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Where Did The December Newsletter Go?

That is a very good question. As of this writing (January 12th), there has been no sign of the December PCNC newsletter. The newsletter was printed and mailed in the week before Christmas, but apparently the entire batch was lost in the mail. We still hold faint hopes that they will turn up sometime, but just in case they are gone for good, you can visit the PCNC website and get a copy of it.

The December newsletter can be found at:

<http://www.panteraclubnorcal.com/articles/News0412.pdf>

Additionally, one article from that issue has been reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter.

Membership News

It has been four months since I listed any of the membership anniversaries. So here goes. We congratulate the following persons for the indicated years of *continuous* membership in the Pantera Club of Northern California:

September Membership Anniversaries:

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| Ken & Darlene Levin: 31 years | Richard Agiorni: 7 years |
| Debra Woumm: 6 years | Steve Scheid: 4 years |
| Kaizer & Lori Albino: 3 years | Bill Charlton & David Charlton: 3 years |
| Larry & Donna Finch: 3 years | Charles & Barbara Ward: 3 years |
| Ken Mollenauer & Shelly Monfort: 1 year | |

October Membership Anniversaries:

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| Larry & Shari Stock: 19 years | Brett Santos: 17 years |
| Mike & Nancy Haney: 13 years | Gary & Mary Ann Kono: 8 years |
| Dennis & Erik Garbacik: 9 years | Dave Lindsay: 2 years |
| Jim & Barbara Murch: 2 years | Eric Sundblad: 2 years |

November Membership Anniversaries:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rod Pack: 23 years | Byron & Jean Hight: 16 years |
| Erik Belter: 12 years | Roger & Elana Thomas: 11 years |
| Mike & Cheryl Harper: 10 years | Ken & Beth Ingels: 8 years |
| Keith & Cindy Gilmore: 7 years | Steve & Linda Bogart: 6 years |
| George & Rose Selby-Hele: 6 years | Todd Glycer: 6 years |
| Richard Del Curto: 5 years | Jason Eaton: 5 years |
| Bob Benson: 3 years | David & Nancy Bourquin: 3 years |
| Donna Dye: 3 years | Mike & Lisa Stauber: 3 years |
| Greg & Mia Jacobs: 2 years | |

December Membership Anniversaries:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tim Butson: 7 years | Jon & Olivia Linke: 5 years |
| David Della Mora: 5 years | Mark McWhinney: 3 years |
| Peter & Christine Kovacs: 1 year | Ron Hyde: 1 year |

New Membership Rosters Will be Printed the Fourth Week of January

- 1) If you do not wish to have your address, phone number(s), and/or car information listed, you must notify the PCNC Membership Coordinator.
- 2) If the data in the current Roster has changed, please be sure the Membership Coordinator has the correct info on file.
- 3) Your email address can be included if you give it to the Membership Coordinator.
- 4) The Membership Coordinator is Russ Britschgi, 143 Carlyn Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. You may call and leave a message at 408/866-1677, or send E-mail to: <RnDBrit@earthlink.net >.

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Las Vegas Speed Trials Registration Form

This is a non-competitive, open event intended primarily for street-legal cars. All drivers and guests must sign waivers. Drivers must read and understand event guidelines. There will be driving instruction available. All drivers and passengers must be 18 years or older and must wear long-sleeve shirts and pants. If two drivers wish to share a car in the same run group, they will be classified for the least experienced driver. If two drivers of the same car want separate run groups, send two entry forms and pay two entry fees. No one under 18 is permitted in the Hot Pit area or on the track except during the lunchtime track tour. All cars and drivers must meet all appropriate tech requirements at all times. It is your responsibility to make sure that your family, crew and guests understand and follow all event rules!

NOTE: NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED AT THE TRACK. THIS APPLIES TO DRIVERS & SPECTATORS.

