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NFCA TO PRESENT 1966 CORVETTE STINGRAY

The NFCA will take part again this year in the presentation of the new 1966 Corvette Stingray. Show date for the new Chevrolet cars is set tentatively for the first week of October (the exact date will be given in the local newspapers). A booth will be set up by the Corvette Club alongside its sister club, the Corvair Club, who will be presenting the 1966 Corvair. Anyone interested in seeing the new cars is cordially invited to come down to John Deihl Chevrolet anytime during the three day Open House. Club members will be on hand to give any information concerning the new cars or the clubs.

On Saturday of the Chevrolet presentation, the NFCA will hold its annual "Parade of Corvettes." All Corvette owners in the North Florida area are urged to attend this event. The procedure, which will be the same as last year, will be to have your Corvette in tip top shape for judging purposes. The cars will be lined up in the service department and judged upon accordingly. As

NFCA Leads Parade for Miss Duval County Contestants

The annual Miss Duval County contest was held July 4th at Jacksonville Beach by the Jacksonville Beach Jaycees. This year, the schedule included a parade conducted by the North Florida Corvette Association.

A total of 16 Corvettes participated, each having a beauty contestant and a midshipman as an escort. The Vettes paraded the Jacksonville Beach areas for one hour, with the parade ending at the Jax Beach Chamber of Commerce. By-the-way this will be an annual event.

Those members not attending the parade missed a most enjoyable evening, for after the parade a party was held at Cliff Payne's home. And as you well know by now, we have yet to hear complaints from anyone concerning an NFCA party.

usual, trophies will be awarded. This will be open to the public throughout the day with a parade through the Jacksonville area late in the afternoon. Don't you be the one to miss this exciting event; the annual NFCA "Parade of Corvettes."

JOHN DEIHL, PRESIDENT JOHN DEIHL CHEVROLET, DONATES \$50.00 FOR NFCA CLUB JACKETS



Mr. John Deihl, president of John Deihl Chevrolet Co., is shown above where he presented a check for \$50.00 to Mike Fraser, president of NFCA, in behalf of John Deihl Chevrolet Co. Mr. Deihl attended the regularly scheduled NFCA meeting July 21, 1965, at which time he spoke briefly about the NFCA future event, the "Parade of Corvettes." An explanation was given as to the part which NFCA will play in the presentation of the 1966 Corvette Stingray.

Mr. Deihl also spoke on the subject of safety, emphasizing that the Corvette, being as powerful as it is, should be driven with caution and respect to fellow drivers. The members should live up to such NFCA expectations as safety first and courtesy to all. Excessive speeds and driving maneuverability should be exhibited at NFCA sanctioned events. All these things mentioned should be achieved to build up the image of NFCA, sports car drivers in general, and Corvette drivers in particular.

Mr. Deihl went on to say that he had rather donate a check to help pay for the clubs jackets, rather than buy a specific number of jackets.

The jackets have been ordered and are due the first week of October. They are made by Champion Knitware Mfg. Co., Inc., one of the leading manufacturers in collegiate apparel. They will be lightweight jackets, navy blue in color. The emblem will be on the left chest and will be the same colors as those found on the club decal. Each member will have his individual name in white on the right chest. Additional jackets without names have been ordered for new members.

JOEL MILLER'S 1957 CORVETTE REPRESENTS NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSN. IN LOCAL CAR SHOW



The NFCA would like to congratulate Joel Miller and his fellow NFCA members for representing the club in the recent custom car show held in Jacksonville at the Civic Auditorium.

An NFCA booth, complete with club literature and trophies, was set up by Gordon Griffin, Norman Griffin, Herbert Sands, Charles Dorsey, Joel Miller, Kerby Smith, Billy Sauls

and Mike Fraser. A tremendous amount of effort and ingenuity was put forth by these boys towards the establishment of the only "club" booth at the event.

Evidently the car washing, waxing, engine painting, tire painting and chrome plating paid off, for Joel left with one of the largest trophies awarded during the show.

Interesting Sports Car Films Shown at NFCA Meetings

An individual attending an NFCA meeting not only receives free refreshments, a cordial welcome from fellow Corvette owners, the latest information on Corvette happenings, valuable information concerning the Corvette itself, etc., but also the chance to see first class movies. These movies are usually sound, in color, and last approximately 30 minutes in length. They are seen after each meeting, which usually lasts from 8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Four films were recently sent to NFCA from the Shell Oil Co. These movies started with the first sports car races and went through the history of the Grand Prix. They were quite enjoyable and will probably be shown again within the next year.

