



The Vapor Trail May 2018

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President's Message By Clay Beck

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of this summer with Memorial Day coming up. It doesn't seem to be summer time to me because of our central coast weather has this marine layer to it. With no doubt the summer weather will be here soon.

The May 12th autocross was a success with about 40 cars that had signed up for the event. When I engineered the track map I did something very different that I have seen at other national events. I used a lot less standup cones and more lay down pointer cones. In the past I've heard complaints about too many cones which gave it a "sea of cones" appearance. At this last autocross many participants made good comments about the track and they like the lesser cones. I had seen and in fact I've studied other autocross set-ups particularly the "Optima Battery Car Challenge series", which is a national series that gave me my ideas for the lesser cones. Our next auto cross is coming up very soon (June 9th). I'm exited to create this next track with maybe even less cones. So VTV club members, come out and help me put out a good event. This next event will be challenging because some of us have conflicting schedules and will not be able to help so please try to find some time to help out. MotorSportReg is now open for registration. At this time I am writing this, we already have 15 sign ups.

Recently, Chuck and I went to Home Motors, our sponsor, to receive a check for our sponsorship. While we were there we discussed the possibility of displaying our club trophies in some type of display cabinet there at the dealership. In this cabinet we will have our VTV Pamphlets for potential Corvette or Camaro buyer, if they would have any interest in our VTV club. The manager will get back to us to discuss this issue further. Let me know what you guys think?

Well enjoy your days and see you at our June 7th meeting.

Clay

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May Birthdays

- 12 Clay Beck
- 13 Patty Santmyer
- 20 Mary Carson

June Birthdays

- 01 Wayne Mancebo
- 07 Chuck Robertson



2018 Board Members

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May 3, 2018 VTV Meeting Minutes

By Chuck Robertson

The meeting was started by Clay Beck at 6:31. In attendance were Holly Palmer, Cliff and Beverly Erickson, Gerry White, Brenda Parks, Chuck Robertson, Larry Wright, and Bruce Potter.

The first order was to recognize the members having birthdays in May: Clay Beck, Patty Santmyer, Brenda Parks and Mary Carson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Clay wanted to know if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting in the newsletter. Cliff made a motion to approve the minutes and Gerry seconded it. It was all approved by all in attendance.

Old Business – Clay Beck

Chuck briefed that he and Gale had teleconferences with Seon Experts on the layout of the new web page and was looking forward to a much nicer web site for the club. Enhancements include the ability to change the pictures being shown on the various pages along with creating slide shows and video clips. Chuck indicated that he would have to re-load all the old event photos and member information, but that Seon had made it relative easy to do so. Holly offered to help with that task. Clay iterated that if anyone in the club was interested, they could take the training with Chuck on how to add new items to the site. Just contact Chuck to get it set up.

The May 12th autocross was the next topic. Clay asked who was going to help with the event. Gerry and Brenda said that they would help. He also needs someone to help with the Coordinator position. Gerry said that he would do so if it was possible to do it in addition to his TSA duties. The track setup will be at 3 pm on Friday. Clay indicated that the setup will be different this time, using fewer upright cones and more usage of lay down directional cones. Bruce asked if a copy of the track layout be sent out to those who will be helping on Friday. Clay said he would email information before the event.

Treasurers Report—Chuck Robertson

Chuck gave the treasurer's report recapping the income and expenses for April. Larry made a motion to approve the report and Brenda seconded. The motion was approved by all.

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Vice President Report – Gerry White

Gerry was up next to talk about upcoming events. He wanted to know what place club members wanted to use for upcoming meetings including Pappy's, IHOP, Olive Garden and Charlie's. Clay indicated that Pappy's did not have a separate meeting room, but there was an area off to the side that we could use. It was agreed that the June meeting would be at Pappy's. In July we have the BBQ at Hector and Gale's place. For fun runs, he brought up the Botanical Gardens, Murphy Museum, Regan Library and Pine Mountain. There is a car show at Pine Mountain later in the summer, so he will check into that. Due to the events this month, autocross, Governor's meeting, and Memorial Day, it was determined that there would not be a fun run this month. Gerry will come up with an event for June and let everyone know what and where. He talked about helping the CASA group by setting up an event where the members bring gifts for the children and give rides. This may be a problem due to insurance concerns. He is also trying to get a tour of the space museum at Vandenberg AFB.

