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"SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

FLASH--NCCA owes Mr. Ashley Boesch a big THANK YOU for his preparation of our Christmas dinner held on December 13th at the Galleon. Ash already has the 1969 Christmas dinner planned and reservations made...so it might even be wise to start thinking about attending next year's annual affair!

FLASH--For those who missed Woody and Julie Lewis' party, we heard it was a BLAST! We're so sorry we missed it, kids....but Vicky caught that flu bug and just didn't feel up to it. Thanks again for those that were able to make it and please do it again!

FLASH--FIRST MEETING OF 1969---FEBRUARY 4TH, TUESDAY, AT GENERAL MOTORS TRAINING CENTER, 8:00 P.M. WE PLAN ON HAVING A MOVIE.

FLASH--On January 4 & 5th NCCA was represented by 5 Corvettes and 10 guys attending the Second Annual All-Corvette Drag Meet in Orange County hosted by Corvettes of Southern California. With some bad luck and also some pretty good, NCCA boys fared pretty well. Rapid Ron Christensen took home some honors at 1st place in the second eliminator bracket!

FLASH--Plan on attending the WSCC February Meeting and autocross on the 22nd and 23rd hosted by Yosemite Area Corvette Owners in Modesto, California. There'll be autocrosses both days and a meeting on Saturday nite. EVERYBODY WELCOME! See details on enclosed flyer.

FLASH--The San Diego Convention for 1969 has been changed to August 15, 16, 17. The Convention offers a little something for everyone, not just autocrossers. Members of your team must participate in all 3 of the events to qualify for the perpetual trophy won last year by Camino Corvettes.

FLASH--Contact Milt Piver, who as our new Membership Director, has all the club patches, decals, plaques, etc. for sale. Also for any WSCC properties and if your desire is a WSCC sweat-shirt, your money is needed in advance of the order. They are real sharp for \$4.50 each.

FLASH--Pre-Convention--April 18, 19, 20th--Bakersfield--Programs are due in about 3 weeks with necessary information. But keep these dates open because it looks as good as last years!

BITS & PIECES CONTINUED--

FLASH--Get a copy of the February Issue of Car and Driver for an interesting article on the 1968 North/South Golden State Grand Prix.

FLASH--WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS! COME JOIN THE GANG AND HELP MAKE NCCA THE GREATEST CORVETTE CLUB EVER!

January is here, Members, and our high living has got to subside or we'll all end up in the poor house! Dinners, parties, trips, and just entertaining made a very enjoyable Holiday Season but I'm glad to see it close.

Without too much trouble NCCA launched into year 1969. Most of us will be looking forward to the new session of Championship Autocrosses. 1969 also promises to be a year of WSCC events what with February, April and August the months to plan for. If you've never been to an All-Corvette function, you're missing a REAL BALL!

And aside from outside events, I think our new officers have a full calendar planned. So be on the lookout for a high gear year...and fasten those seat belts!

KEN ALTMAN

RON'S RAMBLINGS - NCCA AT THE DRAGS

Let me begin by saying I want to do my utmost, to make this a banner year for our club. I expect nothing more of you members than the continued cooperation that has made NCCA a success thus far.

Speaking of cooperation, I only wish more of our members could have accompanied the 10 of us (Ron T., Milt P., Ken A., Dave V.H., Roger B., Bill G., Bruce B., Jack I., Rod B., and myself). We had such a tight bond amongst the whole group that I feel NCCA made a very favorable impression on all we come into contact. On behalf of my own experience, I wish I could have a pit crew like I had at the drags all year long. Things couldn't have gone smoother. And I must say all of our people and their cars performed in an exemplary manner considering we were all new to this type of competition.

I have personally never spent so many hours awake in three days and had so much fun. Thanks to Bill Thomas Enterprises, Daisy Mae II, Orange County Raceways, and that poor motel. I will say we raced well, we did well, and we made a good show. That weekend was one I hope we all can return to next year.

