



THE VAPOR TRAIL NOVEMBER 2024

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Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

I can't wait to mention that the dealership called me to tell me that my allocation for ordering my new Z06 Corvette has arrived. It's been about two years of waiting. So, I'm going to have a meeting Monday morning to complete the process of placing the order. Once the order is placed it may take nearly 3 months for it to arrive. Another delay is that Bowling Green factory will be shutting down for 3 weeks during the holidays. Another fear that I have is knowing that there are restraints for some carbon fiber parts which are in my build with the Z07 package. So excited!

Our club went to Los Alamos last month for an afternoon run to the local park to have a picnic. It turns out that it was a blast. Our usual runs end up at some restaurant, which is fine, but we are limited in the time spent there. With this picnic we can spend as much time as we would like to socialize. We had plenty of food and had games to be played. We will have to do more of these picnics.

The results of the 2025 club elections for board members will remain the same as 2024 minus a VP. Several club members said that they would help with some of those duties.

I have a project to clean up our club trailer. We purchased new "Vapor Trail Vettes" graphics for the two sides which I had installed. This job was quite interesting getting the old graphics off. I still have to paint the black portion of the trailer and apply some wax on the roof and the sides to complete this project.

This month our club will be donating a \$600 check to the Santa Maria Food Bank in support of a Turkey Drive. December 19th Santa (Hector Paz) will be handing out 133 Christmas gifts to the Boy's & Girl's club of Santa Maria which were purchased and wrapped by VTV members. We will also be hosting the VTV Christmas dinner and gift exchange for members as a thank you for all the hours of work and dedication throughout the year raising money for charities such as above.

Be safe and enjoy the holidays. Clay

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Happy Birthday! November

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

December

- 04 Beverly Erickson
- 09 Cecilia Phillips
- 25 Charlie Perry
- 27 Wayne Mancebo

January/February

No birthdays



2024 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Mary Carson	441-4504
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.

November 7, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes—By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of November was held on Thursday, November 7th, 2024, at the IHOP in Santa Maria.

There were twelve (12) members present. The attendees were: Clay Beck, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Bruce Potter, Hector Paz, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Clint Perry, Gary Hackett, Lorie Hackett, Brian Phillips and Mary Carson.

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clay announced the birthdays for November. Karen Mancebo was on the 11th and Lorie Hackett is on the 30th.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The next item was to approve the meeting minutes from the September and October 2024 meetings. Chuck made the motion to accept the minutes and Gerry seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Old Business - Clay Beck

Larry announced that the current officers and appointed persons would continue to serve in 2025 in their current positions except for Mary Carson. Mary declined to serve another term.

Clay announced that KCOY will have a turkey drive on Thursday November 21st. It was agreed that we would rendezvous in the parking lot of the Santa Maria YMCA at 4:45 pm. From there we will caravan to the KCOY tv station to deliver our turkeys and club donation.

Mary announced that this year's Christmas club dinner will be held at Hapy's Bistro in Arroyo Grande on Wednesday, December 4th. Also, the dinner will be followed by a gift exchange with a cap of \$25.

New Business— Clay Beck

Clay gave update on the club trailer. He mentioned that he spent some time trying to remove the old decal. It appears it is going to be a tedious job. He may reach out to some of us to help him. His goal is to get this project done by the end of this year.

The club brochure update was discussed. Clay is asking everyone for their help in selecting photographs for a new brochure that has an autocross theme and helps give notoriety to our club.

September 5, 2024 VTV Meetings Minutes—By Hector Paz

New Business Cont'd — Clay Beck

Chuck mentioned that he has set up a link to a drop box where you can find various photographs for your selection, or you can add yours.

Clay's goal is to get this project done by the end of this year.

Later on, in the meeting Clay mentioned that he would like to see a couple of more people sign up for TSA badges. Also, he added that we needed to come up with some autocross dates for next year.

