



The Vapor Trail August 2020

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President's Message By Clay Beck

So, I'm looking at the local news and first thing is 99 new COVID-19 cases in the San Luis Obispo county. When will this stop? When will these numbers start to decline? It is affecting my fun time. On the good side of this pandemic staying at home, I seem to be getting a lot of work done around the house. I had a small flooding in one of my bathrooms which required the flooring to be replaced. The old flooring laminate was about 15 years old and was not able to be found to purchase. So that required me to replace all of the joining rooms with new. Virtually the entire houses flooring was replaced. Three rooms had the carpets replaced. So, you can see that I was pretty busy this last month, but its finally finishing up. I need a rest.

Our August 8th autocross was a big success. We nearly had 60 drivers and their comments were good. Our club made a good amount of money from this event which is good because we had to cancel our previous events. We are only planning one more event on November 14th.

With the lack of funds we are thinking of a less expensive Christmas dinner party this year. This will be discussed in our next meeting or two.

We are planning a run September 12 or 13th to some location maybe south of Santa Maria for another picnic lunch. We are looking for ideas and it will be discussed at the next VTV meeting on September 3rd.

The other day as I was headed to the hardware store at the intersection of Los Berros and the highway 101, I saw a red C8 corvette. I was stoked, in my neighborhood. My first look, I thought it was some exotic that I was trying to figure out what it was. Then it came to me, wow it's a Corvette C8. I have seen a couple other times a C8 Corvette on highway 101. So, I guess they are starting to come around. Maybe in my neighborhood?

Bill and Patty Santmyer texted me the other day to say that they are Texans now and he wanted me to let all club members know with a thanks. If anyone would like his address, I would be happy to give it to you all (as they say in Texas). Later, Clay Beck

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August Birthdays

03 – Nathan Griffin
 04 – Bruce Potter
 16- Bruce Morgenthaler [E]
 19 – Bee Jay Jones
 21 - Chris Fitts
 28 – Cliff Erickson
 28 – Lori Waters
 31 – Roberta Haylock

September Birthdays

08 – Joan Perry
 15 - Pat Kelley [E]
 16 - Samantha Fitts

2020 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
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Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
Governor:	Gale Haugen	610-7844
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All numbers are 805 area code.

Aug 6, 2020 VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of August was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 as a ZOOM Meeting. We started out with 7 attendees, but we lost one when we experienced a glitch. Again, with this number of attendees we were not able to have a quorum and we were not able to vote on anything. The attendees were:

Clay Beck, Chuck Robertson, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Bev Erickson (never came back on after the glitch), Larry Wright and Jeff Palmer. Our President Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and announced the August birthdays. The August birthdays were Nathan Griffin 8/3, Bruce Potter 8/4, Bruce Morgenthaler (enthusiast) 8/16, Bee Jay Jones 8/19, Chris Fitts 8/21, Cliff Erickson 8/28, Lori Waters 8/28, and Roberta Haylock 8/31.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

We couldn't approve the July meeting minutes because we didn't have a quorum. We will have to approve all previous meeting minutes at a future time when we have a quorum.

New Business– Clay Beck

Clay gave kudos to Gale for the newsletter and liked the article on the anti-freeze submitted by Jim Carson.

Clay started out by going over the autocross assignments. Primarily, Clay mentioned that he wanted the track workers to get out to their stations quicker. Asked the people responsible for managing the Grid to take care of doing this. He said that they could borrow his truck.

He bought a thermometer and asked Holly to take temperatures at the front gate. He also bought several bottles of hand sanitizer and would have them strategically located. We have plenty of masks. Track workers will have sanitizer wipes to clean the radios.

Clay said that he would put out the event signs in the morning. Also, Chuck mentioned that he has picked up the TSA badges.

Clay also mentioned that Gale had made arrangements for a different food caterer. Apparently, their YELP ratings are very good. They asked that we guarantee sales of \$750. We decided to go with this vendor even though their cost might be a little more than the previous caterer. We all agreed that this is probably a good opportunity to try a different menu.

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Also, Clay mentioned that there a few people registered on MotorsportReg that had not paid. Gale said that she would take care of this on Saturday morning when they register.

Clay asked someone to volunteer to bring a case of water and 2 bags of ice. Hector volunteered to bring these.

