

THE VAPOR TRAIL April 2022

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President's Message By Clay Beck

Hello, Vapor Trail Vette members. I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful California weather that we are having. I want to mention that we made a change to one of our auto cross dates due to some restrictions from the National Corvette Car Club (NCCC). Instead of June 18 the new date is June 25th. So, I recommend you make some changes to your calendars. This year other dates for auto cross are July 9th and August 6th. Our first auto cross of this year is coming up on April 30th. So, planning this event will be coming up soon.

With me trying to keep up with Corvette stuff from the Corvette Blogger, they have announced that the factory at Bowling Green has been shut down again for another week. I'm sure it's due to parts issues. Common America let's get back to work. Also announced is the 2023 stingray order guide is available for viewing and downloading. The Stingray pricing to be announced soon (March 23). However, nothing yet regarding the new 2023 Z06, which I've been watching. Be patient I say...be patient.

I am working for PG&E at Diablo Canyon power plant for their refueling outage. I started March 21 and plan to work about 5 weeks. I plan to miss our next VTV club meeting on April 7th due to this brief period of employment. Diablo is also having another outage this year (due outage year) in October sometime. Not sure at this time if I will be working that one? It is fun going back to my old job and seeing everyone and how they all are doing.

Gale has come back from the last Governors meeting and made a pitch to other NCCC club for our annual blast, and they are very receptive on wanting to attend. So that means that we will be making plans for this event. I'm sure Gale will have more for us at our next meeting.

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April

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All numbers are in the 805 area code.

Have a nice day, Clay Beck

April 7, 2022 VTV Meetings Minutes By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of April was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were 7 attendees present. The attendees were: Hector Paz, Jeff and Holly Palmer, Gerry and Brenda, Chuck Robertson, and Mike Rogers (showed up during the around the table portion of the meeting).

Hector Paz ran the meeting in Clay's absence and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hector started by announcing Holly Palmer's birthday on April 7th, Gale Haugen's on April 12th, and Gerry White's on April 19th. Happy Birthday to all of you!!!!!

Meeting Minutes Approval

Hector asked for approval of the minutes for the March meeting. Chuck made the motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Gerry. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

New Business/Old Business – Hector Paz

Hector reminded everyone of the AX dates; April 30^{th} , June 25^{th} , July 9^{th} and August 6^{th} .

The next agenda item was the work assignments for the April 30th autocross. Holly volunteered for Saturday, she wasn't sure about Jeff; Chuck said he would be there Friday and Saturday; Gale was not at the meeting but she would be there on Saturday; Clint would be there on Saturday; we were not sure about Pat Kelley but most likely he would be there both Friday and Saturday; Brenda said she would be there Saturday; Gerry said he would be there both Friday and Saturday; he could help with Tech and Starter.

The next agenda item, was the new software timing has been installed on the new laptop. Chuck indicated that he and Clay need to have a dry run. They plan on doing this after Clay is done working the shutdown at Diablo.

The next agenda item was the Blast. Since Gale wasn't present, Hector touched on the date which is now October 14–15. Gale has an appointment with Tony the general manager at the SM Inn for after she gets back from WA. Also, Gale has also locked up the dates with the catering folks at the SM Inn.

The next agenda item was the Treasurer's report.

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Treasurer's Report- Chuck Robertson

Chuck went over the March Treasurer's Report line item by line item:

Chuck indicated that we started the month of March with \$7,496.95 in the bank. The income category showed an amount of \$34.28 for reimbursement for a club shirt by a club member. Under expenses, the \$79.71 was for club members' shirt embroideries; the \$35 is finally for an NCCC membership dues check that cleared the bank for a member who joined the club in December/first part of January; the \$15 was for Gale's TSA badge renewal. At the end of March, we had \$7,401.52 in the bank.

A motion was made by Holly to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Brenda. All were in favor.

VP Report— Holly Palmer

IHOP hostess brought an ice cream sundae to wish Holly a Happy Birthday!!!

There was nothing to report at this time.

