



# THE VAPOR TRAIL MARCH 2026

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## March Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Here we are in March and in a heat wave. Apparently, the central coast is setting heat records due to these very warm days. So, time is just flying by, it seems to me and with this heat it seems that our winter season was not long enough. As I write this the spring season is not even here yet.

Last February 25<sup>th</sup>, we had a garage day at my place, and it was very successful and we said we must do it more often. Thanks to Brian for taking charge of the BBQ. We were able to run two cars on the lift to check them out. On March 7<sup>th</sup> some of us took a trip to Bakersfield to the March Meet Drags. I had not been to a drag meet in probably over ten years. It was great. We went on a Saturday, and they had a car show and an auto flee market. We spent some time wandering in the pits and checking out all the different teams working on their dragsters. Again, a great day.

At this time that I am writing this we are planning a run to Charlies Restaurants in Los Alamos. We will probably take the back roads like Foxen Canyon for a nice drive and the wildflowers are out. So far, we will have a good turnout for this run. Maybe seven or eight corvettes. April 11<sup>th</sup> we are planning to drive to Paso Robles to the Warbirds Museum. Later in May the 9<sup>th</sup> we are planning to go to the Pismo donuts car show and drive to a restaurant for lunch.

May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first of the year autocross event. This will be a lot of work but it's a good money maker. This event will be a little special because we are planning to get some of our NCCC friends from up north, Santa Clara Corvette Club, to visit us in our area. They are having a special year celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I was told that maybe thirty Corvette will be coming to our area and going to Hearst Castle with an estimated 10 participating in our autocross.

Have a nice day,

Clay Beck

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## Happy Birthday

### March 2026

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

### April 2026

- 02 Marc Lewton
- 12 Gale Haugen
- 19 Gerry White

## 2026

### Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Position Open	
Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
Governor	Gale Haugen	610-7844
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## **March 5, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes**

**—By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of March was held on Thursday, March 5th, 2026, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were ten (10) members present. The attendees were:

Clay Beck, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Brian Phillips, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Gerry White, Marc Lewton, Rick Coffey, and Bruce Porter.

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The birthdays for this month are Kathy Beck on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Larry Wright on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Bill Deveny on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Clint Perry on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all!!!!!!

The next item was the approval of the February meeting minutes. Chuck made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes and Hector seconded it. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

### **New/Old Business—Clay Beck**

The first item under New Business was the reordering of new VTV business cards. There was some discussion about adding a photo to the front of the card and leaving the verbiage on the back as is. Clay will take care of ordering the new cards.

The second item under new business was that the airport had increased their fees to \$630 for each autocross. After a lot of discussion, a motion was made by Gerry and seconded by Gale to accept the airport's new fee and raise our rate effective the 2<sup>nd</sup> autocross of this year.

Clay made a comment about being approached by the New Year's Day organization to help host the event. This is the same event that Carlos Vivas used to put together every New Year's Day.

Clay mentioned that there was an article in the Blue Bars magazine about the 50th anniversary of the Santa Clarita Corvette Car Club.

This is the club that is planning to come the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> and spend a few days visiting in our neck of the woods. About ten (10) of them plan to attend our autocross.

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The first item under old business was the fact that Clay has been working on the new NCCC car classes. Gale will have to do the same on the computer.

The second item under old business had to do with insurance. Clay shared that NCCC did not pay for the accident involved with the Tesla because the injured worker had signed the waiver.

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

Chuck went over the income and expenses for the months of January. The club balance for January was also shared at the meeting.

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

### **VP Report—Clay Beck**

Clay thought the garage day went really well. Everyone who attended on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at Clay's house was pretty pleased. Next there was some discussion about the Bakersfield March Meet Drags on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next on the calendar will be a run to Charlie's in Los Alamos on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>; a run on April 11<sup>th</sup> to the Paso Robles Estrella Warbirds Museum; a run to the Pismo Derelicts on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> and our first autocross of the year May 30<sup>th</sup>. Clay will follow up with emails for more detailed instructions.