Clay asked whether we should have another autocross. We have a November 14th backup date that we can use and maybe financially we need to consider another autocross on top of that one. He added that we didn't have to decide now, and we should wait to see how this upcoming COVID-19 autocross goes.

Larry Wright brought up the point that there would be no points but Gale corrected him by saying that we had received some misinformation about this and that our autocrosses would be sanctioned and that there would be points awarded for the region but not for the national. Gale added that there is no money in the region to pay for awards.

Larry Wright asked for clarification as to how many drivers had signed up and how many were driving. Clay explained that we were down to 60 from 62 drivers and they were all driving.

Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Chuck emailed the Treasurer's report to the membership prior to the meeting. This report covered the period thru July. He indicated that we started the month with \$4,356.24 in the bank. We received \$3,025.00 from MotorsportReg for the upcoming autocross. He indicated that the \$19.99 expense was for the web hosting. At the end of July, we had \$7,361.25 in the bank.

We didn't have a quorum to approve this report.

VP Report– Holly Palmer - Not Present

Clay asked if anybody had any thoughts about doing something fun like we did the month before when we went to Atascadero Lake. Clay said that he would put this down on his list of things to work on.

Governor's Report– Gale Haugen

Gale said that the West Coast regional governors' meeting sponsored by Temecula and scheduled for September 26th was cancelled. They are going to do a ZOOM meeting.

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Gale said that she checked with NCCC to see if a COVID-19 waiver had been issued and determined that nothing having done in that regard. She also went to our Legacy insurance and they indicated that they didn't have any restrictions as an insurance company and suggested we do what we have done in the past.

Also, the certificate is issued for the whole year and it covers anything that is scheduled. The November backup date for an autocross is also included in the 2020 dates on the insurance certificate.

Around the Virtual Room

Chuck, shared that he still had not heard back from the folks about working on the website. He needs to follow up to see what is going on. He managed to get it secured again. He is hoping that it will stay that way but doesn't know why it went away; **Gale**, mentioned that they just had Hector's family reunion in Vista and some places were opened; **Hector**, further elaborated on their big family reunion which was cancelled and ended up with a smaller version of that; **Larry**, shared that not much is going on, except for a few dining places that he mentioned. He was amazed that he could get his teeth cleaned but you can't go to church or the barbershop; He also added that we need not dilly dally if we are going to have another autocross; Gale added that we should cancel the annual event and add an autocross in lieu; **Clay**, shared that he had a flood in his house and was replacing the floor. He shared that we need to think of ways to make the autocross safe. We all need to help out with this and keep our social distancing and still be able to see what is going on the track; **Jeff** shared that they went to Casa Grande AZ to visit their daughter and grandchild but cancel the rest of their trip because of the virus.

Drawings

No drawings were held.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm. Next meeting is September 3rd and at this point a determination has not been made as to where or how.

**ZOOM Meeting on
Thursday, September 3rd**



Pismo Derelicts Update

By Jim Carson

The Pismo Derelicts are going strong with a lot of people attending. The Ross store has changed its hours again so there is no conflict. We continue to see new cars and groups from outside the area as the local motels open up. I think the donut shop is doing fine again.

I have heard a rumor recently that we are relocating to somewhere in the Village. I don't know where that came from unless it is just a misunderstanding about the Saturday cruises at Figueroa Mountain. Cruises are big right now and are being held every Saturday in our area. But we are not moving.

Finally, be aware that the Derelicts are doing zero social distancing and only a few wear masks. The atmosphere is rebellious and anti-governor. The Pismo Police have been called but have not interfered. No one is in charge here unlike the protesters and we have no control. The natives are restless, but peaceful.

Goodbye to Bill and Pattie Santmyer

By Gale Haugen

What a shock to learn that Bill & Pattie had sold their house in Orcutt and moved to Texas. I knew they were looking at property there but hey guys we didn't even get to say goodbye. With the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions VTV members have not been able to socialize and makes it difficult to stay in the loop.

You both have been great members of Vapor Trail Vettes and helped with events on numerous occasions.

Pattie, you will be missed beyond words if we ever have another annual "Blast" I am not sure how we will fare without you. Nobody can organize, shop for, and display platters of food like you. You have a talent I only wish I possessed.

Bill, you contributed so much to the autocross events. Setting up the wiring diagrams, buying the loaner helmets, being the club Governor and attending the long distance Governors meetings. You are a trooper and will be missed.

