



# THE VAPOR TRAIL JUNE 2024

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## Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Welcome to the beautiful weather here on the central coast that we are having. A great time to play with our car toys. I just returned from a Millerton Lake vacation with the family enjoying boating and camping. I still have what it takes to water ski at my age, to show the grand kids how it's done. However, my arms or my grip is very sore. Last month Kathy and I went to Australia on vacation. Two things; 1. Fourteen hours of flying time. 2. They drive on the wrong side of the road. We had a good time.

Our web site has a slight change to its address. It is no longer .com. It is .org. ([Http://vaportrailvettes.org](http://vaportrailvettes.org)). Thanks to Chuck for making these changes for our club. Another note, we will not have a July VTV meeting for it falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Next meeting is planned for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our last autocross was a good time for all. A lot of praise from the drivers on the course. There were some technical places that took some drivers several times to master the course. We calculated that we had 151 downed cones at this event. Our next autocross is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>. MSRP is open for signing up. Our last autocross of this year is scheduled for August 17th.

VTV club members are planning to enter the Solvang parade this July 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been participating in this event for several years now. The theme obviously is decorating our vehicles with red, white, and blue flag decor.

Thank you Mary for making these arrangements this year.

Clay Beck

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### June

07 Chuck Robertson

### JULY

06 Janet Farabaugh  
 22 Al Ferguson  
 24 Gil Trujillo  
 29 Mike Dirkes

## 2024 Board Members

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## **June 6, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes—By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of June was held on Thursday, June 6th, 2024, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were ten (10) members present. The attendees were:

Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Bruce Potter, Hector Paz, Gale Haugen, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Clint Perry, Gary Hackett, and Mary Carson.

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clay announced the birthday for June. Chuck Robertson on the seventh. Happy Birthday Chuck.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The meeting minutes were approved from the May 2024 meeting. Gale made the motion to accept the minutes and Chuck seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

### **Old Business — Clay Beck**

Clay went over the results of the June 1<sup>st</sup> autocross. He had good reviews. Drivers had ten (10) runs. Also, he shared that we had the most knocked down cones as far back as we can remember (151 cones). The low attendance was attributed to other activities in Santa Maria. Clay mentioned that he plans to buy some more cones. Also, he touched on the website anomalies that participants encountered when signing up. It was decided that we would change our website from vaportrailvettes.com to vaportrailvettes.org. There was some discussion about updating the current club pamphlet and business cards.

### **New Business — Clay Beck**

Clay reminded everyone that our next autocross is July 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Chuck went over the June 1<sup>st</sup> autocross. There was \$2,439.90 income from registration fees and \$1,439.07 in expenses leaving a net profit of \$1,000.83. The expenses were \$297.63 for the porta johns, \$19.44 for ice, water, and batteries, \$550 for the use of the track, \$500 to the Allan Hancock College Scholarship Foundation and \$72 for NCCC fees.

Chuck went over the May's treasury report:

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

May started out with \$9,332.51 in the bank. The income for May was \$1,711.70 for the June 1<sup>st</sup> autocross and \$47 for the 50/50. The expenses were \$79.70 for flowers to Joan Perry and \$12.99 water for the June 1<sup>st</sup> autocross. At the end of May, we ended up with \$10,998.52 in the bank.

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

### **VP Report — Mary Carson**

Mary went over the May 25<sup>th</sup> drive and dine which was very successful and reminded everyone of upcoming events.

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

#### NCCC Cost Saving Options

Gale mentioned that the following item was discussed at the last national NCCC meeting.

The President of NCCC has requested club Governors to discuss options to reduce costs NCCC is currently paying out. The only income NCCC has is from membership dues and those have not increased in many years while costs have risen drastically. NCCC has talked about raising the membership dues but got some push-back from various clubs.

NCCC has looked at other options and would like Corvette club's feedback. Membership comments will be discussed at the NCCC National meeting in September.

#### Options Include:

1. Eliminate membership cards.
2. Eliminate National and Regional patches.
3. Change national meetings to three a year instead of four.
4. Change Blue Bars to three times a year instead of four.

#### Annual Event Update

Gale received an email from the Santa Maria Inn on June 5<sup>th</sup> from Audrey who we are working with to coordinate our event. She was able to cut some costs for our event. Instead of \$600 for the Cabana on Friday evening they lowered it to \$300.

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She also mentioned a charge for the bar which was free last year but did not quote me the price. She threw in a free suite for storing our supplies needed for the event. The hotel has done this every year we hosted the event there. There was no change in the cost of the Kent room which she had quoted as \$400 for dinner, awards, and raffles. Chuck and Gale will set up a meeting to go over more details.

### **Around the Room**

**Hector** mentioned that he had his Corvette fixed and is able to drive it again; **Bruce** mentioned he met a professor at Allan Hancock College, but he didn't have a business card. She has a 2011 C6. He told her about IHOP and when we meet; **Clint** is busy at work; **Gary** had several club related questions; and **Clay** installed some solar panels at home and no Corvette yet.

### **Drawings**

Mary was the winner of the 50/50. The winner of the name badge game was Laurie Hackett but was not present. The door prize has been suspended until we have more prizes.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

There will be no meeting on the 4th of July due to members participating in the Solvang parade.

