

# The Vapor Trail January 2015

Vapor Trail Vettes, P.O. Box 5241, Santa Maria, CA 93456



## **Presidents Message**

We would like to welcome John Frank to Vapor Trail Vettes. John was a member in 2006 and loves to auto-cross. He drives a custom painted '06 coupe.

With the start of the New Year we have an opportunity to make this the best year yet for Vapor Trail Vettes. The club is growing in membership, more members than ever want to get involved organizing club activities, racing, and community events, parades, local car shows and fundraising.

I had a nice conversation with another member at the January meeting. He expressed the need to set up committees to get everyone involved in planning and organizing club activities and I could not have agreed more. Members decided to table the conversation until our February meeting so our new VP, Clay Beck, would be present. In the interim please think about what interests you may have in getting involved. Yes, there are the obvious big events we host each year like the autocross events and our Annual Blast. These events need all of our members to pitch in to help in order to be successful. New people in charge of all events bring new ideas and that is what is needed. I hope to assemble the board members before the next meeting to develop a list. A few items that come to mind include club clothing, flags & decals, membership, publicity, newsletter and of course, the major events. The board would like to hear your ideas for this list before the next meeting so we can get it on the agenda.

I hope this year will result in more trips to other West Coast Region Corvette Club events by our club. There is no better way to get to know other club members than attending their events along with promoting our NCCC events.

Let's make this a fun and enjoyable year driving our cars and enjoying the company of our members.

*Save the Wave!*

*Gale*

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## **Happy Birthday & Enjoy Your Special!**

January 2	Barry Fitzjarrell
January 23	Jan Webb
January 31	Doug Nicoll
February 15	Betty Joe Jennings
February 20	Chuck Jennings

## **Board Members**

President	Gale Haugen	773-4515
Vice President	Clay Beck	481-4597
Treasurer	Hector Paz	773-4515
Secretary	Judy Fitzjarrell	937-5434
NCCC Governor	Charlie Perry	937-4420
Newsletter	Gale Haugen	773-4515
Sunshine Lady	Debbie Chase	345-5820
Web Master	John Mahoney	937-1414

## **January Meeting Minutes** **By Patty Santmyer**

The January Meeting and lunch run to Chulo's Café & Cantina in Templeton took place on January 11, 2015. Gale called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

Attendees: Gale and Hector, Joan and Charlie, Gerry White, Brian and Roberta, Bill and Patty, Doug and Verna.

Last meeting's minutes were approved as distributed by email.

### **New Business ~ Gale Haugen**

Gale gave a nice history and thanks to the outgoing officers and welcome to new officers. Special thanks to John Mahoney for his dedication to our autocross events, Barry for his VP job and tour guide and Secretary, Beverly Erickson, for serving as secretary for three years.

Welcome to Charlie as governor, Clay as Vice President and Judy as secretary.

Gale asked everyone to remember that the board and committee members are volunteers and at times have to deal with unfavorable decisions or issues. Please remember that we are all in the club to have fun. We are a diverse club with autocross and social events which makes Vapor Trail Vettes the best club on the Central Coast.

Homes Motors has assured us that the "training" room is ready for us and should seat approximately 16. The room is the same size but more chairs will be added for us on meeting nights.

Chuck is no longer webmaster. The club thanks Chuck for his time and dedication in keeping the website updated and doing all the graphics needed for club flyers, awards and club promotion material. Taking over is John Mahoney (thank you, John)

Gale will do the Flyers and Award Certificates.

### **Old Business:**

VTV membership dues – If your dues have not been paid for 2015, you will be removed from roster.

Car decals – Michele has not found the right company to do our oval decal. It was suggested to check with Laurel Wrapz & Signs. Another club has had good service and prices are reasonable.

### **Treasurer's Report ~ Hector**

Hector went over the budget items for November and December of 2014.

\$485.00 given to Barry and Judy for the short fall in attendance at the Mendenhall Museum. (It was worth it...great job, guys)

Miscellaneous expenses were moneys for museum tour and melodrama – just a pass through.

Hancock Foundation has not used all of 2014's dona-

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tion due to students dropping out of the program. It was voted to only send \$750.00 to make out total commitment of \$1500.00. The remainder \$750.00 will remain in general fund until needed. Approved with aye. Possible use would be the upgraded autocross system.

