



THE VAPOR TRAIL NOVEMBER-JANUARY 2023



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President's Message By Clay Beck

Well, this year is nearly gone, and we are approaching the Christmas holidays. Just got over a plentiful rain-storm that gave us a good amount of rain for our central coast. Yes, we sure needed it, a good start for this year. With that said, I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. The Christmas season is here.

We had our VTV annual Christmas dinner held at the Santa Maria Inn earlier this month and it was a great time for all that had attended. The Santa Maria Inn put out a great meal. We also had our gift exchange after dinner which was a lot of fun and entertaining.

I want to say thanks to all of you that gave your time and efforts to give gifts to the Boys and Girls club this month. Thanks for the purchasing and wrapping these gifts. Several club members and Santa Claus handed out the gift to many of these kids. The kids seem to have a great time. This is one of our charities that we give every year. We also gave a check to KEYT for a donation as we also do every year.

I want to mention that we made some changes to our auto cross dates for the upcoming year. The dates are as follows: March 25; April 29; June 10; July 29. So, mark your calendars and come out and help or sign up to participate with these events. It's a good time. These events are Vapor Trails Vettes biggest money maker for our club. It allows scholarships and contributes to our charities.

The results of our club officer's election were no changes for next year. There were no nomination requests. I would like to say thanks to all of you that are continuing your service for the upcoming year 2023.

Clay Beck



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November

11 Karen Mancebo

December

4 Beverly Erickson

25 Charlie Perry

January

No Member Birthdays

2022 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Holly Palmer	588-0246
Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
Governor	Gale Haugen	610-7844
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All numbers are in the 805 area code.

November 3, VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of November was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at The Willows in Nipomo. There were 7 attendees present. The attendees were: Gale Haugen, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Bruce Potter, and Hector Paz. Chuck sitting for our President Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Chuck started by announcing Karen Mancebo's birthday on November 11th. Happy Birthday to you!!!!

Meeting Minutes Approval

Chuck asked for approval of the minutes for the October meeting. The motion was made by Gale and seconded by Gerry. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

New Business/Old Business – Chuck Robertson

The first agenda item under Old Business was the Elections for 2023. As stated in last month's meeting minutes, Larry, was given the opportunity to run the election of officers for 2023 as he has done for several years now. After polling the club membership and not receiving any nominations he contacted every current office holder and each one agreed to serve another term.

Lessons Learned from the Blast. Gale gave a status on the following items:

- Re-evaluate the amount and kind of food we serve on hospitality night. Most participants went out to dinner before arriving and were not hungry.
- Need a larger space for hospitality night. It was too crowded; another complaint was that there was no place to sit; and not enough room for the car race game.
- Had complaints from a few participants that the hotel switched them to the old part of the hotel when they were told they wanted the tower, and it was confirmed; and the hotel also switched the VTV room two times. Gale shared these items with the Sales Director.

Needed help cleaning out the leftover drinks and food left in the suite on Friday night. The club pays for these so if members could clear this out of the suite during Saturday's car show that would be very helpful.

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- It is very difficult to donate beer and wine or anything that has been opened to any organization. Gale was able to donate some rolls and veggie trays and Chuck took the remaining sodas to the VA clinic.
- We had one ice chest with a case of beer and one large red wine left over. If anyone would like to take these or if you had a friend that would like these, please take them so that Clint Perry can take his ice chests home.

Hector Paz shared that some participants had difficulty throwing the bean bags for the Corn Hole game. He proposed that next year we consider using a shorter distance than the standard twenty seven feet.

Hector also shared that a cool thing that happened Saturday morning was that Mark Ghenno, a member from the Central Coast Corvettes played the national anthem to start out activities.

The last item under Old Business was the Membership dues. Chuck mentioned that the dues are due now.

Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Under Income:

There was \$4,790.00 for entry fees; \$45.00 for Hidden Poker Hands; \$17.00 for the Car Race; \$205.00 for the 50/50; \$635.00 for Raffle Tickets; \$180.00 for the Silent Auction; and \$19.00 for Other. The total Income was \$5,891.00.