Governor Report - Gale Haugen

Gale not present

Treasurer's Report— Chuck Robertson

The October 26th autocross ended with a net income of \$1,776.72 and the club ended with \$12,411.55 in the bank. Chuck went over the proposed 2025 budget, some adjustments were recommended. The final approval will take place in the February meeting. Hector made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and Gary seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

VP Report – Mary Carson

It was decided not to have any outings in November and December. Also, it was agreed to follow tradition by having a run in January to recognize the new executive board.

Around the Room

Hector mentioned that his knee is doing much better. Also mentioned that Gale wanted to thank the club for the beautiful flowers. **Gerry** shared that he missed the car show at Nojoqr Falls.

Clint is going to go spend Thanksgiving with his folks. Also, next week he will be attending a training class. **Larry** handed out some religious information. **Chuck** expressed thanks to Mary for all the work that she has done for us this year. .

The other thing he shared was that he watched on you tube and apparently the fly by wiring acceleration systems for C5s and up there is a new gizmo out there that plugs in between the potentiometer at the throttle for the gas pedal and the computer which controls the engine. What it does is adjusts the response to the throttle to speed it up. For California drivers it has a pass thru mode completely stock that you don't have to worry about smog checks.

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Around the Room Cont'd

The thing that Chuck likes is that it also has the transmission accelerator off function, and this is only controlled by the app on your cell phone so you if you happen to park in a shady area, you can open the app and say accelerator off and if someone breaks into your car the accelerator will not work. It can't be driven away. It is a small little box hidden in the gas pedal in the carpet underneath and there is a little bundle you can put in your console box, so it changes those acceleration settings. **Bruce** told Clay that for the next four days he is available to work on the trailer. **Gary** thanked Mary for the run to Los Alamos Park. It was a lot of fun. **Mary** shared that on Saturday November 23rd the Women's Club of Arroyo Grande is having their artisan's fair and she is going to have a booth selling her artwork. It will be open from 10 am to 4 pm. **Clay** is planning a trip to Texas for Thanksgiving.

Drawings

Bruce was the winner of the 50/50. The winner of the name tag game was Chris Devaney but was not present. The door prize has been suspended until we have more prizes.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm. There will not be a meeting in December and January. The next meeting is Thursday February 6th 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.

HAPPY ★
★
Holidays ★
★

October 26th—Last Autocross of the Season —By Chuck Robertson/Gale Haugen

Our last autocross of the year was on October 26th. It was a mostly overcast day with a cool wind that kept the temps down. Clay provided some new features to the layout that required the drivers to use/learn energy conservation techniques. The average times went up a bit, but most seemed to enjoy the effort.

Congratulations to the winners:

Men's Open A: 1st place – Kenneth Robles

Men's Open B1: 1st place – Joe Iqbal, 2nd – Elijah Magana

Men's Open B2: 1st place – Sam Johns, 2nd – Noah Gaither, 3rd – Kevin Sullivan, 4th – Ian Blannett

Men's Open B3: 1st place – Emil Waked, 2nd – Klaus Brown, 3rd – Logan Williams, 4th – Charles Floyd

Woman's Open B: 1st place – Shar Clark

One driver got into the spirit of Halloween by wearing a cone on his head throughout the day.



Ready to move to the start line.

Thank you to all the drivers that supported our autocross event season in 2024. Watch for our 2025 autocross dates on Motorsportreg.com.

VTV Picnic—October 27, 2024

—By Mary Carson

It was the perfect clear and sunny day for a drive in the back country of Santa Maria. Along Foxen Canyon Road we cruised by ranches and farms, seeing lovely oak trees, cows, curvy roads, and beautiful vineyards. The vines were golden yellow and deep maroon after their harvest. We had the road to ourselves turning onto Alisos Canyon Road, seeing more vineyards and horse ranches. We headed to Los Alamos, driving through town and finding our way to the county park. We set up our picnic tables for lunch, everyone was ready to eat.

