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In August, we voted to Co-Host the Western States Corvette Council Convention in Las Vegas. At the September meeting of the W.S.C.C. in Los Angeles, the votes were tallied from the 25 Member Clubs and Las Vegas was the winner.

This means that the Northern California Corvette Association and Camino Corvettes will have the honor of hosting the Convention in Las Vegas during May 1967. Already I have met with representatives from Camino Corvettes and have started laying the groundwork.

The convention dates will possibly be from Friday, May 26 to Tuesday, May 30. As for the activities, there are plans for tours, concour, rally, autocross, and watching of the closed circuit Indy 500. Also on a package deal will be meals and lodging in one of the fabulous hotels.

More information will be in the next Kaleidoscope as well as future meetings.

I hope many of our members plan to attend this Convention and assist in its success.

RON TRETHAN

MINUTES:

JUNE 1966

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 June 7, 1966. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Membership Chairman, Bud De-Castro introduced the guests. Treasurer Mike Irish reported the balance on hand.

Social Chairman, Nick Viscussi Announced that the next dinner Social is to be held on June 18th at "La Morena" in Oakland. He also announced that he has a wine tour scheduled for October 2 at Christian Brothers Winery.

Activities Chairman, Mike Tsirlis congratulated Vera and Gary Carlen on the Birth of their daughter. Mike reminded the club of NCCA having Tech inspection at the North-South Week-End, July 4. He also reminded the club of our next Autocross, July 17. More information at a later date.

Council Representative, Larry O'Brien discussed tires and fender wells with the club. He asked for club member opinions on such, and for members to put their ideas and opinions on paper and mail to him.

Membership Chairman, Bud De-Castro brought the following members into the club:

- Tim & Gay Javelos
- Deadrea & Roger Kraus
- Jim Dilks

Roger & Janet Longfellow

Jerry Vercelli then reported on the Stockton National Road Races. Fred Taylor reported on Autocrossing in Tennessee.

Ron announced that MG Owners had declined our proposal for a co-sanctioned event with NCCA on July 31. Jerry Vercelli made the motion that the decision of the sight and date of such co-sanctioned event go before the "E" Board. Seconded and Carried.

There being nor further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary

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MINUTES:

JULY 1966

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by Vice President Mike Tsirlis, on July 5 at the General Motors Training Center in San Leandro. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Mike Irish reported the balance on hand. Social Chairman Nick Viscusi announced that the dinner to have been held on June 18 at "La Morena" in Oakland has been rescheduled for July 23 at the same location. He also reminded the club of the winery tour to be held on October 2 at Christian Brothers Winery, and announced that the reunion dinner is to be held on August 20 at the Concord Inn in Concord. Reservations for that dinner are to be in to him by August 15. We then discussed the menu. He has also made plans for the Christmas dinner to be held at Chef Cardini's in Sonoma.

The guests were introduced. Publications Director Pat Vercelli reminded the club that the Kalei-doscope is only as good as the members make it so turn in your articles over to her as soon as possible.

Activities Chairman Mike Tsirlis gave the results of club members at the Southland Autocross. He then reported on the North-South Events... He also reminded the club of our Corvanna to be held July 17 at the Vernalis

MINUTES: Continued

Airport near Tracy. Workers for Saturday, July 16 will meet at Max Gumm's station in Castro Valley at 9:00 that morning. Hal Doramus then gave his Publicity report.

Council Representative Larry O'Brien announced the proposed changes in next year's NCSCC Auto-cross Code. He also told of the Porsche Club of America's motion at the Council Meeting to disban the Council. That motion was tabled. Gary Carlen made the motion that Larry O'Brien have the club's approval to vote in favor of splitting the council if the decision ever arises at a council meeting. Seconded and carried.

