



THE VAPOR TRAIL JULY/AUGUST 2026

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August Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

We had a busy July hosting two autocrosses. One was July 11th with forty-two drivers, and the next autocross event was Aug 1st with fifty-six drivers. Our next autocross event will be September 26th.

We had a garage day at Clay's place where several members came. Rick's Z06 was put on the hoist to remove the exhaust and belly pan to gain access to the clutch for flushing. We also replaced the rear exhaust with an after-market exhaust system. The results were a much better sound (a little louder.) Thanks, Rick, for sharing your car with all of us. Now I hear from the grape vine that Marc wants to make changes to his C5 convertible exhaust system. Ok, let's go, I'm ready. We have it down now, it will only take 2 hours or so. So, with this said we need to schedule another garage day soon.

I found this information on the NCCC web page, and I thought it was of interest to a few of our members that were discussing the magazine at the latest club meeting. The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) was founded in the United States as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization in 1959 by a small group of Corvette owners/enthusiasts! In 2009 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary and look forward to many more years of fellowship. The purpose of NCCC was (and still is) to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, to publish information on the use and operation of the Corvette and to establish an organized effort to encourage others to participate in the enjoyment connected with the use and ownership of the Corvette ~ America's Sports Car!

In the early days, the number of clubs was rather small with all of the them being located East of the Mississippi. Today, there are about 250 clubs in 16 Regions both East and West of the Mississippi! The membership in NCCC is comprised of more than 19,000 Members and is the largest non-profit, all volunteer Corvette organization in the United States! Come join us!!

Clay Beck

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Happy Birthday

August 2026

03 Nathan Griffin
04 Bruce Potter
16 Bruce Morgenthaler
19 Bee Jay Jones
22 Gary Hackett
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September 2026

15 Pat Kelley



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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Sunshine Guy	Chuck Robertson	934-0694

Board members are in the 805 area code.

August 6, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes —By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of August was held on Thursday, August 6th, 2026, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were seven (7) members present. The attendees were: Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Rick Coffey, Bruce Potter, Gerry White, Clint Perry, and Clay Beck.

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The birthdays for July and August are Al Ferguson on July 22nd, Mike Dirkes on July 29th, Nathan Griffin on August 3rd, Bruce Potter on August 4th, Bruce Morgenthaler on August 16th, Bee Jay Jones on August 19th, Gary Hackett on August 22nd, and Brian Phillips on August 28th. Happy Birthday to all!!!!!!

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

New/Old Business – Clay Beck

Under old business Clay discussed July 11th and August 1st autocrosses. July 11th had forty-two drivers and August 1st autocross had fifty-six drivers. According to Clay both autocrosses were very successful. We made good money which a good percentage goes towards our community charities.

Treasurer's Report– Clay for Chuck R.

Chuck was not present. Clay gave the treasurers report for Chuck and went over the income and expenses for the months of June and July as well as the July 11th autocross.

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

VP Report - Clay

Clay informed everyone that the next autocross will be September 26th. Clay brought up the Pismo Clam festival to see how much interest there was in participating again this year. The Pismo Clam Festival is planned for October 17th. It was agreed to table the decision for another meeting with more members present.

Also, it was agreed that we would have another run on Saturday August 22nd. Clay said that he would think of something and email everybody.

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Governor's Report— Gale Haugen

The next NCCC National Meeting is September 11 & 12th and the last meeting of the year will be held on November 13 & 14th.

Just a reminder that some NCCC rules are effective immediately. One of those rules was ensuring that cars racing in autocross and drags are required to have contrasting COLORED numbers on driver and passenger side of their doors. The numbers need to be a minimum of 8" TALL. If you are tech'ing cars, please check THAT RULE was followed. It slows down getting cars out on the track if we must pull them to make changes.

We will begin processing New Membership Applications on September 1st. If you have someone interested in joining VTV, please inform them to wait until that date. If they join before that date they will be required to pay another membership fee in November. Waiting will get them 16 months of membership for the cost of 12 months.

