



THE VAPOR TRAIL FEBRUARY 2023



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President's Message By Clay Beck

It brings me great sadness to inform Vapor Trail Vettes that one of our members has pass away Feb 7th. Jeff Palmer was a great attribute to our club helping out in many ways. He will be missed. There will be a celebration of life, at his hanger at the Lompoc Airport March 11th. My thoughts and prayers, go out to Holly and family.

Well, things are starting to be planned for our club this month. We are planning our first autocross for March 25. It requires us to get our Airport Permit sign and processed along with getting our insurance plan with NCCC which Gale has already done. Thank you, Gale. Motor Sport Reg has been updated for all this year's auto crosses. Their dates are as follows: March 25, April 29, June 24, and July 29. As of now NCCC has told us not to have Electric Vehicle in our events due to the potential fire hazard.

We are planning to seal the asphalt at our auto cross track at the Santa Maria Airport. The Porsche club is making all the arrangement to do this feat with a cost of about \$15k and they are asking for us, Vapor Trail Vettes to contribute \$5k. The asphalt has been installed there for over ten years and has not had any maintenance performed on it since. So, its my thinking, if we decide to go forward with this project, we should get another better than 10 years of good track conditions. This subject will be discussed at our next VTV meeting March 2. By the way, we have decided to raise the price of our auto cross events by \$5. Since I've been with this club, I have never seen a raise in our prices. Anyway, it will help us with the cost of the asphalt seal project.

I have purchase 50 more new auto cross cones for our events. That, for some reason, excites me because now all the cones will be of the same soft type. When setting up the track, I will not have to say to use these cones first and save the old one for later when we run out of the good cone types. This will also improve the track appearance when the drivers walk the track.

Wow, another rain storm here on the central coast and more to come. Well, all I can say is we need the water. I'm thinking that these storms should be less by now getting ready for Spring just around the corner. Nevertheless, enjoy all the green all over our hills. Clay

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February

01 Chris Deviny

March

- 03 Kathy Beck**
- 07 Larry Wright**
- 12 Bill Deviny**
- 31 lint Perry**

2023 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
Newsletter	Gale Haugen	610-7844
Webmaster	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Sunshine Guy	Chuck Robertson	934-0694

All numbers are in the 805 area code.

February 2, VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of February was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Giovanni's in Orcutt. There were 7 attendees present. The attendees were: Clay Beck, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Chuck Robertson, Bruce Potter, and Hector. Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Clay started by announcing Chris Deviny's birthday on February 1st. Happy Birthday Chris!!!!

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

New Business/Old Business Clay Beck

The first agenda item under Old Business was the Autocross dates for this year. They are March 25th, April 29th, June 24th, and July 29th. September 9th has been set aside if needed.

The 2nd item under Old Business was the TSA badging. Clay reminded those with TSA badges that they need to be renewed and that this is a yearly requirement. You need to fill out two forms and the fee is \$15 which the club will pay reimburse you. Someone indicated that there is a website you can use. Clay added that Gerry and Brenda had already renewed. Please make an appointment by calling 805-922-1726 extension 110. Please confirm that this is the correct telephone number.

The third item was the new software and timing equipment. Clay believes that we have obtained everything to make it work. The next step is to play with it and see how we feel about it. It would be nice to use the software this year. It was determined that Clay's place would be more convenient to do this. Clay said that he would put out the date to the whole club. Everyone is welcomed. Saturday would probably be the most convenient. He added that he would come up with a time.

The fourth item was MSR. Clay indicated that he had enter the date into MSRP. There are some problems and he doesn't know why. If he goes in as a driver he can see the five dates for autocross. He is going to call MSR and ask them a few questions. He wants to correct this so that the drivers can plan ahead of time.

It was determined that MSR would open three weeks before the autocross and close one week before it. This would give the drivers two weeks to sign up.

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Clay shared during the governors report and in the absence of Gale that she needs to pursue the issuance of the certificate of insurance from NCCC so he could get the permit from the airport.

Clay brought a couple of more items:

1. The web page. Apparently, we had a little problem with cancelling our website. Chuck resolved the problem, and the website is now working.
2. The next item had to do with cones. He wants to buy another 50 soft cones. Which would give us 150 cones. Chuck indicated that we had budget to cover it.

