



# THE VAPOR TRAIL NOVEMBER—JANUARY 2021

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## President's Message By Clay Beck

Well, it has been a while since I have written a letter for our newsletter.

I got to tell you that this Covid-19 pandemic is really shutting things down in our community. It is so hard to plan anything for our club because of the requirement to be socially distancing. Now that the vaccine is more available, I am thinking, things will be getting better out there, and people will be able to get out more and go places. So, let's all hang in there, be positive and let's watch things get better.

We will be having our first VTV meeting this Thursday by way of Zoom. I know these virtual meeting is not the best and I really miss having a good time at some restaurant. But to be safe, this is what is expected. Our first auto cross event is March 13, and we need to make plans for it. So, at this meeting we will discuss some things that need to be done in preparation. Other autocross event dates are also planned as follows: April 17; June 26<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>; and as a backup date in case we have to cancel one of these events, we have November 6<sup>th</sup>.

I just read an article from Corvette Blogger, regarding the new C8 Z06 that might come out in July 2021 as a 2022 model. I have seen on You tube several Corvette mules running around several cities in the US and Canada. These mules are camouflage, so you are not able to see much of it at all.

But you cannot mistake that sound of the flat plane crank that is



heard. So, the rumor is that it will have a dual overhead cam with that flat plane crank and totally naturally aspirated. The horsepower will be somewhere from 600 to 700 HP. That's pretty good for a naturally aspirated motor. This Z06 is really designed as a track car, so I have my deposit ready.

I hope everyone is safe out there and staying healthy. Have a good day.

Clay Beck

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### November

- 11 Karen Mancebo
- 25 Lee Clark

### December

- 04 Beverly Erickson
- 25 Charlie Perry
- 27 Wayne Mancebo

### January

No Birthdays

### February

- 01 Chris Deviny



## 2020 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
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**All numbers are in the 805 area code.**

## **November 1, 2020 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of November was held on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at Charlie's in Los Alamos. We had 13 attendees which was determined to be a quorum per our By-Laws. The attendees were:

Clay Beck, Chuck Robertson, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Larry Wright, Holly Palmer, Jeff Palmer, Samantha Fitts, Chris Fitts, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Lindsay Weber and Chad Weber. Our President Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm and announced the October birthdays. The October birthdays were Hector Paz 10/1, Caleb Waters 10/16, Samantha Fitts 10/16, and Lee Clark 10/26.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

A motion was made by Chuck Robertson and seconded by Larry Wright to approve all of our previous meeting minutes that had not been approved because of a lack of a quorum.

Clay informed us that he is not going to be available for the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **New/Old business– Clay Beck**

New Business:

Clay started out by asking Larry Wright to give a status on the election of club officers for 2021. Larry shared that since he didn't get any nominations from our club members, he decided to take a different approach. He contacted all of the existing office holders to determine if they would be willing to continue serving for another year. All existing office holders agreed to serve for another year. A motion was made by Gale to accept Larry Wright's process to complete the election. The motion was seconded and approved. All existing officers will continue to serve in the same capacity in 2021. Larry Wright is going to send an email to all of the club members announcing the new 2021 officers.

Next, Clay wanted to know who was going to be around to help at the November 14<sup>th</sup> autocross. He took the names down of those that were going to be there.

### **Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson**

Chuck went over the Treasurer's report for October. He indicated that we started the month of October with \$6,149.17 in the bank. Under income, we received \$35.00 from Cliff and Bev Erickson for their renewal.

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### **Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson (Cont'd)**

Under expenses, he paid \$118.00 to renew the club's Post Office Box for another year, the \$196.33 is for the website and is broken down to \$19.99 for the old website and \$178.34 for 3 years (\$4.95 per month) for the new website. The \$35 expense is the dues to the West Coast Region for new member, Lee Clark. The \$25 expense is for the annual regional dues. At the end of October, we had \$5,772.84 in the bank. Chuck also added that the contract with the new web host will go to \$9.00 per month after the first 3 years.

Hector asked for a status on the Home Motors sponsorship. Clay explained that he and Tim Ritchie, the Home Motors General Manager had been playing phone tag. Tim Ritchie's last message indicated that he still wants to continue with the sponsorship. Clay said that he would continue to follow up on this.

