



# THE VAPOR TRAIL AUGUST 2024

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## President's Message By Clay Beck

We had to cancel our August 17<sup>th</sup> auto cross because the paddock was taken over by the US Marines. Apparently, it was a busy week end for the political arena in Santa Barbara and Solvang which I understand that Air Force One had landed in Santa Barbara airport. so, we are looking for another date to do a makeup auto cross event.

VTV had a good run to San Simeon last Wednesday on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We stopped at the historical Sebastians Café for lunch and checked out the winery and the beach. It was a very beautiful site that we all enjoyed.

I want to mention that we are making plans for the annual Blast which Gale is the chairperson for the event. I want to put a shout out to please volunteer to help her out for this event. This event is where we see and visit other club members mostly from the Los Angles areas. Help help help.

I want to talk about a new VTV member Gary Hackett which bought my 2003 Z06 Corvette. The clutch slave relay that operates the clutch had been leaking for some time. Anyway, we decided to take on the project ourselves which required removing the transaxle in the rear of the car. It took us several days to replace the clutch relay unit but we had fun doing the job working together. At first Gary was trying to find a tow service that would tow the Corvette (being so low to the ground) they denied him. Additionally, the chevy dealer denied him saying that they were unable to put the Corvette on their lift. Now that seems ridiculous to me. But no problem for us. I just brought over my car hauler trailer and took it over to my shop which I have a lift. I have my ways to lift the Corvette 2 inches to enable my lift to get under the vehicle. Where there is a way, we can do it. Nevertheless, we had a good time doing the job.



Have a nice day, Clay

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## Happy Birthday

### August

- 03 Nathan Griffin**
- 04 Bruce Potter**
- 16 Bruce Morgenthaler**
- 19 Bee Jay Jones**
- 28 Brian Phillips**

### September

- 03 Joan Perry**
- 15 Pat Kelley**

## 2024 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Mary Carson	441-4504
Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
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Webmaster	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
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All numbers are in the 805 area code.

## **August 1, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**By Chuck Robertson**

Clay opened the meeting at 6:29. Attending members recited the pledge of allegiance. Clay then wished a happy birthday to members having a birthday this month: Nathan Griffin, Bruce Potter, Bruce Morgenthaler, BJ Jones, Brian Phillips, and Gary Hackett.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The next agenda item was approving the minutes of the last meeting. Gerry White made a motion to approve the minutes and Mary Carson seconded it. The motion was approved by all in attendance.

### **Old/New Business—Clay Beck**

Clay discussed the problems we had with the July autocross. A timing issue that delayed the event for 10-15 minutes, also having fewer drivers than normal which he thought was due to having the event so close to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Elks rodeo. He will try to take that into consideration when he sets up the schedule for next year. Clay mentioned that Gerry had found a caterer, Chick-fil-a, but they require advance ordering, which will not work for us. Discussion on the old caterer and all the problems with having someone come in pointed all the downsides.

The next autocross will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Clay said that Motorsportreg was open for sign-ups and he already had 20 entries. He did say he was worried about fire season and losing the track but was hopeful. He indicated that he was a bit worried about workers. Gale is on vacation until just before the event and may not be able to make it. The other normal helpers said that they would be available.

Chuck Robertson brought up the need to get the trailer re-painted and having new brochures and business cards made and wanted to know who did those things in the past. Clay indicated that an ex-member, Chuck Jennings, did the work on the brochure and cards. Clay took it upon himself to contact Chuck Jennings to see if he would be willing to do it again. He will also get with Gale Haugen and Hector Paz to see who made the decals for the trailer. Mary gave the name of a place in Arroyo Grande that might make the decals. Asking Hector's son to re paint the trailer was also discussed.

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Clay mentioned that he had turned in the request for sponsorship to Home Motors and will follow-up with them to see if they will renew their sponsorship.

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

The club ended the month of July with \$12,292.60 in the bank. A motion to approve the report was made by Larry Wright and seconded by Gary Hackett. It was approved by all in attendance.

