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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first thing I would like to bring to your attention are the following NCCA dates.

- MARCH 7th Regular Meeting at General Motors Training Center in San Leandro at 8: P.M.
- MARCH 11th NCCA MOVIE SOCIAL "GRAND PRIX" (details in Kaleidoscope)
- March 21st Regular Meeting at East Bay Chevrolet 1061 San Pablo Avenue, Albany at 8:00 P.M.

Be sure to attend the above meetings as the NCCA Corvana Series Plans will be decided and again NCCA has been asked to Drive in the Miss San Leandro Pageant. Parade (details at the March 7th meeting.)

I want to thank the NCCA Members that attended the Western States Corvette Council Pre-Convention weekend February 11th & 12th. Both Autocrosses (Saturday & Sunday) were run by the NCCA Members in attendance with support from some members of the other Corvette Clubs that attended. The participants from Southern Calif. really enjoyed our type of Autocrossing. Many of them expressed a keen interest in attending another "Corvette Weekend" later this year. (maybe we could work this in with our closed event.)

NCCA was asked on short notice to help with the Annual Easter Seal Coin Canister Distribution this Saturday, March 4th. Those of you that are interested in helping NCCA support a worthy cause, give me a call (536-0175) for the details. When the club has done this in the past we have received some good local publicity.

(Now how about a little food for thought)

I would like to see each and every NCCA Member bring at least one Corvette Owner to the coming meetings. This method, if everyone takes part, could double the size of NCCA.

Be sure and read your Kaleidoscope and you won't miss any of the action.

Michael D. Irish

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 1967 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association was called to order at 8:15, February 7, 1967, by President Mike Irish.

Membership Director, Bob Kerr, introduced the guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer, Mike McBee reported the balance on hand.

Nick Viscusi, Activities Chairman, read the results of the Feb. 5th auto-cross by Tyred Wheels and gave dates of up--coming events. He also announced final standings for N.C.C.A. members in the 1966 Championship Series.

Nick reported that the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum parking area would not be available to N.C.C.A. Reason given by the Board of Directors was that the schedule was full. This leaves N,C.C.A. with two sites available for the coming year-- Vernallis and Fremont.

Both auto crosses for the Western States Corvette Council Pre-Convention meet will be put on by NCCA. Nick reminded the membership that this event was to be at Vernallis Feb. 11th & 12th and asked for a good supply of workers.

Nick also reminded members wishing to have sweatshirts ready for the convention to get them to him as soon as possible.

Ron Trethan, Social Director, announced plans for the club to see Grand Prix March 11th. He also reminded members of the S.C.C.A. convention at the San Francisco Hilton February 25th & 26th.

Membership Director, Bob Kerr, brought in a new member, Bill Holden.

Roger Kraus, Publicity, said notices

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Roger Kraus, Publicity, said notices regarding the pre-convention meet had been sent to the newspapers.

There was no old business.

Under new business Nick Viscusi made a motion that we bill the Western States Corvette Council \$0.25 per entrant to cover cost of our insurance to be used Saturday and Sunday, February 11th & 12th at the Pre-Convention meet at Vernallis. The motion was seconded and approved.

The question was raised as to who will pay for the ambulance and expense for towing the trailer to Vernallis. It was decided that Western States Corvette Council should be charged with these expenses.

Several members made announcements and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Samantha O'Brien
Recording Secretary

For those of you that weren't at our last meeting, the Deadline for having your sheatshirts painted is April 22. The Cost is \$2.50.

After April 22nd, the cost will be \$3.50.

So get them to Nick as soon as possible.

The Deadline for your Articiles for the March Kaleidoscope is March the 17th.

Articiles from the membership, of things to sell, to buy or anything else you wish to talk about would be appreciated.

MINUTES: FROM THE JANUARY 17th MEETING

President Mike Irish called to order the regular meeting of the Northern California Corvette Association on January 17, 1967 at Dahl Chevrolet in Oakland, California.

In the absence of Bob Kerr our out-going Membership Director Bud DeCastro introduced the guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

As Mike McBee was not present, Mike Irish gave the Treasurers report .

Activities Chairman Nick Viscusi gave a brief run down on the Western States Corvette Council Pre-Convention Meet to be held at Modesto and Vernallis February 11th & 12th. He also asked for volunteers to work the auto-crosses both days with Camino Corvettes.

Nick then gave some of the details for the Western States Corvette Council Convention in Las Vegas May 19th, 20th, and 21st. Including the wish of some to drive to the convention in a Caravan, leaving late on the 18th or early on the 19th after a Spaghetti feed at the Irish's.

The question was raised as to weather we were going to use N.C.S.C.C. classes for the 1967 season or our own classes. It was decided this matter could be handled at a later meeting.

Nick announced that Richard Raines would do Tee-Shirts or Sweatshirts for interested N.C.C.A. members at a special price of \$2.50.