The next item had to do with him and Gerry going to the bed making endeavor in Lompoc. Is a nationwide organization with chapters around. Lompoc has a chapter. They make beds for Santa Barbara County. We want to come up with how much we want to donate. It will come up from the budget for the year. It was brought up that members can go and donate their time

Treasurer's Report- Chuck Robertson

Chuck went over the Treasurer's report for November, December, and January.

He indicated that we started the month of November with \$14,311.39 in the bank. Under November Income there were, \$315 for Memberships; and \$15 for Other. The expenses for November were \$330. The year-to-date income thru November was \$14,641.39. Under Expenses there \$200 for NCCC annual event, \$25 for NCCC Regional dues, \$525 for the Boys and Girls Club, and \$600 for turkeys' donation. The total expenses for November were \$1,350.00. At the end of November, we had \$13,291.39 in the bank.

The next item was the financials for the month of December. Chuck reported that we started the month of December with \$13,291.39 in the bank. Under income, we received \$130.00 for membership dues. Under expenses we had \$1,002.22 for the Christmas dinner; \$540 for membership dues payable to our region; and \$1,009.97 for the Boys and Girls club. At the end of December, we had \$10,869.20 in the bank.

The next item was the financials for the month of January. Chuck reported that we started the month of January with \$10,869.20 in the bank. Under income, we received \$35 membership dues.

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Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Under expenses we had \$15.13 for the renewal for our domain name; \$62.55 was for Gil Trujillo; \$788 was reimbursement for Christmas gifts for Boys and Girls club and the \$19.56 was for some miscellaneous.

At the end of January, we had \$10,028.00 in the bank.

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

VP Report– Holly Palmer

Holly was not present. But Gerry is going to come up with a run within the next two weeks.

Governor's Report– Gale Haugen

Gale was not present.

In her absence Hector share that next West Coast Region Governors' meeting is March 4th in Antelope Valley. Anyone is welcomed to attend.

Around the Room

Hector - Discussed his golf round earlier that day. **Gerry** — His team didn't make it to the Super Bowl. **Bruce** - Talked about his cars and some place in New Jersey with new C8s. He also talked about related subjects including the bidding on the Steve McQueen's Mustang. He had some ideas about different roads we could take for a future run. **Chuck** - Talked a crate motor up for bid. The engine is a 69 L78 396 HP 427 crate motor. The bidding is up to \$3,000. The other item that Chuck brought up was that Peugeot subsidiary in Europe is changing how the dealership system works. The dealer is not going to sell cars. They are going to be there to take care of the customers and do the paperwork. Peugeot will own the cars and give them demos and the dealer will be there to service the car after sale at MSRP. No mark ups and no discounts.

Drawings

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

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm. The next meeting is TBD.

NCCC 2022 WC Region Competition Points Report

The following are the top ten WC Region members points earned in 2022.

Men's Regional Points:

- 1st Jeff Palmer
- 3rd Gerry White
- 4th Hector Paz
- 5th Larry Wright
- 6th Bee Jay Jones
- 8th Clint Perry
- 9th Chuck Robertson
- 10th Clay Beck

Ladies Regional Points:

- 2nd Gale Haugen
- 3rd Brenda Parks
- 6th Holly Palmer

Men's Regional Working Points:

- 1st Gerry White
- 2nd Hector Paz
- 3rd Larry Wright
- 4th Clint Perry
- 5th Chuck Robertson
- 6th Clay Beck
- 7th Jeff Palmer
- 9th Bee Jay Jones

Women's Regional Working Points:

- 1st Gale Haugen
- 2nd Brenda Parks
- 3rd Holly Palmer

Congratulations to the dedicated drivers and hard working VTV members in making our sanctioned events such a success in 2022. Yes, it takes a lot of work and organizing but we work very well as a team and can accomplish anything.

Onward to 2023!

Remembering VTV Member, Jeff Palmer



It is with great sadness to say goodbye to our Vapor Trail Vettes member, Jeff Palmer, who passed away on February 14, 2022 from Glioblastoma (brain cancer.)

Holly and Jeff joined Vapor Trail Vettes in February 2016. From day one they were very active in the club always volunteering to help in any club event. Jeff was there in organizing dinner runs, working as the course coordinator at the auto-cross events, supporting Boys & Girls Club Christmas's, delivering turkeys to the Salvation Army and the food bank of Santa Maria, providing club newsletter articles on techniques to fix problems with Corvettes...you name it and Jeff was there.