We all wish you well in Texas. Can't wait to see how you look in cowboy boots and 10 gal hats. Send pictures and stay in touch!



Tech Corner— C8 Frunk Issue
by Thundering Thursday VOL 7-51, August 27, 2020

Frunk Issue Fixed With Over The Air Update

The C8 uses General Motors `new Global B electric architecture, which enables over-the-air software updates, among a smattering of other advantages. Thanks to this system, owners will not be required to bring their vehicle into the dealership to fix the front trunk issues; as long as the owner opted in to this option.

GM said one of the issues was caused when the owner would accidentally hit the Frunk button twice in succession quickly to pop the hood. The remedy Chevy came up with is that you now must hit the button once quickly and then a second time for a longer duration to pop the hood. In addition, the C8 will limit top speed to 26 mph if the hood is not fully closed and give more/louder

August 8, 2020 Autocross Awards



Club Members Business Cards

Private Pilot
"No inconvenience, just adventure"

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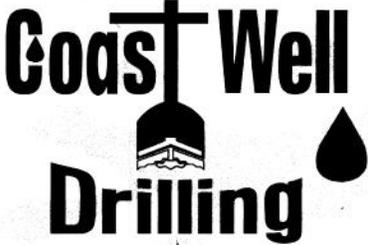
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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
May 2020					
Sat-Sun	2-3	24th Annual Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show	Morro Bay		9am-4pm - (805) 235-8708
Thursday	7	VTV Monthly General Mtg	IHOP Santa Maria	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Friday	8	Warbirds Wings & Wheels 12 & Swap Meet	Pasco Robles		7am-4pm - (805) 286-5566
Saturday	9	WC Region Governor's Meeting	TBD	Vapor Trail Vettes	Allen Morris H 949-367-9000 Cell 949-466-7273
Fri-Sun	15-17	13th Annual Pismo Vintage Trailer Rally	Pismo Beach		(714) 639-8471
Fri-Sun	22-24	39th Annual West Coast Kus-tom's Cruisin' Nationals	Santa Maria	See flyer in VTV News-letter	(951) 488-0413
Saturday	23	Golden State Classics Car Show	Paso Robles		9am-3pm - (805) 286-6408
Fri-Sun	29-31	35th—The Classic at Pismo Beach Car Show	Downtown Pismo Beach	Just Cruzin Productions	
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
June 2020					
Thursday	4	VTV Monthly General Mtg	Giovanni's, Orcutt	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
CANCELED	20	Vapor Trail Vettes Auto-cross WC-518-005, 008	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com
CANCELED	20	Cool Classic Cars Car Show	Cambria		10am-3pm - (805) 927-3624
July 2020					
CANCELED	TBD	4th of July BBQ/Fireworks	Shell Beach	Hector/Gale	
CANCELED	5-10	NCCC National Convention	Indianapolis, Indiana		
Saturday	11	Drive & Dine Social		VTV	

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August 2020					
CANCELED	1	Lompoc Police Car Show @ Ryon Park	Ryon Park, Lompoc	See flyer in VTV News- letter	9am-3pm - (805) 714-1140
Thursday	6	VTV Monthly General Mtg	Zoom Meeting	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Saturday	8	Vapor Trail Vettes Auto- cross WC-518-009, 010	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
September 2020					
Thursday	3	VTV Monthly General Mtg	ZOOM	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	11-12	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Pla- za, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
Saturday	12 or 13	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
CANCELED	18-20	The Classic at Pismo Beach Car Show	Pismo Beach	Just Cruzin Production	
Saturday	26	WC Region Governor's Meeting	Temecula—Zoom Mtg	Corvettes of Temecula	
CANCELED	27	Automotive Classic at trilo- gy monarch Dunes	1645 Trilogy Parkway, Nipomo		(805)305-4937
October 2020					
Thursday	1	VTV Monthly General Mtg	TBD	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
CANCELED	23-24	Annual Corvette Blast WC-518-006, 007	Shore Cliff Hotel, Pismo Beach	VTV	Contact 805-610- 7844, Gale
November 2020					
Sunday	1	Nojoqui Falls Fun Run	Nojoqui Falls, Solvang	Central Coast Streetrods	Richard (805) 736- 0759
Thursday	5	VTV Monthly General Mtg	TBD	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	6-7	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Pla- za, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
Saturday	14	Vapor Trail Vettes Auto- cross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com WC-518-R01, R02