Social Director Ron Trethan told the members of possible socials for 1967 and asked for suggestions. He also announced there would be a dinner meeting with Camino Corvettes sometime between the Western States Corvette Council Pre-Convention Meet and the Convention to discuss final plans.

MINUTES CONTINUED:

Lynne Irish, Publications Director, announced there would be a Kaleidoscope this month and asked for articles. Deadline for articles will be January 19th.

Under old business, Ron Trethan told members the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum parking area would not be available until July. The matter of N.C.C.A. using this area still has to be discussed by the Coliseum Board of Directors before approval is given. Ron said they appear interested but may hesitate as opening the area to one club would mean opening the area to all interested parties.

Under New Business, Jerry Vercelli told members of a possible Donner Summit Hill Climb in July. This would be run by San Francisco Region of S.C.C.A.

Several members made announcements and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 for movies.

Samantha O'Brien
Recording Secretary

SOCIAL DIRECTOR--- RON TRETHAN

Hello there, fun seekers. Its time again to talk about our social activities for the coming month.

First off, we have the movie called "GRAND PRIX". We have scheduled the social on March 11. The price is \$3.75 per seat. This includes seat belts and helmets. Elsewhere in the Kaleidoscope is a flyer on the movie. We are limited to 40 members and friends since there are a limited amount of helmets. I will take the first 40 who mail or hand me money in check or cash form. No phone calls please. More information will be passed out at the March 7th meeting to the 40 who have paid. Make checks payable to N.C.C.A.

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At the March 7th meeting we will have two movies. These will include a Stock Car Movie and Mexican Pam-Am Race.

So friends, until we meet, remember the winning combination is "7-11". That is "meeting -movie".

RON TRETHAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike and Fran McBee became the proud parents of a baby girl.

WHEN: FEBRUARY 26th.

TIME: 1:40 P.M.

WEIGHT: 8lbs 4Ozs.

WHERE: GOOD SMARITAN HOSPITAL
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

Congratulations to the McBees.

FOR SALE:

'65 Fastback Stingray Corvette
Nausa Blue
Matching Interior
365 HP
4 SP Positraction
3:08 Rearend
Air Conditioning

\$800.00 down and take over
payments of 97.00 per month.
Contact Bob Kerr 582-5229.

FOR SALE:

4 American 8½ mags for disc brakes
Lug nuts, wheel set of locks
3 bar knock-offs
Set of bumpers for Stingray.

Contact Dave Silveira 483-2019

Congratulations to Fred O. Wetton, Past President of N.C.C.A. (1961).

He was appointed January 2, 1967 as assistant manager in the Classified Advertising section of the Oakland Tribune.

Also to Charles Haine goes our congratulations.

Charles became the General Manager of Capwell's effective Tuesday January 31.

Charles is also a past member of N.C.C.A.

Good luck to you both in your new positions.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

And to the editor comes a very nice letter from Marietta, Georgia.

Dear Gang,

Sorry I haven't written sooner, but we've really been busy since we arrived. How is everything in the bay area? We arrived about a week ago, and are just about to get all settled. We rented a house here in Marietta, about 12 miles from Atlanta. Its a real "Southern" plantation, big and roomy and we even have a fireplace. We could really have a swinging party here!!!

Bob started working last Thursday, he is a salesman for an educational book firm. He seems to like it a lot. My job starts tomorrow. I'll be a supervisor for a cigarette vending company in Atlanta. Its a better position than I'd hoped to start with. So everything is working out pretty good for us so far. Of course we miss seeing everyone.

We met the President of the Atlanta Corvette Club last week. He stopped us when he saw the NCCA plaque

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on the "Vette". Seems like they have only been formed about 4 months, so he wants us to join and help them organize some of their activities. They have never heard of autocrossing, but they do have gymkanas now and then. They're similar but on a real small scale. We're supposed to meet with a few members this week. They don't have their by-laws yet, so they want to use NCCA'S as a guide, Hope this will be o.k. Also, they are very interested in the place plaques we have on the car. They have never seen them before, so they might want to know how to order some from out there later. Anything you can send me that might help us get them started will be appreciated. Especially some of the old articles concerning "How to Auto Cross. And ask Gary or Ron if they can send us any old plans for courses, they'd be a big help.

Be sure and let us know all the details about Las Vegas, as we are still planning on coming, if its at all possible. The members around here seem to be fairly rich so maybe we can stir up some interest about a group attending the Convention. Nick if this will be permissable even though they're in a different section than WSCC takes in. They already have 106 members so I'm sure we could talk some of them in to going. Let me know if this is O.K.

Well I guess I had better sign off for tonight. Bob says "hi" to.

Hope to see everyone in May. Also please send us anything you can to get this local club started.