Driver 1: Last: _____ First: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____ E-mail: _____

Car: Make: _____ Year: ____ Model: _____ Perm. Car # (Group A) _____

Driver 2 (same run group): Last: _____ First: _____

Run Group Preference: _____ Sign up for : Thurs. only _____ Fri. only _____ Both days _____

Group A: To participate in the Race Group you must have a valid competition license or must have participated in a previous Speed Trials race. To be considered as having participated in the race, you must have completed at least one lap during the race. Having previously practiced in Group "A" is not sufficient. If you don't meet the previous requirement, you **MUST** register for instruction and pay the associated fee of \$25.

Please circle your race class (see announcement) : GTP-U GTP-M GTP-S GTS-R GTS-U GTS-S

Each driver must provide his or her own class stickers on both sides of the car. They must be a minimum of 4 inches high and of contrasting color with the car. You must have these stickers on your car to compete!

Group B: Drivers with more than 4 days of track experience and who are comfortable in a high-speed environment.

Group C: Drivers with 4 or less days of track experience. Instruction will be available during your track time.

Desired Car No.: List three number choices in order of preference: _____ / _____ / _____ Car Color: _____

EVENT ENTRY FEE: One day only: Postmarked by 2/1 \$150, by 4/1 \$175, after 4/1 \$200:

Both days: Postmarked by 2/1 \$200, by 4/1 \$250, after 4/1 \$300: _____

ADDITIONAL FEES: Private Driving Instructor — \$25 per session: _____

Free Event T-shirt size: _____ TOTAL FEES: _____

PAYMENT: Make check payable to "PCNC" and mail with completed entry form to:
PCNC, c/o Karen Puckett 9047 Cypress Ave, Cotati CA 94931

NOTE: DUE TO THE EXCLUSIVE NATURE OF OUR EVENT, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

DRIVER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CO-DRIVER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PCNC Holiday and Awards Banquet

Story by Russ Britschgi

Photos by Mike Drew

Once again we found ourselves in favor with the weather gods. It was clear and not too cold. Well, not too cold unless you are Nancy Haney who finds anything under 85 to be freezing. But a weather report is not what I was instructed to write about, for this was December 10 and the evening of the annual PCNC Awards Banquet.

Doris and I had made plans to arrive in time to help with the set up, but all good plans sometimes get changed by circumstances beyond one's control. It seems Doris got sick the day before and just was not up to going out at all. This left only me to represent the R & D Team at this somewhat upscale event.

The place was David's Banquet and Conference Center in Santa Clara, the same facility we used last year, and I arrived well after the set up as I was hoping Doris would be up to going at the last minute. There was a little business that needed to be attended to such as getting the Most Active Member awards signed by President Terry Morofsky and affixing his name plate to the Past Presidents plaque. By the time this was all taken care of and because I was by myself, most of the places were taken. I was relegated to the table over in a corner with most of the singles. But there was nothing wrong with the table as it's the one Brian Bernard was at and he really cleaned up in the raffle (more on that later).

Now if I got my statistics right, there were 53 PCNC members and guests in attendance. This was down from the 65 who attended last year's closed out event. Long distance

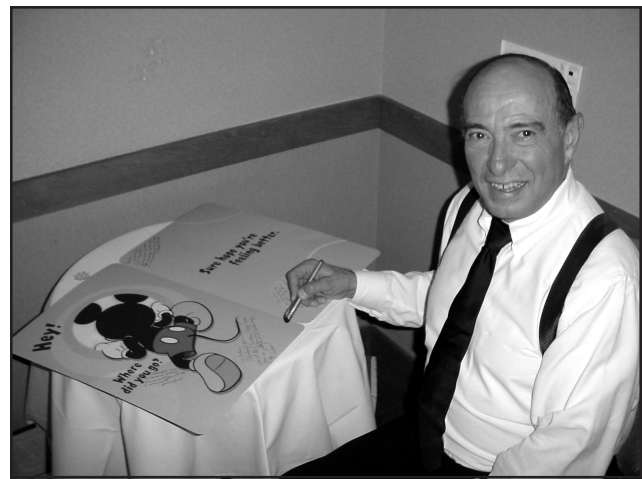


A crowd of PCNC members filled the banquet room and enjoyed a delicious meal (and in some cases, two!)

