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North Bay Corvette Association (NBCA)

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At 7 pm.

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December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Save a Tree Party **Nov / Dec E-Board Meeting**
5	6	7	8 NBCA General Membership Meeting	9	10	11
12 NBCA December Social Drive	13	14	15 Dues are DUE	16	17	18 NBCA Christmas Dinner
19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Run	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day John B. Birthday
2	3	4	5 Steve B. Birthday Mike M. Birthday	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 NBCA General Membership Meeting	13 Robert A. Birthday	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 John F. Birthday
23	24 Carol Z. Birthday	25 Dave G. Birthday	26 NBCA E-Board Meeting	27	28	29
30	31 Carol F. Birthday					

North Bay Corvette Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

Social Hour: At the suggestion of President Farber**,** a social hour and dinner was held at 5:30 P.M. at Sam's Place in Novato. Many members attended both personally and by ZOOM and it was great to have everyone's participation

President Jeff Farber called the meeting to order at 6:30. President Farber then asked for committee reports.

Membership Director: Barbara Boyer reported that Denyse and Gloria are now members; welcome! Dues are due by December 15.

Secretary: Don Drummond requested that the minutes for the month of October be approved. It was so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. He will have all formal legal documents located in one place.

Director of Publications: Heather Torres reported that articles for the newsletter are due every month on or before the 22nd. President Farber will provide brochures which he has had printed.

Webmaster: Stephen Buttrick was not able to be present.

Public Relations Director: Bill Donnelly reported that he received the check from Silvera Chevrolet. Brochures are fine.

Member at Large Dan Divita had no report.

Treasurer: Steve Boyer reported on deposits and expenses. Financials are in good shape. With respect cones. we can buy 100 18 inch cones with no shipping, or buy the 12 inch version with shipping. He is investigating.

Social Director: Betty McKinnie reported:

We have 30 cars for the Vets in Vetts parade. Meet at Lumberjacks at 9:00. Will be wristbands for vets; someone suggested that Secretary Drummond with 6 years in the reserves during Viet Nam may qualify as a vet!

December 4 is Jane's house for cookie sharing. 43rd year!!

December 18 is Xmas party, details coming.

Sunshine Report: Lynn Larson was unable to be present.

Vice President Dan Divita had no report.

President Jeff Farber reported that there will be no more Cars and Coffee this year. He and Kevin are working on new photographs.

Old Business: A reminder to wear our pins was made. As to brochures, no sponsor for corral.

New Business: Nominees for the board are:

Vice president: Steve Boyer
Secretary: Don Drummond
Membership: Barbara Boyer
Treasurer: Mike McLucas

Moved, seconded and passed.

Woody offered to work on Facebook page.

Heather pointed out we need a list of candidates for member of the year.

Steve Boyer announced that they have a 2019 Long Beach red convertible for sale at 71k.

Announcements:

Our next eBoard meeting will be at the Cookie Party on December 4 at Jane's home.

Jane Rittler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Drummond, Secretary

National Days of December 2021

December 1: Pie Day / Rosa Parks Day
December 2: Fritters Day
December 3: Bartender Day
December 4: Cookie Day / Sock Day / Rhubarb Vodka Day
December 5: International Ninja Day
December 6: Gazpacho Day
December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day / Cotton Candy
December 8: Brownie Day
December 9: Pastry Day / Christmas card Day
December 10: Lager Day / Human Rights Day
December 11: App Day
December 12: Gingerbread House Day / Poinsettia Day
December 13: Guard Birthday / National Cocoa Day
December 14: Bouillabaisse Day / Monkey Day
December 15: Cupcake Day / Cat Herders Day
December 16: Chocolate-covered ANYTHING Day
December 17: Maple Syrup Day
December 18: Wreaths across America Day
December 19: Hard Candy Day
December 20: Sangria Day
December 21: Humbug Day / Flashlight Day
December 22: Date Nut Bread Day /
December 23: Pfeffernusse Day / Festivus
December 24: Eggnog Day / Christmas Eve
December 25: Pumpkin Pie Day / Christmas
December 26: Candy Cane Day / Thank-you Note Day
December 27: Fruitcake Day
December 28: Short Film Day / Card Playing Day
December 29: Pepper Pot Day
December 30: Bacon Day
December 31: Champagne Day / New Year's Eve

President's Message - Where'd all the C8s come from?