Bill, Charlie and Jerry will look into a wireless autocross system that will be compatible with our software.

Bill moved to approve report with Jim Carson's second.

2015 Proposed budget has a couple of possible changes.

\$600.00 for storage unit – need place for vendor's goodie bags stuff, awards, etc.

\$450.00 for family at Christmas

### **NCCC Governor's Report ~ Charlie Perry**

All three motor cross events scheduled with airport. Will need volunteers for the set-up crew.

If members have not received the NCCC package, let Charlie know.

### **VP Report ~ Gale for Clay Beck**

April's West Coast Convention is in Las Vegas. Autocross events will be at Spring Mountain Race Track. Gale will send out the flyer again for those wanting to make their reservation. Race will be Friday and car show on Saturday. Reservations for lodging can be made at the Silverton Hotel.

Ideas for social events - Bill suggested we should consider a car show as fun as well as a fundraiser. Also, we need to form committees under Clay for all events. Tabled until next meeting.

2015 possibilities: January – Meeting fun for lunch (yes we did)

April – Cobra Club BBG and convention in Las Vegas

May – our first autocross

July – BBQ at Gale and Hector's home and 2<sup>nd</sup> autocross

August – Lompoc Car Show and social event

September – annual Blast

October – low-speed autocross

December – VTV Christmas Party

### **Around the Table:**

January 31, Santa Maria High School Drag Racing Team is sponsoring a car show located at the Elk's Club to fund scholarships in their auto program. \$25.00 per car. Call Jerry for more info. Gale will do flyer advertising our AHC Scholarships.

## **January Meeting Minutes Cont'd**

**By Patty Santmyer**

### **Around the Table Cont'd:**

Cost is \$25.00 per car. Call Gerry for more info. Gale will do flyer advertising our AHC Scholarships.

Mary suggested we continued to support the Vettes for Vets Car Show. Michele did a great job rallying our club and was truly appreciated by the Vets.

The sunshine lady was not able to attend so we did not have a 50/50 Drawing, Name Tag Drawing or Door Prize:

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 – great job Gale

**Next Meeting:** February 5<sup>th</sup> at Home Motors in Santa Maria at 6:30

## **VETTES FOR VETS CAR SHOW**

**By Gale Haugen & Michele Watson**

On November 5th 14 members of Vapor Trail Vettes attended the first "Vettes for Vets Car Show" held at the VA Clinic Building on Suey Road in Santa Maria.

Michele Watson was approached by Larry Foster (VA Volunteer Services Supervisor) to help get some Corvette owners to show their cars at this first event. VTV members were very successful in getting a nice show of cars, arranging to display the club banner and help promote our club. Way to go Michele and all the members who took their cars to the show.

Michele received the following comment from Larry Foster after the car show. Larry also sent a few pictures which you will find in the Photo Gallery page of this newsletter.

*"Just wanted to thank you and Vapor Trails for greatly enhancing our Veterans Day here at the VA! You really added a nice touch to the affair and still have folks talking about all the cool Vettes! Hope we can do it again in 2015."* Larry

Michele appreciates the club members in responding so generously and quickly to the event. She's already discussing the anticipated date for next year's event with Larry in case our club decides to make it an annual show (TBD). See Photos on page \_\_\_\_.

## **VTV MEMBERS DONATE TO A CALM FAMILY**

**By Patty Santmyer**

Christmas 2014 was made brighter for a small young family by the generous donations from the VTV's members. Each year CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation) has a list for families in need. You raised \$525.00 for a family of 4. Our list was a mother, father, 4 year old boy and 2 year old boy. This year's family wish list included pots and pans, dishes, silverware, blankets, stroller, clothes and shoes for the children. The 4 year old wanted a toy truck. Also donating to our cause was Wal-Mart. Upon approaching a manager, we were given a \$50.00 gift card.

## **VTV DONATE TO A CALM FAMILY Cont'd**

**By Patty Santmyer**

The gift card was put into a Christmas card from the VTV's with a note to use as needed. We shopped, wrapped and delivered the packages to the CALM office. I want to thank Hector for adding \$450.00 to the proposed 2015 budget for this year's family. We can use just the \$450.00 or members can add to the "pot" so we can bless a larger family.

