



# THE VAPOR TRAIL OCTOBER 2023

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## Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Vapor Trail Vettes is asking for nominations for the upcoming year of 2024 for club officers. We would like to make the announcement at the meeting in November. I suspect that the officers for 2023 will be performing the same positions in 2024. Nevertheless, it's your time to make any nominations to the club.

There is a plan to go to the Mullin Automotive Museum on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is going to be a nice little trip down south. We, Vapor Trail Vettes made this trip several years ago and as I remember it was great. We all had dinner on the way home. By the time this newsletter comes out this trip will have already occurred.

The UAW union members are striking at this time, making vehicles difficult to purchase. With that said Corvette Z06's are piling up at the factory in Bowling Green waiting for parts that are on restraint. It's hard to find a dealer willing to sell at MSRP when there are not many around to be sold. I'm hoping that these restraints stop, and the union resolves their negotiations soon. Heah, lets get back to work and make America great.

I am still working at the Diablo Canyon power plant for their refueling outage. Currently, I'm working too many hours with only one day off per week. At this time in this outage, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel as to the finish of this madness. I'm guessing that they will lay me off sometime the first week of November.

Well, I have run out of words, so I must say good-bye good friends.

Clay Beck

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## October

01 Hector Paz

## November

No Member Birthdays

## 2023 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Clay Beck (Acting VP)	
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.

## **October 5, 2023 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of October was held on Thursday, October 5th, 2023, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were 9 attendees present. The attendees were: Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Bruce Potter, Hector Paz, Gale Haugen, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Clint Perry, and Mark Farbaugh. Gale sitting in for Clay called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Gale started the meeting by announcing the October birthdays. Hector Paz on the 1st. Happy Birthday Hector!!!!

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The next item was to approve the minutes from the September 7th meeting. Hector made the motion and Chuck seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

### **Old Business—Gale for Clay Beck**

The first item under Old Business was the Lessons Learned from the Annual Blast. Gale started out by saying that she was hoping to get input from everyone about what went well and what items we need to improve on. She shared some ideas of things that went well:

1. Hosting in a larger room was so much nicer.
2. Ordering snacks from the hotel in lieu of everyone having to cook and bring food in.
3. No host bar helped in keeping the cost down.

Things that we need to improve on were:

1. Extend the time for the morning activities. There were too many activities going on at the same time.
2. Cut the miles down on the gimmick rally from roughly eighty (80) miles to somewhere between fifty (50) and sixty (60) miles. Although most of the people enjoyed the scenic parts of the route.
3. Volunteers for the poker stops. She suggests that next year members volunteering for these positions should go and check out their location prior to the event.

The second item under Old Business was support for the National Corvair Club in 2025. This item was brought up by Clay in the September meeting. Gale added that in addition to requesting support to host an autocross they are asking for information in hosting a poker rallye. A few of our past rallye routes were provided to them.

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**By Hector Paz**

### **New Business— Gale for Clay Beck**

1. Larry talked about the upcoming 2024 VTV Executive Board members election. Larry reported that he is preparing an email that will be sent out to all the members asking for nomination(s) for President, Vice President, Treasurer, NCCC Governor and Secretary. Also, he asked whoever is considering nominating someone to make sure they have the consent of the member. Also, he added that at the November meeting he would present the list of nominees and a vote will be taken to announce the new board members. Other non-voting positions (i.e., Sunshine person, Newsletter editor and Webmaster) will be appointed by the new Board. At this point Brian Phillips asked what positions were open and what their duties were. Larry gave a brief description of their duties and responsibilities. These descriptions can also be found on the website under By Laws.
2. The next item for discussion was membership renewals. Gale said that these are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>. All dues paid after that date will be charged an extra ten dollars.
3. The last item was the NCCC awards for 2022. Awards were presented (posthumously) a 1<sup>st</sup> place award to Jeff Palmer for total overall points and Bee Jay Jones for most autocross points. Men's most worker points went to Gerry White and Hector Paz. The last award went to our club for having the most points in the West Coast Region.

