



The Vapor Trail September 2020

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President's Message By Clay Beck

I can't stand it any longer staying at home, so I organized a VTV short run to Lopez Lake and back to Biddle Park for a picnic lunch. This being a short run but getting out of the house will be good. Being that this is a picnic we will be able to maintain our social distancing. Well this event was cancelled not due to Covid-19 but due to the California fires and a very foggy and smokey day. Wouldn't you know it. Seems that we can't win this year. Nevertheless, I'm looking forward to our next attempt for a run.

The fire season in California this year is another bad one. In our neighborhood we are having smoke filled days combined with fog which makes for dark and gloomy days here on the Central Coast. I'm sure in a couple of days or so the smoke will clear out and days will be brighter. I have seen on the news in the San Jose area in a parking lot that lights were turning on. The photo-cells were thinking that it's getting dark, which it was due to all the smoke in the air. What a Crappy year. I'm looking forward to the fall season and hopefully things will change for the better.

I just set up MotorSportReg for our clubs auto cross event for November 14th. The signing up period will be from October 27 to November 8th. We expect a large group of drivers signing up for this event.

I was driving to Santa Maria for Harbor Freight shopping and I saw a C8 along with about 7 others Corvettes going north. I'm assuming its another club out having a good time making a run. That C8 was a silver one with nice looking black stripes down the middle of the car. I'm seeing more of these new Vettes on the road when I get out there myself.

I had conversation with Dave Schultz and he is taking his racing Corvette to the dyno for a tune in Oceano. I wish I had the time to go with. How exciting, it's a new motor that was just built. Have fun with your new toy.

I hope everyone is safe out there and staying healthy. Have a good day, Clay Beck

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Happy Birthday Members! September

08 – Joan Perry

15 - Pat Kelley

16 - Samantha Fitts

October

01 – Hector Paz

16 – Caleb Waters

16 – Nicholas Fitts

Dates to Remember

Oct 1-15 ~ Nominations for 2021 E-Board

Oct 15-30 ~ Vote for 2021 E-Board

Oct–Nov 5 ~ Pay 2021 Membership Dues

Nov. 5 ~ 2021 Board Mbrs Announced

2020 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Holly Palmer	588-0246
Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
Governor:	Gale Haugen	610-7844
Newsletter	Gale Haugen	610-7844
Webmaster	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Sunshine Guy	Chuck Robertson	934-0694

All numbers are 805 area code.

Sept. 3, 2020 VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

The VTV meeting for the month of September was held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 as a ZOOM Meeting. We had 7 attendees. 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, Larry Wright, Holly Palmer and Jeff Palmer. Our President Clay Beck called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and announced the September birthdays. The September birthdays were Joan Perry 9/8, Pat Kelly (enthusiast) 9/15, and Samantha Fitts 9/16.

Meeting Minutes Approval

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

New Business– Clay Beck

New Business:

Clay started out by saying that he had gone into motorsportreg and got the November 14th autocross registered. He also added that he was going to need the sanction numbers from Gale.

He also, thanked everyone for helping with the August 8th autocross. He thought that it was a good event. He mentioned that we had a new caterer. By the way, he said that the Porsche club asked him who we used for the food and shared with them that they required a minimum of \$750 of sales. As far as Clay knew no one from our club had heard from them about meeting our sales. He asked what the rest of us thought about their service and some of our members apparently were not pleased with them. Apparently, the wait time to get the food out was one problem, also they didn't live up to some of their promises, no condiments, etc.

Also, Clay said that he called the airport and asked them if there would be any problems with the November 14th date. The answer was No. He also asked about the new facility for fighting fires. Apparently, according to the airport this is not going to affect our autocross operations.

There was some concern about the potential for wet weather and the fact that the Porsche club is having an event the weekend before our November 14th autocross.

He informed us that he is not going to be available for the October 1st meeting.

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New Business Cont'd– Clay Beck

He will be working the Diablo Canyon outage. Expressed concern that since Holly wasn't present, she may not be able to make it and he may ask someone else to step in and cover the next meeting.