Jerry Vercolli discussed NCCA working the SCCA road races to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10. He asked the club for approximately how many workers could be expected to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary

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MINUTES: JULY 19, 1966

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by Vice President, Mike Tsirlis, at Dahl Chevrolet in Oakland, California. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Membership Chairman, Bud DeCastro, introduced the guests. Treasurer, Mike Irish, reported the balance on hand. He then gave a brief financial run-down on the Corvanna held at Vernalis Airport. Bud DeCastro then asked the club to notify him of any change of address or telephone number.

Publicity Cahirman, Hal Doramus, gave the publicity report. Gary Carlen discussed the Corvanna and workers.

LaVerne gave a report on the Corvette Convention held in Denver the week of July 8. NCCA was one of the many clubs represented. Mike Tsirlis then discussed the coming closed event, and asked for chairmen of the various committees. Gary Carlen made the motion that the closed event be changed to a practice session on July 31 at Pleasanton. Seconded and carried. We then had a lengthy discussion on the above motion.

Mike Irish made the motion that we charge \$2.00 a driver at the practice session. Seconded and carried. Deadrea Kraus made the motion that the event start at 7:00 and close at 1:00 because of the event scheduled the same day at Fremont. Motion declined. She then rephrased the motion to the effect that we start at 8:00 and close at 2:00. Seconded and carried. We then had more discussion on the practice session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary

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MINUTES: AUGUST 9, 1966

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. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Membership Chairman, Bud DeCastro, introduced the guests.

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There was no Treasurer's report as Mike Irish was absent.

Ron explained that the "E" Board changed the practice session to a closed event because the majority of the membership had been informed that it was to be a closed event. Lynn Irish reminded the club of the reunion dinner to held on August 20 at the Concord Inn in Concord.

Ron then reported on the NCSCC Council meeting which he attended. Activities Chairman, Mike Tsirlis, announced our club members who placed at the Autocross at Stockton during "Captain Weber Days," and that NCCA won the club participation trophy for that event. He reminded the club that we have to have two more events to make up the Corvanna Series. Ron Trethan then read the results of the closed event.

Membership Chairman, Bud De-Castro, then brought Bob Wessman and Zeke Kessler in as new members. Ron also reminded the club of the Sports Car Olympics to be held at Squaw Valley on Labor Day Week-end.

Member, Ron Christensen, made the motion that the club buy beer at the "Straw Hat" after our next meeting. This is because at our Corvanna in Vernalis Airport, no beer was furnished by the club. Motion seconded and carried.

We then had a discussion on the next Corvette Convention and where it is to be held. Jim Prather made the motion that for 1967, NCCA co-sponsor this convention with Camino Corvettes in Las Vegas. Seconded and carried.

Ron then discussed having one of our remaining Corvannas at Altamont Speedway. The club then gave it's opinions.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned, after which we had an interesting demonstration from two representatives from "Kling" oil.

Respectfully submitted

Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary

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MINUTES: AUGUST, 1966

A regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order by President, Ron Trethan, at McCullough Chevrolet in Hayward on August 16, 1966. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Membership Chairman, Bud DeCastro introduced the guests. Treasurer, Mike Irish, reported the balance on hand.

Social Chairman, Nick Vis-cusi, reported on the dinner held at "La Morena" in Oakland on July 23. There were 38 present and a good time was had by all. Nick thanked the club for supporting that social. He also reminded the club of the winery tour to be held on October 2 at Christian Brothers Winery near St. Helena. We will meet at 11:00 sharp.

Activities Chairman, Mike Tsirlis, read the club the results of the Bart Martin Memorial Autocross held at Pleasanton, and NCCA was again well represented.

Ron announced that Lynn Irish is again back in the hospital and would appreciate a card. Mike Tsirlis made the motion that we send flowers to her. Seconded and carried.

Ron also reminded the club that at our next meeting at General Motors Training Center in San Leandro, a nominating committee will be chosen to nominate candidates for officers for next year. Please be present. We then had another successful raffle.

MINUTES: Continued

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Taylor
Recording Secretary.

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CHANGES IN ADDRESSES:

Bob & Donna Kerr
24001 Myrtle St.
Hayward, Calif.

