



# THE VAPOR TRAIL SEPTEMBER 2021

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## **President's Message** **By Clay Beck**

Vapor Trail Vettes Members,

Well, our summer is starting to fade now that September is gone, however the weather is very nice out here in California in the fall.

I had a great time this last weekend going to the Long Beach Grand Prix. I had a good visit with my brother and family which they get season tickets every year now for the last 10 years. The main event is Indy cars open wheel, however the event that I was most interested in was the GTLM series. In this series the two C8R Corvettes are racing. These Corvette Racing's Mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette C8.R has been on a global tour since its debut in January 2020. Long Beach is the second street circuit event of the season for Corvette Racing. These C8 Corvettes are doing very good winning most of the time. They took first and second at Laguna Seca several week ago and a 1, 2 place in Long Beach. The duo has four wins on the season and five pole positions, plus a runner-up finish at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The combined efforts have Chevrolet in the Manufacturers Championship lead. Anyway, they were fun to watch.

We have a run and dine to the Loading Chute restaurant in Creston coming up October 23. This is a nice drive to Creston through all the wineries and the Loading Chute restaurant has good food. We have not done a run for some time now due to Covid-19. I'm looking forward to doing more of these runs.

Nominations and voting for 2022 VTV Board Members take place during October. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member for a position on the board please contact Larry Wright at [69vette427@att.net](mailto:69vette427@att.net). Elected Board members will be announced at the November VTV meeting.

Also, VTV membership fees are due November 15, 2021. A \$10 late fee will be charged after that date.

See you all very soon. Clay

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## **September**

06	Kris Glaser
08	Joan Perry
15	Pat Kelley
16	Samantha Fitts

## **October**

01	Hector Paz
06	Alexander Reginato
16	Caleb Waters
16	Nicholas Fitts

## **2020 Board Members**

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

## **September 2, 2021 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of September was held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the IHOP restaurant in Santa Maria. This was the third in person meeting since the pandemic. There were 7 attendees present. The attendees were:

Chuck Robertson, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Larry Wright, Clay Beck, and Jeff and Holly Palmer. Our President Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm and announced the birthdays for September. Joan Perry's birthday is September 8<sup>th</sup>, Pat Kelley's is September 15<sup>th</sup> and Nicholas Fitts is September 16<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all!!!!

Clay started the meeting by saying that the meeting would be temporarily interrupted so that members could step outside to watch a launch from VAFB.

It was decided that this would be considered a board meeting because we didn't have a quorum. Also, we weren't able to approve the last meeting minutes.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**—Did not have quorum to approve.

### **New/Old business— Clay Beck**

Clay started out by discussing autocross dates for next year. He added that the Porsche club had already submitted their dates for next year to the airport. They selected six (6) dates and the airport reported that one of their dates was not available. Clay is concerned that some other club may have taken this date.

Clay went thru the calendar and he has four (4) dates actually six (6) dates that suits him because he may end up working another outage in March.

The dates are May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup>. Clay selected two other dates October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>. These are two weeks away from the Porsche Club.

The Porsche Club dates for next year are May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (Academy weekend), June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>. The June 4<sup>th</sup> might be in conflict.

It was noted that some of our dates are too close, but these are not in concrete, but we want to get them to the airport soon. There was more discussion about maybe moving the July 9<sup>th</sup> date to September.

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Next, Clay wanted to critique the last autocross. Track blowing specifically and he is getting some emails from people about the e-class. Some people do not like the idea that the Tesla is blowing everybody away. He hesitates to establish a separate class for one (1) Tesla. After more discussion, Clay eventually agreed to establish an e-class.

Track blowing; Clay thanked Chuck for coming out early to help him blow the track. He started to get involved when Tom Dobbins donated a blower. He bought one for his personal use and it is still hard to blow the track and they are the last ones to get finished. It is a lot of hard work. He feels that we need to do something different. His thinking is either we step up and get an easier blower for about \$1,500 that is motored power. They claim that it has 3 times the blow than the backpack one. We could rent it. A step beyond this we could rent or purchase or we could step up and rent something that we could fit behind the vehicle.

At this point the meeting was temporarily suspended to go watch the live launch from VAFB.

After the launch, the discussion continued on the track blowing issue. No one knew what the Porsche club uses. We could hire someone to do it. Clay struggles to get this task done.