The last movie shown was the "Corvette Bibliography." This movie was in sound and color. A brief history was given of each model Corvette

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 19—Trip to Kingsley Beach.
- Oct. 7-10—Parade of Corvettes.
- Oct. 17—Poker Rallye.
- Oct. 31—Hare and Hound Rallye.
- Nov. 14—Scavenger Hunt.
- Nov. 25-28—Road Trip.
- Dec. 5—Autocross—Gymkahana.
- Dec. 19—Trip to Thunderbolt Drag Strip.

HERBERT SANDS AND CLIFF PAYNE TAKE HOME TROPHIES IN NFCA SCAVENGER HUNT

August 8, 1965—Members of the North Florida Corvette Assn. met at John Deihl Chevrolet at 1:00 p.m. and were given the following list of articles to obtain by 3:00 p.m.: a 1964 automobile tag, a boiled peanut, anything from Frisch's Big Boy, a Beetle record, a copy of Hot Rod Magazine, a ladies bra, a leaf from a banana tree, anything with Strickland's Restaurant on it, a dead roach, a postcard from the Thunderbird Motel, a copy of Vette Gazette, an Ohio Blue-Tip matchox cover, an

AC 44 spark plug, a sea shell, and an ice cube.

Cliff Payne was the first Vette in, having a total of 14 items. However, the "old scramblers" Herbert Sands and his wife, Maxine, were first with all 15 items, coming in a couple of minutes after Cliff. In the last scavenger hunt, Herbert had all the items but was a mere 15 seconds late; congratulations Herb and Maxine!

The hunt ended at Cliff Payne's house with Bar-B-Q chicken, baked beans, potato salad and refreshments. Our thanks to Rosemary and Pat for the good food.

NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION MEETS ORLANDO CORVETTE CLUB AT KINGSLEY BEACH



June 20—1965—The NFCA started early this Sunday morning by meeting at the Cedar Hills Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. I wonder what people think when they see nothing but Corvettes in a parking lot, especially this early in the morning. After a few pictures were taken (mostly of the new NFCA flag Herbert Sands and his wife Maxine had made), the caravan proceeded westward to meet its sister Vette club, the Orlando Corvette Club. The Orlando Club arrived about 10:30 after a 150 mile trip and Kingsley Beach looked like a regional Corvette distribution center. I would hate to estimate the number of questions asked by the other lake visitors. After a great deal of information exchanging and general Vette talk, every one settled down to hamburgers, baked beans, cold drinks, beer, watermelon, etc. Around 2:30 p.m. the two clubs lined up in front of the Kingsley entrance to give everyone an opportunity to take pictures of probably more Corvettes than they will ever see again. Pictured are some of the members of the two clubs. Due to the physical arrangement, it was impossible to get everyone and every car in the picture. However, behind the members posed is a line of approximately 15

BOB CLARK ELECTED DRIVER OF MONTH

Bob Clark has been elected the "Driver of the Month" by NFCA. The vote was unanimous and was based on Bob's attitude, both off the road, as well as on it. Bob drives a white 1964 Corvette Stingray with a black top. The Vette is powered by a 365 h.p. engine and has various accessories such as 4-speed trans., positraction, 4.56:1 rear end, bucon tries, etc. As one can easily tell, Bob is ready to go!

Bob is one of the original 16 charter members of NFCA, having owned a 1961 Vette at that time at that time. Being a Corvette enthusiast and enjoying the only "true" American sports car, Bob was compelled to purchase his latest Vette. Bob is the club secretary and an executive with First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. He is probably best remembered by the non-Vette owners for his latest accomplishment at the NFCA Autocross July 25, where he turned the fastest time of the day in his class and overall.

NFCA HOLDS AUTOCROSS-GYMKANA AT J. M. FIELDS LOT—BOB CLARK MAKE RECORD TIME



July 25th, 1965—The NFCA presented its regularly scheduled Autocross-Gymkana at J. M. Fields parking lot. The weather was hot and so was the competition. Bob Clark, member of NFCA, turned the course in a record time of 2:46.1 to me followed by Herbert Sands at 2:50.1 and Mike Fraser at 2:53.0. Other than the preceding Corvette times, the fastest was that of Sonny Brinson, president of Jax Mustang Club, who won Class II in his Mustang GT350 with an elapsed time of 2:53.4.