Governor's Report- Gale Haugen

The next item on the agenda was the Governor's report. Gale was not present and Hector went over some of the highlights from the March 5, 2022, NCCC West Coast Region Governors Meeting. Gale was asked to record the meeting minutes.

The meeting was hosted by the Pomona Valley Corvette Association and it was held at the Tenderloin Restaurant in La Verne. Cliff Harris reported that he was still working the regional website host issues with GoDaddy. NCCC currently has 17,000 members. Upcoming events included the 2023 NCCC National Convention which will be held in Bowling Green Kentucky in celebration of 70 years of Corvette. Gale informed everyone of the April 30th autocross being hosted by Vapor Trail Vettes; the Gamblers Classic is being hosted by Corvettes of Bakersfield in Laughlin, Nevada on May 12-14; the 2022 NCCC National Convention will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey from June 12-17, 2022; the 2023 NCCC National Convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky; and the 2024 NCCC National Convention will be held in Joplin, Missouri.

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Also, Corvette Super Sports is talking about a car show but no date has been set; the Palm Springs Corvette Club, used to host non-sanctioned autocrosses in the past but have decided to forgo future events. They will be selling off their autocross equipment. Another subject discussed was the Western States Corvette Council had a fatality at one of their events and their insurance was cancelled. They may join the NCCC insurance company. The next Governors Meeting will be held at the Gamblers Classic in Laughlin. The final Governors Meeting of the year will be hosted by Millennium Corvettes on September 17, 2022. Something to note is that the Inland Empire Corvette Club is sending eight (8) to nine (9) cars to the Gamblers Classic. Also, Corvettes West is putting on a car show at March Field Air Museum on August 13th.

Around the Room

Brenda, getting ready for her cruise; lots of discussion about the virus from Gerry; Holly, shared that Jeff had brain surgery and had his first radiation the day before and chemo tomorrow. She shared that he had driven his car and today he just felt tired; Also, Jeff wants to fly with somebody; Gerry made a comment about to make sure that they know how to fly, everyone laughed; Also, Holly explained that Jeff has a Tail Wheel airplane; the wheel is on the back moving different than a tricycle gear. Tail dragger is what Jeff plane is called and Jeff has never flown anything different. The main wheels don't turn; Jeff, shared his head scar; Holly said that this is the new normal for them; she added that she would like to help on April 30th but not sure about Jeff; **Hector**, said that they have company coming to visit them the last week of April first part of May and shared that he is not going to be here not because company is coming but that he is going to Phoenix; at this time Mike Rogers showed up and Hector asked Mike if he wanted to share something; Mike, talked about his C4. He said he would help and participate in the autocross. Apparently, motorsport reg will be opened a couple of weeks before the April 30th autocross. Hector, came back and added that the 2022 West Cost Kustoms Cruzin' Grand Nationals is going to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 27-29 at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

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The "City Cruise" is on Friday and is open for registered participants only and they are looking for barricade volunteers; I believe you get a couple of free entry tickets to the show and a t-shirt. Hector added that this car show used to be held in Paso Robles and speaking of that, Paso Robles has their own car show again which is being held on May 27-28. Their cruise is on Friday May 27. Also, Michelle Watson who used to belong to our club is selling her 2001 C5. Check newsletter for more details on her car.

Drawings

Gerry was the winner of the 50/50; Nathan Griffin was the winner of the name badge game. But he was not present; Hector was the winner of the door prize.

Hector adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 5th.

Corvette Blast 2022 Update By Gale Haugen

On April 14th Gale met with Tony Bluem, Director of Sales & Marketing, at the Santa Maria Inn to discuss reserving rooms, parking for the car show, and dinner options for the VTV annual Corvette Blast which is scheduled for October 14th and 15th.

Unfortunately, the cost of rooms at the Pismo Beach Shore Cliff hotel prevented the club from hosting our Blast there again. Room rates were \$399.61 plus tax at the Shore Cliff versus \$124 plus tax at the Santa Maria Inn.

