



THE VAPOR TRAIL NOVEMBER 2023

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Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Hello Vapor Trail Vettes Members,

Well, we are starting the Christmas season holiday and how do I know this? I am looking at all the advertisements on the TV. Kathy and I are visiting her brother in Texas for the week of Thanksgiving. Maybe I will get a chance to shop at a couple of dealerships for a corvette (Z06) in the Texas area to see what is going on with the dealerships there. We are planning for our VTV Christmas dinner on December 9th at the Santa Maria Inn. Hope to see you there because it is always fun with gift exchanges and a great meal.

The club had a nice run to the Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard on October 28th. I was unable to attend due to working at that time. We are planning to go on more runs this next year so standby.

Well tomorrow will be a sad day for me as I plan to sell my 03' (Z06) to a good friend of mine. I purchased it new in 03' so it has been with me for twenty years. I am sure this will get me more focus on the pursuit of looking for this elusive new Z06. I noticed that they sold one in Las Vegas auction for over \$260k. I cannot believe how desperate some people are.

The officers for our club have been announced, which are the same as last year with only one exception and that is Mary Carson as VP. I want to thank Mary for running for the VP position as we were doing without a VP for the last year.

The club is planning for this upcoming year's dates for events. We have four dates picked out for next year's autocross but they need to be validated with the NCCC calendar before we publish these dates. We also need to coordinate our dates with the Porsche events. Then reserve with the airport.

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. Please take some time and reflect on all the amazing things we enjoy in this country, and know that there has been much sacrifice, by so many, to ensure we all sleep in peace. Freedom is not free.

Clay

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Happy Birthday!

No Birthdays in November

December

04 Beverly Erickson

09 Cecilia Phillips

25 Charlie Perry

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
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All numbers are in the 805 area code.



November 2, 2023 VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of November was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were eleven (11) members present. The attendees were:

Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Bruce Potter, Hector Paz, Gale Haugen, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Clint Perry, Clay Beck, Brian Phillips, and Mary Carson.

Clay started the meeting by announcing that there were no birthdays in November.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Gale made the motion and Gerry seconded to approve the minutes from the October 5th meeting. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Old Business—Gale for Clay Beck

The first item under Old Business was the turkey donation. After some discussion it was agreed that we would meet at the Santa Maria YMCA on Tuesday November 14th before proceeding to the KSBY TV station to drop off turkeys at 6:30 pm and bring the "big check" reflecting our \$600 cash donation. This could provide an opportunity to have a picture taken and maybe get some airtime.

The second item under Old Business was the VTV Executive Board officers for 2024. The same 2023 officers were elected to serve another year except for the Vice President. Mary Carson was nominated and elected to serve as the new Vice President. Gale made a motion to approve the board as discussed. Chuck seconded it. The motion was approved.

New Business— Clay Beck

This year's Christmas Party was discussed. It was agreed that the New Vice President would make the arrangements. It was also agreed that we would hold it on Saturday December 9th at 6:30 pm at the Santa Maria Inn. Also, every attendee is encouraged to bring a gift to exchange.

The B&G's Club Christmas. Gale started out by saying that she had discussed a few things with the supervisor that we would like to have her consider from the previous two years:

1. The kids were told to not open their gifts until they go back to their classrooms which prevented us from watching them open the gifts from our club.

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New Business— Clay Beck

2. Last year they had a pizza party in their classrooms and again we never got to see them open their gifts.
3. Also discussed that we need a list of all the regular kids. Those that are there on a permanent basis versus drop-in kids that are only there a day or two. We would have extra gift cards for the part-time kids that are there on that day.

The B&G's club supervisor agreed to let the kids open gifts in the main room after we pass them out. She will also limit gifts to regular attending girls and boys.

Gale also added that she would be reaching out to Holly about hopefully getting the same Santa that we have had for several years.

Treasurer's Report— Chuck Robertson

Chuck went over the October income and expenses. October started out with \$12,681.42 in the bank. Under October income, we had \$455 in membership dues and \$35 for the 50/50. The expenses were \$555.98 of which \$194 was for the P.O. Box rental and \$361.98 in NCCC fees for The Blast. At the end of October, we ended up with \$12,615.44 in the bank.

Larry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and Gale seconded it. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Next Chuck discussed the status of the 2024 membership dues.

Next was the Proposed Budget for 2024. 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, \$4,000 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.

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Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Total Expenses would be \$19,935 leaving a Proposed Net Income of \$565.00.