perpetual attendees such as Brian & Kathy Gentry from Paso Robles and Jack & Judy DeRyke from Minden, Nevada were there. Larry & Donna Finch drove up from Fresno, though with Larry making the trip for every meeting and event it is hard to believe they live outside the Bay Area. Larry Stock from Carson City, Nevada, was also there but for the first time without Shari who felt she needed to be home for the kids when they got out of school. The party lost a little of its steam without Shari, but then again kids are important too. Modesto was also represented by Curt Hall and Mark & Cindy Tumbarello. Terry Morofsky & Sheri Gerken rep-



Nancy Haney (accompanied by newly shorn husband Mike) was resplendent in a lovely 19th century holiday outfit



Bill Santos signs a get-well card for Darlene Levin; she had been suddenly hospitalized with back problems and was unable to attend the party



Larry hustled raffle tickets in his usual fashion; his efforts over the past year have netted great results for the club's treasury

resented the town of Folsom having just bought a great home there.

At this point we could give Forest Goodhart credit for coming all the way from the state of Washington (or is that Oregon) even though he and Judy make their home in Watsonville, but if we did we would have to give Mike Drew credit for showing up from England and the continent (his own choice) or Baghdad (our government's choice). Mike says in Baghdad the flight crew never gets off the aircraft. His last landing there was aborted as there was a problem with the landing gear which would have meant staying on the ground, living in a tent until repairs were made. Since a stationary C-5 makes a pretty big target, and the tent doesn't have cable TV, prudence dictated landing in Kuwait City and staying at a 4-star hotel



The raffle prizes filled two full tables and reflected the generosity of not only our Pantera parts vendors, but several club members as well

instead. There is not much glory in being a transport pilot but it has its advantages!

The dinner was fine and I had both the Prime Rib (mine) and the Broiled Salmon (Doris'). How I managed to eat two dinners, I don't know. Maybe it was because I only had one salad. Dessert was tiramisu, something which I had not had since the previous evening. What are the odds?

I guess at that point my luck ran out though I didn't know it at the time. For being fat, dumb and happy I bought a lot of raffle tickets. After all, the many prizes really looked good. In addition to the items Larry had assembled and listed on the printed list, there were last-minute contributions from ten other people which included T-shirts, Club Store items, gift baskets of various items, a mystery gift and a gift certificate from Fast R-V in Paso Robles.

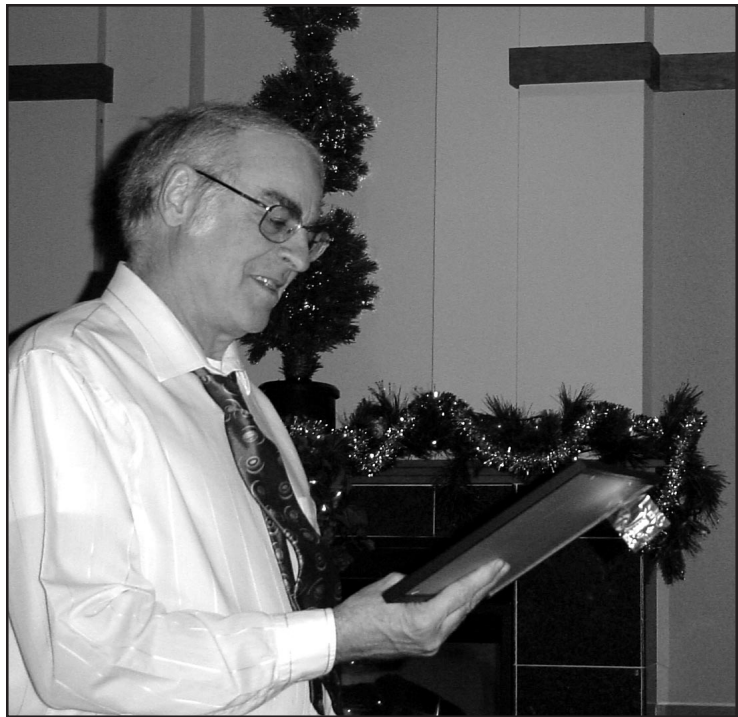


Linda Plescia, Pam Sharp, Anita Kuehne and Diane Dean shared an award for their efforts in staging the Monterey Historics Weekend event

Larry had divided the raffle into five groups which allowed outgoing president Terry interludes to present the awards and honors to some of our outstanding members. The first awards were given to all those who hosted, planned or sponsored the many events PCNC put on during the year. After all, if it were not for these people giving of their time and effort, we would not be much more than a dinner club that eats at the same not too costly restaurant once a month.