Under Expenses:

We had \$208.80 for Awards; \$3,258.37 for the Banquet; \$108.49 for Food; \$206.54 for Refreshments; \$23.27 for Handouts Printing; \$39.96 for Lanyards; \$50.00 for the Large Event Schedule; \$74.33 for the Gimmick Rallye; \$29.35 for Raffle Materials; \$24.75 for Admin Materials; and \$108.00 for NCCC fees. The total Expenses were \$4,134.86. Net Income for the Blast was \$1,756.14. The next item Chuck discussed was the financials for the month of October.

Chuck indicated that we started the month of October with \$16,810.30 in the bank. Under income, we received \$1,891.00 for the Blast; the \$95.00 was for membership dues; and \$35.00 was for the 50/50. Total Income was \$18,831.30. Under expenses, the \$182.00 was to renew our P.O. Box for another year.

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Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

The \$4,074.86 was for the Blast; the \$13.05 was for a member's badge; and \$250.00 was for the Governor attending a West Coast Governors' meeting. Total Expenses were \$4,519.91. At the end of October, we had \$14,311.39 in the bank.

A motion was made by Larry to approve and accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Gale. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The next Old Business item was the 2023 Proposed Budget which was given in detail in the October 2022 meeting minutes with a couple of small adjustments. Christmas Family Budget was changed from \$2,500 to \$2,750 and the Turkey Donation was changed from \$600 to \$700.

Next, Gerry White shared that there is an organization in Lompoc that makes beds for kids that do not have a bed and sleep on the floor. They could use some help. This was tabled for next years budget proposal.

The motion to approve the 2023 Proposed Budget was made by Gale and seconded by Gerry. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The next New Business item was Charity Giving:

- It was agreed that this year we would give them a money donation to the Channel 12 turkey fundraising in lieu of donating turkeys. Food banks can buy more food with the money versus us buying the same thing.
- Gale shared that she called the director of the Boys and Girls Club and left a message. She will follow up with her.
- The last item discussed was the club's Christmas party and it was agreed to go to the Santa Maria Inn like we did last year. After more discussion it was decided to hold it either on December 2nd or the 9th.

VP Report– Holly Palmer

Holly was not present. Most likely the next run will be the first of the year.

Governor's Report– Gale Haugen

Gale shared that the new director at the Boys and Girls club is Patty Lopez. She will be out to the office until Monday. Gale will call then and request the kids list for Christmas and a date we can deliver them.

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Governor's Report– Gale Haugen

The West Coast Region Governors' meeting is March 4th in Antelope Valley.

Around the Room

Larry expressed how well the Blast turned out and kudos to Gale for how well it turned out; **Gerry** will follow up on the beds making endeavor; **Hector** said that he was pleased to see the club end this year with a robust financial status.

Drawings

Brenda Parks was the winner of the 50/50; Nathan Griffin was the winner of the name badge game. Gale was the winner of the door prize.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm. The Christmas Party on December 2nd or 9th will be in lieu of the December meeting.

Member Quick Notes

By Gale Haugen

- There was no VTV meeting in December, instead VTV sponsored dinner and a gift exchange at the Santa Maria Inn. January's meeting will be a social get-together with all members. If you have any ideas where you would like to go please contact Holly Palmer.
- Year end membership renewal is closed for 2023. Anyone wanting to renew at this point forward will be charged a \$10 late fee. New members are welcome to join any time throughout the year.
- The 2023 Autocross dates are now listed on the VTV website and in the newsletter calendar of events. We are still working on a date in October for the 2023 Annual Blast.
- The next regional governor's meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th in Antelope Valley. Members are invited to attend these meetings.
- The club roster is updated representing our current membership for 2023. This and the club birthday listing will be sent out with this newsletter. Please let Gale know if you have any changes.

A big thank you to past VTV member, Debbie Chase, who volunteered to organize the "Blast" raffle effort. We really appreciated your help. Also, to the members that donated your time and energy to the event, thank you...what great team work.