Have you noticed how many of new C8s are on the road now? I can now recognize a C8 when I see one. Originally, I didn't know if the car was a Corvette, or an NSX, or some new type of Lamborghini. Our own Dan D was the first club member to get a C8 Stingray. Many of us surprised Dan when he picked up his car at Sonoma Chevrolet. That car pickup was a really fun day for us, but unfortunately for Dan, it robbed him of his training time to learn the car. I'm pretty sure as he drove home I saw his blinker signalling left when he was turning right.

Dan was the only cool guy (bank account reduced) in the club with a shiny new car for quite a number of months. The next person with a C8 was Gloria A, who was not a club member at the time, but was participating in all of our events, and eager to join. Gloria purchased a Stingray convertible. And at about the same time we Gloria and the club found each other, a former club member Denyse and Fred C, bought her C8 and if I recall correctly sold her C7 to Pedro F.

The next new car was Bill D's beautiful Silver Z51 that appears to change color in different types of light. Bill opens and closes his top on every drive I've seen him. Did you see the beautiful Red with racing stripes car the Boyers are driving? Yes, it is a Convertible Z51 and the Boyers rushed to get this car past the break in period so they could run a track day in September. Then our own legal eagle Don D purchased a black convertible Z51. Neil would be very proud of this color, except he wouldn't leave the hood as is - Neil's would need a decoration of course. Don, has been walking gingerly lately but can still get in and out of this C8, shows that these new cars are pretty comfortable - he drives his every time I see him. I know I can drive in my C7 all the way to Bowling Green and back and stay comfortable. I bet the C8 is even more comfortable. Have I missed anyone? I bet there are a few others on order, maybe Christmas Orders.

We had a very eventful year. We had a full year of Social's and did lots and lots of driving. We started the process of meeting at Club sponsor's locations and taking pictures before our drive. We also attended the Novato Cars & Coffee quite a number of times and the club and cars got noticed. We also returned to in-person meeting, while also adding a Zoom component for those not able to meet. We had an increase in club membership.

We are right at the verge of the holidays at this writing with Thanksgiving nearing. We've just put up our lights so we can turn them on right after Thanksgiving. Christmas is festive for our family - lots of bright lights, a large tree we cut down ourselves, and luckily the family together. There are just a few more events for the club to close out the year - Jane's Christmas party (now the cookie exchange) and the club Christmas Dinner. I look forward to celebrating Christmas with my club friends and hope each of you enjoy a "normal," healthy and wonderful New Year.

Jeff

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

VICE PRESIDENT - Dan Divita

No New Cars (Yet)

I haven't been made aware of anyone getting a new car this month. So maybe next month will provide someone with a Corvette Christmas present that fits in their garage.

HOWEVER, I do know that there are at least two initial deposits on new C8 ZO6s in the works. It's anybody's guess as to when these might show up, but it will certainly be a while since initial production is still proposed for much later next year. We're looking forward to seeing these join the group.

Thank You, Kevin

As a veteran myself, it was again an honor to participate in the Petaluma Veteran's Day parade last month as part of the Club entry organized by Kevin McKinnie. We have been part of this parade for several years, and it is always a heart-warming experience for both the drivers and their veteran passengers. We missed last year because of the Covid crisis, so it was good to be back. This year was super, with some new veterans and some supportive ladies. (How come Donnelly has never had one veteran in the parade, but ALWAYS ends up with a girl in his car?) The parade route appeared to have attracted a larger crowd than we have seen in recent years, and everyone was so into it. This year's theme was "Welcome Home", a message for the Vietnam vets who may have been welcomed home with social animosity at the time they returned.

Many of our drivers have been participating since the early years, and are very committed to making sure that this patriotic display continues. Drivers from other areas, not just club members, return every year to be a part of this. The most distant driver this year was our own Les Brown, who came all the way from Prescott, Arizona to be with us. He wouldn't miss it.

Thank you, again Kevin, and we look forward to doing it again next year.

New Officers

We welcome our new Officers to their positions for next year. They will be listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Thank you to those who have accepted the opportunity to help guide the club. After 18 years on the board, I look forward to supporting our new leaders as they carry on.

Other Stuff

I hope you have all enjoyed a healthy and pleasant Thanksgiving holiday. If we look closely enough, I'm sure every one of us has something for which to be thankful. I thank all of you for making the club a group of people I can honestly call "friends". Thank all of you for making this a "Corvette Family".

