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PRESIDENT
KEN ALTMAN

"SALTY ALTY'S" BITS & PIECES

FLASH--July 1st is our next business meeting!

VICE PRESIDENT
RON CHRISTENSEN

FLASH--Our corporation papers are now back in the possession of your president with the help of the State of California and Sue Boesch.

SECRETARY
SUSANNE BOESCH

FLASH--Thank you Bruce & Sharon Benninger for your hospitality after the Cal Expo Championship Auto-X. That mushroom sauce was fantastic!

TREASURER
ROD BAKER

FLASH--North Bay Corvette Association showed up in force to support their buddies, NCCA, at our Monza Corvanna. I hope everybody had fun and did you know that Ken Burge's car has been altered so it doesn't make funny noises. Thanks to all our members also, who showed up to work the Monza Corvanna. I thought everything went quite well.

DIRECTORS

MEMBERSHIP
MILT PIVER

FLASH--Congratulations and good luck to Ron Christensen at his new job as manager of the Automan Transmission and Engine Specialist Shop at 68th & Foothill Blvd. in Oakland.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
JOHN FLOTTEN

FLASH--You can't get across the San Mateo Bridge on a Shell President coin!

SOCIAL
ASHLEY BOESCH

FLASH--E-Board Meeting at Milt & Gail Piver's on June 28th at 8 P.M.

FLASH--In case you haven't heard yet, the Gary Carlen's are increasing the number of their family from 3 to 5 members come August. NCCA members offer you their heartest congratulations!

PUBLICATIONS
SHARON TRETHAN

FLASH--Our new P.R. man is John Flotten. Thanks for accepting this post, John. We know you'll do a fine job.

BOARD MEMBER AT
LARGE
RON TRETHAN

FLASH--14 NCCA members and guests showed up for our June 13th PeeWee Golf date at Golden Tee in Castro Valley. Nice showing, Gang! Just don't be one of those who hollers when no socials are planned next time! Sharon & Ron T., Sam & Larry, John Flotten, Jerry White, and the Altman's (in force) were later joined by Flora & Roger who spent the evening getting acquainted with new members, Clint & Nanci Matthews and getting to know prospective members, Terry & Rosalie Johnson.

BITS & PIECES (Continued)

FLASH--Big O Tires, at 35th & Foothill in Oakland are on the ball. They handle all types of Mags (American, Ansen, ET, Cragar, etc.) and will mount and balance all wheels. NCCA members showing their membership cards will get a 10% discount on anything in the house on any type of accessory. Several members have dealt with Ron Asher and with no regrets. Just check out Black Beauty's legs at your convenience and see if that isn't so!

FLASH--Thanks to Mike Kerns, Retail Sales Manager of Nelson Tire Service, Inc. and KFRC Radio Station for publicizing our club activities. Roy Storey, past NCCA member, has a sports show called "Gasoline Alley" every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nites at 11:20 P.M. We appreciate all the publicity.

FLASH--It sure was nice to see old friends, Ron Gray and Jim Bargioni again at our Monza Corvanna.

FLASH--Hypo, Inc. Speed Shop is sponsoring a drawing at the NCCC Annual Meeting July 8-12 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Ken Altman, 531-5383, has twenty-five entry forms. A free set of Hedman Headers or a \$50 gift certificate will be given out. You need not be present to win. If you should be lucky enough to win, I understand that maybe Sharon & Ron T. can pick up your prize for you!

THE HALFWAY POINT

This year NCCA got off to a normal start. The newly elected officers had selected a few goals and are constantly working towards them. We knew it was going to be a rough job, but still a hobby, so it's not hard to say it has been a pleasure so far. Many of us are looking forward to North-South and the convention in San Diego and others on the Trans-Am and Can-Am races in our area this year. Whatever the activity you may desire, I hope some consideration to the activities that your fellow members have planned will be observed. (The "K" has all the information.)

We have meetings, socials, auto-x, etc. at which members have the opportunity to get acquainted with fellow members and new friends. To be a member is not thinking about what the club has to give you, but how you can better represent your club. Many of us are easy to get to know and are very social minded, or we wouldn't be in NCCA, so help us to know you better, join us - won't you.

KEN ALTMAN

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO????????? (Observed by a member)

GENE BOTHELLO - It's along way, we know!
JIM & LAVERN CRAVEN - April 15th is long gone
BUD & LILY DECASTRO - It's been since the installation dinner
RICK GARNER - Do we have to wait until Halloween?
JERRY HAAKENSTAD - Been traveling lately?
MIKE & LYNNE IRISH - You can't still be working on that car
DEIDRE KRAUS - Start driving again for us, please
MARY ANN GRAY - We like wives to take an active part too!
SHARON BENNINGER - Stockton isn't that far away
DAVE SILVEIRA - New Year's eve next year?
BILL THORNTON - It doesn't really take a phone call, does it!

WE
MISS YOU
GANG!

CHRIS'S CORNER

I nominate for the "Fickle Finger of Fate" award to:

American Racing Equipment for their prompt service on 10" 200S Wheels (eh Altman!).