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

Chuck went over the income and expenses by individual item for the Blast. There was \$6,655 in Income and \$6,269.18 in Expenses resulting in a Net Income of \$385.82.

Next Chuck went over the September income and expenses. September started out with \$16,258.87 in the bank. Under September income, we had \$3,016 for Blast registrations and \$25 for the 50/50. The expenses were \$6,618.45 of which \$511.20 was for the website and \$6,107.25 for the Blast. At the end of September, we ended up with \$12,681.42 in the bank.

Next was the Proposed Budget for 2024.

## **October 5, 2023 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**By Hector Paz**

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

Under Income was \$500 for Home Motors sponsorship, \$6,500 for the Blast, \$12,500 for 4 (four) autocrosses, \$800 for NCCC membership dues, and \$200 for miscellaneous items for a Total Income of \$20,500. Under Expenses there was \$50 for postage, newsletter printing and mailing etc., \$200 for P.O. Box rental, \$150 for our website, \$2,000 for four (4) \$500 scholarships to the Allan Hancock College Foundation, \$1,000 for the Christmas dinner, \$6,300 for the Annual Blast, \$200 for badges' etc., \$800 for NCCC dues, \$35 for Regional dues, \$50 for the Sunshine person, \$7,000 for four (4) autocrosses, \$100 for Security badges, \$3,300 for donations, \$750 for three (3) NCCC West Coast Regional meetings, and \$1,000 for miscellaneous expenses for Total Expenses of \$22,935 leaving a Proposed Net Loss of \$2435.00. Chuck added that he would be emailing a copy of this proposed budget to all the club members to get their input and would be ready to present a final proposed budget in the November meeting.

Gale asked for approval of the Treasurer's Reports. Gale made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports, and Larry seconded it. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Next Chuck discussed the proposed donations for this year. He explained that last year we gave a check for \$600 to the Santa Maria Food Bank. Some folks discussed making a photo op of the donation. More discussion to follow at the November meeting.

### **VP Report— Gale Haugen**

Gale reminded everyone about Brian Phillips' proposal to go on a run to the Mullin Auto Museum in Oxnard on October 28<sup>th</sup>. It requires the purchase of tickets online. We are going to meet at the Chevron station at 9:00 am on the corner of Bradley and Santa Maria Way. Brian explained that it is a 2 (two) hours' drive from Santa Maria and maybe stop halfway at the IHOP in Carpinteria on Casitas Pass Road for breakfast. That would leave a 50-minute drive from there.

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

Gale shared some of the highlights from the NCCC West Coast Governor's meeting that was held in the Santa Maria Inn on the Saturday of the Blast.

## **October 5, 2023 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**By Hector Paz**

### **Governors Report—Gale Haugen**

1. NCCC wants every club to achieve a minimum of 51% (fifty-one) NCCC primary members and 49% (forty-nine) enthusiasts and others.
2. Voted all EVs will not be allowed at any West Coast Regional events with the exception of Hybrid EVs
3. Voting on Competition changes will now be opened to the clubs for discussion prior to voting.

### **Around the Room**

**Brian** was excited about the trip to the Mullin Museum. **Bruce** shared that he has a friend who lives in Atascadero and has a ranch that we might consider driving up to visit. **Larry** thanked everybody for their contributions to the success of the Blast. **Chuck** also thanked everyone for a successful Blast. **Clint** shared that his dad tripped over a dog and broke his hip.

### **Drawings**

Brenda was the winner of the 50/50. Gale was the winner of the name badge game. The door prize was agreed to be suspended until we have more prizes.

Gale adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm. The next meeting is Thursday November 2nd at 6:30 pm at the IHOP in Santa Maria. The reservation has been made for 5:30 pm for those who would like to join us for dinner.