Now, ON TO CHRISTMAS.

See you at the cookie exchange on December 4th at Jane Rittler's house, (can you believe this lovely lady has been doing this for 43 years?) and on the 18th at our Christmas Party. Happy Holidays…

North Bay Corvette Association

Treasurer's Report

November 10, 2021

We have a healthy bank balance.

Checks Cleared This Month:

1 10/12/2021 Check for deposit for Christmas Party paid to Club Restaurant.

2 10/21/21 Check for postage stamps to Steve B.

3 10/21/21 Debit card transaction to the Secretary of State for biennial information report.

Deposits Made This Month:

1. 10/16/21 Paul S. bought three car wash tickets.
2. 10/18/21 Heather T. started advertising in the newsletter.

Uncleared Transactions: There were two uncleared transactions. After the close of the accounting period, dues were paid by Gloria A. and Art A. and deposited in the amount of $100.00 combined.

Car Wash Report: One ticket was given to Steven K. for winning last month's Wheel-Of-Car Wash at the end of the meeting. Three tickets were sold to Paul S. at last months meeting. We currently have 4 car wash tickets. Please consider buying some from me the next time you see me. I usually have them with me at club events.

Advertisers and Sponsors Report: All advertisers and sponsors have paid for this year. Invoices will be printed for Bill to start handing out in January for next year. Heather paid for the last two months of 2021 and for all of next year for her business Familee Creations, as an Independent Stampin' Up Demonstrator for

Other Actions: Bay Area Barricade has to order green road cones that we want. The cost for 12" cones would cost more than for 18" cones. The larger cones will be ordered if approved.

The Post Office Box will automatically renew and be charged on our debit card at the end of this month.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven R. Boyer

Treasurer

I had my friend, Von Clemens, Captain, Electronic Warfare Officer, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), ride with me at the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Petaluma, this year. We both had a great time.

Submitted by Steve Boyer

Looking forward to the holidays with breakfast on my mind.

Christmas Breakfast Casserole

Serves 8

From: Southern Living 1994 Annual Recipes, page 284

Ingredients:

12 oz. package link sausages, cut into ¼" slices
8 slices bread cut into 1" pieces (Bordenave sour dough slices)
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 ½ cups milk, divided
6 large eggs, lightly beaten
¾ tsp dry mustard
½ tsp dried marjoram
½ tsp dried basil
10 ¾ oz. can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

Preparation:

