



# THE VAPOR TRAIL FEBRUARY 2025

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## Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Well, my waiting is finally over for my new Corvette to arrive. I gave my deposit three years and four months ago to Lompoc Chevy dealer. So happy it's now in my garage. So, now I'm ready, let's go. (anywhere I don't care). The Vette is a Z06 with the Z07 package and has a lot of carbon fiber on the vehicle. Very nice! I have been missing my old 03' Z06 that I sold to Gary Hackett about a year ago but now with this new Vette missing my old Z06 is fading. I keep asking my wife if she needs anything at the grocery store.

As I write this, we are approaching the end of February and the weather is very nice everything is green. So, we have been discussing where to go for a run and dine at our last club meeting. We also talked about inviting other clubs to go with us.

As a club, we have plans to have four autocrosses this year at the Santa Maria Airport with the following dates: April 19, June 14, August 16, and September 20. So, mark your calendar with these dates. The airport will soon be undergoing some upgrades and construction which may impede our auto cross track sometime in the Future. With that said we are looking for another venue to have our auto crosses. If anyone out there knows of a suitable location, please share that location with us.

Our club volunteered to help put on an auto cross for the National Corvair Club in May. This is a national event being held in San Luis Obispo. They are putting on several events, one of which is the auto cross that we will be helping out with. This is a big deal of an event. Looking forward to seeing all the events.

Well, that's about all I have to talk about at this time so I'm going back to reading my new owner's manual that has 373 pages. Can you believe that?

Take Care,

Clay

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## Happy Birthday! January/February

No birthdays

### March

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

### April

- 12 Gale Haugen
- 19 Gerry White



## 2025 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	TBD	
Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
Governor	Gale Haugen	610-7844
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Webmaster	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
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All numbers are in the 805 area code.

## **February 6, 2025 VTV Meetings Minutes—By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of February was held on Thursday, February 6th, 2025, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were eleven (11) members present. The attendees were:

Clay Beck, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Bruce Potter, Hector Paz, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Clint Perry, Brian Phillips, Chad and Lindsey.

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Old/New Business - Clay Beck**

Under Old Business Clay announced the autocross dates for this year as April 19<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, he indicated that effective June 1<sup>st</sup> there could be changes to these dates as the airport anticipates embarking on some construction project. This would mean having to find another venue.

The Porsche club anticipates having seven autocrosses. The same scenario applies to them as well.

Clay announced that the Corvair Club will have their autocross on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cuesta College. Also, Clay mentioned that this venue could be used by us if we had to vacate the Santa Maria airport. He rated this venue as a 7 and 10 being the Santa Maria airport. But it would work. Also, Clay is looking for a commitment from our club to support this event. Clay proceeded to share more details about the rest of the activities planned by the Corvair Club. This is their national event.

TSA or AOA badges were discussed. The club paid for those currently holding a badge in advance.

Badge holders need to fill out the paperwork either online or at the airport. If filled out on line you will still be required to go to the airport with two ID's.

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### **Old/New Business Cont'd — Clay Beck**

Clay discussed the update on the club trailer. He mentioned that the work is almost done.

. Clay said that not much has been done with the club brochure update but he hopes to pick it up soon.

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

Chuck went over the income and expenses for November and December 2024 and January 2025. The club ended January with \$7,501.86 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.

Next Chuck went over the proposed 2025 budget. After some discussion adjustments will be made which Chuck will incorporate and resend to the membership.

### **Governor Report - Gale Haugen**

The first West Coast Regional Governors Meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on March

### **VP Report**

Several members brought up some ideas for future runs.

### **Around the Room**

**Clay** shared that he put new heads on his truck and finally got it to pass the smog test. He will be going on vacation from March 17<sup>th</sup> and be gone for 13 days. He is also having cataract surgery.

**Hector** mentioned that he is looking forward to the start of baseball. **Brian** shared that they are going to be grandparents again. Also, they are going to be on vacation in March to Death Valley.

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### **Around the Room Cont'd**

**Gerry** shared that he is having car troubles with his Camaro. **Bruce** shared that while having trouble with his son's 64 battery he learned that at 12.2 volts you are running at half power of what you are capable of and in order to clear it and restore the battery to its full function you have to put it on a trickle charger from 12 to 24 hours. He says that it actually works. **Chad** shared that he went to NHRA Nationals last year for his birthday and talked about his most recent race and future races. **Gale** discussed club shirts with a couple of members.

### **Drawings**

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

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm. The next meeting is Thursday March 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.

