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"OKAY LINE UP FOR YOUR COUPLES PICTURE."

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"WE CLEAN UP PERTTY WELL FOR CHRISTMAS."

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DAN 'MEMBER OF THE YEAR' DIVITA

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VETTE VIEWS HORNORABLE\* MENTION IN WSCC CONYEST.

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MIKE LEARNED TO ENJOY A PORSCHIE IN ONE HOUR.

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HEY LES (OR IS IT DAN?) ITS ATHELSTAN NOT APPLESTAN.

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NORTH BAY CONVENTION COMMETTE SET AND READY.

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TOM 'THE BEER MAN' DID IT AGAIN.

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WSCC YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET JAN 19, 2008

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HAPPY NEW YEAR (ITS GOING TO BE SPECIAL.)

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## Presidents Report January 2008

Happy New Year!!!!!!

Hope everyone had a nice holiday season and are ready for an exciting 2008 year, filled with Corvetting (is that a word) enjoyment.

We ended 2007 with our annual events, which were the Tree cutting outing with a BBQ and goodies at John and Jane's. There was plenty of food and good cheer, thanks guys. Next year will be their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for that gathering and Jane has some ideas to mark that anniversary. Next we had the Christmas dinner, held at the Deer Park Villa, which a majority of the club members attended. Our social director, Lynn, put together a very nice party, including appetizers and table decorations, and a good time was had by all. Christmas eve morning, at least nine Corvettes showed up to join the Hot Rod's run to Mel's diner in San Francisco, for a bite to eat, and some tire kicking out in the parking lot. We then all went our separate ways for our Christmas Eve festivities.

Next month we are hosting the hospitality room for the WSCC awards Dinner, which I believe will be open a few hours before dinner and a few hours after for socializing. Snacks and drinks will be served. There will be a WSCC business meeting in the afternoon. If you've never been, come and see what takes place, then stay for dinner.

At last months general meeting, convention for 2008 was discussed and decided Northbay will move forward with planning to host this in Reno the weekend after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We then formed a committee, and we have met, putting together a tentative schedule, costs and other ideas. We are in the process of confirming some costs so we can put together a proposal to present to the WSCC board for approval with hope of announcing our event intentions at the WSCC awards banquet. Our committee consists of myself, Dan Divita, Steve Jackson, Neil Anderson, Gary Hill, and

Pam Walters. If you have any ideas you would like to share, please contact any one of us. We will need the support of all our members to make this event successful and a wonderful experience.

Thanks again to all my officers that served in 2007. We have two positions that changed, which is Steve Jackson is now doing the publications and Geoffrey Smith had taken over treasurer's duties. Our Webmaster, Brian Wickum, is not continuing as a member, so we need to find a replacement to manage our web site. If you have those abilities, please contact me to discuss it further. In the mean time, Brian has agreed to manage it until we find a suitable replacement.

The weather, this time of year, is not usually good for a nice drive, but we do get a few days here and there. So if you get a chance, go play, otherwise be safe and wait for another day. If you have any suggestions for social events for 2008, please contact the social director, Lynn Larson. See you at the meeting,

Save the Wave!

Eric Larson



# North Bay Corvette Association

## Minutes of General Meeting December 12, 2007

Presiding Officer – Eric Larsen  
Meeting Called to Order – 7:02 PM

### Officer Reports

**Membership:** Larry Joseph– We have a new member application from Richard Dulea. No guests in attendance.

**Secretary:** Denyce Codoni – I thanked Mike Walter for doing the minutes in November. I advised the membership not to get used to seeing the number of members in attendance in the minutes! Minutes were approved as published.

**Publications:** Becky Lawrenson –she has extra copies of the newsletter. She announced we got Honorable Mention in the newsletter competition in the Redline. Steve Jackson is taking over in 2008.

**Webmaster:** Brian Wickham –Newsletter is on line. Shirlie just gave him a disc with photos which he will post.

**Member at Large:** Shirlie Hill – nothing to report

**Treasurer:** Les Brown –.after paying for dinner, the finances are good. 11 members have not renewed their membership. He gave the names and asked that anyone who knows them, please contact them and encourage them to renew. Most are new members from 2006. Les has tried to contact all of them too.

