

The Vapor Trail

April 2018

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

Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

We are well into the Spring time season with the summer just around the corner and I'm sure we are all planning summer activities. In fact as a club we are planning our first of four autocrosses of the this year on May 12. This is a lot of planning and a lot of helping the day of the event. So, make sure its on your calendar to help out and of course have fun. As a reminder Motor Sport Reg is open for registration. Sign up for the fun.

Last Saturday April 7th, We had a great time with the Cobra Club's event at The Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles. They allowed us to park our Vettes along side of some of the aircraft on the tarmac in order to take some photos. Photos can be found in this issue of the newsletter and on the vapor Trail Vettes Facebook The Cobra club put on a delightful BBQ which everyone seem to enjoy.

Unfortunately the weather was rainy in the morning but was nice on our way home. As a result of the rain we had more members show up than the Cobra club did. After the BBQ most of us enjoyed the museum of aircraft, automobiles and Military memorability. We had a pretty good showing from our club. The following of us made this run: Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Gerry Wight, Brenda Parks, Holly & Jeff Palmer, Bruce Potter & guest, and myself.

On May 24th, Vapor Trail Vettes are planning to attend the Allen Hancock College Scholarship awards banquet to give them a check for students in the automotive curriculum. As a result of our 4 auto cross events this year as planned, this award can be as much as \$2000.

Let's all have a good summer,
Clay

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April Birthdays

07 Holly Palmer

12 Gale Haugen

19 Gerry White

May Birthdays

12 Clay Beck

13 Patty Santmyer

20 Mary Carson



2018 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	481-4597
Vice President	Gerry White	315-0070
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Secretary	Position Open	
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Web Master	Chuck Robertson	934-0694

April 5, 2018 VTV Meeting Minutes

By Chuck Robertson

The meeting was opened by Clay Beck at 6:30. Members present were Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Chuck Robertson, Holly Palmer, Jeff Palmer, Larry Wright, Bruce Potter and guest Benjamin Knittle.

The first order of business was to recognize the members having birthdays in April. They are Holly, Gale and Gerry.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Clay asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting. Gale made a motion to approve the minutes and Gerry seconded. It was approved by everyone present.

Old Business – Clay Beck

Chuck briefed that the contract with Seon Experts had been signed and they were busy on building out new web site. He also reported that the board had taken advantage of the \$1000 approved in the budget to increase the number of pages to be created to 15. This will result in our having a better product at the start and ensures that Chuck will not be limited in how much training he can ask for in learning to update the new site. We should see a first cut in about two weeks. Clay also said that if anyone else was interested in learning about the web site and helping Chuck on the web site should contact Chuck and he will be glad to provide instruction on what needed to be done.

Clay then brought up the proposed changes to the by-laws. He asked if anyone had questions about the changes. No one had any so Gale made a motion to accept the changes and Chuck seconded it. Hector brought up the wording of the last paragraph about voting on changes to the by-laws. After reading the paragraph, everyone agreed that the wording was saying that acceptance was to be by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurers Report—Chuck Robertson

Chuck gave the treasurer's report for March. Gale made a motion to approve it and Larry seconded it. The motion was approved by all present.

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Vice President Report – Gerry White

Gerry gave the Vice President's report. We have the fun run to Paso Robles on Saturday, April 7. The next monthly meeting would be at Giavanni's Pizza in Orcutt on May 3rd. Gerry said that other scheduled events were the July BBQ party at Gale and Hector's place and the club participation in the parade in Solvang on the 4th. He had not set up runs for May and June and the location for the June meeting had not been set.

Governor's Report—Gale Haugen

Gale gave the NCCC Governor's Report. The next regional governor's meeting will be on May 19th and the location was still TBD. The national report from 24 February said that NCCC currently had 17,389 members. That was down 225 members from last year. We also lost 8 clubs nationwide last year and that three clubs were considering joining. Gale asked if anyone had received their 2018 membership cards. Several indicated that they had. Bruce said that he thought that going to the paper cards next year was an unnecessary savings. Gale said that members should contact the membership chair at the national level with their comment on the subject. Gale iterated that we need to have everyone sign a waiver form for each event we have as a club. This is necessary for insurance purposes.

Annual Event Status—Gale Haugen

Gale was up again up to discuss the Annual Event. She briefed that we would be back at the Santa Maria Inn on October 5 and 6th. Moving the event up to August as discussed earlier was not possible as we would be fighting the higher prices and limited availability of the summer tourist season. She needs members to sign up to start work on the event. Clay had volunteered to run the funkhanna, Patty will lead the hospitality night food effort and Larry will lead the poker run planning. She still needs members to fill out the rest of the positions in the email she sent out earlier.

May 12th Autocross - Clay Beck

Clay talked about our first autocross of the year on May 12th. He asked about expiring TSA badges and it seems that everyone has renewed that needed to. If other members are interested, contact Clay so that he can get your name on the list he has to provide to the airport before new badges can be obtained.

