



THE VAPOR TRAIL MARCH-APRIL 2024

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Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

At this time of writing, we are well into the month of April. We are about to get some rain this week end, however the weather has been sunny and nice lately. Everything is still green with the help of sporadic rains that still persist. With that all said it is a good time to get your Corvettes out and make some runs and have fun.

Unfortunately, I am currently working at the Diablo Canyon refueling outage which is taking all of my time, but it will come to an end soon by the beginning of May sometime. I do enjoy seeing all my old work colleagues as they prepare for continue with keeping the plant working into the future. They are currently working on re-licensing the plant with the NRC.

Our club is coming up with some good ideas for making some good time summer runs to museum's, gimmick rallies and restaurant lunch runs. So, save the dates when they come out with these planned events.

I heard on the Corvette Blogger that allocations are coming out to the dealerships this week and orders will take place next week. They also said that these allocations are going mostly to the larger dealerships so here I wait. I have the next Z06 allocation at Lompoc Chevrolet dealership. So excited but still waiting. I believe allocations come out a couple times a month so hopefully I may be able to place an order before the year is over.

Clay



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March

- 03- Kathy Beck
- 07-Larry Wright
- 12-Bill Deviny
- 13-Bill Santmyer
- 31- Clint Perry

April

- 07- Holly Palmer
- 12-Gale Haugen
- 19-Gerry White

2024 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
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All numbers are in the 805 area code.

March 7, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes—By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of March was held on Thursday, March 7th, 2024, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were twelve (12) members present. The attendees were:

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

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm and started with the pledge of allegiance.

Clay announced the birthdays for March—Kathy Beck on the 3rd, Larry Wright on the 7th, Bill Deviny on the 12th, Bill Santmyer on the 13th and Clint on the 31st.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The meeting minutes from the February 2024 were approved. Chuck made the motion and Gerry seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Old Business—Clay Beck

The first item under New Business was to discuss the March 9th autocross working assignments. Clay asked Clint to be the new crew chief. Mentioned that Hector and Mike would share the paddock duties. Mentioned the people working the slips.

Treasurer's Report— Chuck Robertson

Chuck went over the February treasury report: February started out with \$8,901.92 in the bank. Under February income, we had \$1,069.20 from sportsreg for the March 9th autocross, and \$27 from the 50/50. The expenses were \$554.38 of which \$401 was for new cones, and \$153.38 for security badges. At the end of February, we ended up with \$9,433.74 in the bank.

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

VP Report – Mary Carson

It was agreed to do a run to the museum in Solvang on April 27th. We will meet at 10:00 am at the Chevron on Skyway Drive off the 101.

Governor's Report— Gale Haugen

Gale mentioned that the Blast will be on the 11th and 12th of October.

March 7, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes—By Hector Paz

Around the Room

Lost this part of the recorded meeting minutes when transcribing.

Drawings

Clint 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 7:27 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Thursday April 4, 2024 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.

April 4, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes— By Chuck Robertson for Hector Paz

In attendance: Clay Beck, Gale Haugen, Clint Perry, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Bruce Potter, Brian Phillips, Chuck Robertson, Mary Carson, Lorie & Greg Hackett

Clay opened the meeting at 6:29. The first order of business was the pledge of allegiance. Then Clay went over the birthdays of the month – Holly Palmer, Gale Haugen, and Gerry White.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Due to problems with the recording device, there were scattered minutes from the March meeting.

New business - Clay Beck

Clay talked about our no longer seeking sanctions for our autocross events. Gale pointed out that the club had been the #1 club for the region for several years because we had been putting on sanctioned events. This will mean we will not get the trophies and individual recognition we have had in the past. Clay said that having the sanctions did draw in attendees to the autocross events in the past, but that is no longer happening. He asked if anyone cared about not receiving the recognition, but no one indicated they cared. Gale pointed out that in the past we had problems getting sanction numbers for all our events and had to borrow numbers from other clubs. This meant that our club did not get the points for hosting but we were able to help other clubs.

**April 4, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes—
By Hector Paz**

We will still be able to get insurance for the events, but Gale will have less work to do in her governor position.

New Business—Clay Beck

The next autocross is June 1st. Clay will be on vacation until the weekend before, so he wanted to ask the members to step up and let him know that they will be available to help now. Brian indicated that he would be able to help this time and the rest of the regulars also indicated that they would help. Clay talked about the usual process of meeting at 1pm on the Friday before the event to blow off the track and then setting up the track about 2pm. Mary asked about the club signing up for the Santa Maria Elks Parade as it was on the same day. We will have to pass on that for this year. Gale asked questions from the drivers prior to the event. Clay says that he will respond to them when he gets back. Gerry mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea to announce to the drivers what the club does with the money we raise at the event, and Clay agreed that it might be a good idea to briefly talk about all the charitable activities the club donates to. Gerry also asked about doing the pledge of allegiance before the event. Clay will keep that in mind.

Finance Report—Chuck Robertson

Next Chuck gave the treasurer's report. Gale made a motion to approve the report and Gerry seconded. All approved.

VP report— Mary Carson

Mary covered the upcoming drive and dined on the 27th to Santa Ynez. We will meet up at the Chevron at the corner of Santa Maria Way and Bradley and then travel to Santa Ynez via Foxen Canyon. We will have lunch at a location TBD prior to visiting the museums. More information will be provided closer to the event. The need for additional social events was discussed and Clay asked members to send Mary suggestions. Many ideas were brought up and Clay iterated the need for folks to send it to Mary in writing.