Chad Weber shared that Big Brand Tire has recently renewed his personal sponsorship and that they are interested in promoting our club anyway they can. Several options were discussed such as giving gift cards to the class winners, or a check to the club for a specified amount. Chad also shared that last year Big Brand Tire put up \$900 for a Porsche club event where the winners were given gift cards. Clay wanted to know what they wanted in return. Chad said that they want advertising. Clay said that we would be willing to advertise. We could put something on our trailer. Clay discussed our sponsorship with Home Motors. Chad added we would need to decide whether we would be interested in a lump sum or some other means. Clay said we could go either way.

There was a lot of discussion about what would be the most beneficial for the club and everyone involved. Clay expressed a desire to entertain the whole idea. At the end, it was agreed to pursue this further. Clay asked Chad to keep him involved in this issue.

There was some discussion about a series championship at the end of the year to promote continued participation.

Next, Chuck Robertson brought up the donations to charities for discussion.

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### **Treasurer's Report— Chuck Robertson (Cont'd)**

There was a lot of discussion about this but eventually we agreed to set aside \$2,000 for the Boys & Girls Club and \$600 in turkeys for the Salvation Army. Everyone seemed to be on board with this. Clay was on board as long as it meets our financial goals.

Clay asked for folks to chair the charities committees. Chuck volunteered to chair the turkeys committee and Gale volunteered to chair the Boys & Girls Club committee.

Chad brought up the idea of doing a 50/50 drawing during the autocross. There was some discussion about this.

Chris brought up the idea of including a Toy Drive with the November 14<sup>th</sup> autocross. There was a lot of discussion about this. Clay seemed concerned about all of these new initiatives. Gale agreed to develop a flyer to include with the drivers' instructions. It was agreed to include a flyer with the emails to the autocross drivers. Clay wanted to make sure everyone knew that his focus was going to be the autocross and someone else could focus on the Toy Drive.

Hector made a motion that we approve the Treasurer's report that included \$600 for Turkeys and \$2,000 for Boys & Girls Club. Everyone was in favor.

Chuck, asked for another \$100 to get a few more things fixed from the new web host. It was determined that approval was not required as long as it was kept under \$100.

### **VP Report— Holly Palmer**

For upcoming events, it was suggested that we focus on the Christmas Party.

It was agreed that Gale would chair a committee to develop a plan for the Christmas Party. It was also agreed that we would hold it at Chuck Robertson's house. Also, it was agreed to have it on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Governor's Report— Gale Haugen**

Gale talked about the ZOOM Regional meeting in September. Membership renewal dues date is on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Dues are \$25 for singles, \$35 for married members.

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### **Governor's Report— Gale Haugen**

Gale announced that there will not be any NCCC awards for this year. She handed out patches to everyone. Emphasized the need to get our dates for next year's events. Also, she shared that the region will now be headed by Joe Orrico, Dave Alciatore will be the competition director. Cliff Harris will remain in charge of membership. Joe will appoint a treasurer and a secretary.

Additionally, all newsletters from clubs, and phone calls about regional and national policies need to be sent to Joe Orrico.

Gale recognized some members for 2019. Men's Regional points leader was Chad Weber, Ladies Regional points leader was Holly Palmer. Vapor Trail Vettes was the club with the most points. Brenda Parks came in second for working points. Gerry White was third. Everyone received 2019 patches.

### **Around the Virtual Room**

**Gerry** shared that he is going to have a new garage at his house; **Brenda**, booked a cruise with her daughter for next year; **Hector**, shared that his 22 year old car has been leaking oil from the oil pan and it appears to be a very labor intensive procedure to fix it; **Chris**, talked about his 1971 Corvette; **Chad**, shared that Lindsey wiped out the front of their truck when they went to Buttonwillow but not on the track; he said that they have been to Buttonwillow twice this year. Shared that he now has 3 corvettes. He shared that being behind the wheel on the track can be exhausting; **Larry**, suggested you go to buyavette.com if you are interested in buying a new Corvette; he shared that he has a contact with Alfano's if anyone is interested; **Chuck**, shared that Costco has a sale coming up on a QuickJack lift. He may buy it as his Christmas present to himself; **Jeff**, shared that his new Winnebago 21' trailer is occupying up most of his time; they will go stay locally so that they can check it all out; **Clay**, his aunt Jennie is having some heart issues and may require some additional treatment. He may be travelling back and forth.