### **Clay Beck's Z06 Finally Arrives**

You could not wipe the smile off Clay's face as he dropped by to show us his beautiful new Z06. After three years and four months of waiting it finally arrived on Saturday, February 22nd.



### **Clay Beck's Z06 Finally Arrives**



**OH NO...A BUG !**



**Clay even let me sit in the cockpit.  
Beautiful Corvette!**

## ***VTV Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange*** **By Gale Haugen**

On December 4th members of Vapor Trail Vettes gathered at Hapy's Bistro in Pismo Beach for a delightful dinner. Hapy Bistro is a Mediterranean-styled restaurant with a touch of Greek flare. Mary Carson did a wonderful job picking three dishes to choose from plus desert. After dinner we opened gifts while stealing from other members. We all went home with some amazing gifts and a yearning to return again to try those bacon wrapped dates.

A big thank you to Mary for the cute felt snowman gift bags full of goodies for each member. Mary put a lot of work into making Christmas special for all of us. Thank you!

## ***Boys & Girls Club Christmas*** **By Gale Haugen**



L to R Mary Carson, Chuck Robertson, Lorie & Gary Hackett, Gale Haugen, & Santa aka Hector Paz



## ***Boys & Girls Club Christmas*** **By Gale Haugen**

Wow, we were blown away with the number of kids to buy for at the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Maria in 2024. This is Vapor Trail Vettes fifth year of donating Christmas gifts. The first year we bought for 63 kids. December 2024 total kids were 173.

We are given a list of each child's name, age, gender and an item they would like for Christmas. There are many times the members that do the shopping need to get a little creative and keep an eagle eye out for sales to give each child what they ask for. It is worth the effort to watch the little ones come up when their name is called to get the gift and a picture with Santa.



# Vapor Trail Vettes Sponsor

## Home Motors Chevrolet



### 2025 Corvette Stingray 1LT RWD

6.2L V8 DI Engine  
495 HP  
8-Speed A/T  
Exterior—Hysteria Purple Metallic  
Interior— Jet Black, Mulan leather

**MSRP -Total Vehicle Price \$81,020.00**

### 2025 Corvette Stingray—2LT RWD

6.2L V8 DI Engine  
495 hp  
8-Speed A/T  
Exterior—Rapid Blue  
Interior—Jet Black, Napa Leather

**MSRP -Total Vehicle Price \$89, 920.00**

Corvettes shown above are available as of February 25, 2025. Please call Home Motors for additional info at 805-928-7744.

## 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
<b>Weekly Events</b>					
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
<b>January</b>					
1	Wednesday	<b>New Years Day</b>	Holiday		
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine VTV Mtg.	TBD	VTV	
20	Monday	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	Holiday		
<b>February</b>					
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
17	Monday	<b>Presidents Day</b>	Holiday		
21-22	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
<b>March</b>					
1	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	11AM—12PM
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, 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		
<b>April</b>					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, 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	
19	Saturday	Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	

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<b>May</b>					
16	Friday	WC Region Governor's Meeting	Zoom Meeting		11AM-12PM
23-25	Fri-Sun	44th Annual Kustoms Crusin Nationals			
26	Monday	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>June</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
5-8	Thur-Sun	Elks Rodeo			
TBD	TBD	28th Annual Elks Car Show			
14	Saturday	Autocross	<b>SM Airport</b>	VTV	
19	Thursday	<b>Juneteenth</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>July</b>					
4	Friday	Solvang <b>4th of July</b> Parade	Solvang - <b>Holiday</b>		
<b>August</b>					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
16	Saturday	Autocross	<b>SM Airport</b>	VTV	
16-17	Sat-Sun	North/South Run-Car Show	SM Inn		
<b>September</b>					
1	Monday	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
20	Saturday	Autocross	SM Airport	VTV	

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<b>September</b>					
12-13	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
13	Saturday	23rd Annual all Ford Car Show	Old Town Orcutt		
20	Saturday	WC Region Governor's Meeting	Zoom Meeting		11AM-12PM
<b>October</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
13	Monday	<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
19	Sunday	Cops & Cars Car Show	Santa Maria Inn	SM Police Department	
31	Friday	<b>Halloween</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>November</b>					
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	5:30 Dinner. Mtg starts at 6:30
11	Tuesday	<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
14-15	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
27	Thursday	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>December</b>					
TBD	TBD	Boys & Girls Club Christmas			
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Party			
25	Thursday	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		