Hector made a motion to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget. Clint seconded it. The motion was approved.

VP Report

Bruce mentioned that he has a friend that has a ranch in Paso Robles and has invited us to visit.

Brian discussed the Santa Ynez Historical Museum if you are interested in western stuff. There is a great Mexican restaurant next door called Don Carlitos.

It was agreed the we would hold off on these events until the holidays are over.

Governor's Report– Gale Haugen

Gale mentioned that the next NCCC West Coast meeting is on March 2, 2024 in Las Vegas.

Around the Room

Larry thanked everyone for their help with the 2024 election of officers. **Brian** had nothing but good things to say about the trip to the Mullin Museum. Also, mentioned that his friend Chuck took pictures which he will be posting soon and will give him some of the pictures of the group. Chuck mentioned that he has already posted them to our website. **Clint** mentioned that his dad is getting better. **Chuck** discussed several car problems and mentioned the run that we used to have in January to introduce the new year's board officers. **Hector** shared that he had problems starting his car when we were getting ready to leave the museum. This is an intermittent problem. If it wasn't for Gerry telling me to buckle my seat, then try to start it. Well Gerry's suggestion worked. My car started. Also mentioned that he had visited the Santa Maria cemetery before the meeting, and it was a sight to see. Everyone there was visiting for the Day of the Dead (Dia de Los Muertos). **Gale** needs to input the members' dues information into the database and will need the check number from Chuck. **Mary** announced that her club's Artisan Fair is coming up and invited everyone to come and support it. **Gerry** mentioned that Clay used to have Garage days. Gerry brought up the Winter Nationals.

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Bruce mentioned that he had the same intermittent problem with his car, and it was the ground wire from the engine block to the chassis. **Clay** mentioned that Kathy booked a trip in January to the Galapagos Islands.

Also, shared potential dates for next year's autocross events and asked everyone for their input.

The proposed 2024 VTV autocross dates:

- March 16th
- June 1st
- July 13th or 27th (Conflict with Porsche Club date)
- August 24th

Proposed 2024 Porsche Club autocross dates:

- April 13th Autocross Academy
- April 14th
- May 11th
- June 15th
- July 13th
- September 14th
- October 19th

Drawings

Gerry was the winner of the 50/50. The winner of the name badge game was not present. The door prize was agreed to be suspended until we have more prizes.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

The VTV Christmas dinner and gift exchange will take the place of the December general meeting. This will also be the last newsletter until February 2024.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and to all the December birthday babies in our club, Happy Birthday!



Mullin Automotive Museum Run

By Chuck Robertson & Gale Haugen

On October 28th seven members of VTV met at the Chevron gas station on Santa Maria Way and Bradley to head out to the Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard. After a stop for breakfast in Carpinteria we arrived at the museum to enjoy the numerous beautiful cars, artwork, art deco style furniture and more beautiful cars.

The main exhibition at the museum was "L'epoque des Carrossiers: The Art and Times of the French Coachbuilders". The cars were all very special 1920 & 1930 era cars with frames from manufacturers like Bugatti, Avions Voisin, Delahay and Hispano-Suiza. The coach builders included Bugatti, Citroen, De Villars, Figoni and Falaschi, Henri Chapron, Henri Labourdette, Million, Guiet & Cie., Pourtout, Jacques Saoutchik, Vanvooren, and Gabriel Voisin. Needless to say, the cars were fantastic and we all came away with a greater appreciation of the artistry from the height of the coach-built car era.

We were very fortunate to see the Mullin's collection of these fine French designed automobiles when we did. Unfortunately, Peter W. Mullin passed away on September 18, 2023 in Big Sur, California at 82 years old. We were told by docents at the museum that many of the cars will be gifted, sold or donated as per Peter Mullin's instructions.

There is an article in Autoweek magazine on Peter Mullin's passion for cars.

Available: <https://www.autoweek.com/news/a45243222/philanthropist-car-collector-peter-mullin-obit/>



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Mullin Automotive Museum Pictures



The above 1925 Bugatti Type 22 Brescia Roadster once belonged to the Grand Prix driver Rene Dreyfus. After losing it in a poker game the automobile spent 175 years under water in a lake on the Italian-Swiss border. On July 12 2009 the Bugatti was pulled from the lake and many years later became part of the Mullin collection of Bugatti's.

The full story can be viewed at: <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/article/the-bugatti-from-the-lake-1925-bugatti-type-22-brescia> and www.hemmings.com/editorial/lakebugatti.