Ron (Dumb Dumb) Christensen for not noticing there were no stamps on the view cards sent out in our results of our autocross.

Bruce Benninger for his dilligent effort in keeping his "COOL".

I, without the kidding was very proud of the way our club turned out and turned in for our first championship event. It went as smooth as I or anyone could have hoped. Thank's to all and a special thanks to Sammy and Larry's Catering Service.

North-South is coming up and I hope NCCA will have a good showing. I am personally looking forward to it. See ya'll there.

Thanks to Sharon Trethan for putting up with my incompetence. With the new job, it makes my own time scarce. It's getting to where I can't even wasy my car and you know how that hurts!

Ron Trethan is making up a competition challenge team - Look for Sparks! He also has one of the only street driven bug-eyed Corvette's in the country, looks vicious.

Just a thought, but you know all this B.S. started with not a bite from an apple. No! T'was a pear on the ground what done it!

RON CHRISTENSEN

FACTORY FACTS by Ron Trethan

Many readers have seen pictures of the ZL-1 Corvette with its flared fenders. These are factory parts and are placed in the Vette and not on it for a reason. On the assembly line, the Corvette body fits into a jig. There's no room for the flares. And Duntov can't justify changing the jigs for a few hundred race cars.

But if you are interested in the fenders and wish to do your own fiberglass work, they can be purchased separately. They are called "Corvette Fender Extension 1968-69. The part numbers are as follows:

L.H. Front	3958681	R.H. Front	3958682
L.H. Rear	3958683	R.H. Rear	3958684

If one looks closely at the ZL-1 road test pictures, you will notice the doors are of 1968 style (push button). That means the ZL-1 was a 1968 car with the 1969 emblem on the front fenders.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 1969

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Altman at 8:35 p.m.

The minutes were approved as read.

Rod Baker gave the treasurer's report.

Activities Report - Ken Altman said that an applause was in order for Ron Christensen and the great autocross he put on last Sunday. Chris very humbly said that he was not to take all the credit but that all club members who were there and helped are to be commended as well. He said that a special thanks should be to the O'Brien's for use of the van and the food they brought. Chris said the event seem to go smoothly except for a few hang-ups mainly with the dash plaques not arriving on time. He also mentioned the problem of keeping to speed down in the parking lot at Plessanton and said he had to speak to a few people on Sunday.

A few events are coming up and Ron mentioned these. Chris also gave the results of the club members who ran at the Competition Sports Car Club's event in Sacramento and reported that NCCA took team trophy. He also mentioned the events on May 25th at Cotati and at Sacramento. At our event, Mike Tsirlis was the only member in the top ten.

Social Report - Ash reminded everyone to come to the NCCA social scheduled for June 13. Everyone can show off their skill at PeeWee Golf. There will be a party at the Altman's after the golfing.

Membership - Walt and Janet Reeder were brought in as the newest members of NCCA.

Publications - Sharon Trethan said that articles for the Kaleidoscope are due June 13.

Special Reports - Mike Kerns, of KFRC, will announce any of our upcoming events but unfortunately, Ken did not receive this news until after our June 1st event.

It was asked that we submit two names to judge at the concour at the North-South coming up on the fourth of July week-end. Roger Boaz was the only one to volunteer his services. Ron Trethan informed everyone that plastic bumpers can be ordered for '68 or '69 Corvettes for the low price of \$49.95. As yet, there is no new news from the convention in August.

Speed Events - At the last meeting, three recommendations were tabled so Ken asked that all those interested in autocrossing to come to the Open Speed Events meeting on June 18th as these three points will be brought up for discussion. Gary Carlen also brought up another point. He said that he has discussed with George Hurley having threë timed laps at our North-South event and having the best of the three runs count as our time. George said that it sounded good to him but would let public opinion do the deciding. Ron Trethan said that SCCSCC code books would be available and there will also be a discussion of the classes for 1970.

WSCC Report - There is a meeting scheduled for this coming week-end and Ron Trethan said that most likely this would produce some news of the convention.

Council Report - Ken said there wasn't much to report. Ron Christensen said that very few people attended.

There was no old business to report.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES June 3, 1969 (Continued)

New Business - Rod Baker brought up for discussion the rental of our pylons to Jim Guthrie and the Tecati Racing Assn. Rod felt that we spend more money getting the pylons back from Jim in order to use them at our event than it is worth. He also pointed out that the wear and tear on the pylons is fantastic and \$15.00 is a small amount to receive for their use. Further, Ron felt that we should ask Jim Guthrie to pay for those pylons that are missing.

Milt Piver felt that we should not rent the pylons to Jim as he is undependable. He is supposedly to return the pylons to us in plenty of time for us to use them at our events. A motion was made that we halt the rental of our pylons to Jim Guthrie until he has given to us the balance of pylons that he owes us. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Nominations for Public Relations Director were tabled at our last meeting in May. During this time, John Flotten gave his name to the nominating committee. Ron Christensen nominated John Flotten and as there were no other nominations from the floor, it was a unanimous vote for John.