RON CHRISTENSEN

CHAMPIONSHIP AUTO-X DATES FOR 1969

February 16	July 20
March 2	August 3
March 16	August 17
March 30	September 14
April 13	October 5
April 27	October 19
May 18	November 2
June 1	November 16
June 22	

JUDGE A CONCOUR? YOU MUST BE KIDDING!

The 1968 Portland Corvette Convention began for me on Thursday. By Friday, most of the Conventioneers had arrived and were greeted by a full-fledged Oregon rainstorm which threatened to destroy that day's Variety Rally, which also watered down the dirt Autocross parking lot, which in turn made mud for the cleaner-uppers entering Sunday's Concours D'Elegance. (Did you say 45 dry days out of 365 this year, Max McKibben?)

I don't know how I got hooked into it, but all of a sudden I drew Bob Provines from Corvettes Limited, as a judging partner. All Phil Kellar told us that all we had to do was pick the best from a field of 27 beautiful Corvette Coupes. Expecting a short and soft job, we received the surprise of our life. I should have paid attention to that old saying---"NEVER VOLUNTEER FOR ANYTHING".

The scoring was based on a 130 maximum point total; with 30 points being awarded for each; undercarriage, engine compartment, interior and exterior. The extra 10 came from age and mileage.

As co-owner of a 1956 solid axle, I quickly became familiar with Stingrays. Little things like bugs on the radiator and headlights not being clean lose points in a hurry.

Considering that many of the cars were driven 1000 or more miles to the Convention, and a few even drove through one of Oregon's better rainstorms, the cars as a group were fantastically clean! But, as in any competition, a few were above the group's high standards.

By no means being an expert, maybe I can point out some obvious point getters. Paint detailing is an absolute must, I don't mean fancywork. What I am talking about is freshly painted undercarriages, undersides of hoods, wheel wells, etc. Highlighting certain features such as shocks and hood latch springs with a contrasting color are good point getters. Cleaning break lines and fuel blocks with steel wool is also a good idea.

And then a few choice words on the subject of chroming. An undetailed, overchromed, multicolored engine compartment will gain you no extra points at all. And aside from logic, a Concour car should have no lubricant visible anywhere!

Again, I would like to congratulate all of the entrants for a beautiful showing and for putting up with the "B_____ Twins".

ROD BAKER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We need workers for our practice session on February 2nd. Ron Christensen will contact members for chairmanship of each area.

FOR SALE: Doug Headers for "327" Stingray 63--67. Will hook up to stock exhaust system. Contact Milt Piver (415) 538-7719.

Note to the Editor: A hello was sent to everyone in NCCA from Jim Prather. He is still in Georgia. We might see him at the WSCC Convention!

UNCLE MILTIE:

The Second Annual All-Corvette Drag Meet was held at the Orange County International Raceway on January 5, 1969. The Meet was hosted by the Raceway and Corvettes of Southern California. The Meet was sanctioned by the National Hot Rod Association and the Western States Corvette Council.

There were six eliminator brackets:

1st:	0 - 12:00 seconds
2nd:	12:01 - 12:75 seconds
3rd:	12:76 - 13:50 seconds
4th:	13:51 - 14:25 seconds
5th:	14:26 - 15:25 seconds
6th:	15:26 - over seconds

NCCA was represented by five cars and ten members. Unfortunately, 1st Eliminator Bracket was a little too fast for our cars, and besides that, we don't have Funny Cars. 2nd Eliminator Bracket was won by Rapid Ron Christensen, and Bill Geen was a close runner up. 3rd Eliminator Bracket gave all of us a real headache. Bruce Benninger was one of three cars left in the final runoff of the bracket. Before the final run, the meet officials decided to run the Ladies' Powder Puff. At this, Bruce decided to get out of his car and get something to drink. Upon returning to his car, the meet officials told him he was disqualified because he was not at his car when his eliminator bracket was called. In addition to that, there were three cars involved and a coin had to be flipped for a by-run. Well, this was met with protest by ten angry NCCA members. We honestly did not hear the call for 3rd eliminator bracket. We asked the two other drivers if they heard the bracket being called for, and of course realizing what was at stake, the answer was Yes. So it ended up being our word against theirs. Well, next year we'll be hardened drag racers, as NCCA lives and learns.