The next people to be given awards were the Most Active Members. The selection process is by a formula which allots points in various amounts to members who serve as officers, attend meetings and events, write articles, etc. The three with the most points at the end of the year are recognized for their achievement. It also has a provision that a member cannot win two years in a row. This provision helps spread the recognition around a little so that the same three people, who may seem to have no life outside PCNC, do not become perpetual winners. This year the three Most Active Members were: Jack DeRyke, Mike Drew, & Jim Kuehne.

After some more raffle prizes were given out, Terry had the privilege of recognizing the one person he felt was the most help to him during the year. This year the President's Award went to Bill Santos. In Terry's presentation speech he outlined the numerous achievements and contributions Bill had made to the Club during the past year and yet he said it was not an easy choice. This means there were others who also added to that which composes the indescribable core, the essence, the substance or the very nature of this club which makes PCNC what it is. Thank you Bill and everyone else for that matter.



Jack DeRyke contemplates his award as one of the club's three most active members

This year the infamous Antonio Bondo Award was not presented. Jack DeRyke evidently did not find anyone worthy of this annual award for creative metal work to their DeTomaso due to lack of adhesion, brain fade or just plain bad luck. Last year's winner, whose car is still not back on the road, may have felt that it was intended that the you keep the trophy till your transgressions have been corrected and thus failed to give it up. Larry, can you help us out on this?

After some more raffle prizes were given out, Terry presented new president Bob Benson with the Past Presidents plaque. Bob got a chance to say a few words about how honored he was to have been selected to be PCNC president and about how much he liked this club and is looking forward to serving for the next year.

There is not enough room to list the entire raffle results, so a summary will have to do. There were 50 prizes handed out to only 28 people. Brian Bernard was the luckiest with both the most prizes, four, and the best win, a Canon digital camera and printer package. Jack DeRyke only claimed one prize, but it was a wide screen DVD player. Two prizes went to Scott Martin, his best being



It was a difficult decision, but Terry Morofsky chose Bill Santos to be the recipient of the 2004 President's Award, for his years of service

a very nice looking Spirit of St. Louis CD boom box. This was a retro 1920s-looking unit with wood case and metal dials. As I mentioned, my luck ran out with dessert, but it did not go far. Both Brian and Scott were seated at my table.

Brett Santos did okay with two wins, one of which was a Bladez electric scooter. He was last seen zipping across the parking lot leaving little tire marks every time he touched the brakes. They must have been a little touchy on the damp pavement. Brett, you better not show up at the next meeting in bandages.

A number of Gift Certificates were donated by suppliers like Panteras by Wilkinson, Precision Performance, and Pantera Parts Connection. Winners of those were Mike Drew, Todd Glycer, Steve Dalcino, Darryl Johnson, Mike Haney, Brian Bernard, and Steve Dalcino a second time. Other small parts, T-shirts, and car care items were donated by Todd Glycer, Gotelli's Speed Shop, Pantera Parts Connection, Mothers, Griot's Garage, and our own Club Store. I am sure Anita Kuehne had something to do with the Gift Baskets, but I am not positive. Anyhow this was something kind of Anita-like, and whoever set them up added a very nice touch.