### **Drawings**

No drawings were held.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.



## **Charities—Christmas at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria**

The 2020 Boys & Girls Club Christmas committee included Chuck Robertson, Holly Palmer, Lindsey Weber and Gale Haugen.

We received the kids wish lists the middle of November and started shopping for 75 kids. The kids range from six years old to teens. If you haven't shopped for little ones in a long time, it is a whole new world in the toy departments. After shopping for the kids last year I thought this would be a walk in the park but I now understand that the entire toy industry changes every year and what may have been the popular toy last year is now a nothing. It took some researching on Google to figure out some of the toys they asked for. We also had to consider that these wish lists were made at the club not under their parents approval. In some cases a toy was replaced by a gift card. We also added a table of unwrapped gifts that new kids could select a gift from. These were gifts collected at our last Autocross and some that were purchased during the after Christmas sales last year. What was left of those gifts were donated to the B&G's club.

On December 16th Santa and his helpers arrived to hand out gifts. Chad and Lindsey Weber brought their Corvette with racing numbers and Chad dressed in this racing suit with signed pictures to hand out to the kids. They also made goodie bags for the employees of the B&G's Club. Thank you so much Chad and Lindsey.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the gifts were handed out in the parking lot. A big thank you to Daniel Fulton for volunteering to be Santa again. He totally knows how to put smiles on those little faces. We appreciate you supporting our Corvette club, Daniel.

Overall, it was a fun day for us and I am sure the kids appreciated the toys and gift cards.



## **Charities—Christmas at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria**



Photos by Chuck Robertson  
See kids thank you card on next page.



**Thank you card from the Boys & Girls Club.**



Sophia  
 Estrella Aliyah Erik  
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 Nathan  
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 Julianna  
 annayeli  
 Destiny  
 Landon Tony Bigail

UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization.

~ 2020 ~  
 Thank you Coach, Hector & Team for organizing such an amazing experience for our youth! You really went above & beyond with Santa & a REAL RACE CAR Driver!!! Thanks to ALL who made it all possible!  
 Thank-you Vapor Trail Car Vettes Club!  
 Your generosity means the world to our kids & entire BGC Team!!!  
 Happy New Year!!

## **Tech Corner—10 Reasons Why We'd Buy The Corvette C7 Over The New Corvette C8**

**By James Jacobs—Hotcars.com**

According to James Jacobs there are 10 reasons to buy a C7 over a C8. The following are extracts from his article.

10. Extra Cargo Space— The Chevrolet Corvette is one muscle car that had a surprising amount of room for groceries, the removable roof, golf clubs, and more. We say "had," though, as the C8 is far less accommodating than its C7 sibling. Still, that's to be expected, since the C8 has a mid-engine layout rather than a traditional front-engine design. This forces the cargo space to be split between two trunks (front and rear) instead of a singular one.

9. Camaro Parts - The Corvette C8 had a few design choices that had us scratching our heads. Particularly, there's the repurposing of current Camaro parts onto the latest Corvette.

To us, the taillights, bumper, and stock spoiler are near carbon copies of what the 2019/2020 Chevrolet Camaros had at the time. We'll concede that they're not exactly the same, but the likeness is clear to see.

8. Lower Price Tag— As it currently stands, the C8 is in the \$80,000 to \$110,000 range. That's no low sum for most people, especially for just a single sports car. For a fraction of that M.S.R.P. ([\\$40,000 to \\$65,000](#)), you can get a slightly older Corvette that's just as good, if not better!

7. Better Engine Note— The C8 appears to have a much weaker exhaust sound than the older Corvette C7—Z06 or ZR1. C8 owners can always opt for [an aftermarket C8 exhaust like the one Lingenfelter offers](#), but that'll cost extra on top of the car's initial price tag and maintenance.

6. Marginal Performance Improvements— Performance is the most egregious difference between the two models. The C8 should dominate the highest-trim C7 with ease given it's got the new tech, a new design, and so on. But, no. On-track, the [C8 gets dumpstered by a normal C7 Z06](#).

In a straight-line drag race, the C7 wins. Maybe it'll be a bit different on a circuit course. However, we think the C7's outright speed will compensate for any lack of cornering ability.

