



THE VAPOR TRAIL JUNE 2026

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June Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

May 30th auto cross was a success and a blast. We had about 57 drivers. And I must say that a E-Ray Corvette had the top time of the day. It was impressive practically its ability to launch. We had maybe eight members from the Santa Clara Corvette club participating in our event. We have a couple of new members Rick and Marc that ran the auto cross event for the first time. They did very good. They were able to knock off more than 10 seconds from their first run to their last run. So, Rick and Marc congratulation for your first time. Other auto crosses that we are planning this year will be the following dates: July 11, August 1, and September 26.

On June 13th our club participated with other clubs in the area, joining them in the Corvette rendezvous which was on the La Cuesta Ranch off Loomis rd. in SLO. Gabriel Miossi has offered this rustic location to have the event. His family has been on the property since the early 1900s They provided entertainment and a food truck. Very nice day and a good time. There were over 60 Corvettes that had come to this event.

So, we are currently planning to participate in the Solvang 4th of July parade this year. For this event we will be decorating our Vettes with the 4th of July patriotic theme. Makes me think of Brian's rocket that was attached on top of his Corvette last year. That was great. Looking forward to this event soon.

Clay Beck

REMINDER

-There will not be a VTV meeting in July.

-4th of July Parade in Solvang. Please confirm

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Happy Birthday

June 2026

05	Nancy Bodily
07	Chuck Robertson

July 2026

22	Al Ferguson
29	Mike Dirkes



2026

Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
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All numbers are in the 805 area code.

June 4, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes – By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of June was held on Thursday, June 4th, 2026, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were ten (10) members present. The attendees were: Larry Wright, Chuck Robertson, Brian Phillips, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Rick Coffey, Bruce Potter, Gerry White, Marc Lewton and Gary Hackett. Clay was not present and Gale presided over the meeting.

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

The birthdays for this month are Nancy Bodily on the 5th and Chuck Robertson on the 7th. Happy Birthday to all!!!!!!

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

New/Old Business – Gale Haugen for Clay Beck

The first item under old business was the May 30th autocross. According to Clay the autocross was very successful. Also, he wanted to remind everyone that our next autocross is July 11th.

The second item under old business was the club t-shirts. According to Brian he can take orders. The printer needs a minimum of five (5) shirts to make an order.

Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Chuck went over the income and expenses for the month of May as well as the May 30th autocross.

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

VP Report - Gale Haugen for Clay Beck

Gale asked for a show of hands as to who plans to go to the Corvette Rendezvous on June 13th. We are going to meet at the Pismo Outlets at 10:15 am and leave at 10:30 from there. The event is being held at La Cuesta Ranch in San Luis Obispo from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Governor's Report— Gale Haugen

Gale mentioned that our West Coast Region competition director is encouraging sanctioned events which she is in favor of. She will be talking to Clay to discuss sanctioning our events in the future.

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Tom Pinard, our past West Coast Region director, offered to be the Blue Bars storyteller for the regions and will help anyone who is writing an article for Blue Bars. Tom is a professional writer and editor.

Also, we are going to be seeing some Grand Sports here over the next couple of months as they are introduced to the public. NCCC car class for the Grand Sport will be in with other C8s and the Grand SportX will be in the C8Z class for any speed events.

NCCC will realign the point structure so that speed event points are compatible with the funkhanas and those type of things that some of the other clubs are doing. Jeff, the West Coast Competition Director again wants to encourage all clubs to once again start doing NCCC sanction events.

Element fire extinguisher is now approved for high-speed events and can be placed in the glove box. Is approximately 10 inches long and 1.5 inches in diameter.

There are several rule changes that will be voted on in September.

Gale handed out copies of the autocross results to Rick and Marc. Also, handed out copies of the June 13th Corvette Rendezvous La Cuesta Ranch and the new triple fold NCCC brochure.

Gale mentioned that every year NCCC has a National Convention. This year is going to be in Syracuse, NY. Bowling Green, KY was selected for 2027 and Waco, TX in 2028. Denver, CO is putting together a proposal for 2029.