There was some discussion about timing and keeping everyone focused. Also, Clay asked if he should focus on putting the trailer close or closer to the starting line. The timing folks could see the starting and finish line. Sometimes we had about six (6) cars all ready to go. Maybe we should limit to a couple of cars. It helps if you can see a few cars that are ready to launch. It helps us to get the numbers in the computers ready to go.

They did a good job with the enunciator. They put it with a tie wrap where the awning is. In fact, the weight helps keep the awning down. Everyone could see it even from the grid. This is the one we got from the Corvair Club.

Gale brought up that they make side flaps for the canopy to try and avoid freezing half the time. Clay added that this sounds good but the more sails you add it is going to catch more wind.

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Clay also mentioned that when he went to a dog show with Kathy, he noticed an awning and on the four legs they had these round weights they looked like a bar bell set weight with grooves on them to keep the awning down. He is going to look for them.

Clay asked what we thought about putting the table inside the trailer. Maybe not such a good idea.

The next discussion centered on the computer. We have this risk that if the computer fails the software on the computer goes with the bad hard drive and we're in trouble. He noticed that the Porsche Club has changed to a different software. Clay is not interested in changing software. He feels that if we went to Axware and told them that my computer is ready to die and we want a CD to upload it to another computer. I don't think this is going to happen. Chuck shared that he has tried that. Also, he added that if we were to buy another computer, we will need to buy the entire Axware. He thinks it would cost about \$700. This irks Clay. We are satisfied with the product but not with the service. Maybe it is our fault because we don't pay for the upgrades.

Before next year we will need to evaluate the cost. Chuck added that Black Friday is the best time to buy a new computer.

Clay shared an email from the Porsche Club member who does all of the timing. They use a different software and Clay wanted to get his opinion. They are still using the same hardware from Farmtek (lights) but a different software. They are using a software called Pronto. They spoke to other clubs before making the change. Pronto is more obvious and easier to use. Is not perfect and does have some incomplete functions and occasional bugs but the most part does what they need it to do. A cool feature is getting them a live timing on the web. You can add an app on your cell phone and get your time. We need to get a price on this before the next meeting.

Gale asked if anyone had talked to Clint since he was the one who set everything up on the existing computer. Clay said that he would set up a committee of him, Chuck, and Gale to go look at this whole Axware issue before Black Friday. He said he would take the lead.

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Clay brought up the Blast and the consensus is that we haven't had one in 2 years including this year. We want to plan for one in 2022 but Gale said that she wants to talk to the Bakersfield Club since they are going to get back in doing the Laughlin event. Gale is concerned that someone is also doing an event in October. Clay suggested that we get a reading from all of the other clubs. But at least for now we should just continue down this path. Gale said that she would bring it up at the next regional meeting in September.

Clay brought up that there are other things that we need to consider before the end of the year like events, elections, and other events that we do historically so that we don't forget them.

It was agreed that we would do the 9/11 event at the Lompoc airport and details were discussed. Other ideas were brought up. Holly brought up the Loading Chute in Creston. We all agreed that this would be a fun ride. Clay asked Holly to come up with a couple of dates.

Other events like Christmas were brought up, elections in October, Clay asked who the president would be next year and everyone said that it would be him again. Larry agreed to conduct the elections again.

The next item for discussion was club shirts. Gale brought up and discussed the different choices for club shirts. She wants to keep cost to a reasonable amount. It was shared that in the past club members paid for their own shirts and the club paid for the embroidery. It was agreed that we would give everyone a choice of a short black sleeve or a long sleeve polo. Gale took the action to buy a sample for the next meeting.

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

Chuck started out by reviewing the financial outcome of the June 26<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> autocrosses. The club did really well. Also, Chuck went over the July and August treasurer's report. There was income of \$61.45 for the autocross. Other expenses included \$500 for the Allan Hancock Foundation scholarship, and \$220.00 for the June 26<sup>th</sup> autocross NCCC fees. There was income of \$3,624.05 for the August 14<sup>th</sup> autocross and \$45 for a new member's NCCC membership. Other expenses, \$500 went to the Allan Hancock Foundation scholarship. The \$932.20 expense was in support of the August 14<sup>th</sup> autocross.

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

It was determined that the new member was a Corvette owner. There was some discussion between Chuck and Clay about payments from motorsport.reg.

Next, Gale passed out the latest update on club members birthday list. Also, she is going to be sending out the latest roster with the new member included and will change Larry Wright's email. She will send them out electronically.