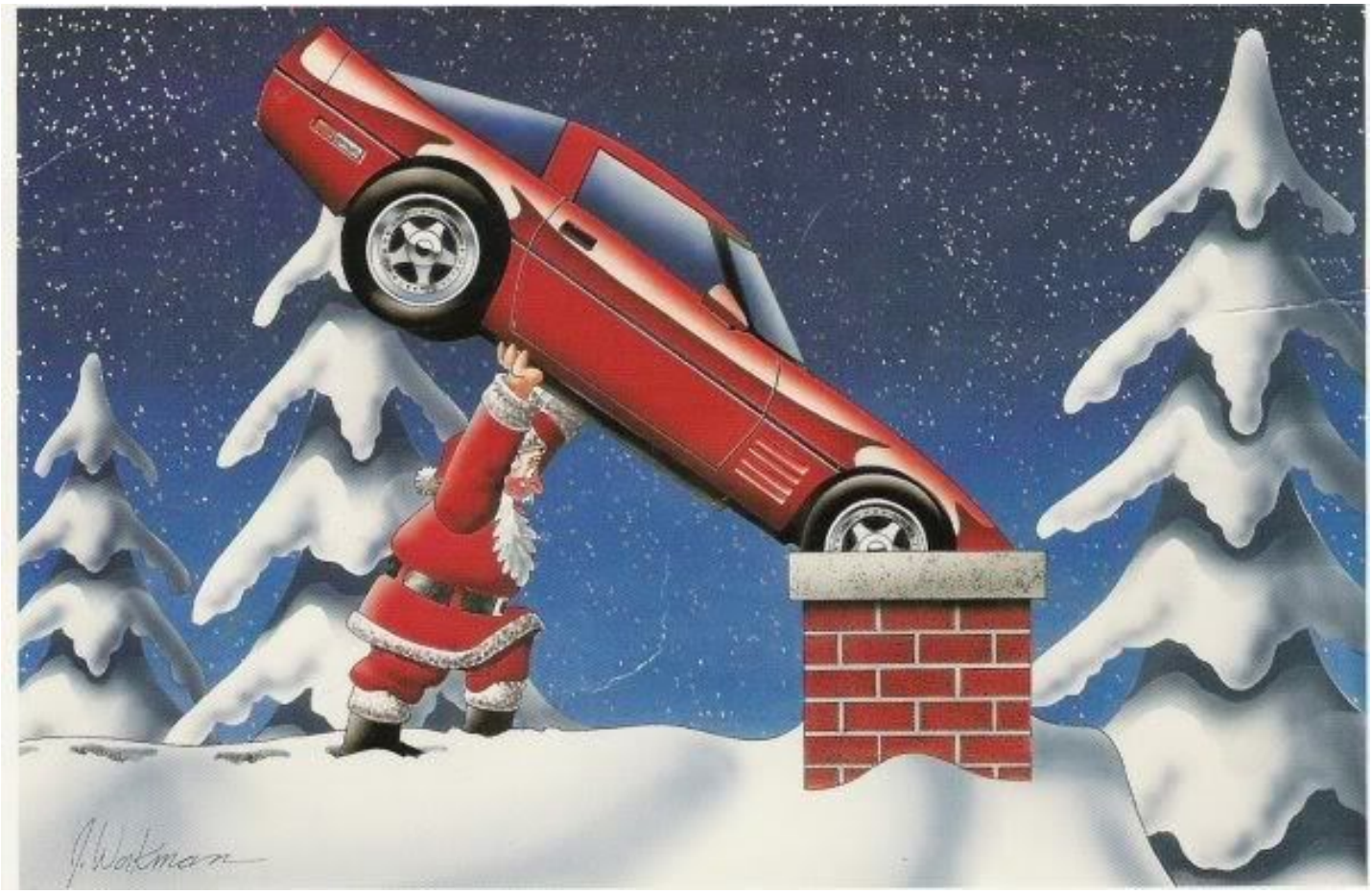
3. Brown sausage in a large skillet, drain well and set aside.
4. Place bread in a greased 13 x 9 x 2" baking dish or disposable aluminum foil pan. Top with cheese and sausage.
5. Combine 2 cups milk and next 4 ingredients in a bowl, pour over bread mixture.
6. Cover and chill 8 hours.
7. Combine soup and remaining ½ cup milk and pour over casserole.
8. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour or until casserole is set.

Notes: We enjoy this most every year after opening presents.

Submitted by Steve Boyer

The one thing on everyone's Christmas List:

~ Maybe not a C4



Hi gang hope all is well with everyone! And everyone had a good Thanksgiving, I was in New York with my family it was great! Well everyone, all things are good with public relations, everyone has paid for 2021, now I will hand out invoices for 2022 starting this month! Hope everyone had fun at out Christmas party! LIFE IS GOOD! Teaser.....

Your eyebrows renew themselves ever what...?

JACK & RILEY

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 2022 Dues are due now. NBCA's dues are $15 and WSCC has decided to keep their dues at $35.

A check for $50 made out to NBCA should be mailed to:

Steve Boyer, Treasurer, 59 Rowan Court, San Rafael, CA 94903.

If your payment is not made by December 15th, please add a $6 late fee and make the check out for $56.

Our C8 getting ready for the parade in Petaluma. Thank you, Kevin, for all your work coordinating this wonderful event.

Submitted by Barbara Boyer

CHRISTMAS EVE RUN 2019 DEC 24

MEET O'REILLY AUTO PARTS
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E WASHINGTON AND LAKEVILLE ST

LEAVE AT 8:30AM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Christmas Dinner

December 18

McInnis Park Club Restaurant
350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael

$53 per person

Each meal comes with Dinner Salad

MAIN COURSE DINNER CHOICES

Prime Rib

Salmon

Chicken Marsala

Vegetarian - Pasta

DESSERT

Kapalua Krunch

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring gender neutral wrapped gift

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PLEASE RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 11

No host bar @ 5pm | Dinner @6pm

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift to Christmas Dinner

Dinner choices $53.00 per person

Your Name:_____

____ Prime Rib

____ Salmon

____ Chicken Marsala

____ Vegetarian - Pasta

Payment made to: NBCA

Mail to Betty McKinnie

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Please send this sheet with payment

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Vets in vettes - 2021

There are a lot more pictures from this event, please contact Kevin M

BOB BONDURANT PASSES AT AGE 88

Picture courtesy of Sports Car Digest

Bob Bondurant, a former champion race car driver who opened a high-performance driving school in 1968 and taught numerous A-list actors for their movie roles, died last Friday in the Phoenix suburb of Paradise Valley at age 88.