## **TECH CORNER ~ C5 Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC)**

**By Clay Beck**

Did you know that C5 owners have a built-in DTC (diagnostic trouble code) reader?

C5 DTC Code Retrieval Procedure at the DIC (drivers information center):

Here is an overview of the procedure and terms used for resetting codes.

To display C5 DTC Code diagnostic trouble codes for all modules that transmit them. The Diagnostic Display Mode is entered with the following procedure:

- 1) Turn on the ignition but don't start the engine.
- 2) Press the RESET button to turn off any warning messages.
- 3) Press and hold OPTIONS.
- 4) While holding OPTIONS, press FUEL four times within a 10-second period.

NOTE!! Only reset the C5 DTC Code IF you want to it's NOT necessary to do this. Clearing a code does not repair a problem. You are simply erasing the evidence of it in the module's memory. Once you have the codes, the next question is: What to do with the information? First, consult the factory service manual.

You should be into the CODES section of the DIC. The computer will automatically display all the codes your car has created. It will cycle through each code every 3 seconds. Any code that ends in H is a history code (something that has occurred in the past) but is fine now. Once the computer has finished going through all of it's codes, press RESET to enter Manual Configuration mode. It should start with a module and show NO CODES or a list a DTC CODES in order for that Module.

To optionally reset the codes once in manual mode, press and hold RESET until it displays NO CODES Press OPTIONS to go to the next module. Repeat the steps in this paragraph until you have reset the codes in all the computer modules.

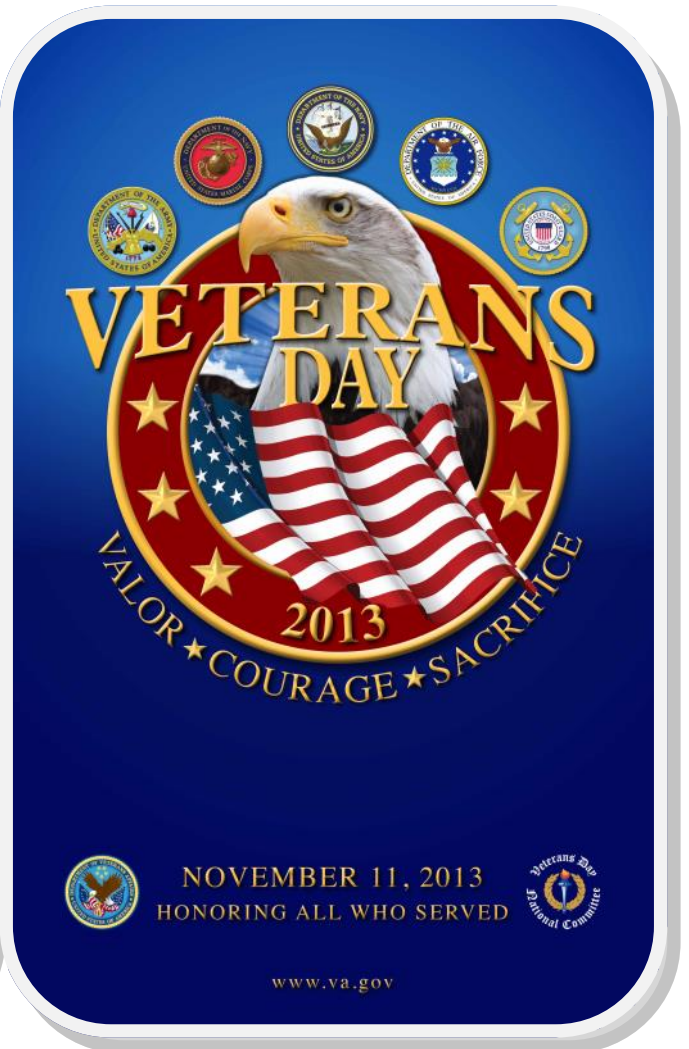
NOTE!! Only reset the codes IF you want to - it is NOT necessary to do this. But remember some codes will affect drive ability of the car if present! Clearing them may give you a fresh start to troubleshoot.