Jeff was a quiet gentleman, over all, but when he was asked for advice about a mechanical problem his answers were right on the mark. He was very knowledgeable on so many subjects being a Corvair, Corvette, airplane or anything with moving parts.

Jeff had a passion for flying his planes and doing all the maintenance himself. He loved his hanger at the airport and hanging out with the other hanger buddies. In September 2021 Jeff invited the VTV club members to show their Corvettes and attend an airshow and BBQ at the airport where he had his hanger. Jeff flew his plane in formation with two other planes that day. He did a fantastic job and he knew by the smile on his face.

You will be missed, Jeff. RIP

Jeff's obituary can be viewed at StarbuckLind.com. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program.

Minutes from September 17, 2022 Regional Governor's Meeting.

The West Coast Regional Governors meeting was held on September 17, 2022 in Corona.

Membership Director Report:

Corvettes of Fresno (70 Members) and Red Line Corvettes (62 Members) have rejoined WC NCCC Region. Welcome back clubs. Congratulations to Palm Springs Corvette Club for being the largest club in the WC Region with 178 members.

Competition Director's Report:

Waivers must be signed in person. NCCC insurance will not accept this if a claim is warranted.

Although NCCC insurance has not banned E-vehicles from racing NCCC National Business Manager Allen Morris stated no "EV" cars shall participate in any events.

The National Convention will be held June 2023 in Bowling Green, KY and 2024 in Joplin, MO. There will no longer be drag races at this event.

All West Coast Governors are asked to send Joe Orrico your sanctioned event requests along with the your newsletter or flyer for approval. Newsletters can be sent to all governors at WcgoVs@nccccorvettes.org.

New Business:

Floor elections were held for RE Joe Orrico, RCD Dave Alciatore, and RMD Janet Cherry. A motion was set forth and voted in favor of their election.

A motion was made to keep three regional meetings per year. The motion was carried.

The next WC Regional Governor's meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 in Palmdale. All members are invited to attend as guests.

A Little Humor

What do you call a Corvette following a Camaro at high speeds?

Chevy Chase.

So what would you call a veterinary doctor riding a Corvette in the rain?

A vet, in the wet, in the 'Vette.

Did you know that there was a corvette known for exploding?

It was the C4

Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor



Home Motors—Corvette Inventory

As of February 23, 2023 no Corvette inventory.

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.

Fits C5 front wheels.

Serious buyers can call me, **Hector Paz**, at **805-610-7008**



SOLD

Business Cards



Do you have a mechanic or car related business you would recommend to your Corvette friends? If so, please pick up a business card and share it in this newsletter.

For Sale ~ 2001 Corvette

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**
- **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,**



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
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					
1	Sunday				
February					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	Giavanni's Pizza— Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
24-25	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
26	Sunday	Midway Car Corral	Auto Club Speedway		See Flyer in this newsletter.
March					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	IHOP—Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
4	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	Sizzler, Palmdale—853 W. Palmdale Blvd	Antelope Valley Corvettes	11:00 am –3 pm
2-4	Thursday— Saturday	Gamblers Classic	Laughlin, NV	Bakersfield Corvettes	
11	Saturday	Old Orcutt St. Patrick's Day Car Show	1190 E Clark, Orcutt	Knights of Columbus	10:00 am
25	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria	VTV	Register at Mo- torsportreg.com
April					
6	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
29	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria	VTV	Register at Mo- torsportreg.com

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
2023					
May					
4	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
5-6	Friday—Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
13	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	TBD	Pomona Valley	
June					
1	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
TBD	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria	VTV	Register at Motorsportreg.com
12-17	Monday-Saturday	NCCC National Convention	Bowling Green, Kentucky		
July					
4	Tuesday	Solvang 4th of July Parade	Solvang		
6	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria	VTV	Register at Motorsportreg.com
August					
3	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
September					
7	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
8-9	Friday—Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
16	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	TBD	Millenium Corvettes	

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
2023					
October					
5	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
TBD	TBD	17th Annual Corvette Blast	TBD	VTV	
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	
November					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
10-11	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
December					
7	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm