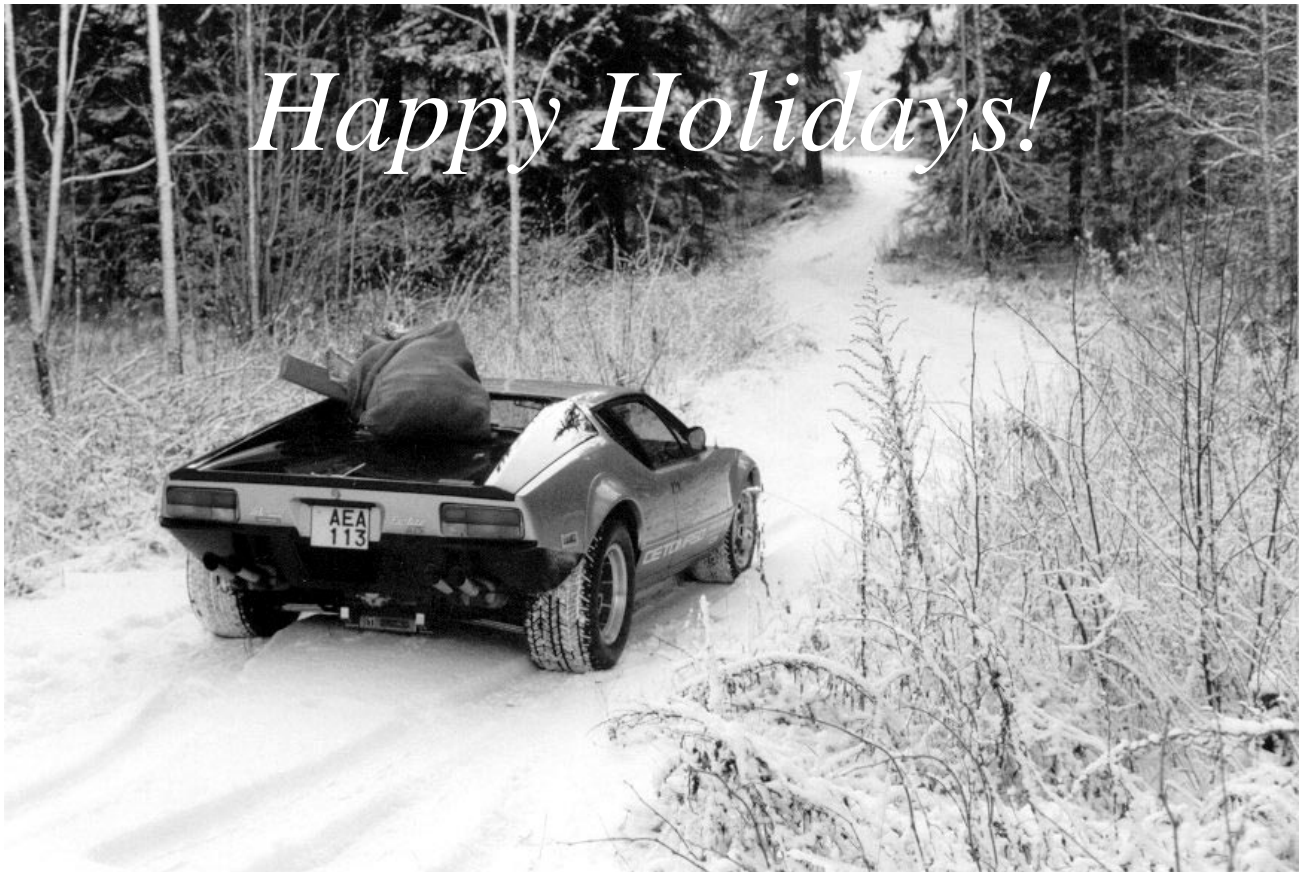
We can give recognition to the suppliers in this article, and we can send them thank you letters, but the best way to show our appreciation is to do some business with them. I plan to, but next year I'm going to make sure the other half

of my tickets get put in the hat along with Brian's.

The party was officially over with the last raffle prize, but as usual it went on for a while longer, good friends sharing good times. Many thanks to Diane Dean, Linda Plescia and Kathy Gentry for the planning, arranging and decorating that went into this Christmas Party. Happy New Year!



Outgoing president Terry Morofsky happily turns over the wheel to Bob Benson



Edelbrock Announces New Aluminum 351C Cylinder Heads And Intake!