# Photo Gallery ~ Vettes for Vet's Car Show

Photos Provided by Larry Foster (VA Volunteer Services Supervisor)



## Veterans Day Facts

Veterans Day is observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> which marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.)

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for November 11, 1919.

The United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, A Congressional Act approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday known as 'Armistice Day'.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I.

On June 1, 1954, "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans,"



## Motor Home for Sale

1996 34' Winnebago Adventurer motor home. Has 21,000 miles on it with dual over head air, living and dining slide out. Hydraulics have been rebuilt. **Asking \$18,000**



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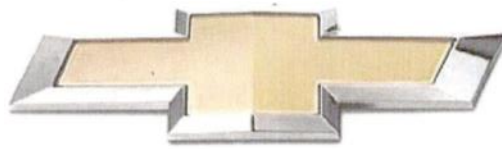
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# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NCCC, VTV & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>Monthly</b>					
Every Saturday	N/A	Pismo Derelicts Car Meet	Ross Shopping Center. Oak Park Drive Pismo Beach	Jim Carson	Every Saturday 7:30am
First Thursday of each Month	N/A	VTV Monthly Meeting - See monthly calendar for location	Home Motors, Santa Maria or 5-Cities Area	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Every Sunday	N/A	Orcutt Derelicts Car Meet	Golden Donuts Shopping Center- Clark & Bradley	John Mahoney	8am-10am
<b>January 2015</b>					
Thursday	1	New Year's Day Garage Tour	Meet at Pismo Derelicts Parking Lot		9am Sharp!
Sunday	11	VTV Meeting /New Officer's Installation	Meet at Pismo Outlets	VTV	12:30pm
Saturday	24	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	
Saturday	31	Santa Maria High Race Team Car Show	Santa Maria Elk's Club		8am—3pm 934-1717
<b>February 2015—Schedule Social Event</b>					
Thursday	5	VTV Monthly General Meeting	Home Motors Conference Rm, Santa Maria	VTV	Meeting Starts at 6:30pm
Saturday	7	NCCC Regional Gov's Mtg	Arrowhead Country Club, San Bernardino		
Sat-Sun	28-1	NCCC National Meeting			
<b>March 2015— Schedule Social Event</b>					
Thursday	5	VTV Monthly Meeting	5-Cities Area - TBD	VTV	Meeting Starts at 6:30pm
Saturday	14	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	
Saturday	14	K of C St Patrick's Day Car Show			10am-4pm 805-878-1739
TBS	TBS	Palm Springs Autocross			Non-Sanctioned



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<b>April 2015</b>					
Thursday	2	VTV Monthly Meeting	Home Motors, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Saturday	4	7th Cobra BBQ	Paso Robles	Cobra Club	10am- 1pm—805-423-1095
Fri-Sun	10-11	NCCC WC Region Convention	Silverton Casino, Las Vegas, NV	WC Region NCCC	
Saturday	18	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	
Saturday	18	40th Annual Vette Set Car Show	Location info pending release of flyer.	The Vette Set, Inc	
Saturday	18	Car Show & Chili Cook-off	Cambria		10-2pm 805-927-3624
Sat-Sun	25-26	NCCC National Meeting	TBD		
<b>May 2015</b>					
Fri-Sun	1-3	17th Annual Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show	Morro Bay		9am-3pm 805-235-8708
Saturday	2	Axes & Axels Car Show 100 Yrs for SM Fire Dept	Santa Maria	Santa Maria Fire Dept.	10am-4pm 805-478-4086
Saturday	2	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	2 Sanctioned Events
Sunday	3	COTV Car Show	Temecula Valley	COTV	
Thursday	7	VTV Monthly Meeting	5-Cities Area - TBD	VTV	Mtg Starts at 6:30
Saturday	9	Warbirds, Wings & Wheels Car Show	Pasco Robles Airport		7-4pm 805-467-2640
Saturday	9	SLO Concours	SLO		9am-3pm 570-6815
Saturday	9	NCCC Regional Gov's Mtg	Irvine		
Sat-Sun	23-24	West Coast Customs Cruisin Nationals	Santa Maria		951-488-0413
Saturday/Sunday	30-31	Mega 97.1 Street Fair & Car Show	Santa Maria		9am-3pm 805-266-2238
Sunday	31	Peoples Choice Concours All American Car & Truck Show	Pomona Valley	Pomona Valley Corvette Association	