A total of six classes of automobiles were run with the models ranging from Corvettes, GT350's, Maserati's,

Healey's, Triumphs, Porchias, etc. One mishap occurred when a Caravelle tried to make the No. 6 turn too fast, balanced on two wheels as if it was in animation, and finally toppled over. The driver released his seat belt and came out unhurt immediately. The car was removed from the track and sprayed with a fire extinguisher.

Those of you that have failed to attend an NFCA Autocross-Gymkana continue to miss thrills, spills and chills. If you have missed these events, by all means don't miss the next one. It is good, clean exciting fun, open to all, and free to the public.

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Interesting Sports Car Films

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manufactured in the past with an emphasis on the 1963 prototype. The spectator appeared to be riding in the Corvette as it raced around the track at Chevrolet's Proving Grounds breaking all records previously established.

Listed below is the NFCA movie schedule.

Sept. 1st — The 24-Hour Le Mans (45 min., sound and color). All the excitement of sports car racing unfolds as the greatest drivers in the world meet for this one. Thrills, chills, and spills can be seen as they fight to win.

Sept. 15th—The Short Way Around Indianapolis 500—1965 (28 min., sound and color.) All the dramatic events of qualifications and race day unfold in this film of the 1965 Indianapolis 500. Breathtaking moments

as records fall, traditions are broken and man and machine battle for supremacy in the historical oval.

Oct. 6th—Challenge (26 min., sound and color). A spectacular story of the speed run of 536.71 miles per hour set by Art Arfons on the Bonneville Salt Flats. All the intense excitement and drama of a man facing a challenge—setting a world land speed record.

Oct. 20th—Riverside-Atlanta 500. (27 min., sound and color). Stock cars in action at Riverside, California and Atlanta, Georgia, offer thrills by the minute. Drivers put their cars through grueling tests on the Riverside road course and the high-banked Atlanta track.

Nov. 3rd—Through A Rear View Mirror (25 min., sound and color). A Ballardier reminisces about the development of the automobile and its place in American life while following the Glidden Tour of antique cars through some historic landmarks of scenic America.

Maxine, what do you mean when you say "can you be fwearing one of the items needed in the scavenger hunt."

A certain rumor has been heard that Randy may be going off to play Army, let's hope not!

Look forward soon to seeing Mr. Greenland himself, Bert Zates!

Bill Sauls, what do you run under the hood of that '58?

Cliff Payne, Old Grandad and Coke, and you've got yourself a party!

Merrill and Bob McCleary will soon be placing a crib in the back of their gold '64 fastback!

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NFCA MEMBERS ORDER NEW 1966 CORVETTES

The NFCA is happy to announce three members have ordered '66 Vettes, with additional orders anticipated after the '66 presentations. Orders may be placed through John Deihl Chevrolet (NFCA's sponsor) with discounts for club members.

The club also receives a bonus for each Corvette sold by John Deihl.

The members having already placed their orders were taken by surprise when it was learned that Chevrolet unexpectedly discontinued the 425 h.p. Chevrolet engine. Instead, for 1966, the Corvette Stingray will be powered with two new engines, the 400 h.p. (hydraulic lifters) engine, and the 450 h.p. (mechanical lifters) engine, both comprised of 427 cubic inches. The members already having placed their orders are:

Charles Dorsey—White roadster with baby blue interior, 450 h.p. engine, off the road exhaust, R&H, 4-speed, positraction and transistor ignition. Charlie is also planning a design for two blue competition stripes.

Kerby Smith—Red roadster with white interior, 450 h.p. engine, off the road exhaust, R&H, 4-speed, positraction and transistor ignition.

Mike Fraser—Red roadster with hardtop, red interior, 450 h.p. engine, R&H, 4-speed, positraction and transistor ignition.

NFCA members interested in ordering a new Corvette should see Mr. John Paul Jones, vice-president and general manager of John Deihl Chevrolet Company.

CLIFF PAYNE ELECTED MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Cliff Payne was recently elected Member of the Month unanimously by the members of the North Florida Corvette Assn. Cliff lives at 51 Beach Ave., Atlantic Beach, Florida. Becoming a member May 19, 1965 Cliff has not yet missed a single NFCA meeting or event.

Cliff has definite plans for purchasing a 1967 Corvette Stingray. However, presently he is driving one of the fastest '58 Corvettes in this section of Florida. This is a black Corvette powered by a 1964 365 h.p. engine, standard transmission, 4.56:1 rear end, over sized tires, etc., etc. This car has been known to win a number of trophies at local drag strips. Cliff plans to order his new 'Vette with the biggest engine possible, only to transfer it immediately to the older '58. The '58 engine will, accordingly, be placed in the newer 'Vette. (Sounds like it may be bad).

