



THE VAPOR TRAIL MARCH 2021

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President's Message By Clay Beck

Well, we had a successful auto cross this last weekend March 13th. This was our first auto cross for this year with 3 more to go. There were 56 drivers that had sign up for this event. These autocrosses are big money makers for our VTV club. We had a Tesla at our event this time, a first for us. I was impressed on how fast this car was. It was keeping up with the Porsche GT4's. However, it was highly modified with coil overs, lowered with wider tires, and bigger brakes and rotors. Very impressive. I believe everyone had a good time. I got lots of praises on the track course. People liked it.

I am currently working at Diablo Canyon power plant at their refueling outage. I have retired back in 2006 and I have been going back to do my old job for these refueling outages to help out. In the next couple of weeks, I will be putting in many hours. I am looking for a layoff date maybe in the first week of April. For me, its always fun to go back and see everyone and only be there for five or six weeks. It gives me money for toys parts.

I am surely getting tired of having virtual club meetings. Maybe in the upcoming months we can have a meeting at one of our favorite restaurants. I have had my second covid shot with no side effects. However, my wife Kathy had some nausea on the second day. Well with that behind us and many more people get vaccinated I hope things will get better for getting out there and driving our Corvettes.

I have opened up MSR for people to sign up for our next autocross event scheduled for April 17th. We are expecting another big event with many drivers signing up.

Take care everyone.

Clay



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- 01 – Chad Weber
- 03 – Kathy Beck
- 07 – Larry Wright
- 12 – Bill Deviny
- 13 – Bill Santmyer
- 31 – Jeff Palmer

April

- 07 – Holly Palmer
- 12 – Gale Haugen
- 19 – Gerry White

2020 Board Members

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

March 4, 2021 VTV Meetings Minutes **By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of March was held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 as a ZOOM Meeting. There were 7 attendees which meant that again we would not have a quorum and we would not be able to vote on anything.

The attendees were Clay Beck, Chuck Robertson, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Jeff Palmer, Bill Deviney and Larry Wright.

Our President Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm and announced the birthdays for February and March. Chris Deviney was February 23rd, Chad Weber was March 1st, Kathy Beck was March 3rd, Larry Wright was March 7th, Bill Deviney was March 12th, Bill Santmyer was March 13th, and Jeff Palmer was March 31st.

Meeting Minutes Approval

We couldn't approve the previous meeting minutes because we didn't have a quorum. We'll have to approve all previous meeting minutes at a future time when we have a quorum.

New Business – Clay Beck

Clay decided to start the meeting with the Treasurer's Report followed by the Governor's report.

Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Chuck had previously emailed the Treasurer's report to the membership prior to the meeting. He indicated that we started the month of February with \$5,024.76 in the bank. Under income, we received \$45.00 from Caleb's membership. Under expenses, we spent \$378.73 for a set of cables for the timing equipment and some more trophy cones and \$15 for Chuck's TSA renewal badge. At the end of February, we had \$4,676.03 in the bank. Clay asked if he had received any monies from motorsport reg. Chuck replied that yes, he had received a notification from motorsportreg for \$1,700 which will show up in the March report.

We could not approve the report due to shortage of members attending the meeting.

VP Report– Holly Palmer

Holly was not in attendance.

New Business – Clay Beck

Clay came back after the Treasurer's report and the Governor's report to talk about the March 13th autocross.

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New Business – Clay Beck

He will be sending out an email asking for people to help. Larry said he would help on Saturday, Jeff and Holly would be there Friday and Saturday. Gale and I would be there on Saturday but would come out on Friday if needed. Chuck would be there both days. Not sure about Gerry and Brenda. They will come out and do TSA from their truck. Bill said he would be there on Friday to help set up but not Saturday.

It was decided that Gale would call Clint to see if he was available. Clay asked about the food truck. Gale shared that the food trucks are making a lot more money on Saturday where they are located. Clay said that if we are not successful then we'll let everyone know to bring their own.

Gale shared that the airport has a copy of the insurance certificate for the rest of the year.

Bill shared that the airport is doing a lot of work and using earth moving equipment and it would probably be a good idea to get there to see the condition of the track. Clay said that he is going to ask everyone to be there at 1:00 pm. Clay shared that the Porsche club hired a sweeper last year to clean up the track. Bill agreed that he would get out there to check it out.