The next item he touched on was our Christmas Party on Saturday December 5th. He said that it was suggested that we make it a potluck and host it outdoors.

He said that he was a little concerned about our finances. He wants us to make sure that we have funding for the rest of the things that we need for the next two months. Gale expressed that we need to know what is available for like the Boys & Girls Club.

Gale mentioned that the Insurance Certificate includes the November 14th autocross.

Treasurer's Report– Chuck Robertson

Chuck discussed the income and expenses report for the August 8th autocross. We netted \$1,867.90 for this event.

Next, he went over the Treasurer's report thru August. He indicated that we started the month of August with \$7,361.25 in the bank. Under income, we received \$415.00 from motorsportreg for the autocross. Under expenses, he indicated that the \$19.99 expense was for the web hosting, \$500 for the Allan Hancock scholarship which is considered an autocross expense and the \$997.63 was for the rest of the autocross expenses which were discussed earlier, and finally \$50 for a couple of TSA badge renewals. At the end of August, we had \$6,209.43 in the bank.

Next, he addressed Gale's earlier comment about funding and added that he would be willing to assume that we would probably make another \$1,800 from the November autocross and this would put us close to \$8,000. There was some discussion about where the club finances should be by the end of the year.

Also, there was discussion about different options for the Christmas Party.

Chuck also brought up that we may need to move to another web host but is going to require us to get with Yahoo Small Business because they still have Christine in there for some reason. Chuck said that we are going have to get that straightened out before we can make the move.

Aug 6, 2020 VTV Meetings Minutes

By Hector Paz

Apparently, there are other suggested web hosts that are less expensive at least initially than what Yahoo is charging. The reason we are considering a new web host is because they keep their software updated so that we can keep our version updated as well. Gale indicated that she thought the Christine issue had been settled. According to Chuck, they are still sending emails to Christine when somebody needs to be brought in. Apparently, Chuck has the documentation. A lot of discussion about the fact that this issue was thought to have been resolved some time ago. Also, there is concern that if we used a club member's name as the owner, we could end up with the same problem later. Someone suggested using our club's name as the web host owner.

Chuck and Clay are working the Home Motors sponsorship. Apparently, there have been staff changes within their organization that has made it difficult to get our sponsorship money. Gale asked if they were still receiving our newsletter. No one was sure. She asked for an email to send our newsletter to them. Gale said that the newsletter includes a lot of good information about their dealership. Also, there was discussion about how the newsletter used to get to them. It was explained that it used to be mailed to them. Many years ago, when the club met at the dealership the newsletter was physically handed to them.

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

VP Report— Holly Palmer Not Present

For upcoming events, it was suggested that we could do something on September 12th. Clay said that Holly would not be able to make the 12th but the 13th might be a better date. Clay said that he came up with an idea of Lopez Lake and Biddle Park. After some discussion about the 12th vs the 13th it was agreed that we would stick with the 12th. Clay said that he would figure out a drive to get us to Biddle Park. We agreed to meet at the Outlets.

Governor's Report— Gale Haugen

Gale confirmed that the Blast was officially cancelled. She is still trying to get a hold of Tammy at the Shore Cliffs to see if they would honor the same arrangements for those that want to come up on their own.

Also, she reiterated that the November 14th autocross is covered by the existing insurance certificate.

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Governor's Report— Gale Haugen

Clay wanted to explore if somebody comes up from down south maybe we could consider doing something with them.

Clay, shared that his house is all back together and livable; his wife said that he has to get all of the loose ends done before he goes to the outage; also, shared that Bill and Pattie moved to Texas; he has their address for anyone who wants it; he also said that Gale included something very nice about them in the newsletter; **Holly**, she shared that they bought a 2 axle 21' travel trailer that they are driving to Boise for a week; **Larry**, enjoyed seeing everyone at the autocross and asked everyone to take care; **Gale**, trying to get her tags on her car and went over her experience with the smog referee; **Hector**, said that she told Gale to get a brand new 4 door sedan with a couple of car seats on the back seat (tsk).