Cliff is quite an individual to meet, and is a close friend of all the members of NFCA. He is quiet (perhaps due to his occupation as a postman), but quick to express his opinion. He is a sports car enthusiast and knows a great deal concerning the mechanical structure of the Corvette. He is always willing to help the Corvette Club or its members in any way possible. He is practically engaged to a pretty young girl, who also lives at the Beach, Rosemary Gallagher, and who also enjoys participating in NFCA events.

Perhaps most of the less active members of NFCA know Cliff through meeting him at his beach house. A number of NFCA parties have been held there and the house is already becoming a legend in the NFCA. Again, NFCA salutes Cliff Payne, Member of the Month!

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CORVETTE CLINIC



Several NFCA members took advantage of the free service clinic recently sponsored by NFCA's sister club, the Corvair Club. After the club meeting and a movie of the history of the Corvette (in sound and color), Mr. John Deihl invited several of the boys to have their cars thoroughly checked absolutely free by expert technicians.

Pictured above from left to right are Charles Dorsey, Pat DeLette, Mike Fraser, Mr. John Deihl, Billy Sauls, Norman Griffin and a service technician speaking to Terry Dirman.

The NFCA members will be happy to hear that a Corvette clinic is sched-

uled for the third Wednesday in September (Sept. 15) after the meeting. The Corvettes will receive a complete check-up (absolutely free) from bumper to bumper. Only the latest in machinery and the most qualified personnel will be used. It should also be mentioned that the clinic will be available to any Corvette owner attending this meeting. The members would like to invite any Corvette owner to attend this meeting or any of our meetings and to become a member of one of America's only true sports car clubs, the North Florida Corvette Assn.

KEN DAVIS TO SPEAK ON HYDROSTICKS

Mr. Ken Davis has expressed enthusiasm towards attending the Sept. 15th meeting of NFCA. At this time Ken will speak on the principles of the hydrostick transmissions, how it works, and the advantages of having it. Most of you have probably heard of Ken in connection with his building of the hydrostick for local drag Champion Bob Price. If you desire to learn more about the transmission in your car, don't fail to attend this important meeting.

It seems as though Bob Clark has transmission trouble. Could it be from dragging a certain '32 Chevy coupe?

It seems as though two girls, Pat and Rosemary had themselves a time making baked beans and potato salad.

Cliff, where do you get all the ice from?

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NFCA AND ORLANDO VETTE CLUB CONVERGE ON CYPRESS GARDENS FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTING



July 18, 1965—The NFCA was up before the birds that foggy Sunday morning, and on the way south promptly at 6:00 a.m. The trip to the gardens was conquered, but Mike Fraser will have to bum another plug for one of his lake pipes, since he accidentally lost one and just missed a car; and the poor soles that were pulling 4:56 gears, their only problem was gasoline.

The North Florida Corvette Assn. rendezvoused with the Orlando Club in Orlando (See picture above) and from there continued on to Cypress Gardens.

The Gardens were very beautiful, as the flowers were in their fullest ray. During the latter part of the day we viewed the breath-taking skill show. Then after a brief snack, NFCA started their trek home. At one point on the expressway in Orlando, one of the Orlando Club members (name unknown) lost control of his car in a brief 'hunder shower and demanded that we let him temporarily use all three lanes, until he could stop his Vette from spinning around and around! It finally settled down without any damage to his Vette.

Wishing we could say the same about Suzanne Fraser and Gordon

Griffin, but not this time. It seems that Gordon got in the path of a dog, who was streamlining its way across the road and the dog blasted Gordon broadside tearing off the skirt of his front fender. Be more careful of those dogs Gordon!

After a brief stop in St. Augustine where NFCA members had a shrimp dinner, all returned safely to Jax, remembering a day never to be forgotten.

NFCA To Sponsor Custom Car Show In Near Future

It has been heard from reliable sources that the North Florida Corvette Assn. will sponsor a Custom Car Show within the ensuing year at either the Coliseum or Civic Auditorium. The entrance and financial backing will come from the same source as was seen recently at the Civic Auditorium Custom Car Show. The details concerning this event have not, as yet, been released.

One item needed in the scavenger hunt was a post card from the Thunderbird Motel. After ten cars or so asked for these cards, we understand the clerk just pointed when you walked in the door.

NEW NFCA MEMBERS

Listed below are the new members and also those members having become active since the last issue of Vette Gazette.

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