The next meeting will be Thursday August 1st 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.

## **Murphy's Automotive Museum ~ June 22, 2024**

**By Mary Carson  
Pictures by Chuck Robertson**

A small group of us traveled to Oxnard, on a perfect warm and beautiful day, to visit the Murphy's Automotive Museum in the final month before it closes forever. The trip on the 101 freeway was fairly smooth except for the Cal-Trans construction areas. But we navigated those areas without a problem. We stopped for lunch in Oxnard at Chili's Restaurant and afterwards, headed to the museum just a couple of miles down the road. The museum was having a special event that day, with vendors and displays of thousands of model kits. This took up a large area of the showroom, and there was judging of the best displays of completed models.

## **Murphy's Automotive Museum ~ Cont'd**

Many of the beautiful collector cars were parked outside in the parking lot, so we saved those cars for last. Chuck had us pose for a picture there.

Inside, we were able to see a huge model HO train display with two or three trains running through miniature towns, army bases, and tunnels through the mountainsides. That brought back some great memories for me, as my dad had set up his model O trains and towns in our home that I grew up in. We (my brothers and sister) would save the toys that came in our cereal boxes for the display.

Then we saw some vintage trailers, impressively furnished for a comfortable campsite. We moved on to the beautiful cars parked inside, where we could check out the very old, then not so old vehicles and pick our favorites. Lastly, there was a very impressive model race course for slot cars that had thousands of pieces, including race cars, fans, sign boards, viewing areas, bridges and tunnels. It reminded me of a Formula-One race track. I wish they had it running to be able to watch the action.

Time to head home and we cruised fairly well, with a few traffic areas. It wasn't until we were north of the Gaviota tunnel that we came to a halt. For several miles, we inched our way along until we got almost to Solvang when it finally cleared for us the rest of the way home.



# Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor



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## Home Motors—Corvette Inventory

2019 [Corvette Stingray 3LT](#)



**\$51,963.00**

**Mileage**—17,094

**Exterior Color** - Blade Silver Metallic

**Interior Color** - Jet Black

2024 [Corvette Stingray 2LT](#)



**\$96,475.48 Cash**

**Mileage**—New Vehicle

**Exterior Color** - Sea Wolf Gray Tricoat

**Interior Color** - Sky Cool Gray Leather

Corvette inventory as of 06/27/2024. Please call ahead for any changes since this date.

## 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.



# 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>Weekly Events</b>					
2024	Saturday	Pismo Derelicts & Do-nuts	829 Pak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2024	Sunday	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
<b>January</b>					
27	Saturday	VTV Lunch in Creston	Loading Chute	VTV	
<b>February</b>					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
23-24	Fri-Sat	National NCCC Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
<b>March</b>					
2	Saturday	Regional Governors Meeting	Las Vegas, NV	Joe Orrico	
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
9	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
<b>April</b>					
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
27	Saturday	VTV Social Event	Pismo Beach	VTV	10:30 am
<b>May</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
2-4	Thur-Sat	28th Annual Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show	Morro Bay		<a href="http://www.morrobaycarshow.org">www.morrobaycarshow.org</a>
3-4	Fri-Sat	National NCCC Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
11	Saturday	Regional Gov. Mtg	TBD	Joe Orrico	
14-18	Tue-Sat	NCCC Convention	Joplin, MO		
24-26	Fri-Sun	43rd Cruisin' Nationals	Santa Maria	West Coast Kustoms	
31- 6/2	Fri-Sun	Pismo Classic Car Show	Pismo Beach		

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<b>June</b>					
1	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
1	Saturday	Elks Rodeo Parade	Santa Maria	Elks	
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
14-16	Fri-Sun	Live Oak Music Festival	El Chorro Regional Park, SLO		
22	Saturday	28th Annual Elks Car Show	1309 Bradly Road, Santa Maria	Elks	
29	Saturday	Big Bash Car Show & Picnic in the park	Biddle Park, 3500 Lopez Drive, AG	Central Coast Cruisers	
<b>July</b>					
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	Mother Hubbard's in Buellton	VTV	
4	Thursday	4th of July Parade	Solvang	Santa Ynez Valley Rotary	Meet at SM Chevron 8:30 am
13	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
14	Sunday	13th Annual Benefit Car Show	Pioneer Park, Santa Maria	Mad Bomberz Car Club	
17-20	Wed-Sat	Black Hills Corvette Classic	Spearfish, South Dakota	Sioux Falls Corvette Club	
22	Saturday	Murphy Car Museum	Oxnard	VTV	
<b>August</b>					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
17	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
24	Saturday	The Mac & Cheese Festival	Avila Beach Golf Resort		2-6 pm
<b>September</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
13-14	Fri-Sat	National NCCC Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
21	Saturday	Regional Governors Mtg	Antelope Valley	Joe Orrico	
22	Sunday	Automotive Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes	Trilogy Center, Nipomo		
<b>October</b>					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>November</b>					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
8-9	Fri-Sat	National NCCC Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
<b>December</b>					
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner	TBD	VTV	
TBD	TBD	Boys/Girls Club Christmas	Boys/Girls Club, Santa Maria	VTV	
<b>2025</b>					
August		NCCC Convention	Dells, Wisconsin		