According to Clay so far 50 drivers have signed up. He is going to put together the workers' assignment and ask either Gale or Chuck to send it out.

He is going to be working a lot of hours the week of the next meeting on April 1st. Clay asked either Holly or Gale to run the meeting.

Reminded everyone that our next event is April 17th.

Governor's Report – Gale Haugen

Gale started by saying that everyone should have received their NCCC membership cards by now. She asked that if anyone had not received or if there were errors on their cards like their name had been misspelled to please let her know. We have until the end of March to correct any errors.

Gale also shared that we have a new executive director for the West Coast Region and that is Joe Orrico and a competition director and his name is David Alciatore. He has taken over for Joe Orrico as competition director and he is still very new to the job.

March 4, 2021 VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

Governor's Report – Gale Haugen

Cliff Harris is remains the membership director. We are having a problem trying to find information on WC Region calendars. Cliff switched over to GoDaddy website and having a ton of issues. We don't have anything updated and auto-crosses are not on the schedule. Gale will email flyers directly to the governors.

The next regional governors' meeting is May 15th and most likely will be a Zoom. She said that anyone can attend this meeting.

Next, was a report on the status of the annual event. Gale shared that she had a meeting on Monday morning with the general manager at Shore Cliff. The lady that she worked with last year is no longer there. Prices have gone sky high. Our guests paid \$159 per night last year but there is nothing that we are going to touch under \$200. She said that the only way you are going to get down in price is if we did it on a nonweekend, like a Sunday and Monday or if we waited until November.

Clay suggested that maybe if we could send out a survey to people who have attended in the past and get their take and include the price of the room and the dates maybe we could make a better decision. Gale agreed to put this survey together and run it past us before she sends it out.

Around the Virtual Room

Hector, shared the he played golf but he didn't shoot a 39, he said that he would be happy with a 49; **Gale**, had nothing to report but asked Clay when she could have his President's message; **Chuck**, he mentioned that he has a new laptop. He is going to bring his old one to see if our club is interested in it. It has Windows 10 but it is not very fast. Also, he shared that he finally had a chance to use his Christmas present, Quickjack. He changed the oil on his Corvette and it worked great but still made a mess. His next project is going to be changing the rear end differential oil; **Larry**, looking forward to live meetings and face to face communication. Busy with his tax preparation business; **Jeff**, Clay's bandwidth is low; **Holly** shared that she is retiring March 20th; **Clay**, he put his name with 3 dealerships for a C8 Z06.

Drawings

No drawings were held.

March 4, 2021 VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm. Next Meeting is April 1st and at this point a determination has not been made as to where or how.

Tech Corner—Big Brother is Watching

By Chuck Robertson

I received a monthly email about the status of my C7 from Chevrolet.com and instead of sending it to the trash bin, I opened it up and looked at what it had to say. I have looked at this info in the past, but only to scan through the basic information on tire pressure. For whatever reason, this time I decided to follow the link to my account on Chevrolet. Com. Nosing around on the site, I realized that GM was gathering a lot of data on my car and my driving habits. I found a section that was called "Chevrolet Smart Driver" and was amazed. On this page, you are rated by factors such as Hard Braking, Distance Driven, Late-Night Driving, Hard Acceleration, Speed Above 80 MPH, Average Speed and other metrics. All these are result in a score according to some formula on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. I have been rated between 11 and 62.

Best I can tell, GM has been collecting this information from the day I picked up the car, but my monthly scores only go back to January of 2020. Since I have not driven in any autocrosses in this period, all the so-called hard braking and hard acceleration are from driving around the area. I admit that during this time of lockdown I have gone on spirited runs on the local back roads just to get out my house and see some different scenery, but I have never driven anywhere near being unsafe for the conditions. I cannot find any information on how they determine what a hard braking or acceleration is, but the charts rate on a scale of 1 to 20 and can even tell you the number of such events in a given day.

All this is gathered by the OnStar system, which you cannot disable! I would like to know what GM does with this information. I worry that they can send it to local law enforcement or insurance company. What happens with the data if you are in an accident? Can it be used against you in court? I believe that gathering this information is a real invasion of privacy. Not long after I bought the car, I did fill out the form that denies them the ability to sell my information under California law, but do not know if that would prevent notifications to police or insurance.