Renewing your VTV membership begins October 26th and closes the 10th of November. Please get your fees in before that date. Any member fees after that point will be charged an additional \$10.

Existing Primary Membership fee - \$40, Partner \$15

New Primary Membership fee - \$50, Partner \$15

Around the Room

Gerry was not pleased that the NCCC membership dues are going up. Also, he shared that he didn't get any help with picking up the cones at the end of August 1st autocross. This generated a lot of discussion about autocross workers not going out to their workstations after they are done driving. He mentioned that there is a car show in Lompoc this weekend sponsored by the Police Department. Also, he shared that he is not going to continue to be involved with the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed making endeavors without Brenda. He is going to talk to that charity about it.

Rick, learned from reading the latest issue of the Blue Bars magazine that some Corvette clubs had a gathering in Solvang. He thought maybe if we had known about it, we could have joined them. Also, shared that there was another article that explained that the Corvette club is more than just owning a Corvette. A Corvette is the thing that brings us together.

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Around the Room

He thanked everyone for the autocross. He shared that he himself is getting better at driving in the autocross. **Bruce** shared that he is building amplifiers. Clay discussed his amplifier pops. Bruce said that it could be the power supply or it could be arching. **Clint** said he had a mellow day. Also shared that his dad is doing good. He is in Tahoe right now. **Clay**, shared that his son-in-law, daughter and kids went to Lake Tahoe and they had a good time. They did a lot of activities in the lake which is a cool lake. He asked them if they had seen any Cris Craft boats and they had not. **Hector** shared that he read the latest Blue Bars magazine from cover to cover. **Gale** wanted to know if members were interested in participating in other club events. Spring might bring opportunities to go join other clubs in their activities. **Clay** added that clubs from down south would come up to participate in our annual blast. **Gale** also asked if anyone would be interested in going to the luffa farm or the olive oil farm. Clay said that we need to look at calendars. We enjoyed doing things with other clubs, Also, shared that Chuck had knee replacement surgery. According to Chuck's sister Chuck did well. Also, Larry is having problems with his left leg. He can't put weight on it. **Clay** told Larry that he needs to see an orthopedic doctor and find out what his options are. Also, shared that Larry never missed a VTV meeting.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm. The next meeting is September 3rd 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.

Dates to Remember—By Gale Haugen

- August 22nd—Corvette Dine & Dash- Location TBD.
- September 26th—Last autocross of the season.
- September 1st thru November 10th—New VTV members signup
- October 26th thru November 10th membership renewal. A \$10 late fee after the 10th.

Are You Interested in Getting Involved in Holiday Event Planning?

Members that would like to get involved with the Boys and Girls Club Christmas gift giving, Chuck or Gale would like to hear from you.

For the last several years we have gone to the Mid Central Coast Boys and Girls Club on Railroad Avenue in Santa Maria to celebrate Christmas with all the kids. This normally takes place a couple of weeks before Christmas.

We receive a list of kids between the ages of 6 and 12. In the past we bought gifts for all kids from which would amount to 50-60 kids. Each year that number increased until we hit 150 kids. VTV was unable to accommodate that many so we worked with the staff to narrow it down to 7-12 year olds. That age group is still close to 100 kids we buy for. The other kids are covered by other businesses or non-profits.

The older kids compile a list for the younger kids with their names, ages, and one item they hope to get for Christmas. The child's sizes are also provided if they want shoes or an article of clothing.

With that list VTV members are given a list of kids to buy for and a strict budget to spend for each child. The member will also wrap the gifts with name tags. Wrapping paper, bows and name tags are part of the members allotted budget. You will also be given the date we gather all the gifts along with our own VTV Santa and deliver them to the B & G club.

It is very challenging to accommodate every child's choice gift but hitting the sales, returning some items and replace with the same at a lesser price pays off. We also do not spend the same amount on each child. One may want less than another so it all works out overall.