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Governor's report - Gale Haugen

Gale said that NCCC now has 17220 members with 234 clubs. There are three new clubs and one potential. Of those, three are in the West Coast Region, making the region the largest region in NCCC. She will be sending out an updated roster and birthday list soon. She added that National had added tickets to an event at the Motor-sports track in Bowling Green to the usual raffle prizes. Brian asked if we were still going to participate in the Solvang 4th of July parade and he was told yes. Clint pointed out that the July club meeting was also on the 4th and wanted to know if it would still take place. Gale pointed out that we normally don't have a meeting in July. Chuck suggested that we could have a meeting at whatever restaurant we went to after the parade.

Clay asked when the next meeting was, and Gale said on May 2nd. Clay may still be working the outage so Gale or Chuck might have to chair the event.

Around the table— Members

Chuck said that he was taking his car in as he couldn't put gas in it. As soon as he starts to pump gas, the flow cuts off like the tank was full. This happened no matter which way he had the nozzle pointed. He also passed the check for \$200 to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace charity to Gerry so that he could give it at the event on Saturday in Lompoc.

Brian talked about planning more social events now that summer was approaching. He offered to come up with a list and send it out to the membership. Gerry also talked about going back to Mendenhall's Museum in Buellton. Clay again reminded folks to put their ideas into writing and send it to Mary.

Clint said his folks were still in Az and passed on their greetings. They may be back in the area in a few weeks. Clay reminded everyone that Joan and Charlie were founding members of the club along with Mary.

Gary asked for more information about the 4th of July parade in Solvang. Clay briefed us to dress up the cars with bunting and drive in the parade. He pointed out that it was a very slow parade and could be hard on clutches.

Bruce said that he sold one of his Vettes.

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Around the table— Members

Gale said it would be nice to include new venues when we talk about upcoming events.

Lori asked about events in general and was told that the VP was responsible for collecting the ideas and presenting suggestions to the membership.

Clay talked about the problems he is having with his truck and wanted to know if anyone knew how to get a good deal on a long block for a 2001 Dodge. Clint indicated that he might have a source.

Drawings

Clint won \$25 in the 50/50 drawing and Charlie Perry's name was pulled for the name tag drawing. Since he wasn't there, another \$5 was added to the pot.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:25.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Thursday May 2, 2024 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.

Update from Bill & Pattie Santmyer By Bill Santmyer

Thought I would send the club an update about Patty and me. We live in New Braunfels and our address is 2179 Trumans Hill, New Braunfels, Tx 78130. We have been here a little over 3 years and like everywhere we have been plus we get to experience weather extremes. Just finished a very hot summer and now the weather is nice like it was when we visited and decide to move here. We have a single story 4 bedroom home which provides Patty and I a room for us to what we want. She sews and I use mine as a office for my files and Corvette info. We sold our Model A Ford to make space for the 2019 Grand Sport (wanted a 23 but wasn't paying the extra up charge). Also I got to keep the 56. I have attached a picture of the 2 cars in what they call a 2 car garage.

We belong to the Texas Corvette Association of San Antonio club. They don't auto cross but they do a lot of interaction with the Corvette Museum. They have an annual car show that is limited to 400 cars.

Update from Bill & Pattie Santmyer By Bill Santmyer

The 56 got a trophy for the C1 class. It is so big that a representative from the Corvette racing team comes to speak at one of the group sessions. They have a significant number of C8 cars including a couple of C8R cars.

I prefer our club there for size, average attendance for our meeting is from 80 to 100 people, too big to get to know very many. Our meeting place is about 60 miles from my house. I believe the membership is 378.



Thank you Bill and Pattie for the update. Club members appreciate hearing from those members that have moved out of the area. Drop us a email and let us all know about your new area, what Corvette activities you are involved in and anything you would like to share with us.

VTV Social Event on April 27th

Mary Carson did a fast turn-around concerning our April social event. Originally we had reservations to visit the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum & Janeway-Parks Carriage House on April 27th but Mary was notified that the museum needed that date for a memorial for one of their employees. Mary jumped to plan B and organized a Gimmick run & picnic for that same day. We will meet at the Pismo Outlets at 10:30 a.m., take our drive and return to Spy Glass Deli to pick up lunch for a picnic.

I want to thank Brian Phillips for the research and recommendation to the museum and Mary for putting the back-up plan into motion. Great planning you two! I am sure the members look forward to a day of fun.

Pictures from March 9th Autocross

Dan McDaniel, Photographer



#26 David Thompson



#69 Brad Manning



#616 Logan Williams



#41 Mike Dirkes



#172 Marty U'Ren



#58 Derrick Morris

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Home Motors—Corvette Inventory

2019 **Corvette Stingray 3LT**



\$53,217

Mileage 17,094

Exterior Color - Blade Silver Metallic

Interior Color - Jet Black

2023 **Corvette Stingray 3LT**



\$83,067

Mileage 6,165

Exterior Color - Ceramic Matrix Gray

Interior Color - Jet Black

Corvette inventory as of 04/26/2024. 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
Weekly Events					
2024	Saturday	Pismo Derelicts & Donuts	829 Pak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2024	Sunday	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
January					
27	Saturday	VTV Lunch in Creston	Loading Chute	VTV	
February					
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	
March					
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	
April					
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
May					
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		www.morrobaycarshow.org
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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June					
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	
July					
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	Restaurant in Solvang	VTV	
4	Thursday	4th of July Parade	Solvang	Santa Ynez Valley Rotary	TBD
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	
August					
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
September					
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 Meeting	Antelope Valley	Joe Orrico	
October					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
November					
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	
December					
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner	TBD	VTV	
TBD	TBD	Boys/Girls Club Christmas	Boys/Girls Club, Santa Maria	VTV	
2025					