Corvette Trivia— C7 ... The Newest Generation... (2014-2019)

The 2014 marked the introduction of the seventh generation Corvette... the C7.

The new LT1 6.2L V-8 base Corvette engine delivers 455 HP, 460 lb-ft torque (+5 in each with the addition of the optional Performance Exhaust System).

The 2014 Corvette is the first to be equipped with Direct Injection technology which ensures a more complete burn of the fuel in the air-fuel mixture, improving combustion efficiency and thus contributing to increased power and fuel economy.

Active Fuel Management, or cylinder deactivation, is a first-ever application on Corvette and helps save fuel by imperceptibly shutting down half of the engine's cylinders in light-load driving.

The 2014 Corvette convertible features a standard power top which can be lowered at speeds up to 30 mph, or from outside the car using the key fob remote.

The big news for 2015 was the introduction of the C7 Z06 featuring a brand new 650 HP supercharged LT4 engine. For the first time, the Z06 could now be ordered as a coupe with removable roof panel or a convertible with choice of a 7-speed manual transmission or new 8-speed automatic.

For 2015, the previously optional Performance Data Recorder (PDR) was included at no extra charge with the Navigation system.

Every 2016 Corvette Stingray comes with a flat-bottom steering wheel and Magnetic Ride Control is available as a free-flow option on any 2016 Corvette.

Corvette Racing Yellow and Long Beach Red are new colors for 2016, replacing Velocity Yellow and Crystal Red.

Three new design packages were offered 2016 Stingray customers: Twilight Blue, Spice Red, and Jet Black Suede with special accents.

The big news for the 2017 model year is the return of the Corvette Grand Sport, combining the styling and handling of the Z06 with the base 460 HP LT1 engine.

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The 2017 offered a Grand Sport Collector Edition featuring an exclusive Watkins Glen Gray Metallic exterior with Tension Blue hashmark graphics, satin black full-length stripes, black wheels and a unique Tension Blue full leather and suede-wrapped interior.

The big news for the 2018 model year is the return of the Corvette ZR1 complete with some serious aero options and a 750HP LT5 engine.

Roger's Corvette Center, Inc (2022) [Corvette history & trivia](https://www.rogerscorvette.com/history.htm)
Available: <https://www.rogerscorvette.com/history.htm>

16th Annual Corvette Blast By Chuck Robertson & Gale Haugen

The 16th Annual Blast was held on October 14 and 15th at the Santa Maria Inn in Santa Maria. Due to COVID pandemic this was the first Blast since 2019.

The hospitality night on Friday saw the participants enjoying catching up on what everyone had been doing over the last few years and enjoying the many selections or snacks, dips, chicken wings, cold cuts, rolls, deserts and plenty of wine and beer. As usual, there were a lot of raffle prizes and the 50/50 game was very popular. As always, the most popular game was the car race. As in prior years, everyone crowded around to participate or just watch.

The Saturday car show is always a hit with attendees cleaning up their cars in preparation for the event. Unfortunately, Santa Maria had a heavy drizzle Friday evening and Saturday morning. On the positive side the cars were ready to wipe dry after the weather cleared. The participants were kept busy playing the Cornhole and Rolling Thunder games during the show. They also had a couple opportunities to pick something from the freebie table that displayed assorted items such as hats, T-shirts, car related products and posters.

After lunch, the cars were sent out on a combination poker rallye and gimmick rallye which took the cars through some of the back roads around Santa Maria.

The Saturday evening dinner was enhanced by the excellent food and great service. Everyone enjoying talking about the day's events.

The raffle prizes were distributed to those with the winning raffle tickets.