Lorie Hackett asked about the Blast and Chuck outlined what that was and how club members were involved. Other members fleshed out the activities and timelines. Chuck briefed that Gale and he had just completed the negotiations with the Santa Maria Inn for the event and that Gale had sent out the notifications to all the clubs she normally contacts. Clay reminded the members that Gale will need help gathering gifts and trinkets for the baskets and goodie bags.

### **VP Report—Mary Carson**

The VP report was the next agenda item. Mary Carson indicated that she was worried about the upcoming Drive and dine event on the 21<sup>st</sup> as it would be too close to the autocross. After some discussion it was decided to go ahead with it as scheduled. She will send out a reminder closer to the date.

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

The next agenda item was the Governor's report. Gale was not in attendance. Clay pointed out that there were only three Governors meetings a year, so she probably didn't have anything new to report. Chuck brought up that she had sent an email about a new feature on the national website to him and Clay. It was about the tech sheet for autocrosses and a new ability to upload the names of attended and have pre-printed sheets for an event. The merits of using it for our autocrosses was discussed and it was felt that it would not be applicable to our needs.

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### **Around the Room**

Clint Perry said that his parents sent their best. Joan had fallen again and was staying at a care facility. Gerry indicated that he and Brenda Parks were thinking about getting an RV and driving around the country. He added that they went to the reopened speedway and enjoyed the event. Chuck brought up the section of the website on members rides and reminded the newer members that they could have pictures of their cars and a short paragraph on their Corvette related interests added if they wished. Bruce Potter said that recently he had an error code pop up on his car. In doing the troubleshooting he found three vacuum lines with leaks. While trying to do the repair he got a second error code that was worse, but repairing the first problem seemed to fix the second. He also brought up the difference in size of the service manuals between the C4 and C5s. Clay said he had three volumes for his C5 and Bruce said he had just one for his C4. The discussion veered of on what Caly and Gary were going thru in fixing the master and slave clutch cylinders on Gary's car. The repair will require unbolting the rear subframe and moving the transaxle back to give them room to access the slave unit. While there they will also install a drain to make future fluid changes easier. Mary stated that she had won two third-place awards for her watercolor paintings at the state fair.

### **Drawings**

The 50/50 drawing was next and Clint won \$25. Then the name tag was drawn and since Wayne Mancebo was not present, another \$5 was added to the kitty.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:14. The next VTV monthly meeting will be held at the IHop in Santa Maria. The room is reserved at 5:50 pm for those wanting to enjoy dinner before the meeting.

## **Mid-Sate Fair Art Work**

**By Mary Carson**

I love to paint. I painted back when I went to high school and college, but stopped completely when I had my career as a police dispatcher (over 26 years). When my husband Jim and I retired 22 years ago and moved to the Central Coast, I found a few classes that I enjoyed for oil painting. Later, I took a course at Cuesta College for watercolor painting.

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Later, I took a course at Cuesta College for watercolor painting. I decided early on to enter my paintings into the Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles and have done so every year since. I've won many ribbons for my work through the years and even have friends who now enter their paintings.

This year, I entered three paintings, all watercolors. One is abstract, which is a category I've never entered previously. For this painting, I won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon. The second category, (they all have to be different categories), was representational. And, the third category I entered was for the theme of the fair. This year's theme was *Wide Open Spaces: Cowboys, Cactus, and UFOs*. I thought that was so strange, but decided to go for it. I won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon for it. Plus, right after the fair, I had a buyer who wanted to take it with her for her move to Colorado! Sold!

Now, I'm working on some paintings to include at my booth at the Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande (at which I'm a member) and will hopefully sell my artwork. The event is a fundraiser for the Woman's Club to provide scholarships to local high school students. If you're interested in stopping by, there are a lot of great vendors, it will be on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 to 4, 211 Vernon St. in Arroyo Grande. Stop by, I'd love to see you!





# Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor



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## Home Motors Corvette Inventory as of August 31, 2024



INEW 2024 CORVETTE

STINGRAY 2LT

- EXTERIOR - ARTIC WHITE
- Interior—Natural
- RWD 8-Speed Dual Clutch 6.2L

**\$93,455**

## *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 & Donuts	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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<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		