders, it doesn't have quite the power that Corvette has.

Turning the comparison the other way, how does Corvette stack up against this formidable competition?

Right well. Superior in power to all of them. A really well thought-out independent suspension that does what it's supposed to do. A set of disc brakes that'll rattle your teeth in a panic stop, and do it over and over again. More comfort than any two-seater I can think of offhand. Parts you can get down at Max's Motors in East Podunk, or anyway easier to come by than trying to deal with, say, Luigi Chinetti. A price well below any of the comparable European jobs. And Excitement? Just turn this baby on.

? ? ? Who got a ticket on the freeway for having a Corvette too to the ground, with H.D. suspension, American Mags, and Goodyear Stock Car Special tires ? ? ? ? ?

AS SEEN BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN

By now we have seen or heard what has happened to Harvey Scatena's big 427 at Pleasanton. We are all sorry for this mishap and are all looking forward to the return of this car as once again a big contender in Class A.

Two hens were talking in the hen house. The first one says, "I laid 5 dozen eggs today and got 50¢ a dozen." The second hen said, "That's nothing, I laid 5 dozen eggs today and got 55¢ a dozen." The first hen said, "I'm not jealous, I'll be darned if I'll break by you-know-what for an extra nickel."

Our Teams stand as such:

- Team 1 8th
- Team 2 5th
- Team 3 7th
- Team 4 11th

Keep up the good job of driving gang 'cause we'll make it to the top yet.

By the way, I was picked up on the freeway by a CHP for being too low. It was measured from the bottom of the rim to the ground, then from the lowest point which he said was the oil pan. So I had it signed off by another CHP because he said that it was legal. The reason is due to the fact that a freeway shoulder is not flat, causing an incorrect measurement. But I still have to appear in court in Walnut Creek to see just what the outcome will be.

Dave Silveira
Team Captain

? ? Who participated in a Championship autocross and ran for points, but signed up in the wrong class ? ? ? ? ?

SOCIAL NOTES

May 14, 1966: Dinner Social at The Jolly Roger, Hayward. Be sure to get your reservations to Nick Viscusi in time for this Fun evening.

Jim Prather has announced the following movies:

- May 3, A Revolution at Indie.
- May 17, Shell Film: The Story of Motor Racing from 1900 Era to 1914.
- June 7, Challenge, The Story of the 1963 Indianapolis Race
- June 21, Shell Film: The Golden Age, Racing Events of the 1920's.

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CALENDAR DATES

- May 3 Meeting GMTC - 8PM
- 8 Nurburgring Corvanna, Pleasanton
- 14 Dinner, Jolly Roger, Hayward
- 15 Autocross - Twin Valley SCC Pleasanton
- 17 Meeting, GE Dailey, Livermore 8 PM
- 22 Autocross
- 29 Autocross

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CARAVAN

There will be a caravan to the 2nd meeting on May 17th to GE Dailey in Livermore. The caravan will leave Max Gumm's Signal Station, Castro Valley & Central Ave. Castro Valley at 7 PM. If you are unable to meet at 7 PM, then proceed to Livermore at 1814 - 1st St.

? ? ? Who drove in the Miss San Leandro Parade and had to adjust his rear view mirror because he was being distracted ? ? ? ? ?