Parking at the Santa Maria Inn, with the exception of the handicap parking, will be in the same parking section in front of the hotel bar area as the last event we hosted there.

Due to the increased cost of plated dinners and buffet we will need to charge more in registration fees this year. All plated dinners are running from \$37 to \$47. Buffet style dinners are \$42 per person.

This will be a challenging year to host this event given the shortage of members that have taken on a lot of responsibility in the past. I trust by all of working together we can have a successful event.

Corvette Blast 2022 Update By Gale Haugen

I would appreciate it if all VTV members would start thinking about what you can contribute to the raffle prizes. If you receive a donated item or buy an item that would go into a gift basket please let me know early as it takes a good amount of time to make gift baskets. The raffle is one area we can make a little money for the club.

Tech Corner – 2023 C8 Production To Start May 16th!

Due to the Corvette plant shutdown last month, it looks like Chevy is going to have to keep making the 2022 C8's for a week longer than previously planned.

The 2023 C8 is now scheduled to start production on Monday, May 16th. This production start will not include the Z06, as the ability for the dealers to even put in an order is not scheduled until late spring. There is no word on when the Z06 will enter production.

According to Keith over at Corvette Blogger, there will be constraints on some of the options when the 2023 production starts: The manual limited-slip differential is constrained but the electronic limited-slip differential is available. The result is that those wanting Z51 with Mag-Ride will get their cars faster.

Another constraint is the ZZ3 Engine Appearance and Lighting Package, which has also been on the constraint list since January after the original vendor closed its carbon fiber business.

On the plus side, the 70th Anniversary Packages will be readily available as will the dealer-installed LPO 5ZZ High Wing Spoiler.

The Rear Park Assist hasn't been available since the end of January but will start reappearing on the 2022 Stingrays being built beginning the week of April 11th. For those that had their cars built without rear park assist, you will most likely hear from Chevrolet sometime in the 4th quarter about a free retrofit of the park assist module.

Thundering Thursday (VOL 9-32 – 2023, April 14,2022) Available: <u>Troy@corvettemike.com</u>

Corvette Trivia

In 1951 a group of Harley Earl's "Special Projects" crew began work on a GM sports car. Bob McLean designed a general layout for the car.. The project was code named, "Opel".

William Durant, the founder of GM, said a wallpaper pattern he saw in a Paris hotel in 1908 inspired the bow tie logo. Supposedly, he ripped off a small piece of it and brought it back to Detroit.

The man who named the Corvette was Myron Scott... Then Chevrolet's Chief photographer.

The Jaguar XK120 is believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette.

The Corvette was the first and last car with a "Wrap-Around" windshield.

Corvette was not the first to be made with a fiberglass body, but it was the first to be built by a company the size of Chevrolet.

Corvettes have been assembled in three different cities. Flint, St. Louis, and Bowling Green.

"Turbojet" as first used on Corvette engine air cleaners with a horsepower rating of greater than 390hp.

The original front emblem and horn button on the "Autorama" Corvette featured crossed American and Checkered flags. It was discovered that using an American flag on a product trade mark was against the law and the emblem was changed before the New York Motorama.

The first Corvettes were actually "rolled" off the assembly line. Chevrolet was not prepared for grounding to a fiberglass body; the cars would not start.

One of the few ways to differentiate between a 1956 and 1957 Corvette without opening the hood is to look at the inside rear view mirror. On the 1956 model, it adjusts with a thumbscrew, on the 1957 adjustment requires a wrench to loosen the locknut.

The 1961 Corvette was the last year to feature "Wide Whitewall" tires.

1962 Was the last of the solid rear axle Corvettes and the last year for the power top on the roadster.

Capital City Corvette Club (April 19, 2022) Corvette trivia. Available https://capitolcitycorvetteclub.org/articles/corvettetrivia/

Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor



Home Motors—Corvette Inventory

2014 Corvette Stingray 1LT

Laguna Blue Tintcoat/Gray Interior

Mileage: 17,236

Retail Price \$52,874

Internet Price \$49,447



Inventory & prices as of April 16, 2022. Please check with Home Motors for latest updates & prices.