16th Annual Corvette Blast Cont'd
By Chuck Robertson & Gale Haugen

The awards were presented to the following:

Car Show Awards

- C5 1st Place – Steve & Karen Stevens
- C5 2nd Place – Bob & Diana Davis
- C6 1st Place – Charles & Patricia Johnson
- C6 2nd Place – Richard & Jan Royal
- C7 1st Place – Juan & Martha Ortego
- C7 2nd Place – Bill & Ursula Van Tongeren
- C8 1st Place – Scott & Nancy Erickson
- C8 2nd Place – Doug & Sue McElroy
- Best of Show – The Cindy Orrico Award—Juan & Martha Ortego

Gimmick Rallye

- 1st Place – Doug & Sue McElroy
- 2nd Place – Steve & Karen Stevens

Hidden Poker Hand

- 1st Place – Mark Gheno
- 2nd Place – Bill & Ursula Van Tongeren

Poker Rallye

- 1st Place – Doug & Sue McElroy
- 2nd Place – Barbara Potter & Jean Alba

Furthest Distance – Daniel & Gina LeSueur

Club Participation – Pomona Valley Corvette



16th Annual Corvette Blast Cont'd
Photos by Chuck Robertson



Car Race Game



Hospitality Night



Peoples Choice Car Show



Dinner/Raffles/Awards/50/50 Drawing

Boys & Girls Club Christmas

Photos By Chuck Robertson

Christmas came early for 84 kids at the Santa Maria Boys and Girls Club on December 9th. This is one of the charities Vapor Trail Vettes have supported for the last few years. Members Holly & Jeff, Chuck Robertson, Clay Beck, Hector & Gale and Holly's friend Daniel took on the role of Santa. Holly and Gale do the shopping and wrapping of gifts while Chuck buys all the gift cards that the older kids request.

The kids range from five through 15 and are a total delight to watch them interact with Santa. The little ones are so excited they can hardly contain themselves and the older ones are mostly concerned that someone will make them sit on Santa's lap for their photo to be taken.



Boys & Girls Club Christmas

Photos By Chuck Robertson



It was a great time for all of us!

Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor



Home Motors—Corvette Inventory

As of December 13, 2022 no Corvettes are available for sale.

For Sale~Call 805-610-7008

Two (2) GENERAL G-MAX RS XL tires 245/40ZR18. These were ordered and mounted in error. Paid \$195 each, willing to sell both for \$250.

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- **New clutch**
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2) Black with red stripe**
- **2 Targa tops w/storage cover: 1) Factory paint 2) Tinted glass**
- **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,**



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
November 2022					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	Willow, 1050 Willow Rd, Nipomo	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
6	Sunday	Nojoqui Falls Fun Run/BBQ	Solvang	Central Coast Streetrods	Contact number—805-736-0759
10	Thursday	2023 Membership Renewal Deadline	Mail to		
11-12	Friday-Saturday	National NCCC Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
15	Wednesday	Turkey Drive	1211 W McCoy Ln. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	KSBY	
24	Thursday	Thanksgiving			
December 2022					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
3	Saturday	VTV Christmas Dinner/ Gift Exchange	Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria	VTV	
9	Friday	Boys/Girls Club Christmas	901 N Railroad Ave, Santa Maria	VTV	Meet at 2 pm
25	Sunday	Christmas Day			

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2023					
Weekly Events					
2023	Every Saturday	Pismo Derelicts & Donuts	829 Oak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2023	Every Sunday	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
January					
TBD	TBD	Social Run (Replaces VTV Jan. meeting)	TBD	VTV	
February					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
24-25	Friday—Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
March					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
4	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	Antelope Valley	Antelope Valley Corvettes	
2-4	Thursday—Saturday	Gamblers Classic	Laughlin, NV	Bakersfield Corvettes	
April					
6	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	

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2023					
May					
4	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
5-6	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
13	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	TBD	TBD	
June					
1	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
12-17	Monday-Saturday	NCCC National Convention	Bowling Green, Kentucky		
July					
6	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
4	Tuesday	Solvang 4th of July Parade	Solvang		
August					
3	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
September					
7	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
8-9	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
16	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	TBD	TBD	

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2023					
October					
5	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
TBD	TBD	17th Annual Corvette Blast	TBD	VTV	
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
10-11	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
November					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
10-11	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
December					
7	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	