



# THE VAPOR TRAIL

## MAY 2026

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### May Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Well, this last month we had a very nice run to Morro Bay for lunch at Tognazzini's Dockside restaurant by the waterfront. They also provided entertainment. Prior to the run we met at the Pismo car show first and walked around for a couple of hours looking at and talking to the participants. We were a small group with me, Chuck, Brian, and Gerry but we had a great time. The route that we took was Los Osos Valley Road to Turri Rd then to Morro Bay. We'll have to do that again.

Coming up this month May 30<sup>th</sup>, Vapor Trail Vettes is hoisting their first of the year auto cross at the Santa Maria Airport. This event will be a little special because some of our northern Corvette club will be attending. About 5 members from Santa Clara Corvette club have at this time has signed up for this auto cross event. I understand that many more will be coming down to this central coast for a weekend of fun. Some will be going to Hearst Castle. So, we expect to see several Corvettes in our area for this weekend. Fun weekend.

Other auto crosses that we are planning this year will be the following dates: July 11, August 1, and September 26. We have a couple of new members that have joined the club this year and they are interested in auto crossing. So, this should be a good year of fun. Our next run will be June 13 but where has yet to be determined.

Also, this month we will be handing out some \$500 scholarships to Hancock Community College to some students that are in the automobile curriculum. The college is providing a Scholarship Award dinner so that we will be able to meet the students that will be receiving awards.

Have a nice summer, Clay Beck

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### Happy Birthday

#### May 2026

- 12 Clay Beck
- 30 Mark Farabaugh

#### June 2026

- 05 Nancy Bodily
- 07 Chuck Robertson



### 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
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## **May 7, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes – By Chuck Robertson**

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:25. In attendance was: Clay Beck, Brian Phillips, Gerry White, Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Rick Coffey, Marc Lewton, Clint Perry and Bruce Potter.

The first agenda item was upcoming birthdays: Clay on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Next was approval of the April meeting minutes. Chuck made a motion to approve and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerry. All were in favor.

### **New/Old Business—Clay Beck**

Clay stated he didn't have anything for old business and for new business was the Drive and Dine to the Pismo Beach Derelicts cars and coffee on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Clay proposed that after the car gathering, they drive up to Atascadero and then over to the coast on CA 41 for lunch in Morrow Bay. He asked for recommendations on where to eat and Brian came up with several suggestions including Giovanni's and Tognazzini's. Clay said he liked the Bayside Café because of all the parking. Also on his list of possibilities was Gally, Seafood Grill, Dutchman's Seafood House, Hofbrau der Albatross and Juju. The availability of parking at some of the places was discussed. Clay asked who would be going and Gerry, Brian and Chuck raised their hands. Further discussion settled on Giovanni's for lunch. Clay will send out an email to let the rest of the club know of the plan.

Then planning for the autocross on May 30<sup>th</sup> started. Clay asked who would be available to help set up. Larry, Gerry, Chuck, Clint, Rick and Marc all volunteered and Rick said he wanted to drive also. It was pointed out that potential drivers needed to download the tech sheet from the website and have it filled out before arriving for the event. Clay took some time to brief new members Rick and Marc on how we went about setting up the course and running the event. Clay added that a Corvette club from San Jose would be in the area and he expected at least ten members would participate.

Club t-shirts was the next order of business. He said he still had two shirts for Mark Farabaugh and BJ Jones from the first version. Bruce brought up that he had ordered one for his friend but didn't get it. Now he wanted to know who was interested in V2. Chuck said he had received orders from Clay, Pat Kelley, Larry and Gerry. Brian said that he needed at least 5 orders before he could submit an order to the company making the

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T-shirts. Since the company doesn't have tees with pockets, if a member wants one that way they would have to buy the shirt and get it to Brian. It was agreed that Chuck would send out an email to the membership and ask that orders be submitted by Tuesday 5/12. Brian brought up paying for the new orders and discussion resulted in Chuck and Brian agreeing to meet up when Brian is ready to submit the order and Chuck will pay with the club's card.

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

The treasurer's report was the next agenda item. Chuck briefed the income and expenses for April. Clay called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marc. All were in favor.

### **VP Report—Clay Beck**

Moving down the agenda, the VP's report was next. Clay talked about the Drive and Dine that Saturday and asked if anyone had suggestions for future activities. The thought was to do something in June, probably on the 13<sup>th</sup>. No specific destination was decided on, so Clay asked the members to send him suggestions.

The status of the scholarships was brought up by Clay. Chuck briefed that two winners from last year had not picked up their scholarships, so it might be that we will be awarding six at this year's event. Clay brought up that no one on the west coast had submitted applications for the scholarships that NCCC offers. If any member has family members that are going to college, they should think about applying. You can get more information from Gale Haugen.

**Around the Room:** Marc said he was looking forward to the autocross. Gerry indicated that several friends of his in Lompoc were interested in the autocross. Clay iterated that all the information was on the web page and encouraged Gerry to let them know where to go to get tech sheets and links to registration. Rick said he and Marc had received an email from a salesman at Rio Vista saying that they had a slot for a 2027 Grand Sport and he would pass on the contact info to anyone who was interested. Chuck said that he read in the automotive news that Mercedes was developing a new V8 engine with a flat plane crank.