Bruce did take 3rd runner up, and if he hadn't had any problems at the Grid, I feel he would have taken 3rd Eliminator Bracket hands down. Placing high in the bracket was Ken Altman. In the 6th Eliminator Bracket was Roger "Ram Jet" Boaz with his air-conditioned-super comfortable-second gear through the 1/4 miles-good gas mileage-Corvette. Roger, who ran in a large bracket ended up about sixth and jumped out of bracket. He did very well.

Statistics on the event as far as participation and spectators were not available at the time of this report. But I will say this, it must have been a record breaker. The weather was in the 70° and 80°, clear with a tropical breeze. It was a beautiful day for racing.

On Saturday, January 4th, Ron Christensen, Ron Trethan, and I attended the WSCC meeting in Anaheim. The convention site was announced. It will be at San Diego, and the definite dates will be August 15, 16, and 17. There will be an Auto-X, Concour D'Elegance, and a Rally. In addition to the social life and a Jai Alai game.

At this time I would like to thank John & Jill Middleton of Corvettes of Southern California for making preparations for the accommodations for NCCA's stay in Santa Ana. A good time was had by all (right, Ken?)!

This year NCCA has a good start in membership with 42 member cars rejoining for 1969. Thank you for cooperating with us in getting your dues in on time.

MILT PIVER

Membership

FLYING DOCTOR:

I attempted to walk on water last year, stay within a given eliminator bracket this year and now I am attempting to write my first NCCA article. I hope my success in this endeavor is better than the previous two.

For those of you who watched the Rose Bowl, you probably were unaware that you missed the first Auto-X of 1969. It was put on by Marin GT at Cotati Raceway.

After a couple of morning awakeners at Bruce Benninger's home in Belvedere, we left for Cotati and arrived just before the event was finally set up at 1 P.M. While waiting for Tech to open we wandered over to the Drag Strip and practiced on a Ferrari for the next weekend drag meet at Orange County Raceway.

As of this writing there were no results of the event (we left early to watch part of the Rose Bowl). (EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill took a 1st in class and also had TTOD. Our best to you for a job well done.) It was a short first gear course but was fun to drive.

This last weekend in Orange County (as I am sure all articles will relate) had to be the greatest. It's a shame all the wives were so busy at home that they couldn't break away to go along.

McBride may not swing like he used too and I missed the Daisy Mae II but I had the satisfaction of watching an Auto-X Corvette beat some of the wildest drag Corvettes you have ever seen.

Here's wishing a successful year to all in NCCA. Let's all get out and support the club in 1969.

BILL GEEN

FROM THE DESK OF ASHLEY BUSH-BOESCH:

Hope you all had a good Holiday Season gang. Well the New Year got kicked off to another great start with the Altman's Annual New Year's Eve Party. It was a tremendous success as usual and the New Year's Breakfast the following morning at the O'Briens was also a great success.

As you may know we were unable to attend these start of the year affairs due to a slight bout with the flu bug. However, I understand from a reliable source that it was a real blast.

We are looking forward to a very exciting coming year both in Socials and Autocrossing.

So get ready group, it's going to be a fast and furious '69.

ASHLEY BOESCH

In accordance with Article III, Section B of the NCCA Bylaws, an application for membership has been received from:

Ron Wilson
987 - 42nd Street
Oakland, California 94608
(415) 658-9212
1968 "427" Blue Coupe

BORED NOTES:

Well, now that the Drag Race season has ended, it's time to start preparing your car for the Auto-X season. As you have already read, the 1st event is our practice session at Pleasanton.

It seems everyone is going wider with tires, but not all rim widths are increasing. Be Careful! A few have found out the hard way. Rear parking brake cable brackets will rub bowed casings. Front sway bars also rub tires when turning before the wheel hits the stop plate.