Chuck takes care of all gift card purchases and the cards to put them in.

The important thing is to keep all receipts to submit to Chuck after a member is done shopping so you can be reimbursed.

Think about it and let us know if you are interested in shopping without spending a dime of your own money. That's a crazy thing to say...what female would not be excited about that scenario.



Solvang 4th of July Parade

By Gale Haugen

Vapor Trail Vettes participated in the Solvang 4th of July parade again this year. The theme was "Salute to America 250." Members Clay Beck, Rick and Sandra Coffey, Hector Paz and Gale Haugen, Brian and Cecilia Phillips, Chuck Robertson, Gerry White and Larry Wright decorated their cars and drove the parade route.

Vapor Trail Vettes was recognized as the best Automobile Group in the parade. From little boys to big boys watching the parade they loved hearing the engines revved up on the Corvettes.

After the parade our members drove to the Alisal Golf course to remove the car decorations then headed to Firestone Walker Brewing Company - Barrelworks in Buellton for lunch.

It was a great day enjoying VTV members, decorating our cars and having a wonderful lunch Firestone Walker Brewing Company.



I was thinking back on how many years we have participated in the Solvang 4th parade. I guessed a few years so I started going back over old VTV newsletters starting with year 2011...nothing, 2012...nothing, 2013...bingo. That was the first year our club participated. That is fourteen (14) years ago. Gale

Vapor Trail Vettes—July 11th Auto-X

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 on the start and finish lines 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, 2nd Miriam Peterson.



Vapor Trail Vettes—Aug 1st Auto-X

By Gale Haugen

The last few track events have attracted some new first time autocross drivers. Word seems to be spreading that a driver does not need a Corvette to participate in our events. However, we did have a 2008 Corvette Z06 that took fastest time of the day with a run time of 62.777. It didn't hurt that the car was modified and the driver, Garrett Randell knew how to drive it.



Awards went to the following drivers in their class:

Men's A Class: Garrett Randell

Men's B1 Class: 1st-Charles Floyd, 2nd-Geoff Straw 3rd-Tyler Combs.

Men's B2 Class: 1st-Pat Kelley, 2nd-Alejandro Mayorga.

Men's B3 Class: 1st-Jeffery Bauer, 2nd-Emile Waked.

Men's B4 Class: 1st Bill Deviny, 2nd- Klaus Brown.

Ladies B Class: 1st Tracy Simonsen.



Vapor Trail Vettes—Aug 1st Auto-X

Pictures by Dan McDaniel



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\$65,000

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Amplify Orange exterior/Drenched tan 3LT leather interior/Body color side intake option
Front end lift
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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.

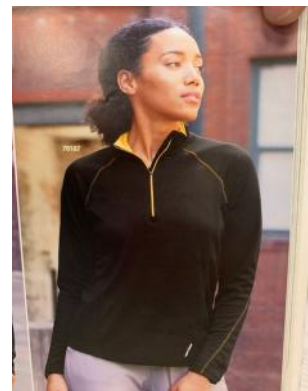
If you would rather have a polo shirt you can purchase one from a local business at your cost and the club will pay for the embroidering.



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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
22	Saturday	Day of Hope Car Show	1325 E. Church St.		805-739-3595
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	WC Regions	
12-13	Sat-Sun	Central Coast Airfest	321 Terminal Drive		
19	Saturday	Regional Gov. Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Regions	
20	Sunday	Spectacular Car Show	More Information coming soon	Santa Clara Corvettes	
26	Saturday	Old Days Car Show	Los Almos		
26	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
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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
TBD	Saturday	Regional Gov. Mtg	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	
26	Monday	Start VTV Renewals	VTV Meetings or Mail	Chuck R.	
31	Saturday	Halloween	Holiday		
November 2026					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	IHop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
10	Tuesday	VTV Renewal Ends	VTV Meetings or Mail	Chuck R.	
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		