Governor's Report—Clay Beck for Gale Haugen

Clay had three items he wanted to discuss. The first was the quarterly Governor's meeting on May 19th in Lakewood. He was planning to go and wanted to know if anyone else wanted to go. He was planning to make it a long day.

Second was that Larry and Chuck had RSVP'd for the Scholarship Banquet at Allan Hancock College. Both have registered, and Chuck said that he would be picking up the large check next week. The last item was that the club was losing members and he pointed out that we need active members to continue to put on our events. He asked everyone to actively reach out to other Corvette owners and provide information about the club. Bruce talked about contacting folks selling Corvettes as well. Gerry will put copies of our brochures at Sunset Motors. Clay and Chuck will talk to the folks at Home Motors about putting out brochures and maybe old trophies in their showroom.

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By Chuck Robertson

Around the Table

Around the table was the next agenda item. Bruce mentioned that he met a lady that was trying to sell a 1996 Corvette LT1 automatic convertible. He thought it was in good shape but was asking a bit more than it was worth. It was recommended that he let her know to contact Gale Haugen, so she could put it in the May newsletter. Bruce also mentioned that this Friday at around 4:30 am would be a good time to watch the space station pass overhead. He also asked about advertising our autocross events. We would like to, but spectators are not allowed due to TSA regulations. We might be able to invite a local TV station to come out and tape a part of one event. Holly added that the first interplanetary launch from the west coast was scheduled for 4 am Saturday morning. Gerry mentioned that there was a car show in Paso Robles this weekend. Bev talked about missing last month's meeting because Cliff was in the hospital. Cliff thanked everyone for the cards and best wishes. He added that he had been asked to Emcee at this year's Western Legends Festival in Kanab, Utah and that he would be putting on a 1.5-hour show of music and western skits. This will be the weekend before Memorial Day. Larry said that he had represented the club at the CareNet fundraiser where he presented a check from the club. He will provide an article for the newsletter on the event. Larry also said that the air show at the SM airport would be held again this year and we need to see if we can have the club out to show off our cars. Holly reported that she will be soon having two new grandbabies.

The 50/50 drawing and the **Door Prize** was won by Brenda. The **Name-tag drawing** person was not present, so another \$5 will be added to the pot.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.



West Coast Region NCCC Governor's Meeting

Submitted by Gale Haugen

Clay Beck, Gale Haugen and Hector Paz attended the Regional Governor's meeting in Lakewood on Saturday, May 19th.

Regional Director's— Allen Morris reported that two clubs have not paid their yearly dues yet. Allen also asked other clubs to support Corvettes of Bakersfield, which is a newer club to the region. They recently held their Gamblers Classic in Laughlin, NV. Allen also discussed points chasers going for NCCC national recognition. Many members are spending thousands of dollars attending as many sanctioned events as possible.

Treasure's Report—Ellis Chee The regional balance is \$19,060.22. From this account trophies are purchased and travel to National Meetings is paid for our regional board members.

Membership Director's Report—Cliff Harris encouraged clubs to verify email address of their members to ensure they are correct. Emails have been bouncing back.

Joe Orrico, Regional Competition Director, discussed the NCCC Membership Cards. All members should have received their cards by now. If you have not, let your club Governor know. NCCC members will continue to receive plastic cards in the future. Joe also covered approved 2019/2020 Rulebook changes. They are as follows:

- Move C7 GS to "M" for low speed events.
- Annual Tech's of cars are now allowed.
- Rallye questions must be after a turn is completed.
- Update the tech and registration forms
- Change word "race" to autocross where appropriate. Insurance reasons.

More details will be available when regional secretary distributes minutes to the meeting.