March 13th Autocross

By Chuck Robertson

March 13th saw our first autocross for the year. We ensured that proper COVID protocols were followed. Cold temps and a biting wind was braved by those wanting to get started on eh season. We had some really great spins and numerous cone hits due to cold tires and track. As usual, everyone said they had great time. We what to congratulate our 1st and 2nd class winners below:

Morning Session:

<u>Men's Class</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>
1sm	1st	Chad Weber
1m	1st	Ed Norris
2AB	1st	Bernard Jones
3AB	1st	Chris Fitts
Open A	1st	Pat Kelly
	2nd	Sam Gardali
Open B	1st	Doug Seidewitz
	2nd	Ken Osborne

Women's Class

<u>Class</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>
1sm	1st	Holly Palmer
3AB	1st	Samantha Fitts
Open B	1st	Brittany Fitts
	2nd	Shar Clark

Afternoon Session:

<u>Men's Class</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>
1sm	1st	Chad Weber
	2nd	Lee Clark
1m	1st	Ed Norris
2AB	1st	Bernard Jones
3AB	1st	Chris Fitts
Open A	1st	Pat Kelly
	2nd	Emil Waked
Open B	1st	Ken Osborne
	2nd	Doug Seidewitz

Women's Class

<u>Class</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>
1sm	1st	Holly Palmer
3AB	1st	Samantha Fitts
Open B	1st	Brittany Fitts
	2nd	Shar Clark

Space prevents listing all winners below 2nd place. Please go to <https://vaportrailvettes.com/blog/home/autocross-info-photos/> for a list of all place winners.

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
January 2021					
N/A	N/A	No VTV Monthly General Meeting Schedule	N/A	N/A	
Saturday	23	WC Regional Governor's Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	NCCC	
February 2021					
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	Cancelled
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
March 2021					
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 motorsportreg.com
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
April 2021					
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 motorsportreg.com
Saturday	24	FBC 2nd Annual Spring Car Show	Solvang	FBC	10am-3pm - (805) 403-7676
Thursday	29	Post shut-down Run & Tail -Gate Lunch	Harbor Cove Beach, Ventura Harbor	Pomona Valley Corvettes	RSVP on PVCA Website
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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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
May 2021					
Thursday	6	VTV Monthly General Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Saturday	15	WC Regional Governor's Meeting	Fontana	NCCC	
Fri-Sun	28-30	39th Annual West Coast Kustom's Cruisin Nationals	Santa Maria		951-488-0413
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
June 2021					
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	
July 2021					
Saturday	3	4th of July BBQ	Shell Beach	Hector & Gale	Replaces July Mtg
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
August 2021					
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	
September 2021					
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	
Saturday	18	WC Regional Governor's Meeting	ZOOM Meeting	NCCC	

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NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
September 2021					
Sunday	26	Auto Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes	Nipomo		10am—4pm 805-305-4937
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
October 2021					
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	TBD	VTV	
November 2021					
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			
December 2021					
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	



April 17, 2021

Low Speed Autocross

Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria, CA

NCCC West Coast Region Sanction Events ~ WC-518-002 & WC-518-003

All Cars Welcome

	<u>NCCC Members</u>	<u>Non-NCCC</u>
Registration Fees:	\$55	\$65

Register on-line at motorsportreg.com - Opens March 27 ~ Registration Closes on April 11

Register early! Registration limited to no more than 50 entries.

Schedule: Gate Opens at 6:30am + Gate Closes at 8:00am

Registration Check-in - 7:00am to 8:00am

Tech Inspections - 7:00am to 8:00am

Mandatory Drivers Meeting - 8:30am

First Car Out - 9:00am (approximate)

Participants must be inside the gate no later than 8:00am!

Catering truck will be available for food and drinks.

Questions: Clay Beck + 805-709-4434 + crb500@yahoo.com

See reverse side for map and more details.