Roger & Dee Dee Kraus
7893 Bristol Place
Dublin, California

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following people have applied for membership:

Richard Garner
18492 Lake Chabot Road
Castro Valley, California
581-4496
'58 Vette

Dennis Merrill
281 Haas Ave.
San Leandro, California
632-3635
'65 Vette

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"Call me Tex," drawled one cowboy to another.
"You're from Texas, too, eh?"
"Nope, I'm from Maryland, but who wants to be called Mary?"

An elephant is a mouse built to government specifications.

VEEP'S VOICE:

Hi again. Hope a lot of you are going to make it to the Sports Car Olympics this year. Patti and I are finally going for the first time. All the NCCA members that went last year really had a great time. It even promises to be better this year. With over 300 trophies being given away, the odds are you'll probably bring home some hardware that weekend.

Our closed event and practice session went off quite smoothly. A lot more of the members pitched in and worked this time. I hope this is an example of our last two Corvanas coming up.

In case you haven't heard already, Mike McBee Jr. will be making an appearance this spring. Mike Sr. is doing so well in Class C this year, he'll have a lot of driving tips to pass on to his son or daughter by then.

Speaking of sons, I asked mine the other day what he had done that day. He said, "I went racing at the playground, Daddy." I then asked him "What kind of car did you drive, Johnny?" expecting the obvious answer. He turned to me and very slyly answered "a Cobra, it's a very fast car, you know."

"Yes, son, I've had my share of snake bites."

See you next month,

MIKE TSIRLIS

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Drive-in banks were established so that cars can see their real owners.

One must be a speed reader these days if he expects to get the right exit off the freeway.

For Immediate Release

Monterey, Calif., Sept. 30 - Ste Jovite, Bridgehampton and Moss-post are history. The future belongs to the Monterey Grand Prix at Laguna Seca the weekend of October 14-16, when the greatest assemblage of sports cars and drivers in the history of the world famous Monterey road course compete for \$53,000 in prize money.

The Monterey Grand Prix, this year one of the six events of the new Canadian-American Challenge Cup Series, is sponsored for charity by the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula (Scramp) with the cooperation of the San Francisco Examiner.

With total prize money for the six series at about \$355,00. this is the richest series ever run for sports-racing cars. The Johnson Wax Company has posted a \$55,00. series purse to be split among the ten drivers with the most points at the end of the series. Of this amount, \$19,250. will go to the driver with the most points.

Current point standings are:

Mark Donohue	11
Bruce McLaren	10
Chris Amon	10
John Surtees	9
Dan Gurney	9
Phil Hill	9
Chuck Parsons	6
Earl Jones	3
John Cannon	3
George Follmer	2
Paul Hawkins	2
Eppie Weitzes	1

The Monterey Grand Prix will be a crucial race as point standings are so close. Both cars and drivers will be pushing hard to increase points and their positions before the last two races at Riverside and Las Vegas.

This series for sports-racing Group 7 cars has attracted worldwide attention as it is placing

the finest drivers from Europe and America together in competition in comparable sports-racing cars.

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In Italy a miniature statue of St. Christopher, magnetized so that it adheres to the dashboard, has become a bestseller. It's a talking statue, too. When the speedometer goes past 70, the voice of St. Christopher is heard to say, "Okay, old boy, from here on in, your're on your own."

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When you see a married couple out for a walk, the partner who is three steps ahead is the one who's angry.

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A patient raced into a psychiatrist's office. "I'm having these terrible nightmares," he explained. "Can you possibly help me?"

"Please," said the psychiatrist, motioning the patient to the couch, "describe your nightmare."

"Every night," the patient disclosed, "I dream that I'm shipwrecked on this South Sea island with three beautiful blondes, three sexy redheads and three tempestuous brunettes."

"And you call that a nightmare?" the psychiatrist exclaimed.

"You don't get it," the patient sighed. "In this dream I'm always a girl."

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