When you modify your fenders for larger tires, make sure the fenders conform to the NCSCC Code. At least 1/3 of the circumference of the tread must be covered with a fender while looking down over the tire. Check this out before the first championship. Also, this year, the Stock Classes do not run parallel to the Prodiged Classes, so there will be no Stock Cars on the Championship Team. Sorry to those hard workers with factory cars.

RON TRETHAN

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- JANUARY 25 E-Board Meeting - Ken Altman's - 8:00 P.M.
- JANUARY 31 NCSCC Council Meeting and Awards Banquet - Blue Dolphin, San Leandro
- FEBRUARY 2 Limit 75 - III - Practice Session - Pleasanton
- FEBRUARY 4 General Meeting of NCCA - G.M.T.C. - San Leandro - 8:00 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 9 Auto-X - Tyred Wheel - Pleasanton ????
- FEBRUARY 11 Kaleidoscope Deadline
- FEBRUARY 16 Championship Event - Auto-X - Continentals S.C.C.
- FEBRUARY 22 WSCC Meeting - Modesto - 8:30 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 22 Auto-X - WSCC - Vernalis Airport
- FEBRUARY 23 Auto-X - WSCC - Vernalis Airport

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank all of our officers for their articles for the first publication of 1969.

If anyone has an article they would like published, please submit them. We'd like to hear from you.

SHARON TRETHAN

FELLOWS: It seems the wives won't be so busy next year to go to the All-Corvette Drag Meet!!!

WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL

AUTOCROSS AND MEETING

AUTOCROSS

Date: February 22 - 23
Place: Vernalis Airport
Rules: WSCC 1968 Convention
Entry: \$3.50 single - \$6.00 husband/wife
\$1.00 rerun for Top Time trophy

DINNER/MEETING/DANCING

Locations under consideration:

Branding Iron Lounge & Resturant
Samavar Lounge & Resturant

Dinner - orders will be from menu at your request.

Cocktails: 5:30 - 7:30

Business Meetings: 8:30 SHARP

Dinner: 5:30 - 8:30

Dancing: Til 2 A.M.

LODGING

Reservations are to be made on an individual basis. Motels would like reservations to be made at least 7 days before the nights you plan to stay. Use the below guide:

Name _____ Date of Arrival _____
Address _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Phone _____ Type of Room _____

Indicate WSCC Meeting on the reservations.

	<u>Single</u>	<u>2 persons - 1 double bed</u>	<u>2 double beds</u>
Pine Cone Motor Lodge 1312 McHenry Modesto	\$12.48	\$14.56	\$16.64
Tropics Lodge (used by WSCC before) 936 McHenry Modesto	\$10.40	\$12.48 (Quote for 1 nite only)	\$14.56

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LIMIT 75 - III

FEBRUARY 2, 1969

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN PLEASANTON

N.C.S.C.C. SANCTIONED

THIS IS A SPECIAL PRACTICE SESSION BEING LIMITED TO 75 DRIVERS MAXIMUM

PRE-REGISTRATION - FORM MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 1969

TECH INSPECTION STARTS AT 8:30 A.M. AND ENDS AT 2:00 P.M.

HELMETS AVAILABLE

MUFFLER REQUIRED

SEAT BELTS & TUBED TIRES REQUIRED (EXCEPT TUBELESS RACING TYPE TIRES SPECIFIED BY MANUFACTURER)

FIRST CAR OUT AT 9:00 A.M.

PRE-PAID ENTRANCE FEE IS \$3.00 PER PERSON

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSN.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND CHECK TO:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSN.
1317 Regent Street
Alameda, California 94501

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: RON CHRISTENSEN, VICE PRESIDENT, 278-4798

NAME _____	TIME: _____
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	TIME: _____
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CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____	TIME: _____
COLOR _____ LIC. NO. _____	ERRORS: _____
	COR. TIME: _____
REG. _____ TECH. _____	

I, the undersigned am over 18 years of age, hereby relieve the organizing club NCCA, Inc., it's officers and members, and the Ala. Co. Assn. - Co. Ala. Officers, Agents & Employees from any and all liability arising from my participation in this event.

SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

DATE