Sue Boesch had one final comment on putting on an autocross. She felt that a check list should be made up for each chairman in charge of the different areas and in this way, avoid any oversights.

Special Announcements - Gary Carlen is going to have twins along with Vera's help.

Ken suggested we all adjourned to Koppie's for a beer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Susanne Boesch, Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

This ought to be the last month of working on the new car so maybe I can get my article in on time next month.

Not having attended many autocrosses over the last six weeks, I really don't have to much to report on. I seem to be relying on 2nd hand information for most of the results.

I hear that Ron & Sharon Trethan have finally changed over to a 4 barrell carburetor and L88 hood assembly. You might also ask Ron how to remove 50 lbs. of front end weight by changing to plexiglas headlight covers and non pop up headlights on a '68 or '69. I understand the car looks like one large headlight at night. Now, if everybody will just pretend there is no highway patrol.

I'll leave it to everybodys imagination - who was dancing topless on a small spotlighted stage the other afternoon!

Well, this ought to keep Sharon happy until next month this time. Back to working on a certain White Solid Axle.

ROD BAKER

UNCLE MILTIE

I would like to thank everyone who worked the course at our Monza Corvanna. Your hard work is deeply appreciated..thank you.

California Speed Merchants has a good and influencing gift of gab. But unfortunately, the products of their machine shop are far behind their gift of gab. They have a way of telling you how great their cars perform, but the cheap products used by the machine shop are inferior to other competition machine shops in the area. If anybody has any questions, ask Bruce Benninger or myself.

MILT PIVER

JOHNNIE ON THE SPOT

A disappointing social. It happen on our Friday night PeeWee Golf function, where we did have a few members and prospective members turn out for the fun and games. It was a good chance for those of us that did attend the social to get better acquainted. Being your new P.R. Director, I was especially looking forward to meeting more members, so we all could get to know one another better.

But I guess most of us would rather race than attend socials and monthly meeting (which fall on the first Tuesday of every month). The job of making up these different socials is tough, and it is rather hard to find a good date and time so everyone could attend them.

I hope I'm not stepping on too many toes, but a club is only as good as it's members make it. We've got a good club and good people in it, so let's pull together and try to attend these activities as they are a heck of alot of fun.

JOHN FLOTTEN

FROM THE DESK OF ASHLEY BUSH-BOESCH

So we're having socials!!! What's the matter gang - don't you like what we have picked to do??? So give some ideas of your own - don't sit back and mumble - so far you Social Butterflies, it's been the autocross people who have been showing up at the socials.

I am afraid that if this attitude toward the social events of the club continue, I would suggest we just forget it. Then the first one to open his or her mouth about socials is in charge of planning it and trying to convince more than ten people to show up.

If anyone would like to give this job a try, please come forward and I'll gladly dump the next club social right in your lap!!!

But remember the majority of the members want it within 3 blocks of where they live and not cost more than \$.50 per head.

Come on gang---don't everyone speak at once!

ASHLEY BOESCH

BORED NOTES

When it comes to status, the L88 driver only gets a raised hood that the L89 driver doesn't get. One of the factory's ways to discourage casual buying of L88's is not to supply a little badge on the fender for the unfortunate many to see and envy. The L88 is the only performance car on the American market without one.

As Car Life Magazine stated that "winning races, going to the store or driving cross-country, the Corvette driver will be tired of smiling long before he's tired of the car".

While road testing the 1969 Corvette they said "it takes the rough and makes it smooth, in the sort of driving that reminds them just how good the Corvette suspension is. So it clunks every so often. As long as the Corvette handles like that, they don't care if it whistles dirty songs."

Many thanks to CAR LIFE and its editors for an excellent coverage of the Corvette in their July issue.

Rumors have it that the 1970 Corvette will get more cubic inches. It seems that the factory will give the 427 a quarter stroke and bring the cubes to 454. Also the L89 will be rated at 465 H.P. (The sky is the limit!) I've heard that NASCAR will be lowering the cubic inches from 429 to 383. This would mean that the 350 will have it's place in the Chevelle's on oval tracks. I heard also they wanted to push the 350 cube to 400. Would someone tell me how!

Remember fellow drivers, Chevrolet doesn't race, they help you race. Thanks Zora!

RON TRETHAN

CALENDAR FOR JUNE & JULY

JUNE 29	Auto-X - Nor-Cal-Chevy - G.M. Plant Fremont - Run Groups
JUNE 29	Auto-X - Lodi Sports Car Club - Cal Expo Sacramento - no run groups
JULY 1	General Meeting of NCCA - G.M.T.C. San Leandro - 8:00 P.M.
JULY 4-5	North-South Golden State Grand Prix - Santa Maria
JULY 13	Auto-X - Captain Weber Days - Port of Stockton Road Race Course - West Washington Street, Stockton - 3/4 mile per lap - 1 practice and 1 for time - Reg. Opens 8:00 A.M. - First car out 8:30 A.M.
JULY 20	Auto-X - Championship - Highland Touring - Southland - Hayward