Gale also mentioned that June 30th is National Corvette Day. It will be celebrated by a local car museum and the Route 66 museum in Victorville CA on June 28th.

Gale discussed the Solvang Parade on July 4th. There seemed to be interest from the majority of the members. Gale will fill out the application and get it sent.

There is a new feature on the NCCC website called the Governors garage. There are incredible videos about NCCC and the Corvette lifestyle.

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Pennsylvania Corvette Club raffles off a brand-new Corvette for charity. Tickets are \$150 each. Call Jeff Murphy if you would like to buy a ticket.

Gale reminded everyone that if you are not a member of NCCC you are not covered by the NCCC insurance.

Around the Room

Gerry, difficult to transcribe what he said because of the background music; **Brian**, shared that this being his first time helping with the autocross he found it was a lot of work. But he also said that he is going to volunteer to help out with the next three (3) autocrosses. **Rick**, shared that certain people never got a break and he appreciated the work that was done by everyone. **Larry**, shared that he enjoyed being the starter and looks forward to continuing to do that as long as he can. **Chuck**, shared that there is a gentleman down in southern California who is putting together an 8.1 liter V8 to a C8. That is a 494 cubic inch engine. Basically, everything from the block up was custom made not GM, including an aluminum block, individual throttle bodies on a custom intake manifold. They are expecting close to a 1,000 hp naturally aspirated once the build is completed. **Bruce**, shared that he takes Corvette Magazine and that there was an interesting article in the last issue and if anyone is interested, he would give them a copy. But according to the article the project manager for Corvette and his engineering team are still squabbling as to which is better the ZR1 or the ZR1X. **Hector**, shared that he let a car leave the grid with three (3) occupants. Need to be more vigilant. Send Chuck an email with version and size of club shirt.

Drawings

The winner of the 50/50 was Rick Coffey. The name tag winner was not at the meeting.

Gale adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm. The next meeting is **August 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.

Corvette Rendezvous-June 13th

By Gale Haugen

Vapor Trail Vettes caravanned to La Questa Ranch in San Luis Obispo on June 13th to attend a Corvette Rendezvous organized by Harold Davis.

This was the first time VTV attended an event by Harold so I decided to do a little research on the man behind this event.

Harold is a car promoter and a automotive entity for hosting top-notch free gatherings every few months for Corvette owners.

The "Corvette Rendezvous" event that day attracted over 65-70 C1s to C8s Corvettes from all over the area. I understand that the live rock music, and food truck lunches we enjoyed that day are typical at Harolds events. He refuses any tips for the band and the only cost was for the food truck. You can also take your own food and beverages.

La Cuesta Ranch, a sprawling 1,400-acre historic working ranch and event center just outside of San Luis Obispo that seems to be a favorite location for Harold's events and I can testify that this ranch is spectacular. Where else will you find chandeliers hanging from trees and a perfect backdrop for a wedding or any type of large event you are hosting. This is a private ranch but open to organized events. If you want to see this beautiful ranch you need to have your wedding there or buy a Corvette. I think a new Corvette would be cheaper, don't you?

See more pictures on page 5.



Allan Hancock College Annual Scholarship Awards-May 21st



On MAY 21, 2026 hundreds of students and donors gathered to celebrate the Allan Hancock College Foundation's annual scholarship awards.

This year, 409 students received 578 scholarships totaling \$725,000.00 the most awarded in the foundation's 49-year history.

Vapor Trail Vettes donates scholarships each year to students taking automotive technology classes.

This year Larry Wright and Clay Beck handed out scholarships to Dustin Kinsey, Alexia Gonzales, and Jon Trotter. Juan Matias and Justin Lopez were not present at the banquet however, it was said that they will receive the scholarships later. Clay commented that it was inspiring to talk to the three students at this banquet about their future plans. We wish them all the luck in their futures.

The Allan Hancock College Foundation has been a resource for thousands of Allan Hancock College students since 1977. In the last seven years, the foundation has awarded over \$4 million in scholarship support.

Scholarships do more than help students pay for college. They create opportunities, remove barriers, and remind students that their community believes in their potential.