Bondurant taught stunt driving, competition driving, police pursuit driving, evasive driving for chauffeurs and bodyguards, and other skills. Among the celebrities Bondurant instructed in road course driving for their movie roles, were Paul Newman, Tom Cruise, Clint Eastwood, James Garner, Nicolas Cage, Robert Wagner, Tim Allen and Christian Bale, according to the website.

Bondurant started racing motorcycles on dirt tracks as a teenager before switching to cars in 1958 and racing for the Shelby American, Ferrari and Eagle teams. He won 30 of 32 races in Corvettes from 1961-63, and he won the GT class at Le Mans in 1964, co-driving with fellow American Dan Gurney.

Badly injured in a 1967 crash at the racetrack in Watkins Glen, New York, Bondurant drafted an idea for a high-performance driving school while recuperating. He opened the school in early 1968 at California's Orange County International Raceway, then moved it to Ontario, California, and later Sonoma, north of San Francisco. Bondurant relocated the driving school to Phoenix following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in California.

He was inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in 2003.

Article Submitted by Eric L. Electric Cars Reality:

Ever since the advent of electric cars, the REAL cost per mile of has never been discussed. All you ever heard was the mpg in terms of gasoline, with nary a mention of the cost of electricity to run it.

Electricity has to be one of the least efficient ways to power things, yet electric cars are being shoved down our throats. Here is the math on the costs.

A British Columbia Hydro Executive has reported that the adoption of electric vehicles includes consideration of certain realities. For example, a home charging system for a Tesla requires 75 amp service. The average house is equipped with 100 amp service. On a street of approximately 25 homes, the electrical infrastructure would be unable to carry more than three houses with a single Tesla each. For even half the homes to have electric vehicles, the system would be wildly overloaded.

Our residential infrastructure cannot bear the load of electricity required to power the cars.

So as our elected officials promote electric vehicles, not only are we being urged to buy them and replace our reliable, cheap generating systems with expensive new windmills and solar cells, but we will also have to renovate our entire delivery system! This latter "investment" will not be revealed until we're so far down this road that it will be presented with an 'OOPS...' and a shrug.

A test drive in a Chevy Volt performed by General Motors revealed that for four days in a row, the fully charged battery lasted only 25 miles before the Volt switched to the reserve gasoline engine. The car got 30 mpg including the 25 miles it ran on the battery. So, the range including the 9-gallon gas tank and the 16 kwh battery is approximately 270 miles. It will take you 4.5 hours to drive 270 miles at 60 mph.

Then add 10 hours to charge the battery and you have a total trip time of 14.5 hours. In a typical road trip your average speed (including charging time) would be 20 mph.

According to General Motors, the Volt battery holds 16 kwh of electricity. It takes a full 10 hours to charge a drained battery. The cost for the electricity to charge the Volt is never mentioned, so I looked up what I pay for electricity. At my house, I pay approximately $1.16 per kwh. (the amount used varies with the seasons).

16 kwh x $1.16 = $18.56 to charge the battery.

$18.56 per charge for a 25 mile trip = $0.74 per mile to operate the Volt using the battery.

Compare this to a similar size car with a gasoline engine that gets 32 mpg. $3.19 per gallon divided by 32 mpg = $0.10 per mile.

The gasoline powered car costs about $25,000 while the Volt costs $46,000+

So we are being asked to pay twice as much for a car, that costs more than seven times as much to run, and takes three times longer to drive across the country.