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

Gale covered notes from the West Coast Regional Governors zoom meeting held on February 28, 2026, as follows:

Treasurer's report – WC Treasury has \$14,442.14 in the bank.

Membership Report – WC Region has 29 clubs with 1,820 members and Northwest area has 7 clubs with 375 members. Northwest area is part of WC region because of the size of their membership.

NCCC membership is currently 13,850. They lost 20 clubs last year.

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Some speculate that the increase in NCCC dues and prime members not renewing their companions may have contributed to the loss.

Membership renewals start in September and end in November.

NCCC Insurance – A discussion came up about the importance of NCCC insurance. There were two insurance cases last year that NCCC paid out.

- 1) A past member of the Tigard Corvette club in Oregon sued the club for \$35k claiming Defamation of Character. This person wanted to rejoin the club after leaving it on his own accord. The club bylaws stipulate the board can approve or disapprove club membership. The board voted not to allow this person to re-join. NCCC ended up paying \$30k leaving that club to pay the insurance deductible of \$5k. NCCC paid \$30k because it would have been cheaper than going to court.
- 2) A Florida club had a new treasurer in place that over a two-year period stole \$24k. NCCC paid \$16k and the club was responsible for the \$5k deductible.

Blue Bars Magazine – The editor of Blue Bars is requesting articles from clubs to go in the Blue Bars magazine. This could be for a charity our club contributes to or any event we host. So, if you have something to share, please write about it and give Gale the article to submit.

The editor is also asking NCCC members to consider switching to digital Blue versus hard copy to reduce NCCC expenses. So please think about it.

There are two things NCCC does for all members that most are not aware of.

Grants are given to members that are experiencing a disaster such as fire or weather-related disaster.

College scholarships are given to members' for their kids entering college.

Competition Meeting Report – The February 21<sup>st</sup> NCCC Governors meeting in Missouri they voted on numerous Competition Rule Changes. Below are those that apply to our club.

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**2026-C1:** Chapter 1: General Information, Section 1.1 Event Safety, include "See Safety Guidelines" in Chapter 13 and On-line. Passed Unanimously.

**2026-C5:** Chapter 1: General Information, Section 1.3.2.3. Non-Sanctioned Events. Upon request, a copy of signed waivers is sent to the RCD within fifteen (15) days after the event. Club should keep originals. Passed Unanimously.

**2026-C7:** Chapter 1: General Information, Section 1.8.1.3.add wording that there may be additional required Insurance Waivers by venue or partnering organizations. Passed Unanimously.

**2026-C14:** Chapter 2: Speed Events, Section 2.6.1.3. Clarify Group 3 C2 Class to include 1963 through 1967 – All Blocks. Clarify Group C3 Class to include 1968 through 1982 – All Blocks. Passed Unanimously.

Clay briefly explained our auto-x incident with Tesla for the benefit of the new members. He explained that after this incident we made a lot of changes to our safety protocol.

### **Around the Room**

**Gale**, mentioned that her daughter Debbie had run across Shirley Vivas at the retirement home in Nipomo where she in the spa area one day a week; **Geary**, asked if there was a back way to Charlies run to Los Alamos; **Bruce**, said that there was a good article on C4s and C5s in the Blue Bars magazine on page 26; **Chuck**, went to Wells Fargo to get new checks for the club and the manager told him that he should go to Costco and order from them because Chuck would get a better deal. For Example, at Costco he would get 600 checks for two dollars more going thru Wells Fargo paying two dollars for 60 checks; **Larry** (inaudible.) **Rick**, thanks to Clay for opening your house for garage day; **Brian**, will be traveling to England; **Mark & Gerry**, (inaudible.)

### **Drawings**

The winner of the 50/50 was Gerry White and the winner of the name badge was Clay Beck.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm. The next meeting is April 2nd 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.