Autocross Event Details



Autocross Event Details

Saturday, April 17, 2021

These events are sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC). Autocross classifications are as outlined in NCCC guideline. For members of NCCC, the sanction numbers are WC-518-003 and WC-518-004. Non-NCCC members and all makes of cars and trucks are welcome to participate. All non-NCCC member participants will be placed in one of the following four groups. A and B Men's and A and B Women's. Open A are vehicles that utilize Uniform Tire Quality Grade (UTQG) treadwear rating 200 or less. Open B is rating 201 or greater. Non-NCCC Corvettes that meet the safety and classification requirement of a NCCC class may participate in that class for trophies but they will not be awarded points, nor affect member's points.

Registration is accepted online only at motorsportreg.com. There will be no registration the day of the event. If two participants are driving the same car, both must register as separate drivers. Participants must be 18 years old. Registrants will receive an email registration confirmation with car number. Please be sure your email address is correct on your online registration.

SNELL approved "SA" or "M" helmets less than 10 years old are required. Drivers must wear securely fitting shoes with closed toes. Entrants will be divided into groups for both the morning and afternoon events. Unless physically unable, all participants will be asked to volunteer as course safety workers.

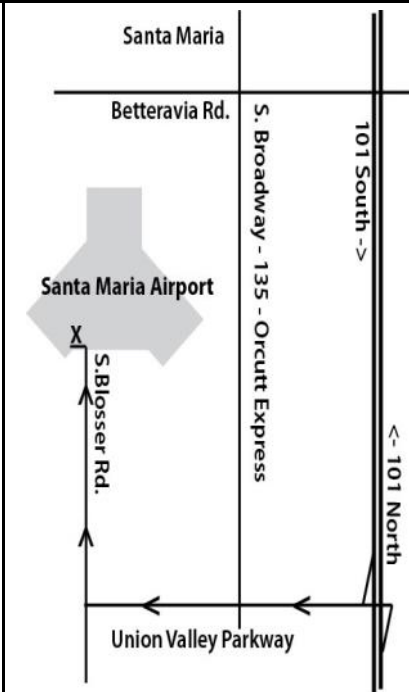
Santa Maria Airport is a TSA controlled facility with strictly enforced security. Vapor Trail Vettes must conduct this event accordingly. Participants must enter and leave via one secure gate monitored by a TSA guard. The gate will open at 6:30 am and will be closed at 8:00 am and unmanned until the event's conclusion. We strongly urge you to arrive no later than 8:00am. No one will be allowed to enter after 8:00 am. All participants must sign an event waiver and workers will be issued a wrist band that must be worn at all times within the TSA boundaries. Drivers will be issued a wrist band when checking in at the autocross trailer. Once you enter the TSA controlled zone, you must leave through the secured gate only once. One entry and one exit only. Ensure you have everything you need for the day including enough fuel for all runs. All entrants must be a driver or a volunteer event worker. Sorry, TSA regulations do not allow this to be a spectator event.

Hwy 101 North Directions:

- Exit right from the 101 N to E. Union Valley Parkway.
- Turn left on E. Union Valley Parkway
- Follow to W Union Valley Parkway
- Turn right on S. Blosser Road
- Follow Blosser to Autocross Main Gate.

Hwy 101 South Directions:

- Exit right from the 101 S. to E. Union Valley Parkway
- Turn right on E. Union Valley Parkway
- Follow to W. Union Valley Parkway
- Turn right on S. Blosser Road
- Follow Blosser to Autocross Main Gate



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« All Events

PVCA POST SHUT-DOWN RUN AND TAIL-GATE LUNCH

April 29 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Free

WHERE TO- Harbor Cove Beach Parking lot off Spinnaker Dr., Ventura Harbor, Ca. **95 miles** from Upland start.

WHEN- **9:15 am** Drivers meeting in Wendy's Restaurant parking lot off 210 frwy + Baseline Road in Upland, Ca.

Leave lot **9:30 am SHARP.**

HOW- We will travel the 210 frwy, 134 frwy, 101 frwy north to **Victoria Ave** in Ventura, Ca. Get off and take surface streets to **Andria's**

Seafood Diner + Market at 1449 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, Ca. Order a Fish + Chips or whatever to-go, get back in our Vette's.

Make a right turn leaving Andria's parking lot and drive 1 mile down the road to Harbor Cove Beach parking area at dead end of

Spinnaker Dr.

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