Tech Corner—Airbag Warning Light Fix

Submitted by Jeff Palmer

I received a letter, from Chevrolet, Milwaukee WS, regarding the airbag light problem that apparently occurs on C6 model cars. I have been experiencing my airbag light coming on randomly. The letter stated that, "The wire harness connector from the seats side airbags and buckle tensioner has a design interference between the vertical adjust crossbar and the carpet. The connector may be dragging along the carpet, pulling the terminals loose or pulling the connector apart. This will cause a diagnostic trouble light to illuminate." I went on line and found the service bulletin. It instructs the technician to cut the wires and solder them together. I don't want this done because I don't want to have to cut the wires again if I want to remove the seat. So, I decided to do the repair myself.



What I found was these big clunky yellow plugs jammed under the seats and being crammed between the seat bottoms and the carpet. Further investigation showed that the connectors were not being pulled loose and the plugs connect so tightly there is no way they could be pulled apart without removing the locking pins. The problem is these plugs are very large for the area they are in, but the connectors are so small inside it wouldn't take much corrosion to cause excessive line resistance, which would result in a warning light. My decision was to replace the plugs with aircraft certified Rolex connectors. A box of 10 cost about \$6.

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In order to unplug the connectors it was necessary to pull out these blue locking pins.

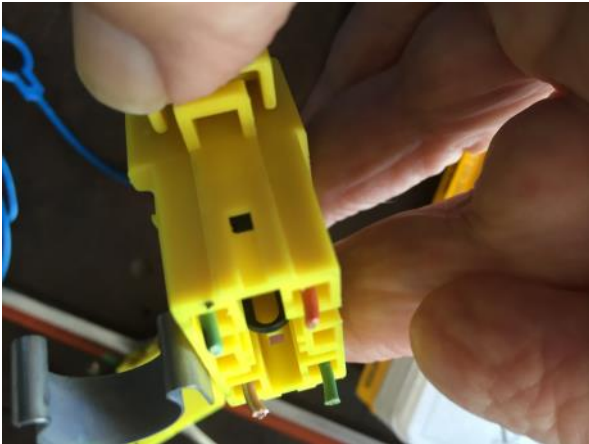


Then push on these tabs on both sides to get them apart. It is not easy to separate them.

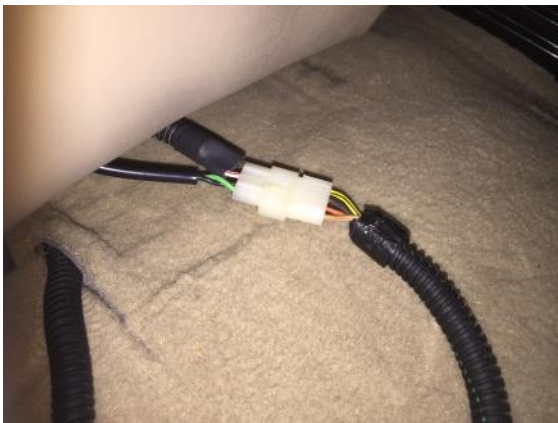
Now for safety sake, there is a shunt built into the plugs, on the airbag side, to make sure an electrical charge does not fire off the bag. I researched this, and it takes 12 volts and 2 amps to fire the bag. There is no way I will cause this to happen accidentally and I won't be generating any static energy capable of this much current. So, my plugs do not have shunts. I did make shunted plugs to use temporarily when I remove the seats again, if I ever do. Now, when I cut the wires I left a short piece on the old plugs, so I will be able to match the wires on the new plugs. I'll never know why they used different color wires that go to the same place. Very confusing. There are even two green wires each going to a different place. So, I put a line on one of them with a sharpie to keep it separate.

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OK, now it's time to crimp the Rolex terminals and assemble the plugs. It takes a special crimper to do this.



A much smaller, neater application.

Now there is plenty of room for the plug and I can remove the seats without having to cut the wires. I might suggest covering the whole plug with heat shrink tubing, but I did not do that. No more airbag light! It may be possible to unplug and spray the original yellow connectors inside with contact cleaner if you don't want to change the connectors. Keep in mind though, they are very large, and they do drag back and forth on the carpet.