## Los Alamos—Drive & Dine

By Gale Haugen & Chuck Robertson

On March 21st VTV members Gary & Lorie Hackett, Clay Beck, Chuck Roberson, Marc & Amy Lewton, Rick & Sandy Coffey, Brian & Cecilia Phillips, Gerry White, Hecter Paz & Gale Haugen assembled at the Chevron gas station on Santa Maria Way taking back roads trip to Los Alamos for lunch at Charlies.

The drive was gorgeous with all the green hills and even the weather was a little cooler for a welcome change.

After a wonderful lunch we drove to the Los Alamos Park and lined up the Corvettes for a photo of the cars then the members with their Corvettes.

This was a great opportunity to get photos of the new members and their cars for the website.



When one pair of glasses are not enough!

At Charlies for lunch



Club Corvettes at Los Alamos Park.

See more photos on VTV website.

## C8 2025 vs. 2026 Interior Changes

One of the most notable change between the 2025 and 2026 is the interior.



**2025 Interior**



**2026 Interior**

- Improved interior layout: The row of climate control buttons on the center divider is gone, replaced by a cleaner layout and a new passenger grab handle.
- Larger tech displays: A 12.7-inch infotainment screen, a 14.0-inch digital gauge cluster, and a 6.6-inch auxiliary touchscreen bring the interior up to modern standards.
- New features for convenience: A wireless smartphone charger, USB-C charging port, ambient-lit cupholders, and real aluminum trim on higher trims enhance daily usability.
- Redesigned drive-mode selector: It's now more compact and frees up space on the console for improved ergonomics.

# **FOR SALE by OWNER**

**\$72,000**

**2022 C8 Corvette Stingray, Z51 Hard Top Convertible with approximately 29K miles**

**Amplify Orange exterior/Drenched tan 3LT leather interior/Body color side intake option**

**Front end lift**

**Factory delivered, always garaged**

**Extras:**

**Fresh set of tires**

**PPF on entire front end, hood, mirrors, and side wings, entire car has been ceramic coated**

**Heated Tan Leather Steering wheel, stock black steering wheel included**

**Body color side wings, high rear wing, mud flaps, and front spoiler**

**Forged and Polished E Ray style wheels, stock wheels included**

**Car lowered  $\frac{3}{4}$ "**

**High Flow Catalytic Converters, original converters included**

**All services current, including 2**

**Transmission filter and fluid changes, oil and filter changed every 5,000 miles**

**Call Bee Jay  
805 717-1822**



# FOR SALE

Fuel injection unit for C1 and C2 cars and replaced carburetors. This model was made for the 1965 Covette. It fits small block engines like the 283 , 327, 350, and 383. It was introduced in 1957 and produced 283 horsepower, 1 horsepower per cubic inch of displacement in the motor. The 1965 unit was the last year Chevy made that style unit and was the best of that style injection. It was better for track racing as it didn't have problems that carburetors had when cornering.



Bill has rebuilt and tested it for leaks. All diaphragms and gaskets have been replaced. The unit will have to be fine tuned to the car that it is installed on.

The distributor has been rebuilt with new magnets, gears and bushings. The wire harness is to add the system to older Corvettes . The amplifier is used but was sold to me as a working unit.

I am asking \$13,500 plus shipping.

**Contact: Bill Santmyer**

**805 325 3750**

# Business Cards/Club Shirts

**TYERMAN'S**  
 Wheel Alignment - Wheel Balancing - Steering - Suspension  
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**For Sale by Member**



**Men's leather jacket. Great quality & condition.**

**Men's Medium Size - Runs Large**



**Asking \$50.00**  
**Call (805) 610-7008 if interested.**

**Do you have a business or service you would recommend to your Corvette friends? If so, please pick up a business card and share it in this newsletter.**

## Vapor Trail Vettes Club Pullover

The following men's and women's pullovers are the chosen attire for Vapor trail Vettes. The pullover is **BLACK with Red trim**. The member is responsible for ordering and paying for the pullover. VTV will pay to have your name and VTV logo embroidered for you.. You can order the pullovers from North End.