### **VP Report— Holly Palmer**

Holly said she would be sending an email with the details on the 9/11 event.

Elks Rodeo parade used to be the first week of June.

Also, she added that Gale had sent her the flyer from the Bakersfield club for the Gamblers Classic in Laughlin in May 2022. There was some discussion about this event.

It was agreed that these events would be added to the calendar for next year.

Then she brought up the Christmas party and it was agreed that there would be no more auto-crosses for this year. Next, it was agreed to go to the Loading Chute in Creston on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Gale reported that we are going to attend the West Coast Region Governors' meeting on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> in Temecula. The Corvettes of Temecula Valley car club is hosting this meeting.

Clay brought up the fact that we need more of the little trophy cones. Wants to buy at least 100 more. Also, he needs another 25 of the 18" cones but they need to match what we have.

Clay added that he received an email from a young lady who appear to want to entice him to use something different than using motorsport.reg. She mentioned Trackrabbit. Clay is pleased with motorsport.reg but he told her that he would bring up at the next meeting. No one was interested in changing.

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Next, he brought up the sponsorship from Home Motors. Last year, they only gave us \$300 because of the pandemic. Now, we are getting closer to submit our request and Clay is asking for help to make this happen. He is going to draft a letter and send it out for comments.

Another person contacted us from Amsoil about sponsorship. He needs to talk to them to understand the details.

### **Around the Room**

**Jeff**, discussed the details of the 9/11 event; **Chuck**, had nothing; **Holly**, said she is going to follow up with what she said; **Larry**, he was concerned about the Perry's property because of the Tahoe fire; Gale said that she had not heard anything but she is going to call Clint to get a status; **Gale**, and **Hector** discussed the chirping noise on her car. It could be coming from the Harmonic Balancer; Jeff shared that he changed his and he had to buy a special tool; Jeff recommended that Gale take the car to Sunset Chevrolet in Lompoc where he had some work done on his corvette.

### **Drawings**

The winner of the 50/50 was Chuck Robertson. The winner of the badge drawing was Hector Paz. The winner of the Door Prize was Clay Beck.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm. Next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tech Corner—2021 Corvette Build Stats**

GM has released manufacture numbers showing the number of 2021 Corvettes built and the option breakdown.

There was a total of 26,216 C8's built for the 2021 model year. Of this, the most popular color was Torch Red with a total of 5,171 ordered. Arctic White came in second with 3,769 produced, followed by Red Mist at 3,476. Zeus Bronze came in as the least popular with 509 orders in this color, but Accelerate Yellow was not far above at just 839 units ordered.

For a detailed 2021 year end production status go to the following website.

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-Year-End-Corvette->



## **VTV Member Wins Twice in Texas Car Show**

**By Gale Haugen**

Bill and Patty Santmyer's 56' black and silver Corvette won 1st place in the Corvette class and Best of Show with more tickets in their bucket than all others combined. Bill also entered their 31 Model A Deluxe Roadster.

The car show was sponsored by the Vintage Oaks Community Annual Car Show in New Braunfels, Texas where Bill & Patty retired. The car show was an all vehicle show with vintage cars, a few newer ones and some motorcycles. According to Patty a booklet was given to everyone describing the history of all the vehicles. Congratulations!



## **9/11 20th Anniversary Event**

**By Gale Haugen**

The 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks was commemorated at the Lompoc Airport on Saturday, 9/11/21.

Members Clay, Gale, Hector, Chuck, Gerry, Holly and Jeff met at the Vet's Hall in Lompoc at 0730 to join other vehicles for a rally down H Street to the airport. Skydivers, music, and BBQ hotdogs and hamburgers were available for lunch. VTV member Jeff Palmer flew his plane in formation with two other planes over the crowd below. Great Event!



Jeff & Holly's Plane



## **NCCC Governors Meeting Notes**

**National Governors Meeting-St Louis, MO, Sept 11, 2021.**

### **Rule Book Changes for 2022**

- Section 1.3.2 Sanctioned Regional Events: Can be requested by a club, it must follow the Rule Book. Pints are only for the Region Standings.
- Section 1.4 & 7 Maximum of five (5) events at the same location on the same day.
- Section 2.6.1 & 2.6.3 Classification for the 2017 and newer Grand Sport. Grand Sports are in MM class by itself. Z06 is in the N class.
- Section 2.8 A4 Helmets, their age, SNELL rating.

Changes are pending approval of Governors.