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**Around the Room:** They were doing so because it was easier to meet emissions laws and better gas mileage. It will be going into the S class cars. He added that he did some research for Gale and it turns out that since 2011, which was the first year he had financial records for the club, over \$60K had been donated to charities. This included the scholarships, Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, foodbanks in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo and other charities that he didn't know of. **Clay** pointed out that the autocross' provided the funds. Clay said he and Kathy enjoyed their vacation to England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. His only complaint was that the bus was very cramped. They saw castles, historical things and it was fun. They also spent an additional three days in London before coming home. He did not see any Corvettes, but did see some Bentleys, Rolls' and three Ferraris. He didn't see any really old British cars, which surprised him.

### Drawings

Larry won the 50/50 drawing of \$25 and Bill Deviny's name was drawn for the name tag prize. Since he wasn't there, another \$5 was added to the pot.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:37.

## Pismo Derelicts/Morro Bay —May 9th - Chuck Robertson

The central coast was overcast as Clay, Brian, Chuck and Gerry met at the Pismo Derelicts Cars and Coffee car meet. They enjoyed looking at cars and talking about the assembled cars. Then it was up to San Luis Obispo to take the "back" way into Morro Bay. As usual, the section on Turri Road was the most enjoyable part of the drive. Ambling thru the Morro Bay State Park and into Morro Bay to Tognazzini's Dockside Too restaurant let them take in the aura of this coastal gem. Everyone enjoyed the food and conversation.



## Pismo Derelicts/Morro Bay —May 9th

- Chuck Robertson

As the crew left for home, the sun finally came out, making the drive back down the 101 a bit more tolerable.



## NCCC Governor's Meeting—May 2, 2026

The National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Meeting was held, *May 2, 2026 St Louis, MO.*

Attendees were reminded that the Officer positions up for election this year are: President, VP of Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Director of Public Relations. Officer Reports: Rene Cardenas, VP of Competition.

Race America will offer NCCC members a 15% discount on timing equipment, and 10% on spare parts and displays. • NCCC members need to let Race American know they belong to the NCCC to receive the discount. • Race America will send NCCC a check for the amount of the 15% or 10% off.

More information from this meeting will be available after the West Coast Region Governor's meeting.

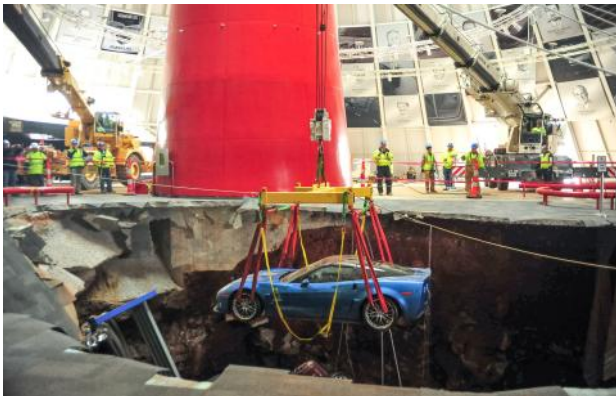
## **Bowling Green, KY Corvette Museum Sinkhole History**

**- By Gale Haugen**

Hector and Gale attended the NCCC National Convention in Bowling Green, KY in 2017. We not only were able to be there for the eclipse of the sun but also visited the Corvette Museum where remnants of the sinkhole and the Corvettes destroyed were on display.

On February 12, 2014 at 5:30 am a surveillance camera in the Ski Dome area of the Bowling Green, KY Corvette museum recorded movement. Shortly after an employee found a massive sinkhole measuring 40' wide, 60' long and 30' deep with eight irreplaceable Corvettes buried deep within the hole.

It took until March 3, 2014 to secure the walls of the hole in order to support the weight of a crane to retrieve the cars. The first car pulled out was a 2009 ZR1 (pictured below.) In spite of a few dings and scratches the car cranked up immediately. The ZR1's owner was there when his car was pulled out. The car had only been on display at the museum for 13 days before being buried. A 1992 millionth off-the-line Corvette was also pulled from the sinkhole. A few Corvettes were able to be restored, as you can see many were not.



The above picture from Auto Navigato website



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I recommend going to, <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/sinkhole/#sinkhole-learn>  
To view more history, pictures, interviews, and cranes removing corvettes from the sink-hole.

# **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



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.

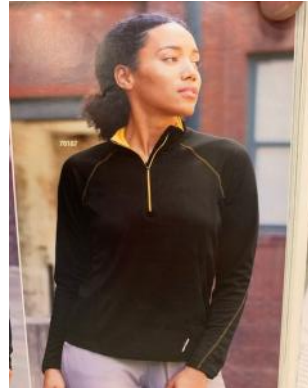
If you would rather have a polo shirt you can purchase one from a local business at your cost and the club will pay for the embroidering.



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
13	Saturday	Corvette Rendezvous	San Luis Obispo	VTV Members to attend	See Flyer for Details
13	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 77	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
20	Saturday	30th Elks Car Show	Elks Lodge Santa Maria	Elks Lodge Santa Maria	10 am—3 pm.
21	Sunday	<b>Father's Day</b>			

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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 Clas-	Spearfish, SD	Spearfish Corvette Club	
18	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 78	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
<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		