### **\*\* REMINDERS \*\***

- 1. Nominations for VTV Board Members will close prior to the next VTV meeting on November 2nd. Please get your nominations in to Larry Wright. New board members will be announced at the November VTV.**
- 2. Membership renewals and new members applications are being processed in October.**
- 3. Mullin Automotive Museum Run to Oxnard. October 28th. Get your tickets on line at <https://mullinautomotive.com>**

## 2022 Regional Awards

West Coast Region Corvette Cubs 2022 awards were presented at the September 16, 2023 Region Governors meeting. Thanks to Vapor Trail Vette members for your support, dedication and time to achieve the 1st place club award. With a limited number of members working to host four autocross events and the annual Blast each year you should be proud of what was accomplished. The following are the top awardees from each category:

### Men's Regional Point Totals

Place	First Name	Last Name	Total Regional Points	Events Attended
1	JEFF	PALMER	39	8
2	DOUG	MCELROY	33	4
3	GERRY	WHITE	32	9
4	HECTOR	PAZ	32	9
5	LARRY	WRIGHT	30	8
6	BEE JAY	JONES	26	4
7	JOHN	SCHEMBARI	23	4
8	CLINT	PERRY	22	4
9	CHARLES	ROBERTSON	21	7
10	CLAY	BECK	21	7

### Ladies Regional Point Totals

Place	First Name	Last Name	Total Regional Points	Events Attended
1	SUE	MCELROY	33	4
2	GALE	HAUGEN	27	10
3	BRENDA	PARKS	25	9
4	NGA	HOPE	23	4
5	KAREN	STEVENS	20	4
6	HOLLY	PALMER	18	9

## 2022 Regional Awards

### Men's Regional Worker Point Totals

Place	First Name	Last Name	Total Worker Points	Events Attended
1	GERRY	WHITE	32	9
2	HECTOR	PAZ	32	9
3	LARRY	WRIGHT	30	8
6	CLINT	PERRY	22	4
7	CHARLES	ROBERTSON	21	9
8	CLAY	BECK	21	9
9	JEFF	PALMER	19	7



Gerry White & Hector Paz Tie for 1st Place



### Ladies Regional Worker Point Totals

Place	First Name	Last Name	Total Worker Points	Events Attended
1	GALE	HAUGEN	27	10
2	BRENDA	PARKS	25	9
3	HOLLY	PALMER	18	9

## 2022 Regional Awards



### Club Regional Point Totals Report

Place	Club Number	Club Name	Total Regional Points	Events Attended
1	WC-518	VAPOR TRAIL VETTES	1000	10
2	WC-434	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	428	5
3	WC-552	INLAND EMPIRE CORVETTES	175	4
4	WC-325	O.C. VETTES, INC	100	1
5	WC-326	CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	50	8
6	WC-336	PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	26	1
7	WC-446	MILLENNIUM CORVETTES	10	1
8	WC-398	SOUTHWEST CORVETTES	4	1

## Tech Corner—Questions Asked About Corvettes

### How much will the 2023 Z06 cost?

\$106,395

The new Z06 is nearly \$25,000 more than the old one, and a loaded model approaches \$160,000 with options including the \$8995 Z07 package and \$11,995 carbon-fiber wheels. Chevy has revealed pricing for the 2023 Corvette Z06. It starts at \$106,395 for the base 1LZ, and the convertible is \$7000–\$7500 extra.

### What is considered the poor man's Corvette?

1970 Opel GT 1900, the poor man's Corvette

### What color Corvette is best for resale?

Among these transactions, the study found that the median premium for each major color group indicated white as the most valuable Corvette color, followed by yellow, purple and red. On the other hand, colors like brown, green, copper and bronze had the least resale value. Sep 29, 2023

### Which Corvette to avoid?

We recommend staying away from the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2013 models. These may require pricey fixes, especially since the car is one of the rarer choices. The biggest fault in these models of the C6 Corvette is in the transmission.

### What does a Corvette say about a person?

There are also those who have worked their whole life, raised a family been there for everyone, but themselves, and then they bought their first Corvette. I heard that most Corvette owners are hard working and goal setting folks, who work very hard to achieve their goals.