5. Hints to the past Marginal Performance -The C7 blends in well with the rest of the previous Corvette models from the C2 to the present.

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5. Hints to the past Marginal Performance -The C8, on the other hand, doesn't mimic any Corvettes except in two minor ways: first, by using parts from the C7, and secondly that it harks back to the first mid-engine 'Vette concept, the ['68 XP-880 Astro II](#).

4. A "ZR1" Trim— The C8 is vastly more expensive, while simultaneously underpowered in comparison to the older model. The reason behind this is simple. The C8 is the first of its kind, so far. To add to that, they've yet to include a Z06 or ZR1 trim to the catalog.

3. A Manual Transmission— To be frank, we were confused as to why Chevy didn't add a manual transmission option to their new Corvette. We know that a sequential-automatic with paddle shifters is much quicker than an ol' stick shift, but (without it) it doesn't feel the same.

2. The Muscle Car Aesthetic— Onto the most contentious of the points we've had thus far. In our personal experience, the largest complaint towards the C8 is this primary issue: it no longer looks like a muscle car.

It all revolves around the Corvette's change from front-engine to mid-engine. Like [Porsche's shift from air-cooled to water-cooled](#) engines, hardcore fans are unhappy with the change. Even worse, you can't even consider it a muscle car anymore. If anything, it's a wannabe McLaren 570S.

1. The C7 Looks Better— Now, for the final bit, this one is purely our personal opinion. A few points beforehand have also been subjective, but this one encompasses all of them (and more). To us, the C8 just doesn't look as good as the C7. To explain why we feel this way, it's best summed up by the previous entry in the toe. Simply put, [the C8 isn't a Corvette](#). They've forgone the muscle car styling we discussed earlier, as well as what Corvette purists think the originals were intended for.



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# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>January 2021</b>					
N/A	N/A	No VTV Monthly General Meeting Schedule	N/A	N/A	
Saturday	23	WC Regional Governor's Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	NCCC	
<b>February 2021</b>					
Thursday	4	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri—Sat	19-20	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	<b>Cancelled</b>
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>March 2021</b>					
Thursday	4	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Saturday	13	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at <a href="http://motorsportreg.com">motorsportreg.com</a>
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>April 2021</b>					
Thursday	1	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Saturday	17	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at <a href="http://motorsportreg.com">motorsportreg.com</a>
Saturday	24	FBC 2nd Annual Spring Car Show	Solvang	FBC	10am-3pm - (805) 403-7676
Fri-Sat	30-5/1	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	



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<b>May 2021</b>					
Thursday	6	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Fri-Sun	28-30	39th Annual West Coast Kustom's Cruisin Nationals	Santa Maria		951-488-0413
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>June 2021</b>					
Thursday	3	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Sat-Sun	4-6	35th Annual Classic Car Show	Pismo Beach		9am-9pm 909-363-4682
Sun-Fri	13-18	62nd Annual NCCC Convention	Cleveland, OH	E. OH Region	
Saturday	26	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>July 2021</b>					
Saturday	3	4th of July BBQ	Shell Beach	Hector & Gale	Replaces July Mtg
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>August 2021</b>					
Thursday	5	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Saturday	14	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com
Saturday	28	16th Annual Wheels 'n Windmills Car Show	Solvang		9am-4pm 805-688-6112
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>September 2021</b>					
Thursday	2	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Fri-Sat	10-11	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
Sunday	26	Auto Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes	Nipomo		10am-4pm 805-305-4937
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>October 2021</b>					
Monday	1	Start Nominations for 2022 E-Board		VTV	
Thursday	7	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	TBD	Annual Corvette Blast	Pismo Beach	VTV	
<b>November 2021</b>					
Thursday	4	VTV Monthly General Meeting—Announce 2022 Board Members	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Saturday	6	Vapor Trail Vettes Auto-cross (Alternate Date)	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com
Sunday	7	48th Annual Noioqui Falls Fun Run Car Show			8am—3pm 805-736-7059
Fri-Sat	12-13	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
Sunday	15	VTV Membership Renewal Deadline			
TBD	TBD	Turkey Run—Donations		VTV	
Thursday	25	Thanksgiving			
<b>December 2021</b>					
Thursday	2	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange	TBD	VTV	
TBD	TBD	Boys & Girls Club Christmas	Santa Maria	VTV	