NCCC Points Overview

Submitted by Gale Haugen

Clubs and individuals participating in NCCC Sanctioned Events can compete for a Points Championship at the National and/or the Regional level.

Regional points and awards are administered by the Regional Competition Director, Joe Orrico. At the end of each year club and individual points are totaled and awards given to the club and individuals earning the most points.

The number and type of points earned will depend on whether the event is sanctioned by the Region, our club, the finishing position in autocross or racing and the distance traveled to an event. *More detail regarding points in the newsletter.*

Each NCCC club is allowed 10 sanctions per year. Our club will be hosting 14 sanctioned events this year which includes four autocross events at two sanction numbers per autocross. We also need six sanction numbers for our "Annual Blast Event." We have two choices to fill those extra sanction numbers needed. 1) We can use sanction numbers provided by the West Coast Region. The points earned will go directly to the Region and since West Coast Region has zero chance of competing on the National level the points are basically thrown away, in my opinion. 2) We can also borrow sanction numbers from another West Coast Region Club. Last year we borrowed from Pomona Valley Corvettes and Inland Empire Corvettes. We selected these clubs because they are very active participants or our annual event. They get the points which helps them and we get to entice NCCC to attend our event with more points for the individual participants. Of course, we would not borrow from a club that is in the running for the number one club in the Region but it shows our appreciation to them for supporting our club events.

Vapor Trail Vettes is a very active club hosting the maximum sanctioned events possible and with many hard working VTV members we have placed well on the Regional level many times over the years.

In the next newsletter I will cover in detail how our club and members earn points and the number of points earned by participating or working in sanctioned events.



For Sale

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 cor-vettemichele@gmail.com

Pickup Truck Bed Extender—Black

Purchased for a 2005 Nissan, Titan Truck.

Adds 2 feet extra to your truck bed.

Size-15" X 33.5" X 19.5" -

Excellent Condition.

\$150.00

Sell for \$230-\$275

Call Gale at 805-773-4515 or email gale-haugen@charter.net



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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* Inventory & prices as of May 22, 2018. Please check with Home Motors for updates.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VTV & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
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		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		
June 2018					
Thursday	1-3	Pismo Beach Car Show	Pismo Beach		
Thursday	7	VTV General Meeting	Pappy's Restaurant, Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30pm
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

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
July 2018					
Saturday	7	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-R01, R02
Saturday	28	Arroyo Grande Car Show	Arroyo Grande		
Saturday	28	Porsche Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	PCA CA Central	Register at Motor-
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
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	

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October 2018					
Thursday	4	VTV General Meeting	TBD	VTV	Meetings start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Saturday	5-6	14th Annual VTV Event	Santa Maria Inn	VTV	6 Sanctioned
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	
2019					
July	7-12	60th NCCC Convention	Denver, CO		
August	28-31	6th Annual National Corvette Caravan to Bowling			



7th Annual OC Vettes

Poker Run

Open to all makes and models
Saturday, Aug 11, 2018

Sponsored by
McJack's Corvettes



NCCC Sanction # WC-325-001

A portion of proceeds benefit OCV's charities

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, Poker Run begins at 10 AM

Starting Location: Outlets at San Clemente, 101 W Avenida Vista Hermosa, San Clemente, CA 92672

Finish at: Prego Mediterranean 2409 Park Ave, Tustin, CA 92782 (The District)

Lunch on your own at Prego

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to : O C Vettes. Mail entry form and payment to: Janet Cherry, 18679 Diddy Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Mailed entry must be postmarked no later than 8/8/2018; otherwise, form will be accepted as day-of-event pricing.

I hereby understand that I am responsible for my car, its contents and any passenger therein. I agree to hold harmless and release OC Vettes and NCCC of liability for any damage, injury or loss of property during the OC Vettes Poker Run event. Non-NCCC entrants are not covered by NCCC insurance.



Signature _____ Date _____