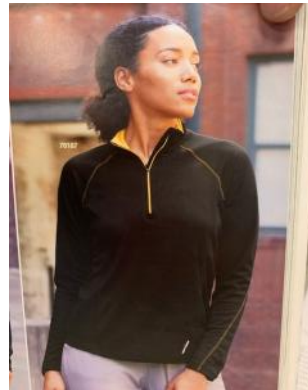
If you would rather have a polo shirt you can purchase one from a local business at your cost and the club will pay for the embroidering.



North End -Men's Quarter-Zip Long Sleeve Pullover. **BLACK WITH RED TRIM.**

**Order Number : 8187**

**\$36.00 + 8.75% Tax = \$39.15**



North End -Ladies Quarter-Zip Long Sleeve Pullover. **BLACK WITH RED TRIM.**

**Order Number : 78187**

**\$36.00 + 8.75% Tax = \$39.15**

# 2026 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		
10	Saturday	Drive & Dine VTV Mtg.	Jalama Beach	VTV	
19	Monday	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	Holiday		
<b>February</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
16	Monday	<b>Presidents Day</b>	Holiday		
20-21	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
25	Wednesday	Garage Day @ Clay's Shop	1386 Hetrick Ave, Arroyo Grande	Caly Beck	
28	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	11AM—12PM
<b>March</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
7	Saturday	March Meet Drags	Bakersfield		
17	Tuesday	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>			
21	Saturday	Dine & Dash—Charlies	Los Alamos	VTV	
TBD	Sat-Sun	11th Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Car Show	St. Louis De Montfort Church		
<b>April</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
2-3	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
5	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b>			

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<b>April</b>					
11	Saturday	Dine & Dash—Warbirds	Paso Robles	VTV	
11-12	Sat-Sun	Porsche Academy	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
25-26	Sat-Sun	Low Speed Autocross	Bullhead City, AZ	LV Corvettes	40 Driver Limit
30-May 2	Thur-Sat	29th Crusin' Morro Bay Car Show	Morro Bay		
<b>May</b>					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
1-2	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
9	Saturday	WC Region Governor's Meeting	Zoom Meeting		
16-17	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 76	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	5/17 Ladies Day
23-25	Fri-Sun	44th Annual Kustoms Crusin Nationals			
25	Monday	<b>Memorial Day</b>			
27-31	Wed-Sun	Elks Rodeo	Santa Maria	Elks	
30	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
<b>June</b>					
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
5-8	Thur-Sun	Elks Rodeo			
13	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 77	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
TBD	TBD	28th Elks Car Show			
21	Sunday	<b>Father's Day</b>			
TBD	TBD	Dine and Dash			

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>July</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting—		VTV	
4	Saturday	Solvang Parade— Members Participate	<b>Holiday</b>		
11	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
15-18	Wed-Sat	Blackhills Corvette Classic	Spearfish, SD	Spearfish Corvette Club	
18	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 78	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
TBD	TBD	Dine and Dash			
<b>August 2026</b>					
1	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
16	Saturday	All Corvette Car Show	Buena Park Elks	Corvette SS	9 am—2 pm
TBD	TBD	Dine and Dash			
<b>September 2026</b>					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
7	Monday	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
11-12	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St Louis, Mo	NCCC	
12	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 79	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
12	Saturday	24th Ford Car Show	Orcutt		
19	Saturday	Regional Gov. Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Regions	
26	Saturday	Old Days Car Show	Los Almos		
26	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>October 2026</b>					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
13-14	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St Louis, Mo	NCCC	
17	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 80	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
N/A	Saturday	Regional Gov. Mtg	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	
31	Saturday	Halloween	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>November 2026</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
13-14	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St Louis, Mo	NCCC	
21	Saturday	Regional Gov. Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	
26	Thursday	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>December 2026</b>					
25	Thursday	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
TBD	TBD	B & G's Club Christmas	TBD		
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner	TBD		