**Public Relations:** Steve Jackson - nothing to report..

**Social Director:** Shirlie Hill for Lynn-Everyone seemed to like Deer Park Villa (applause). She asked for a show of hands if we should go back in 2008. Most voted in favor. She has two dates – 12/13 or 12/20. We voted on 12/13. The next social is January 19 at the WSCC Awards Dinner. We are hosting the hospitality room. Jane said we should thank Lynn for the great dinner and evening. Shirlie will have photos from the dinner available at the January meeting. She passed around a sheet for suggestions for social events for 2008. Tom Reimer announced he and Sandy have tentatively set Sept 20<sup>th</sup> for a visit to Sea Ranch.

**Vice President:** Dan Divita – no competition events. Elections are coming up for WSCC officer. Anyone interested in running, let Pam or Mike Walter know. As of 2008 stock tires for autocross will be over 150 only.

Ken announced that Corvettes are going to participate in the ALMS racing in 2008. He also announced a great crab feed in Vacaville. He isn't sure of date, but probably early February.

President, Eric Larsen – Thank you to everyone for 2007. He announced Dan Divita was member of the year (in case you missed the Christmas Dinner). Some changes to the e-board. Brian & Becky are resigning. Steve Jackson taking

Publications. Brian will continue as webmaster until a replacement is found. Volunteers are being sought.

Old Business –. Re 2008 Convention. Yerington is out – not enough support from the town. Reno hotel from last year wants us back. We talked about autocross. It was said we will lose attendance if there is none. If we wait for SCCA to set its schedule it will be too late. We are looking into autocross sites – Gary talked to VP of Chevy Club in Reno for locations. Stead may have insurance requirements we can't meet. Pam may have contact info. Neil said we need to set a date first and foremost, with or without autocross. Mike Walter moved we host the WSCC Convention in Reno in July. Moved, seconded and passed. Eric is to contact Meadowood Hotel. Dan said we need a convention committee & volunteered to be on it. Shirlie & Gary volunteered, Pam and Mike Walter, Neil, Les and Steve also volunteered.

Paving Stones – Les asked for a vote on the designs in the newsletter. The Athelstan design won. We will discuss funding next meeting.

New Business – Les announced our usual Christmas Giving. He proposed we again give to Hanna Boys and Matrix. No other suggestions were offered. However, John Rittler moved we increase the amounts to \$500 each. Moved, seconded and passed. Eric asked about gifts for our sponsors. Neil will obtain them for all three sponsors – cakes and cancy. Ken moved we give the gifts. Les set a limit of \$300. passed.

Neil moved we buy refreshments after the meeting. Passed.

Announcements – Tom Reimer has full set of tires w/rims for sale.

Geoff sold his 2000 and got a mag red 2005.

Pete asked for recommendations on good mid year mechanic in the area. Corvette Express in Vacaville was offered.

The change over eboard will be sometime before the January meeting. Eric to advise. The next regular meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup>.

MCRC is having the Christmas Eve get together at 7AM. Meet at Goodman's. We then go to Mel's on Lombard. Les announced the Old Cranks got together this past week and went to "No Country for Old Men".

Jane adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denyce Codoni  
Secretary

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## ***Membership Renewals***

Forty three members have renewed their memberships for 2008. With the four new members who just joined, our current membership is 47 cars, 83 voting members.

Retention this year was below the past few years with eleven people not renewing. This is disappointing as several of the non-renews are people who just joined last year. We, the current members must make a concerted effort to greet, meet, and get to know our new members.

## ***Membership Cards Ready***

The 2008 Membership Cards are now ready and will be distributed at our January meeting. There is one card per membership. Please try to be there to pick up yours.



## ***Mel's Diner***

Our annual day before Christmas run with the Marin Coup and Roadster Club to Mel's diner on Lombard street was a great success. We had ten cars attend. Those participating were Les Brown, Al Caldwell, Skip and Carol Zeller, Peter Herley and his son, Richard Dullea and his son, Tom Reimer and Sandy Hoff, Pedro, Carol, Jimmy Femenia and Jami Montgomery, Gary Hill, Eric Larson, Neil and Robin Andersen, and Geoff and Katherine Smith. We all ate heartily and gathered in the parking lot afterwards to view the coupes and roadsters. Always a holiday favorite – it was another great time.