See ya,
Your friends,

Jim Prather and Bob Westman

Our new address is:
P.O. BOX 68
MARIETTA, GEORGIA
PHONE 428-8445

Thanks for the letter fellows, we really appreciated hearing from you. Keep us posted on the happenings back there.

EDITORIAL: From MOTORLAND
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1967

TIRES HAVE A TOUGH JOB IN WET WEATHER NASA STUDIES ON HYDROPLANING DANGERS OF DRIVING ON WATER COVERED PAVEMENT

Recent tests by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the performance of aircraft tires on wet runways have resulted in some very interesting data that can be applied to the field of automotive safety.

NASA tests at Langley Research Center in Virginia clearly established that water-covered or flooded pavement can seriously diminish the traction between tires and runway, and consequently hamper steering and braking capabilities of the aircraft. Under certain conditions the tires actually rise off the pavement and ride on the top of the fluid, just as water skiers and hydrofoils skim the surface. This condition is known as hydroplaning, and it presents a serious hazard in the safe landing of aircraft.

Automobiles can also hydroplane, with equally serious losses of control. Most of the NASA research can be applied to cars and highways, and it has provided a very clear picture of the causes and effects of this important phenomenon that is just now being completely understood.

Hydroplaning usually occurs when water or icy slush covers the pavement to a depth of 1/10 inch or more. In partial hydroplaning, part of the tire rides on the film of water and part stays in contact with the pavement. This results in a partial loss of steering and braking capability.

Total hydroplaning occurs when the tires lift completely off the pavement and are supported by the fluid alone. In this dangerous situation, tires begin to skid rather than roll even when moving in a straight line, and there is a drastic loss of control.

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Effective bracking is impossible, and an airplane or car will skid and swerve under slight external side pressures.

According to the NASA data, four factors affect hydroplaning:

1. Tire Inflation. In general, the higher the tire pressure, the less the chance of total hydroplaning. Higher pressures help the tires to maintain road contact and also reduces the hydrodynamic forces that build up between tire and pavement and causes the lifting action.

NASA has been able to develop a formula that accurately predicts the hydroplaning speed of aircraft tires on the basis of tire pressure alone. When applied to automobile tires, this formula indicates that total hydroplaning can occur at about 56 miles per hour when tires are inflated to 30 pounds per square inch (psi). However, if the pressure is only 24 psi, hydroplaning can occur at 50 miles per hour. At 18 psi hydroplaning speed falls to only 44 MPH. These figures apply to smooth tires or for any condition when fluid depth on the roadway exceeds the depth of the grooves in the tire tread.

One of NASA's unexpected findings was that weight of the vehicle or its load have very little importance in hydroplaning. Tire inflation and vehicle speed are much more critical.

2. Tire Tread: Bald tires and those with minimum tread tend to hydroplane very easily, even in shallow fluids. The deep grooves in a good tread provide escape paths for the water and help greatly to maintain rubber-to-pavement contact.

3. Road Surface: Total hydroplaning is more likely to occur on smooth rather than textured roadways. This NASA finding is substantiated by accident records on Calif. highways, and the State Division of Highways has started a

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PROGRAM to cut 1/8 inch-deep grooves in certain sections of concrete highway where skidding accidents are a problem.

The shallow grooves have no effect on steering or comfort, but they improve water runoff and tire traction.

4. Fluid Depth: Puddles of water or deep slush can overcome the best tire tread and road conditions, and cause partial hydroplane in 2/10 or 3/10 inches of water.

Preventive Measures:

What can you do about the dangers of hydroplaning? Here are the three preventive measures that will minimize the hazards:

1. Make sure that tires on your car have adequate tread--at least 1/16 inch-- and are properly inflated.
2. Slow down during rainy weather or whenever the streets are wet. Approach puddles with extreme caution.
3. Compensate for losses in traction by cornering carefully and applying your breaks gently and in plenty of time to avoid the need for sudden stops.

NASA has provided some excellent information on the dangers of hydroplaning. But it remains for the motorists to realize the hazards and take the necessary steps to safeguard their vehicles and their lives.

GRAND PRIX

DATE: MARCH 11, 1967

TIME: 8 P.M. to 11 P.M.

PLACE: GOLDEN GATE CINERAMA, SANFRANCISCO

PRICE: \$3.75 Per Person

MEMO: TO SPORTS CAR ENTHUSIASTS:

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is proud to announce the San Francisco Premiere of a motion picture of prim interest to YOU!

Over \$8,000,000.00 has been spent to bring to the public the glamour and excitement of John Frankenheimer's spectacular M-G-M Cinerama Production of " GRAND PRIX".

ACTION is the keynote of this big-scale attraction filmed in the world's most fascinating locations. Director Frankenheimer, his cast and crew, have traveled throughout the world to bring to the giant screen, the realism and excitement that only Cinerama can create. YOU ARE THERE.

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