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6 Speed Coupe w/1SC Package

\$18,500 (Neg.) Clear Title

Contact (805) 234-2127 (No Text Messages, please)

- Speedway White w/black & tan interior
- 350 HP, 346ci Engine
- New clutch
- 2 sets of wheels: 1) OEM Speedline polished aluminum
 2) Black with red stripe
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- Active Handling System, Selective ride control w/real-time dampening, Heads-up display, Single CD player in dash w/4 Bose speakers, Electronic dual zone air conditioner, Leather sports seats w/memory, fog lamps, Twilight sentinel, Alarm system, Tire pressure monitoring system.
- Extras Include: Flowmaster exhaust, Z51 Sway bars, Light tinted windows, Column lock bypass, skip shift, hood seal, Corvette Racing Lloyd's floor mats,

Date	Day	Event Location Sp		Sponsor	Comments
		2022 V	Veekly Events		
	Saturdays	Pismo Derelicts	829 N. Oak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 am
		Ma	rch 2022		
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD - Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
5	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	TBD	Pomona	
12	Saturday	9th Annual St Patrick's Day Car Show	1190 E Clark Ave, Santa Maria	Knights of Columbus Council	10 am—3 pm
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV	
		Αι	oril 2022		
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHOP, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
30	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV	
		М	ay 2022		
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
6-7	Friday- Saturday	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Pla- za, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
7-8	Saturday- Sunday	Porsche Club Autocross Academy Weekend	SM Airport	Porsche Club	
12-14	Thursday- Saturday	22nd Gamblers Classic	Laughlin, NV	Corvettes of Bakersfield	

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May 2022						
14	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	Laughlin, NV	Corvettes of Bakersfield		
26-29	Friday- Sunday	2022 Cruisin' Nationals	Santa Maria Fairpark	West Coast Kustoms		
27-28	Friday- Saturday	Golden State Classics Cruise & Car Show	Paso Robles	Golden State Classics	805-712-1907	
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV		
		Ju	ne 2022			
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm	
3-5	Fri-Sunday	The Classic Car Show at Pismo Beach	Pismo Beach			
4	Saturday	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport	Porsche Club		
12-17	Sunday- Monday	National Convention	Harrah's Resort— Atlantic City, NJ	East Region		
25	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV		
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV		
		Ju	ly 2022			
2	Saturday	July Annual BBQ	Shell Beach	Hector & Gale		
4	Monday	4th of July Parade	Buellton	VTV		
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm	
9	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV		
23	Saturday	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport	Porsche Club		

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August 2022						
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm	
5-6	Friday- Saturday	Lompoc Police Car Cruise/ Car Show	Ryan Park, Lompoc	Lompoc Po- lice	See flyer in this newsletter	
6	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV		
27	Saturday	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club		
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV		
		Septe	ember 2022			
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm	
9-10	Friday- Saturday	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Pla- za, St. Louis, MO	NCCC		
17	Saturday	WC Region Governors Mtg	TBD	Millennium Corvettes		
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV		
		Octo	ober 2022			
1	Saturday	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport track	Porsche Club		
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm	
8	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Backup Date	
14-15	Fri-Sat	Annual Corvette Blast	Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria	VTV	Make hotel reser- vations by 9/14/22. Mention Vapor Trail Vettes	

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments		
November 2022							
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm		
5	Saturday	Porsche Club Autocross	SM Airport	Porsche Club			
5	Saturday	Pismo Vintage Trailer Rally Open House	Pismo Coast Village RV Resort		8 am- 2 pm		
11-12	Friday- Saturday	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Pla- za, St. Louis, MO	NCCC			
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV			
		Dece	mber 2022				
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm		
TBD	Saturday or Sunday	Drive & Dine	TBD	VTV			
			2023				
12-17	June	NCCC National Conven- tion	Bowling Green, Ken- tucky				
			2024				
TBD	TBD	NCCC National Conven- tion	Joplin, Missouri				



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