We had a surprise guest appear at the event. Pat Smits has been looking for a corvette club in the bay area without success. My friend Marcy contacted me and I contacted Pat. I hoped that he would join us at Mel's for breakfast. Low and behold, Pat and his girl friend Kattie showed up at Goodman's with the top down for the run into the city. He has a midyear big block. He has taken out the engine and drive train (to keep it safe) and replaced it with a Chevy 454 big block and 5 speed manual transmission. Pat also restored the interior and gages. It is a beautiful car. We hope to see them at our January meeting so that we can introduce them to you.

## ***Old Cranks***

Old Cranks are gearing up for 2008. We meet monthly to drive our cars and travel the back roads of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and elsewhere during the week to avoid traffic and tourists. We try to supplement the programs developed by our Program Chair.

We love to meet for breakfast and have visited several museums. Dave Garber has invited us up to his place to race the go carts. Skip is working on a tour of a restoration facility in Corte Madera. Membership is restricted to semi-retired and retired members over 55. There is no additional cost; all you need is a desire to drive your car. To sign up send an email to Les Brown and he will add you to the email distribution list.

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## **January 2008 Socials**

### **Report:**

## **Happy New Year!!!!!!!**

*I want to Thank everyone for going to the Christmas Dinner it was nice to see all of our CORVETTE friends together for a special gathering. Deer Park Villa was more then accommodating to all of us, the food was outstanding. I hope everyone enjoyed the dessert. Like I said if I could have Christmas Dinner every month my job would be so easy. Again I want to thank all of the people who helped me with the socials this past year, and my partner in crime Shirly Hill, for the monthly flyers and being my back up.*

*I would like to get suggestions of events; driving places etc., that you think all of us would enjoy doing. After all it's our entire car club.*

*I was not at the last meeting since I was sick, Shirly asked the question for me and we have a few suggestions such as a crab feed, go-cart races in Sacramento, progressive, and a coastal run.*

*I am going to plan a couple of overnights again this year. I encourage you to think about what would attract you, to go to make the socials; it's a great way to have a fun day of driving, eating, drinking and socializing or what ever the event is for that month. Remember we are trying to host the WSCC convention this year if you want to be a part of the committee it's not to late you can call the president for more information.*

*I feel we had a great year for the club, let's make this year better. We are sad to say a few members have decided to move on and not rejoin our club we wish them well. We have gained some new ones and if you get a chance, welcome the new members to the club.*

*For the January social we are hosting the hospitality room at the Double Tree in Rohnert Park for the WSCC end of the year awards. If you can make the awards it's a great place to meet other Corvette owners and make new friends not to mention to support the people who are receiving awards for their outstanding driving achievements this past year. We will be hosting the party from 2:30 until around 5:00 that way everyone can get ready for dinner. Then we are hosting an after dinner/ awards party time to be announced. The change over dinner is this month as well, I was thinking of doing a white elephant in February unless I come up with something special for this event after all its Valentine month.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lynn Larson*