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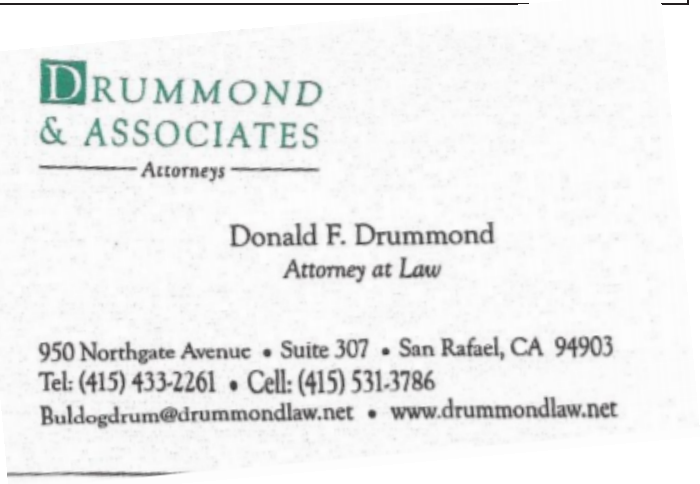
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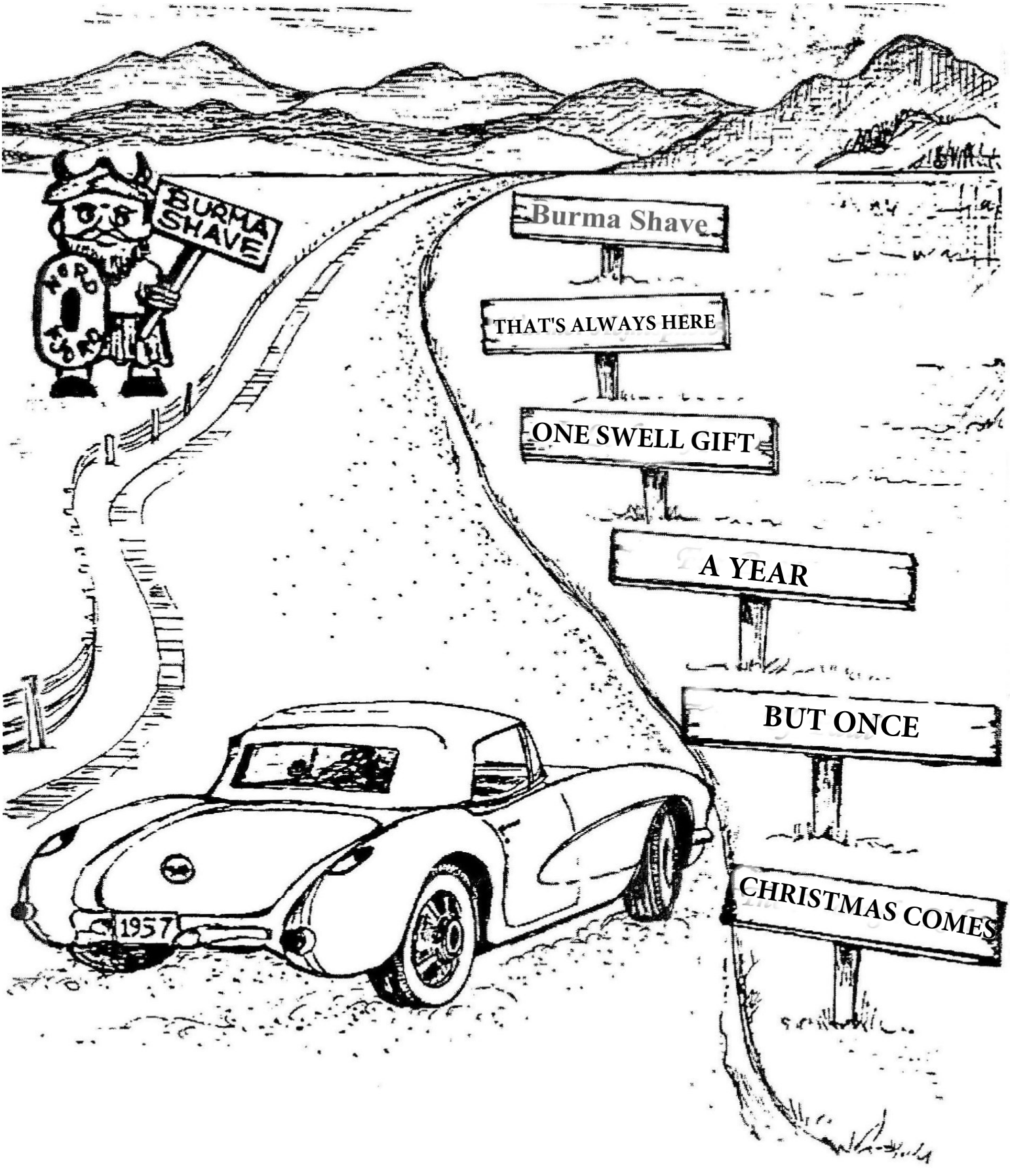

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