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Clay has been watching the Ultimate Challenge series on TV and has picked up some ideas for changes to the way we do the layout that will require less cones overall but had more lay-down cones for indicating direction. He thinks it will be very interesting.

Around the Table

Bruce related that he had to purchase new rear tires. **Jeff** said that he and Holly had taken another Corvette class at Spring Mountain and that he had noticeably improved. **Holly** added that they also participated in the latest autocross put on by the Porsche club. **Hector** said that coming back from Arizona, he and Gale had run into Tom Dobbins in his new Porsche. **Gale** related that they were selling a bed extender from their Titan truck. **Larry** reminded everyone that tax filing had been extended to the 17th. **Gerry** asked if everyone had received the email from Bill Santmyer about a high performance driving event at Spring Mountain. He added that there would be a spring fest car show in Lompoc on April 21st. Benjamin said that he had purchased new rims for his car. Retail price was \$1000 but he got them for \$400. He attended a drag race in Bakersfield and ran 10.8 @133 mph. He was attending another half-mile race this weekend and hoped to reach 175. **Clay** said that the Hancock College Foundation Scholarship Banquet would be on May 24th and asked if anyone wanted to attend. Larry agreed to represent the club and Chuck will be there to take pictures.

50/50 drawing—Won by Gale Haugen. **Name-tag drawing**- Name Badge drawing person was not present so the pot went up \$5. **Door Prize drawing**—Won by Gale Haugen

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

A little Humor

A hedge fund manager gets out of his brand new Corvette, a truck goes racing by, taking off the door. "My Corvette! My beautiful red Corvette is ruined!" he screams. A police officer on the scene shakes his head in disgust. "I can't believe you," he says. "You're so focused on your possessions that you didn't even realize your left arm was torn off when the truck hit you." The hedge fund manager looks down in absolute horror. "Oh no!" he screams. "My Rolex!"

Tech Corner—Tips from the Corvette Forum

Submitted by Clay Beck

1. Slow in / fast out. If you start turning and the car keeps going straight (push/understeer) you are likely entering the turn too fast. In my experience this slows down lap times more than anything.
2. Look ahead. The proper line is key for fast times. Looking ahead allows you to keep the car on the proper line. This may mean looking at the next turn before you are out of the current turn. Often requires looking out the side windows rather than just through the windshield.
3. Use the whole track. This goes with the proper line. In general, you want to make the turn as gradual as possible to allow for greater speed. However, stick to the clean line. If your region has small cars, gravel & marbles will accumulate off the most used line and you will lose traction if you stray into it.
4. Try to brake hard and accelerate hard, minimizing coasting. Autocross is more "violent" with slamming on the brakes, hard turns and flooring it out of turns. Roadracing is about smoothness and not upsetting the car.
5. When ever possible, ride with an experienced driver before your runs. Even better, co-drive your car with a good driver. This allows for great feedback on what your car can do for a particular course, and where you can pick up more time.
6. Try to get your hard braking done in a straight line and take a line that allows you to get the car straighter and on the gas earlier in the turn, particularly before a straight.
7. Unwind the wheel as you accelerate out of the turn. Getting on the throttle as you come out of the turn will generally cause the back end to step out (oversteer). Turning into this or unwinding the wheel allows you to control the oversteer and generate more speed. Again, use the whole track.

[Corvette Forum Online](http://www.corvetteforum.com). Available:
www.corvetteforum.com

Estrella Warbirds Run
By Gale Haugen

On Saturday, April 7th, members Clay Beck, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Holly & Jeff Palmer, and Bruce Potter & guest attended the 10th Annual Central Coast Cobras BBQ at the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles. Unfortunately, the heavy rain kept many participants from attending. Two Mustangs, one 56' Chevy and six of our members Corvettes were parked with the aircraft. A few members had never been to the museum and car/motorcycle display so that was a bonus in attending. In spite of the low attendance, we all had a great time, the BBQ was excellent, and spirits were high.



Estrella Warbirds Run
Photos by Steve Lochen





For Sale

C6 Car Cover

Corvette C6 all weather car cover. Used very little. Purchased from California Car Cover. Asking \$75.00. Call Gale at 773-4515. Leave message.



C5 Drivers Side Sun Visor

Brand new driver side sun visor for a C5. It's black w/lighted mirror, includes bezel, elec harness, mounting bracket rod (the whole shebang). Will sell it for my cost = \$76.99 (+ cost to mail if you're not near Santa Maria/Nipomo area). Hoping to find someone who needs it so, if you might know someone, please feel free to forward this e-mail to them. (Picture not Available) Contact Michele Watson at corvettemichele@gmail.com

The "For Sale" section of the newsletter does not have to be car oriented. If you have anything you would like to advertise in the VTV newsletter just let the editor know. Pictures along with the price and details is appreciated.