Drawings

No drawings were held.

Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm. Next meeting is October 1st and at this point a determination has not been made as to where or how.

A Little Humor

A man is standing on the curb preparing to cross the street. As soon as he steps down onto the pavement, a Corvette comes screeching toward him. The pedestrian picks up speed, but so does the Corvette. The man turns around and hurries back to the sidewalk, but the Corvette changes lanes and heads directly for him. The petrified pedestrian freezes in the middle of the intersection. The Corvette closes in on him and at the last possible second screeches to a halt. The driver's side window rolls down, revealing a squirrel behind the wheel. "See," sneers the squirrel, "it's not so easy, is it?"



Tech Corner—Battery Safety

By Jim Carson

I want to remind you that there is only one way to safely disconnect the battery on your car. We need to be reminded because none of us changes a battery very often and the modern batteries are so good and so much safer than the days of screw caps and adding acid and water that it's easy to not pay attention.

I keep a copy of a Hot Rod Magazine article by Marlan Davis in a drawer of one of my toolboxes that contains my electrical supplies and tools. In his article, Davis discusses battery safety and the right procedure to use, and with a quick glance I'm good to go. This is the message. You cannot have an accident if you remove the negative cable first and attach it last. Find your own shortcut way to remember; Negative off first---on last. You've all seen people changing out a battery in an auto parts store parking lot and they seldom have the right tools or do it in the right order. Say something and you might prevent a nasty injury.

Of course, battery problems are common with our late model Corvettes as evidenced by the number of questions sent to the Tech Nerd at Corvette magazine. We have to be careful, for example, my C5 needed the trickle charger pretty much all the time, requiring constant hook up and removal. Cleanliness is also important as a dirty battery can actually create a weak path between the terminals causing a current drain. And recently I had a battery with a corroded terminal that would not stay clean even after thorough baking soda scrubbing, and the only solution was to replace it. I can honestly recommend Interstate Battery on Betteravia Rd. It's all they do, the guys are experts, they're busy so nothing sits on the shelf long meaning you get a fresh battery, and it's a quick in and out. The last battery in my truck from there lasted 7 years. The only car I have that can sit forever and never get a dead battery is the '65 Corvette-no black boxes there to feed.



Thank you, Jim for your contributions to the Tech Corner. Always appreciated.

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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
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
September 2020					
Thursday	3	VTV Monthly General Mtg	ZOOM	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
CANCELED		NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
CANCELED	12 or 13	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	Cancelled due to smoke & weather
CANCELED	18-20	The Classic at Pismo Beach Car Show	Pismo Beach	Just Cruzin Production	
Monday	21	WC Region Governor's Meeting	Zoom Mtg		
CANCELED	27	Automotive Classic at trilogy 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
Thursday	1	Start Nominations for 2021 E-Board	VTV General Meeting	VTV	
CANCELED	23-24	Annual Corvette Blast WC-518-006, 007	Shore Cliff Hotel, Pismo Beach	VTV	Contact 805-610-7844, Gale
TBD	TBD	Drive & Dine Social	TBD	VTV	
November 2020					
CANCELED		Nojoqui Falls Fun Run	Nojoqui Falls, Solvang	Central Coast Streetrods	Richard (805) 736-0759
Thursday	5	VTV Monthly General Mtg— Announce 2021 Board Members	TBD	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
Fri-Sat	6-7	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	

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November 2020					
Saturday	14	Vapor Trail Vettes Auto-cross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	Register online at motorsportreg.com WC-518-R01, R02
Sunday	15	VTV Membership Renewal Deadline			
Thursday	26	Thanksgiving			
December 2020					
Thursday	3	VTV Monthly General Mtg	TBD	VTV	Meetings Start at 6:30 pm
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange	TBD	VTV	
2021					
	02/19-	NCCC National Governors	Sheraton Westport Pla-	NCCC	
	04/30-05/01	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
	09/10-11	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
	11/12-13	NCCC National Governors Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
TBD	TBD	NCCC Convention	Cleveland, Ohio	TBS	