MIDWAY CAR CORRAL AT AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY

Sunday, February 26th, 2023

PACKAGE DETAILS: \$55 Offer

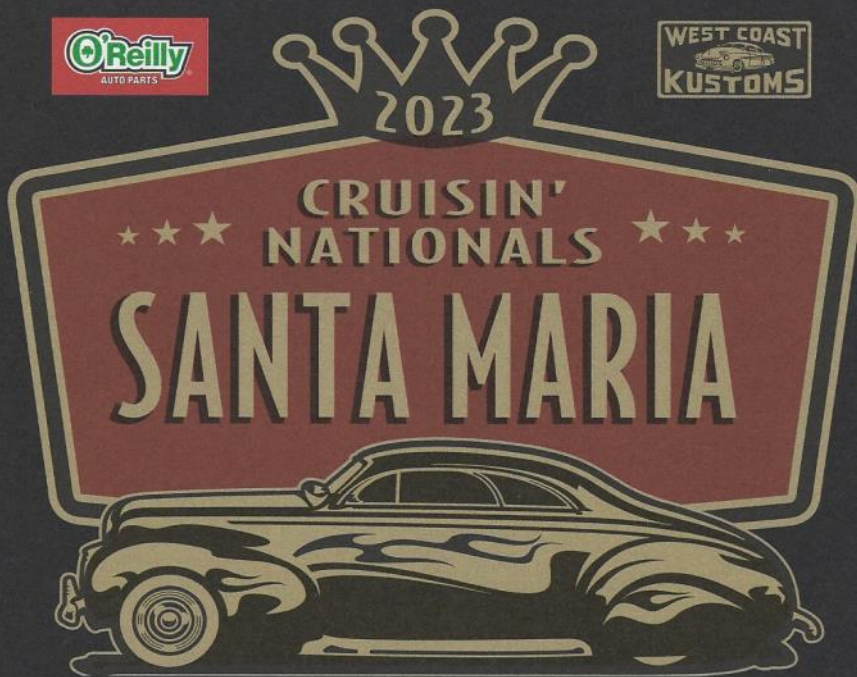
Friends and Family Offer: \$40

- 1 Admission Car Corral Spot
- 1 NASCAR Cup Series Ticket
- 1 AutoClub Speedway Car Plaque

Spots will be filled on a First-Come First-Served Basis. Live Entertainment, Fan Giveaways and much more on this day!

**Register By Contacting Logan Spaulding
623-463-5610 | LSPAULDING@NASCAR.com**





SANTA MARIA, CA
MAY 26-27-28, 2023



For Event Updates & Hotel Info Please Visit www.westcoastkustoms.com

Event Open to 1965 & Earlier American Made Vehicles Only (No Muscle Cars)

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE: May 6th, 2023 (No Exceptions)

ENTRY FEE: \$65.00 • After May 6th you may register at the Event for \$75.00

Entry fee includes vehicle entry, 2 weekend event passes, dash plaque and participation in all planned activities.

All Pre-Entry Forms Must Include a Photo of the Vehicle Being Entered... No Exceptions!

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

MAKE OF VEHICLE: _____ YEAR: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

VISA ___ M/C ___ NAME ON CARD: _____ CARD #: _____ EXP: _____ CVV: _____ BILLING ZIP: _____

RESERVATION: the WEST COAST KUSTOMS reserves the right to restrict participants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities. If for any reason participant or his vehicle, their appearance or conduct are deemed objectionable, the participant and vehicle will be subject to removal and registration forfeited.

LIABILITY: In consideration of the acceptance of participant to the "Cruisin Nationals 2023", by execution of this entry form, I hereby release and discharge the WEST COAST KUSTOMS, Santa Maria Valley Chamber Of Commerce, City Of Santa Maria and anyone else connected with the management of this event, of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any member to this person or property. Further, each applicant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting with the applicant and under the direction or control of the applicant.

**** DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YOUR ENTRY ****

SEND ENTRY TO: WCK: Attn. Penny Pichette, P.O. Box 8028, Moreno Valley, CA 92552-8028 • 951-488-0413

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WEST COAST KUSTOMS

Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce Presents The FRIDAY NIGHT

SANTA MARIA "CITY CRUISE"

Cruise For Registered Participants

Model Car SHOW! Sponsored by Custom & Hot Rod MODELS

Pin Striping Panel Jam & Party Sponsored by PPG

All Kinds of Vendors

Outstanding LIVE MUSIC

Automotive Swap Meet

Sunday Only

NO GLASS CONTAINERS!
NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED!

- Renew my WCK Membership - 1yr. \$30.00
- I'd like to join West Coast Kustoms - 1yr. \$35.00