Everyone brought delicious food and drinks to share...it was a feast! We had slider sandwiches (three kinds), watermelon, chips, deviled eggs, coffee and sodas, brownies and cookies. We also had some uninvited guests...a few wasps. Clay set up his corn hole toss game and Chuck took several pictures. We enjoyed relaxed conversations and even though some of the guys thought a picnic would be boring...they were the first ones to say how much fun they had and that we should do it again!!



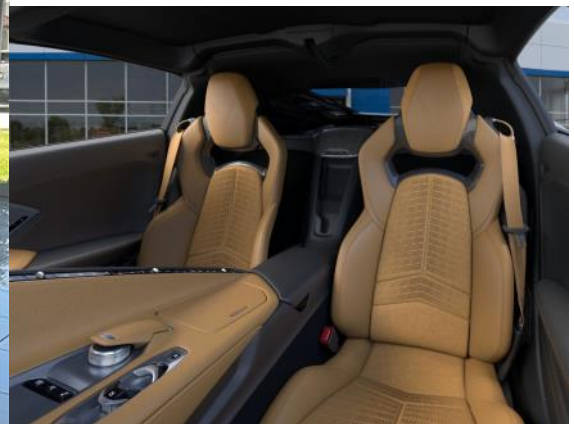
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—By Mary Carson



Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor

Home Motors Chevrolet



New 2024 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

\$89,924 (As of 11/21/24)

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.

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
Weekly Events					
2024/25	Saturday	Pismo Derelicts & Do-nuts	829 Pak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2024/25	Sunday	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
November 2024					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg start at 6:30
19	Thursday	National NCCC Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
21	Thursday	Turkey Drive Donation	Santa Maria	VTV	Bring a turkey to donate.
23	Saturday	Women's Club of Arroyo Grande Artisan's Fair.	211 Vernon Street, Arroyo Grande	Mary Carson	
28	Thursday	Thanksgiving	Holiday		Enjoy your holiday!
December 2024-No VTV meeting this month					
4	Wednesday	VTV Christmas Dinner/ Gift Exchange	Hapy's—Pismo Beach	VTV	6pm
7	Thursday	Santa Maria Parade of Lights	Santa Maria		5:20 pm
19	Thursday	Boy's & Girl's Club Christmas	Santa Maria	VTV	2:30 pm set-up/ 3:00 pm gifts
25	Wednesday	Christmas Day	Holiday		Merry Christmas!
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January					
1	Wednesday	New Years Day	Holiday		
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine VTV Mtg.	TBD	VTV	
20	Monday	Martin Luther King Day	Holiday		
February					
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
17	Monday	Presidents Day	Holiday		
21-22	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	

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March					
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
8-9	Sat-Sun	11th Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Car Show	St. Louis De Montfort Church		
April					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
25-27	Fri-Sun	Santa Maria Valley Strawberry Festival			
May					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
1-3	Thur-Sat	29th Annual Morro Bay Car Show	Morro Bay		
2-3	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
23-25	Fri-Sun	44th Annual Kustoms Crusin Nationals			
26	Monday	Memorial Day	Holiday		
June					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
5-8	Thur-Sun	Elks Rodeo			
TBD	TBD	28th Annual Elks Car Show			
7	Saturday	Elks Parade			
19	Thursday	Juneteenth	Holiday		
July					
4	Friday	Solvang 4th of July	Solvang - Holiday		

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
August					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
16-17	Sat-Sun	North/South Run-Car Show	SM Inn		
September					
1	Monday	Labor Day	Holiday		
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
12-13	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
13	Saturday	23rd Annual all Ford Car Show	Old Town Orcutt		
October					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
13	Monday	Columbus Day	Holiday		
19	Sunday	Cops & Cars Car Show	Santa Maria Inn	SM Police Department	
November					
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
11	Tuesday	Veterans Day	Holiday		
14-15	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
27	Thursday	Thanksgiving	Holiday		
December					
TBD	TBD	Boys & Girls Club Christmas			
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Party			
25	Thursday	Christmas	Holiday		