### **IT Director**

- You must change the year in the URL to 2022. It will change over automatically on January 1, 2022.

### **NCCC President**

- The Don Hoskins Award was presented to Allen Morris for Outstanding love of NCCC and the membership. Allen served as an RE for 30 years, Governor for 36 years, on the Financial Committee for 30 years and Business Manager for two years. Allen also was selected Member of the year.

### **2022 Convention Hosts**

June 12th thru 17th in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Host hotel will be Harrods priced at \$119.99 including taxes per night. The car show will be in the hotel parking lot and the staging for the rally. There will be High & Low speed autocross events, drag races, youth program, Board Walk Scavenger Hunt is being considered. There will also be a Corvette model contest, best luau costume contest and a Pajama Party.

**West Coast Region Governors Meeting- Temecula Valley, Sept 18, 2021.**

### **Membership Report**

- Cliff Harris is still working on the regional website host issues with GoDaddy. Regional club fees are due December 1, 2021. November 31st is the deadline for all members renewals.

### **New Business**

- WC Region Governors 2022 meeting dates are March 5th hosted by Pomona Valley Corvettes, May 14th host, Corvettes of Bakersfield, and Sept 17th Millennium Corvettes will be hosting.

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***Inventory & prices as of October 6, 2021. Please check with Home Motors for latest updates & latest price.***

# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>September 2021</b>					
Thursday	2	VTV Monthly General Meeting	Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	10-11	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
Saturday	11	Flags in the Air—20th Anniversary to 9/11.	Lompoc Airport	Skydive Santa Barbara	Contact Holly at 805-588-0246
Saturday	18	WC Regional Governor's Meeting	Temecula	NCCC	
Sunday	26	Auto Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes	Nipomo		10 am—4 pm 805-305-4937
	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
<b>October 2021</b>					
Monday	1	Start Nominations for 2022 E-Board		VTV	
Saturday	2	Warbirds Wings & Wheels-Car Show/Swap Meet	Estrella Warbirds Museum, Paso Robles		Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Thursday	7	VTV Monthly General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	TBD	Annual Corvette Blast	<b>CANCELLED Due to Covid Restrictions</b>	VTV	<b>Will Return in 2022</b>
Saturday	23	All Corvette Show	Buena Park Elks Lodge	Corvette Super Sports	See Flyer in this newsletter
Saturday	23	Drive & Dine Social	Loading Chute Restaurant, Creston	VTV	
<b>November</b>					
Thursday	4	VTV Monthly General Meeting—Announce 2022 Board Members	TBD	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	VTV	
TBD	TBD	Turkey Run—Donations	TBD	VTV	



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<b>December 2021</b>					
Thursday	2	VTV Monthly General Meeting	TBD	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	
<b>January—December 2022</b>					
February	18-19	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
March	5	WC Region Governors Mtg	TBD	Pomona	
April	29-30	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza	St. Louis	MO
May	7-8	Porsche Club Autocross Academy Weekend	SM Airport track	Porsche Club	
May	12-14	22nd Gamblers Classic—All Corvette Car Show	Laughlin, NV	Bakersfield Corvettes	
May	14	WC Region Governors Mtg	TBD	Corvettes of Bakersfield	
May	25	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Pending Approval
June	4	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club	
June	12-17	National Convention	Atlantic City, NJ		
June	18	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Pending Approval
July	9	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Pending Approval
July	23	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club	
August	6	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Pending Approval
August	27	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club	
September	9-10	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
September	17	WC Region Governors Mtg	TBD	Millennium Corvettes	
October	1	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club	
October	22	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Backup Date or Blast Date?
November	5	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club	
November	11-12	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	



**NCCC Members Only**

## 2021 St. Jude Tire Raffle

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There are three separate raffles and the drawings will be held at the Governor Meetings. You can enter all three separate raffles. Each entry costs \$25.00. Listed below are the drawing dates to receive your entry by mail.  
The first drawing is Saturday, May 1st, 2021. The cut off to enter the May 1st drawing is August 22, 2021.  
The second drawing is Saturday, September 11, 2021. The cut off to enter the September 11th drawing is August 22, 2021.

The drawing date is Saturday, November 13, 2021. The cut off to enter the November 13th drawing is October 21, 2021.

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May 1, 2021 -----> How Many Entries \_\_\_\_

September 11, 2021 -----> How Many Entries \_\_\_\_

November 13, 2021 -----> How Many Entries \_\_\_\_

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