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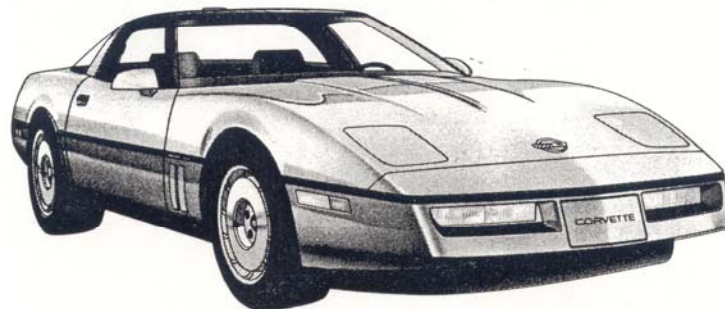
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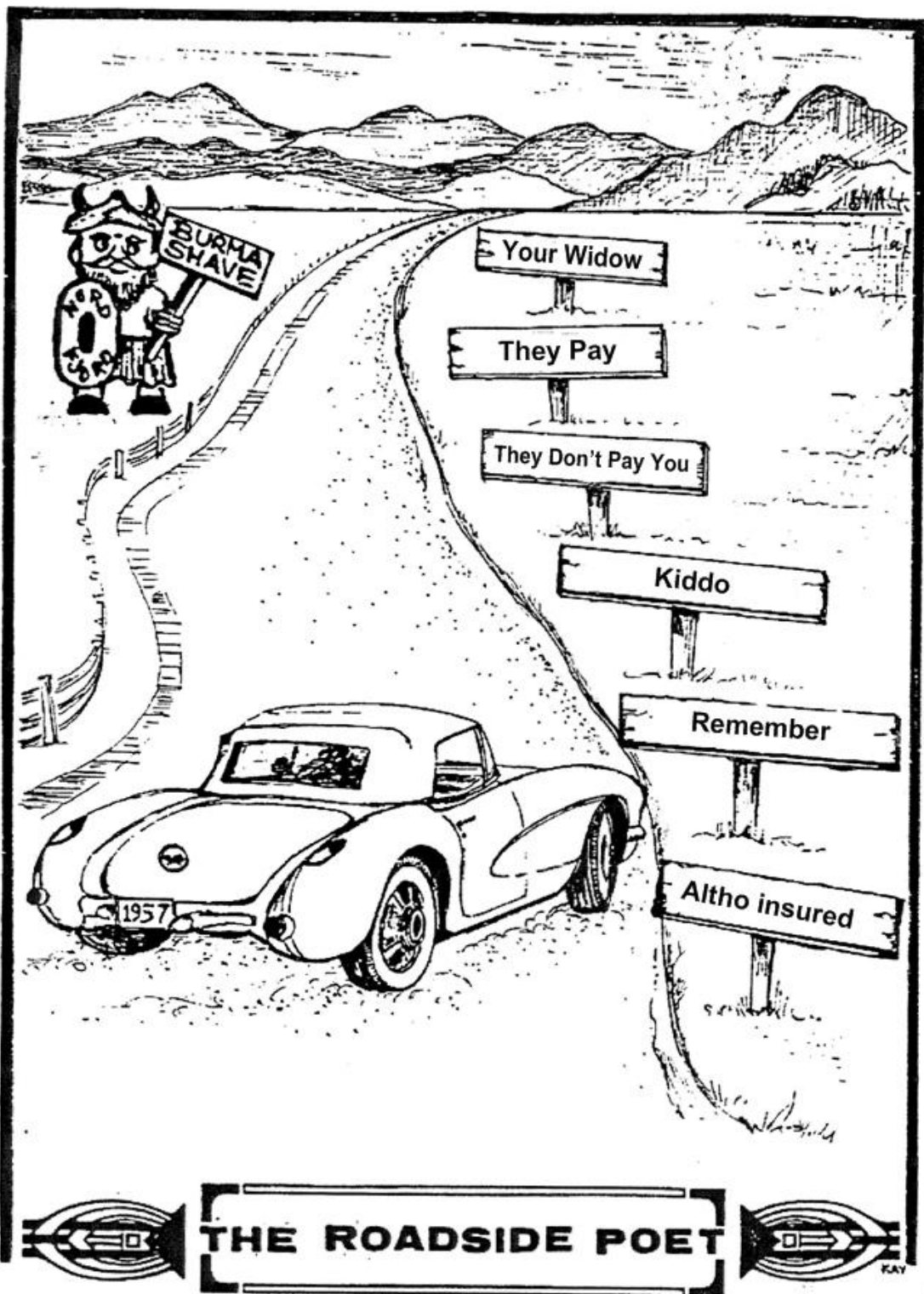
# Calendar

Date	Event	Contact Name	Contact Number
9-Jan	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
19-Jan	WSCC General Business Meeting		
	WSCC Year End Awards Banquet		
13-Feb	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
12-Mar	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
9-Apr	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
19-Apr	Vaca Valley AutoCross Solano Comm. College		
20-Apr	NBCA AutoCross Solano Comm. College		
14-May	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
11-Jun	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
9-Jul	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
July 10-14	<i>Tentative:</i> WSCC Convention: Reno, NV	WSCC	
13-Aug	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
16-Aug	Vaca Valley AutoCross Solano Comm. College		
17-Aug	NBCA AutoCross Solano Comm. College		
10-Sep	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
8-Oct	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
4-Oct	Vaca Valley AutoCross Solano Comm. College		
5-Oct	NBCA AutoCross Solano Comm. College		
12-Nov	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		
10-Dec	NBCA Montly Meeting - San Rafael Chevrolet		



## January Birthdays

<i>John Brosnan</i>	<i>1/1</i>
<i>Jo Anne Lacues</i>	<i>1/5</i>
<i>Geoffrey Smith</i>	<i>1/5</i>
<i>Susan Herley</i>	<i>1/22</i>
<i>Carol Zeller</i>	<i>1/24</i>
<i>Carol Femenia</i>	<i>1/31</i>



THE ROADSIDE POET

KAY