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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>June 2015</b>					
Thursday	4	VTV Monthly Meeting	Home Motors, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Sunday	7	Huntington Beach Concours OC Vettes	Huntington Beach	OC Vettes	
Saturday	20	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	
Friday	26	'50 Vintage Pinup Show & Car Show	Santa Maria		7-10pm
Fri-Sun	26-28	Big Bear Bash	Big Bear	Corvettes West	
<b>July 2015</b>					
Saturday	4	VTV Monthly Meeting/ Annual BBQ at Paz House	Shell Beach	Gale/Hector	
Saturday	4	4th of July Parade	Solvang		
Saturday	11	Low Speed Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	2 Sanctioned Events
Saturday	11	Poker Run	Location info pending release of flyer.	OC Vettes, Inc.	
Sunday	12	Mad Bomberz Car Show	Nipomo		11am-4pm 805-406-4340
Sunday	12	Gathering of Friends Car Show	San Luis Obispo		
Fri-Sun	17-19	Bent Axles Car Show & BBQ	Santa Maria	Bent Axles Car Club	9am-4pm 937-3287
Saturday	18	Hot Rods & Cool Wine	San Luis Obispo		805-544-2842
Saturday	25	Great American Motor Sports Show	Lompoc		8am-3pm 733-1635
Saturday	25	AG Valley Car Show	Arroyo Grande		805-489-9195
Saturday	31	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>August 2015</b>					
Saturday	1	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	
Thursday	6	VTV Monthly Meeting	Home Motors, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Fri-Sat	7-8	Lompoc Police/Firefighters Cruise & Car Show	Lompoc		8am-3pm
Fri-Sat	14-15	Hot El Camino Cruise Nite	Atascadero		805-461-5000 ext.3472
Saturday	15	15th Annual Woodies at the Beach	Santa Barbara		9-3pm 8184-943-0242
Saturday	15	Peoples Choice Concours-Hot August Days	Location info pending release of flyer.	Family & Friends Corvette Club	
Saturday	22	Wheels 'N Windmills Car Show	Solvang		8-3pm 805-688-6112
Sat-Thurs	22-27	Convention Poconos	TDD	TBD	
Sunday	23	SOFTIN'S Benefit Car Show	Santa Maria		11am-5pm 805-895-2162
Fri-Sat	28-29	Golden State Classics Cruise & Car Show	Paso Robles		805-286-6408
<b>September 2015</b>					
Thursday	3	VTV Monthly Meeting	5-Cities Area - TBD	VTV	Meeting Starts at 6:30pm
Saturday	12	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	Porsche Club	
Sat-Sun	12-13	NCCC National Meeting	TBD		
Fri-Sat	18-19	Cruzin' for Life	Santa Maria		5-10pm 937-8008
Saturday	19	NCCC Regional Gov's Mtg	Marie Callenders , Victorville		

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>September 2015</b>					
Friday-Saturday	25-26	VTV 11th Annual Blast	Santa Maria Area	VTV	6 Sanctioned Events
Saturday	26	68th Old Days Celebration Car Show	Los Alamos		9-3pm 805-202-8103
<b>October 2015</b>					
Thursday	1	VTV Monthly Meeting	Home Motors, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30pm
Saturday	3	3rd Cruisin for Christ Car & Bike Show	Santa Maria		9-2pm 805-934-1717
Saturday	10	Low Speed Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
Sat-Sun	10-11	Dave Dana Memorial Car Show			9-3pm 805-260-1861
Friday	16	Clam Festival Parade	Pismo Beach		
TBD	TBD	Pony, Snakes & Muscle Cars Car Show			
<b>November 2015—Schedule Social Event</b>					
Sunday	1	43rd Nojoqui Falls Fun Run	Solvang		8-3pm 805736-7090
Thursday	5	VTV Monthly Meeting	5-Cities Area	VTV	
Wednesday	11	Vette's for Vet's Car Show	Santa Maria		
Sat-Sun	15	NCCC National Meeting	TBD		
<b>December 2015</b>					
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Party	TBD	VTV	