Tech Corner— Corvette Tidbits

1. Factory computers for C4 Grand Sports are no longer available . Third party parts are being used.
2. In 2024 you will have a choice of three new Corvette colors...Riptide Blue, Cacti Green, & Sea Wolf Gray along with five new racing stripe colors. There will also be new wheel designs to choose from.
3. 2024 Corvette Stingray production is scheduled to start on September 5, 2023. The first order cycle for the 2024 model year is scheduled to begin in July. This will give customers an opportunity to place orders before production start-up.
4. The 2024 base Stingray Coupe price is advertised at \$67,895 but according to Car and Driver it can surpass \$130K.
5. The Corvette has been recalled 37 times. With 7 recalls the 1997 had the most and 1984 came in second with 6 recalls.
6. Special features on the 2024 Corvette include Charge+ and Stop/Start buttons on the console, an updated infotainment system and instrument panel, and a new green-intensive interior scheme called Artemis Dipped.
7. New features on the 2024 Corvette include:
 - Following Distance Indicator.
 - Forward Collision Alert.
 - Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning.
 - IntelliBeam, auto high beam.
 - Automatic Emergency Braking.
 - Front Pedestrian and Bicyclist Braking.
8. There's a stereotype associated with each car owner below:
 - **Corvette** owners are All-American performance enthusiasts
 - **911** owners are Europhiles who dress to impress
 - **Prius** owners are environmentally-conscious folks who shop at Whole Foods



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Home Motors—Corvette Inventory

Business Cards

The logo for San Luis Colors features the text "SAN LUIS" in blue and "COLORS" in red, both in bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, "AUTOMOTIVE PAINT REPAIR SPECIALISTS" is written in smaller, black, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the text is a stylized illustration of a paintbrush with a red handle and a blue tip, and a paint can with a red and white label. A beam of light from the paintbrush illuminates the text.

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The logo for Tyerman's features the name "TYERMAN'S" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the name, the services "Wheel Alignment - Wheel Balancing - Steering - Suspension" and "BRAKE REPAIR" are listed in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, "Family Owned Business Since 1957" is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. The address "1135 West Grande Ave. Grover Beach Ca. 93433" is listed in white, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the name "Gary Tyerman" and the phone number "(805) 489-2465" are listed in white, sans-serif capital letters.

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2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
Weekly Events					
2023	Saturdays	Pismo Derelicts & Donuts	829 Oak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2023	Sundays	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
October					
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	
November					
2	Thursday	VTV General Meeting— Announce New Board	IHOP—Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
10-11	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
14	Tuesday	VTV Turkey Run to KCOY	1211 W. McCoy Lane Santa Maria	VTV	Meet at YMCA at
15	Wednesday	VTV Membership Renewal Deadline	Mail to VTV PO Box 5241 or pay at mtg	VTV	Additional \$10 if paid after 15th
December					
N/A	N/A	NO VTV MEETING THIS MONTH			
07	Thursday	Boys & Girls Club Christmas	901 Railroad Ave	VTV	
09	Saturday	VTV Christmas Dinner	SM Inn	VTV	

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
2024					
2024	Saturdays	Pismo Derelicts & Donuts	829 Oak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2024	Sundays	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
January					
1	Monday	New Year's Day			
TBD	TBD	Lunch	TBD	VTV	
February					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
19	Monday	Washington's Birthday			
23-24	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
March					
2	Saturday	Regional Governors Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	Las Vegas Corvettes	
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
16	Saturday	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Proposed Date
10	Sunday	Daylight Saving Begins			
31	Sunday	Easter			
April					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
May					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
3-4	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
11	Saturday	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD		
13-19	Monday- Sunday	National Corvette Convention	Joplin, Missouri		
27	Monday	Memorial Day			

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
June					
1	Saturday	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Proposed Date
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
16	Sunday	Father's Day			
July					
4	Thursday	4th of July			
11	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
13 or 27	Saturday	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Proposed Dates
August					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
24	Saturday	VTV Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	Proposed Date
September					
2	Monday	Labor Day			
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
13-14	Friday— Saturday	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO		
21	Saturday	Regional Gov. Mtg	Antelope Valley		
October					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
November					
5	Tuesday	Election Day			
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD		
11	Monday	Veterans Day			
28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day			
December					
		NO VTV MEETING THIS MONTH			
25	Wednesday	Christmas Day			