



# THE VAPOR TRAIL

## APRIL 2026

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### April Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Our club had a great time making a run to Charlies Restaurant in Los Alamos by way of the enter roads like Foxen Canyon Rd last month (March 21). After lunch we all went over to the park for a photo shoot. With this photo shoot we were able to update our web page with the members Vettes pages. Go check it out "Vapor Trail Vettes.org" It was in need for an update for some time.

Our next run was quite interesting. We decided it was a go because all the rain reports were no rain till that Saturday evening. Well, the weather report was mistaken because we ran into a couple of rain cells on our way to Paso Robles. Nevertheless, we had a great time looking through the Air Museum at all the military stuff and automobile building. They had a 54' corvette and a very fine 63' corvette. We had to take a photo with all of us around that 63' split window. They had several aircraft on display which was very cool. They had made several changes to the museum since the last time we were there. We all went to "Bubba" in Paso for a late lunch. In spite the rain we had a good time.

Our next outing is planned for May 9<sup>th</sup> to the Pismo donuts and out to lunch. More details are yet to come out. The T-shirts that Brian designed were a hit and we sold about 13 of them. Brian has a second design that we will pursue purchasing more T-shirts. These T-shirts have our club's name on them that we can display. "Vapor Trail Vettes." I will be on a vacation in England for a couple of weeks, see you all when I return.

Be safe out there, Clay Beck

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### Happy Birthday

#### April 2026

02	Marc Lewton
12	Gale Haugen
19	Gerry White

#### May 2026

12	Clay Beck
30	Mark Farabaugh



### 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
Newsletter	Gale Haugen	610-7844
Webmaster	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Sunshine Guy	Chuck Robertson	934-0694

## **April 2, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes – By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of April was held on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were eleven (11) members present. The attendees were: Clay Beck, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Brian Phillips, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Rick Coffey, Clint Perry, Bruce Potter, Mark Farabaugh and Gerry White.

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

The birthdays for this month are Marc Lewton on the 2nd, Gale Haugen on the 12th, and Gerry White on the 19th. Happy Birthday to all!!!!!!

Approval of the March meeting minutes. Chuck made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes and Gale seconded it. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

### **New/Old Business—Clay Beck**

Clay discussed the new VTV business cards he plans to order. Clay has one more change to make and will then order the new cards.

Brain designed a variation of new Corvette shirts and took orders at the last meeting. Brian handed out the shirts to those members who ordered at the last meeting. More orders were taken at this meeting; they are \$26 each shirt.

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

Chuck went over the income and expenses for the month of March. The club ended in March with \$7,565.57 in the bank. Chuck will be sending out a check for \$1,000 to the Allan Hancock College Scholarship Foundation. Gerry thought it would be a good idea to mention the scholarships in the next autocross drivers meeting.

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

### **VP Report**

Under Old business Clay mentioned that we have had several good outings. He mentioned the Bakkersfield March Meet Drags, and the run to Charlie's in Los Alamos. We took back roads to get to Charlie's for a great lunch then drove to a local park in Los Alamos to take pictures of members and their cars before leaving town.

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### **VP Report—Clay Beck**

Clay discussed the Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Clay mentioned that he would be putting out an email for the Warbirds run to determine who all is going. Bruce mentioned that we haven't been back to Mount Abel Frazier Park. It turns out that a Corvette car club was having a car show when we went the last time.

Then on May 9<sup>th</sup> we are planning to go to the Pismo Derelicts followed by lunch at a place to be determined. He also mentioned that our first autocross is May 30<sup>th</sup>. He briefly touched on the fact that the Santa Clara Corvette Club is going to be in San Luis Obispo visiting for a few days. A couple of their members are interested in attending our autocross on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Gale announced that Bulkhead City is having on seven low speed autocross events on April 25 and 26. The cost is \$180.

The West Coast Region director is looking for articles from the different West Coast clubs to share what charities they support. Vapor trail Vettes gives to significant local charities in the community. We raise funds solely through our annual autocross events. Clay will discuss how these events help finance the charities supported by the club.

Gale proposed assigning charity articles to different members. Larry and Chuck will cover the Allan Hancock College Scholarships. Gerry will cover "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed making charity, Gale will cover the Boys and Girls Club Christmas and Chuck will write about our Thanksgiving Turkey donations. These articles would potentially go in the "Blue Bars" magazine. All inputs are due to Gale on April 28<sup>th</sup> to submit to the West Coast Director on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Around the Room**

**Gerry** mentioned that he needs a check for the beds project. Chuck asked to have a picture taken of Gerry presenting the check to the bed project. **Brian** told Hector that for the record he cancelled his trip to England.

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**Gerry** mentioned that he needs a check for the beds project. **Chuck** asked to have a picture taken of Gerry presenting the check to the bed project. **Rick** wanted to know if anyone had been to Bowling Green. Rick was told that the person he bought his Corvette from used to drive there all the time. Clay thanked Brian for the club shirts' effort. He also mentioned that the Porsche club was putting on their academy. They have fourteen (14) spots open. **Larry** joked that someone needs to organize a petition on a 25% gas discount for all Corvettes owners. **Hector** asked Clay what he thought about the San Diego Padres after they won a few games. Clay responded that it was too soon to have an opinion. **Gary** thanked everyone for the flowers the club sent after his mom's passing.

### **Drawings**

The winner of the 50/50 was Bruce Potter and the winner of the name badge was Amy Lewton, who was not present.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm. The next meeting is May 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.

## **Estrella Warbirds—April 11th**

**—Chuck Robertson**

On what was supposed to be a sunny day, members Clay, Chuck, Cecilia, Brian, Rick and Gerry met up at the Pismo Outlets. Driving thru multiple rain squalls, the group followed Clay to the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles. There we toured the military displays and aircraft scattered around the grounds. Of course, we spent most of the time looking at the cars in the Woodland Auto Display, discussing personal events attached to cars similar to what we owned or knew of when we were younger. Then we went into town to Bubba's Smokehouse and Spirits for a tasty lunch.

We continued chatting about cars, sports and where we were when some of the theme songs playing in the background were first released.

The group then dealt with more rain and heavy traffic on their way back home.

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# **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 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



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.

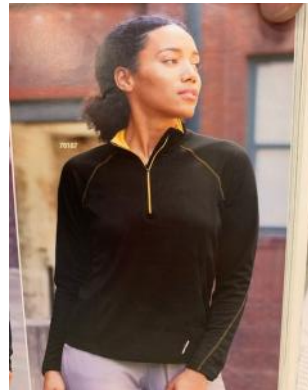
If you would rather have a polo shirt you can purchase one from a local business at your cost and the club will pay for the embroidering.



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
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-Redline 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	Pismo Derelicts & Donuts	829 Pak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
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	
29-31	Fri-Sun	40th Classic Pismo Beach Car Show			
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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Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>July</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	TBD	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	
20	Sunday	Spectacular Car Show	More Information coming soon	Santa Clara Corvettes	D
26	Saturday	Old Days Car Show	Los Almos		
26	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	

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Date	Day	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	
17-18	Sat-Sun	80th Pismo Beach Clam Festival Parade	Pismo Beach		More information coming
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		