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

Rumors of new Edelbrock 351C aluminum heads have been circulating the Pantera community for months and months. At this year's SEMA show in Las Vegas, I got to lay hands on the very first prototypes!

The Edelbrock representative told me that they had just machined a single prototype cylinder head that Monday morning, so it was practically still hot from the CNC bench!

These new heads are cast in aluminum, but are most emphatically not racing heads. While there are several full-race 351C heads on the market, typically they are very expensive, require expensive custom valvetrain, and usually also require extensive custom porting. It's not unusual to invest \$5,000 in a set of complete race heads by the time all is said and done.

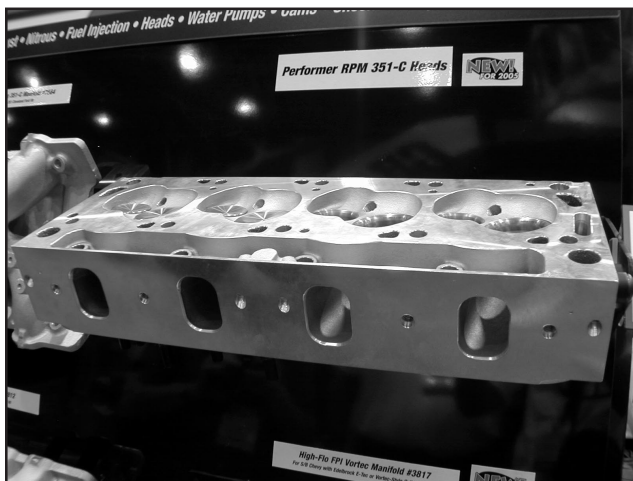
Edelbrock's intent is to provide an affordable street performance cylinder head. They are intended to out-



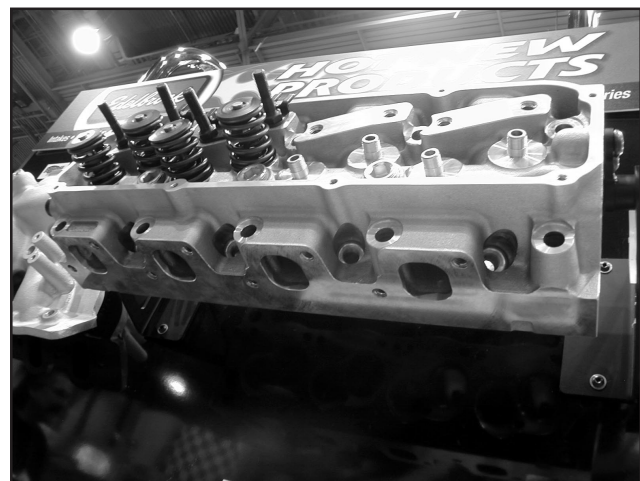
The new heads boast a completely unique combustion chamber design with a chamber volume of 58cc. They will provide about 9.5:1 compression with stock-style flat-top pistons

perform all standard Ford heads (4v, 2v, open and closed chambered and Aussie heads) while weighing substantially less. To do that, they have created their own design which incorporates some of the best design elements of the various Ford heads, as well as a few unique twists.

Designed to work with the 351C, 351M and 400M,



The heads follow conventional 351C architecture, with 2v-sized intake and exhaust ports for improved intake and exhaust velocity



Exhaust ports are in the standard location, so stock Pantera exhaust systems will bolt straight up. Pantera Parts Connection makes 2V headers

they feature 190cc intake runners with 2V sized intake and exhaust ports to promote increased intake and exhaust velocity, much like the 2V Aussie heads. They also use the smaller 2V sized valves, 2.05" intake and 1.60" exhaust, which purportedly provide more than enough volume for power to 6500+ rpm (although a competent machine shop could open them up to 4V size if that was desired).

The most unique element of these heads is the combustion chamber, which is completely new. Measuring 58cc, they will provide high (but not too high) compression with standard 351C flat-top pistons.