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VTV & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
March 2018					
Thursday	1	VTV General Meeting	Floriano's Mexican Food	VTV	
Saturday	10	Fun Run to Botanical Gardens.	Santa Barbara	VTV	Cancelled due to rain.
Sat-Sun	23-24	19th Annual Non-Sanctioned Autocross	Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio, CA	Palm Springs Corvette Club	
April 2018					
Thursday	5	VTV General Meeting	CJ's, Arroyo Grande	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30pm
Saturday	7	10th Annual Museum Tour & BBQ.	Estrella Warbirds Museum, Paso Robles	Central Coast Cobras	Howard 805-423-1095
Thurs—Sat	19-21	21st Gambler's Classic	Riverside Casino & Resort. Laughlin, NV	Corvettes of Bakersfield	2 Sanctioned Events
Saturday	21	Lompoc Springfest	Ryon Park, Lompoc		
Saturday	28	43rd All GM Beach Classic Car Show	Ruby's Diner , Redondo Beach	The Vette Set	WC-401-001
Saturday	28	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	PCA CA Central Coast Region	Register at Motorsportsreg
May 2018					
Thursday	3	VTV General Meeting	Giovanni's, Orcutt	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
Friday-Sat	4-5	National Governors' Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	Allen Morris 949-367-9000
Saturday	12	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	WC-518-001, 002
Saturday	12	Warbirds Wings & Wheels Car Show & Swap Meet	Paso Robles		
Saturday	19	West Coast Regional Governors Meeting	Fuddruckers, 5229 Clark Ave, Lakewood	Allen Morris	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm.
Saturday	19	Vintage Trailer Rally	Pismo Coast Village RV Resort		10-3 pm
Fri-Sun	25-27	West Coast Kustoms Crusin Nationals	Santa Maria Fairpark		

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June 2018					
Thursday	1-3	Pismo Beach Car Show	Pismo Beach		
Thursday	7	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at
Saturday	9	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	WC-518-003, 004
Saturday	16	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	PCA CA Central Coast Region	Register at Motorsportsreg
July 2018					
Thursday	4	4th of July BBQ	Shell Beach	VTV	
Sun-Friday	15-20	59th Annual NCCC Convention	Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel & Suites, New Orleans, LA	NCCC	
Saturday	21	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	WC-518-XXX, XXX
Saturday	28	Arroyo Grande Car Show	Arroyo Grande		
Saturday	28	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	PCA CA Central Coast Region	Register at Motorsportsreg
August 2018					
Thursday	2	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30pm
Saturday	11	7th Annual OC Vettes Poker Run			WC-325-001
Saturday	25 (Tent)	14th Annual Wheels 'n Windmills Car Show	Solvang		Registration Opens Mid-May

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
September 2018					
Thursday	6	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
Friday-Sat	7-8	National Governors' Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	Allen Morris 949-367-9000
Saturday	15	Fiesta Car Show	Foursquare Church	Foursquare Church	
Saturday	15	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	PCA CA Central Coast Region	Register at Motorsportsreg
Saturday	22	19th Annual Cruisin' for a Cure for Prostate Cancer	Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa		
Saturday	29	West Coast Regional Governors Meeting	Marie Calender's Restaurant. Victorville	Allen Morris	Meeting starts at 1:00 pm.
TBD	TBD	VTV Fun Run	TBD	VTV	
October 2018					
Thursday	4	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Saturday	5-6	14th Annual VTV Event	TBD	VTV	
Saturday	13	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	WC-518-005, 006
Saturday	20	People's Choice car Show	TBD	Corvette Super Sports	WC-326-001-6
November 2018					
Thursday	1	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
Saturday	3	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	PCA CA Central Coast Region	Register at Motorsportsreg
Friday-Sat	9-10	National Governors' Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	Allen Morris 949-367-9000
TBD	TBD	VTV Fun Run	TBD	VTV	
December 2018					
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Party	TBD	TBD	

Join us for the 21st Annual Gamblers Classic Corvette Run

Register now for our 2018 Gambler's classic!

With the success of Gambler's Classic 20, we have decided to DO IT AGAIN! Yup Gambler's Classic 21 is set for April 19 – 21 2018. We will be returning to The Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino in Laughlin NV.

The Riverside Resort has proved to be a great partner in the past and really stepped up to the plate and gave us the same prices that we have enjoyed in past Gambler's Events. To make reservation please call The Riverside direct at 800 227 3849, use code C/CORV8 to get the special rates.

We have included a Registration form for your convenience, please fill out and return ASAP to ensure your slot in this Classic Event.

Thursday night April 21st we will get together for an Early Arriver's Mixer and new early check in from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Star View Room. This will be a great opportunity to kick off the event and meet past and new participants. We will offer a special raffle that night for all who attend.

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