On a side note, this year was pretty special for Clay because he was able to meet Allen Johnson,

Allan Hancock College Annual Scholarship Awards-May 21st

Allen Johnson has been giving to the college for years. He has a national business that top fuel drag racers purchase his billet aluminum heads. He owns a C & C machine shop in the Santa Maria area. Clay said, "it was really cool to have talked to him."

Vapor Trail Vettes—May 30th Autocross –By Gale Haugen

Close to 60 drivers participated in the May 30th autocross. Eight members from Santa Clara Corvette Club joined as part of their weekend stay on the Central Coast.

The day turned out to be pretty windy disrupting the timing sensors from time to time which gave some drivers reruns, I am sure they didn't mind getting the extra runs in. Overall drivers got eight scheduled runs that day.

Best time of the day was won by a father and son sharing a 2024 Corvette hybrid at 58.385 for the son and 60.85 for the dad. The son beat dad out for first place on the last run.

Awards went to drivers in the following classes:

Men's A Class: Jon Duncan

Men's B1 Class: 1st-Charles Floyd, 2nd-Elujah Maggana, 3rd-Geoff Straw, 4th-David T Beck.

Men's B2 Class: 1st-Pat Kelley, 2nd-Ian Blancett, 3rd-Richard Tisdell

Men's B3 Class: 1st-Myles Wakavama, 2nd-Logan Williams, 3rd-Greg Porter

Men's B4 Class: 1st Larry Hebenstreit, 2nd-Klaus Brown

Hybrid Class: 1st Kevin Jung, 2nd Richard Jung

Ladies B Class: 1st Donna Fraser

See our members at work on page 6.

La Cuesta Ranch



May 30th Autocross



Driver Check-in/Timekeeping



Chuck & Gary in Timekeeping



Clay Giving Orders



Clint, Track Coord.



Members Marc & Rick



Larry Working the Starting



Porsche Driver Helping VTV at Start



VTV Member Rick Driving in 1st Auto-X



VTV Member Marc Driving in 1st Auto-X

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Fuel injection unit for C1 and C2 cars and replaced carburetors. This model was made for the 1965 Corvette. 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



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.

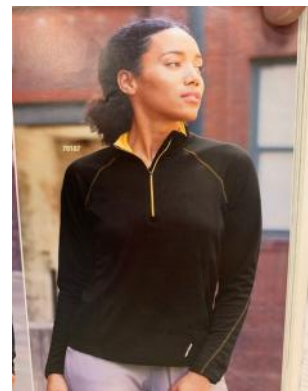
If you would rather have a polo shirt you can purchase one from a local business at your cost and the club will pay for the embroidering.



North End -Men's Quarter-Zip
 Long Sleeve Pullover. **BLACK
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Order Number : 8187

\$36.00 + 8.75% Tax = \$39.15



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 WITH RED TRIM.**

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2026 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
January					
1	Wednesday	New Years Day	Holiday		
10	Saturday	Drive & Dine VTV Mtg.	Jalama Beach	VTV	
19	Monday	Martin Luther King Day	Holiday		
February					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
16	Monday	Presidents Day	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
March					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
7	Saturday	March Meet Drags	Bakersfield		
17	Tuesday	St. Patrick's Day			
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		
April					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
5	Sunday	Easter Sunday			

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April					
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		
May					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, 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	Memorial Day			
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	
June					
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, 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	Father's Day			
30	Tuesday	National Corvette Day	Charlies in Los Alamos	VTV	Meet at Chevron at 11am

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July					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	MEETING CANCELLED	VTV	
4	Saturday	Solvang Parade— Members Participate	Solvang	Solvang Rotary	Parade Starts at 10 am
11	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
15-18	Wed-Sat	Blackhills Corvette	Spearfish, SD	Spearfish Corvette Club	
18	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 78	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
August 2026					
1	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, 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			
September 2026					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
7	Monday	Labor Day	Holiday		
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
October 2026					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, 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	Holiday		
November 2026					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, 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	Thanksgiving	Holiday		
December 2026					
25	Thursday	Christmas Day	Holiday		
TBD	TBD	B & G's Club Christmas	TBD		
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner	TBD		