### How do Corvette owners greet each other?

Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave. There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!

### What car is known as the Corvette Killer?

This is a **Kellison J-4EX**, it's a 1950s-era American sports car that remains unknown to many, it was a period competitor for the Corvette and in fact some of them were built on Corvette chassis.

# Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor



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## Home Motors—Corvette Inventory



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Exterior Color: Carbon Flash Metallic Black

Interior Color: Black & White

**\$109,375**



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# 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>Weekly Events</b>					
2023	Saturdays	Pismo Derelicts & Donuts	829 Oak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2023	Sundays	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
<b>September</b>					
7	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	IHOP—Santa Maria	VTV	6:30 pm
7-10	Thursday-Sunday	60th Anniv. Car show, slot tourn. Poker run	Reno—Tahoe	Corvettes of Fresno	See flyer in this newsletter.
8-9	Friday—Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
15-16	Friday—Saturday	17th Annual Corvette Blast	Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria, CA	Vapor Trail Vettes	See flyer in this newsletter.
30	Saturday	All Corvette 70th Anniversary Car Show	Route 66 Classic Grill	Santa Clarita Valley Corvette	See flyer in newsletter
<b>October</b>					
2	Monday	Start Membership Renewals	Pay at Meeting or mail to VTV PO Box	VTV	
5	Thursday	VTV General Meeting—Nominations for Board	IHOP—Santa Maria	VTV	6:30 pm
21	Saturday	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport,		
21	Saturday	All Corvette Show	Town Square, Las Vegas	Las Vegas Corvettes	See flyer in this newsletter.
28	Saturday	Mullin Automotive Museum Run	Oxnard	VTV	
<b>November</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting—Announce New Board	IHOP—Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
8-9	Friday—Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
15	Wednesday	VTV Membership Renewal Deadline	Mail to VTV PO Box 5241 or pay at mtg	VTV	Additional \$10 if paid after 15th
TBD	TBD	Boys & Girls Club Christmas	Boys & Girls Club, Santa Maria	VTV	
<b>December</b>					
7	Thursday	VTV General Meeting	IHOP—Santa Maria	VTV	6:30 pm
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner	TBD	VTV	7

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## NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>2024</b>					
<b>February</b>					
23-24	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
<b>March</b>					
	March	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD		
<b>May</b>					
3-4	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
11	Saturday	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD		
<b>September</b>					
3-4	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
21	Saturday	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD		





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50 Years



# Las Vegas Corvettes Association Presents All Corvette Show in Celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

October 21, 2023

Location: Town Square Las Vegas,  
Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Show Hours are 10am to 3pm, setup time starts at 7am  
(no corvettes can leave before 3pm)

Registration before September 21<sup>st</sup> is \$35.00 per Corvette  
Registration between September 22<sup>nd</sup> & October 5<sup>th</sup> will be \$55.00  
Cutoff is October 5<sup>th</sup> (Late entries cannot be accepted)

Entry Fee Includes: Admission to Show, 1 Poker Hand,  
Packet, & Goodie Bag

Additional Poker Hands can be purchased for \$5.00 each  
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All Proceeds will be donated to:

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## Las Vegas Corvettes Association Presents 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car Show October 21, 2023

At Town Square Las Vegas, Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Please Print:**

Driver' Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corvette Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate #/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Corvette set up starting at 7am, Show hours 10am to 3pm (all corvettes must stay for the full show, no leaving before 3pm)

Register on or before October 5, 2023 Deadline (Late entries not accepted)

Entry Fee for Event Includes: Admission to Car Show & Poker Run (1 Poker Hand)

	Per Car	Totals
Registration on or before September 21, 2023	\$35.00	
Registration September 22, 2023 – October 5, 2023 (Deadline)	\$55.00	
Additional Poker Hands _____ @ \$5.00 each		
Pre Order T-Shirts \$25 each (2XL, 3XL, 4XL - \$30)		
Total Amount Enclosed		

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Signature of Passenger: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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