The heads will be available either bare, or fully assembled. The fully assembled heads feature quality components, in the form of Manley pushrod guide plates, one-piece Manley stainless steel valves, and valve springs.

They will also work on the standard 302 or 351



Assembled heads utilize quality Manley guide plates, springs, and one-piece stainless steel valves, and are delivered ready to bolt on and go!

ings. Expect the bare heads to run somewhere between \$800 and \$900 a pair, while fully assembled, ready to bolt on heads will be in the \$1200 neighborhood. The intake manifold will be similarly priced alongside the other Performer RPM air gap intakes in the line.

This represents the bargain of the century when compared with more traditional offerings such as the C-302B heads, which (if you can find them) cost a fortune, and require a special intake, and whose raised exhaust ports require special exhaust systems.

The intake manifold might already be available, or if not, it should be available very soon, while the cylinder heads are still a few months away from production. Depending on who you talk to (and I spoke with several engineers, and Camee Edelbrock), they may be out as soon as February, and at the latest, June or so.

Perhaps this winter might be a good time to consider a refresh of that old engine, eh?



New RPM air gap manifold is designed to work from 1500 to 6500 rpm, and also matches up with iron 2V heads

Windsor block, to enable you to build your own homemade Boss 302, or a "Clevor" engine.

Both intake and exhaust ports are in the stock location, meaning there's no need for any type of custom headers or intakes. These will literally bolt straight on in the place of standard 351C iron heads.

And speaking of intakes, they have been joined by a *new* 351C intake manifold! The RPM Air Gap 351C intake features an open space under the plenum that separates the runners from the hot engine resulting in a cooler, denser intake charge. The dual-plane intake is set up to work from 1500 to 6500 rpm, with airflow characteristics that will literally blow the old Performer intake into the weeds. Designed to match the new Edelbrock heads, it will also bolt straight up to 2V iron heads (and in fact, will bolt up to 4V heads although there will be a port mismatch because the intake port on the heads is larger than the outlet on the intake, which in and of itself isn't really a bad thing).

The best news of all is the price of these components will be similar to other, similar Edelbrock offer-



The new dual plane intake has an air gap under the carb plenum for a cooler mixture

The Great Bag Tag Deal!

I am getting ready to place the order for De Tomaso logo luggage tags. These are nylon tags embroidered with your name and the De Tomaso logo, as seen below. I have also had some Ferrari logo tags made, and have requests on file for Corvette and Panoz as well. I already have a ton of orders, but if you want to get in on this deal, NOW is the time to put your request in.

You can get the tag itself in virtually color you want, and can have your name embroidered in block or cursive letters in virtually any contrasting color you want.

When buying these as gifts, typically I gave them with the tag the same color as the car and the embroidery the same color as the trim, i.e. red with black or blue with silver (chrome), or whatever.

The cost is quite nominal, perhaps even laughable, on the order of \$3 each or so. I will pay to have them all made, then send them to you along with a bill, and simply ask that you send me a check upon receiving your tags.

If you want some, I need the following:

Name on tag
Color of tag
Color of embroidery
BLOCK or *Cursive* lettering (as depicted in the photo)
Quantity desired
Logo desired (De Tomaso, Ferrari, other, or none)

I also need your full shipping address and e-mail address.

I will compile the results and generate a spreadsheet and then send that off to my 'agent' in Korea who is going to have them made for me. My ambition is to send the order off by the end of December. So please get your orders in to me soon! To place your order, or if you have any questions, please contact me at:

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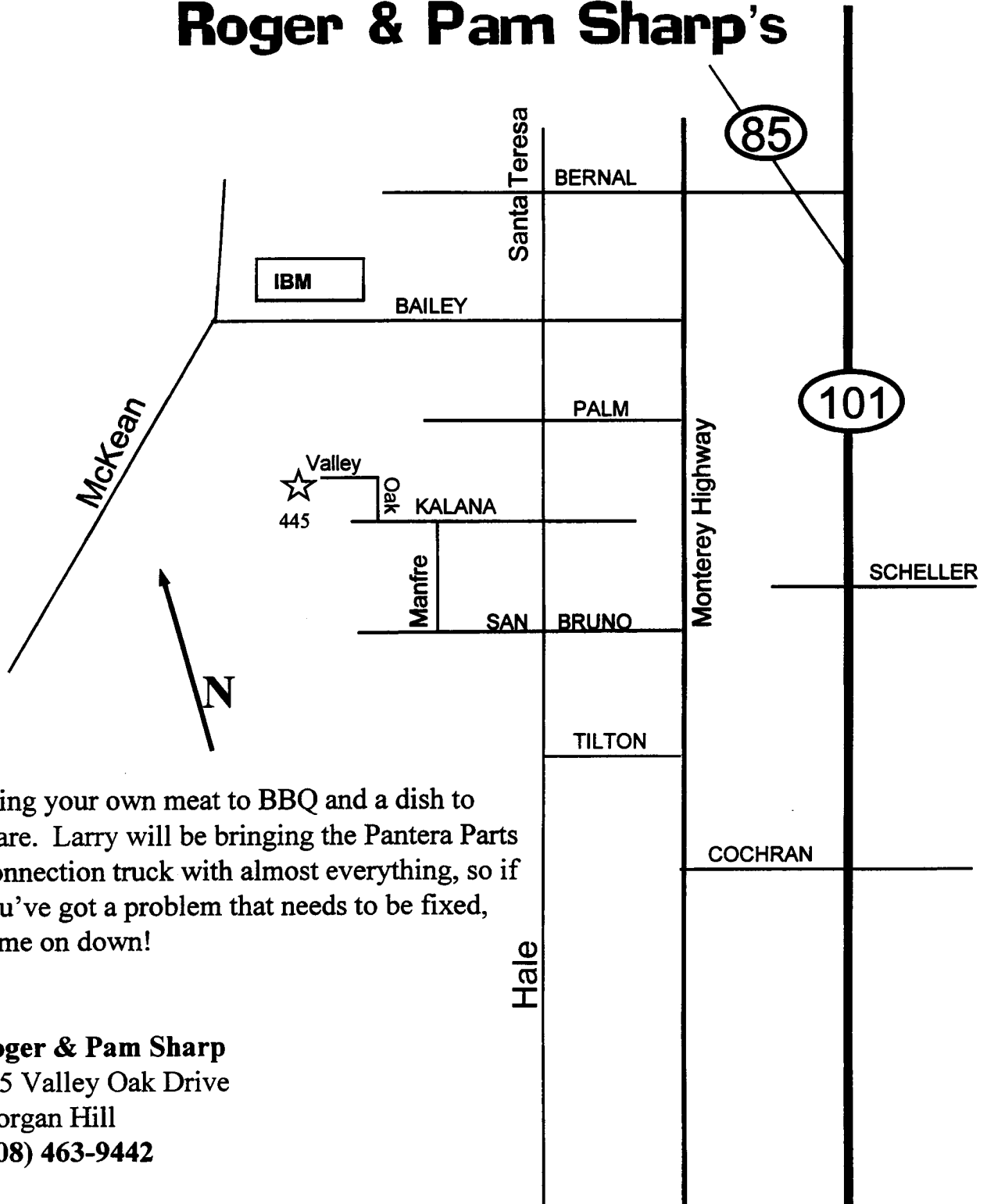


Three luggage tags as seen on a black bag; note that the black tags don't stand out very well on a black suitcase, so shop accordingly!

PCNC Superbowl Party and Tech Session

Sunday, February 6, 2004

Roger & Pam Sharp's



Bring your own meat to BBQ and a dish to share. Larry will be bringing the Pantera Parts Connection truck with almost everything, so if you've got a problem that needs to be fixed, come on down!

Roger & Pam Sharp
445 Valley Oak Drive
Morgan Hill
(408) 463-9442

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, January 27, 2005
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA
(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 6 ————— PCNC Superbowl party (Roger Sharp)

To plan and schedule an event, please contact Diane Dean, PCNC Events Coordinator.
This club is only what *you* make it, so together let's help make it great!

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