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Minutes of Meeting 29 November, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the president. All officers were present except for Larry Finch, Jim Kuehne, Doris Britschgi and the Renshaws. Perhaps due to the holidays, attendance was light with only 27 people present at the start of the meeting. There were only three Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were no new faces this month.

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Trevor Fougere misspoke when he said that a 1980 Econoline van dipstick was a bolt-in solution for his Windsor-into-Pantera conversion; in fact it was

a 1990 Econoline. Also, the hotel hosting our Christmas party is located at Hwy 680 and 237.

Club Treasury Report: Given that the treasurer was absent, there was no report.

Club Store Report: Rich Boschert brought several examples of the club's 35th Anniversary T-shirt for sale, but no new items. He reported that John Hansen has ordered some items which will be raffle prizes at the Christmas party.

Club Motorsports Report: The track event is well in hand. CHPIE recently announced that there will be a street display on Fremont Street again next year, but it will be on Thursday, conflicting with our event. There didn't seem to be much concern, as the two events cater to entirely different crowds.

Club Website Report: Mark reported that he had updated the website with the latest information on the Christmas party, but otherwise there were no substantive changes this month.

Club Membership Report: Every year PCNC grants honorary membership status to Larry and Shari Stock, and Michael and Roxanne Fertitta. Russ made a motion to continue this tradition for 2008, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Past Events:

SEMA Show: Mike gave a brief report on the SEMA show, which he attended along with Larry Stock. There were three Panteras on display in various areas of the show this year, although in at least one case, the people showing the car clearly knew nothing about it. They were preparing to slam the decklid shut, and when Mike tried to intervene to keep them from damaging the latch, they sternly admonished him to not touch the car since it has an "all-aluminum body" and would be easily damaged!

Several POCA members were at the show, and they all gathered for a dinner one evening as well.

Bob Benson

Garagewarming Party: Bob invited a few folks to attend the grand opening of his new workshop. Four Panteras and a Mangusta were among the visitor's cars. A young man driving past slammed on his brakes and flipped a 180 to come in and look, but not at the cars. It turns out he was a former student of "Mrs. Britschgi"!



The little-known and rarely seen all-aluminum (sic) Pantera!

Upcoming Events:

Superbowl Party — 3 February: The annual club superbowl party will be held at Roger

and Pam Sharp's house. He reported that there would be no stale beer present, because he just had a biker party there and they cleaned him out! Our party will feature a big BBQ, various types of chili, and a host of other side dishes. Roger is open to hosting repair projects but asks that they be kept towards the simple side—no engine changes or ground-up restorations please!

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hillsborough Concours — May 4th: This year's Hillsborough Concours is featuring Italian cars, and PCNC has been invited to participate. Unfortunately it conflicts with the Las Vegas event.

Club Business:

Charities Vote: The ballots were cast, and at the end of the evening Russ announced that the club would be making cash donations to Guide Dogs For The Blind and the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Rafflemaster Job Opening: After years of service, Roger is stepping down from his rafflemaster duties. Anybody interested in taking on the position is urged to contact him immediately, if not sooner!

News, Clues and Rumors:

Mangusta Makeover Madness: Greg Taylor gave another update on the restoration of his mangled Mangusta. The center of the car (the center of the body, roof, floors, sills and doors) is now complete, and the back of the car should be finished in a month. With some help, he is fabricating new lower valance panels from scratch. Once that's done, the Sawzall comes out, and he will cut the entire front end of the car off and graft on a new front end from a burned-out Mangusta from southern California. Greg is doing all of the metal work himself, although he has a friend who is an expert who is helping for one or two hours a week, giving advice and direction which Greg then attempt to follow throughout the rest of the week.

He has a goal of having the car back on the road in January 2009.

Mountain Mangusta Pickup: Steve Liebenow unearthed a Mangusta which was scattered among three buildings up in Placerville. It had been a daily driver from new until the current owner purchased it in the early 1980s. He was a PCNC member named Matt Chittea, and actually drove the car to Las Vegas with us for two or three years, before fully dismantling it in 1984 to perform a full restoration. Unfortunately he then ran out of steam, and it has literally sat untouched for 23 years. English PCNC member Roger Brotton got wind of it, and he and UK Club Secretary Phil Stebbings flew out and purchased it. Chuck Melton, Mike Drew and Steve Liebenow accompanied them and together they spent a weekend on a



The team packed up a wonderful barn-find Mangusta

great Mangusta Easter Egg Hunt.

You see, the owner had stored the various bits of the car in a friend's restoration shop around the corner from his office, but over the years the Mangusta parts were mixed together with thousands of parts from the various other cars that passed through the shop! So it was a real challenge to wade through thick layers of dust and cobwebs, like Indiana Jones minus the snakes, looking at various pieces and parts and fishing the Mangusta treasures from the rest of the rubble. But by the middle of the second day, the job was done, the car was fully packed, and as of this writing it is now on the ocean on the way to England.

That afternoon, Mike and Roger continued up the hill to Minden, NV where Roger also bought a dismantled 1974 Pantera from Jim Nowlin! He's going to be a busy boy when he gets home!

Larry Stock Is Now A Side-Oiler: Larry was stomping around in the mountains with his kids and found it difficult to keep up with them, so he booked himself for a checkup. It turns out that he had a 100% blockage of the main artery feeding his heart! Perversely, his body had naturally grown a bypass which kept blood flowing to the heart, albeit at a reduced rate. So after the SEMA show, he went in for a double-bypass surgery. Rather than opening up the blockage, they simply grafted yet another pipe to his heart, so now he has a dual-feed setup. He jokes that now he's a side-oiler!

He forwarded the 1-800-DETOMASO phone number to his cell phone, and kept right on working during the week he was in recovery, selling parts and giving advice over the cell phone with all sorts of hoses and wires strung from his body every which way.

He's now completely good-to-go, much to Shari's relief....

Ogden Labs Report: Mike Drew played show-and-tell, showing off a binder that was filled with interesting data. When the Pantera was brought to the USA, Ford subcontracted all the DOT compliance testing to a company in southern California called Ogden Labs. They were given four pre-production Pantera prototypes (numbers 1005, 1006, 1010, and 1011) and subjected them to a wide battery of tests, including everything from windshield wiper performance to braking tests. The results were compiled into a single report, and Mike manage to get a copy. He made a copy for Chuck Melton, and had Kinko's generate a PDF file. Anybody interested in some light bedtime reading is encouraged to contact him, and he can send it to you.

PCNC Invades Capitol Panteras: Peter Kovacs and Curt Hall happened to be in the Sacramento area picking up Peter's crunched Pantera on the night that Capitol Panteras held their monthly meeting, so they decided to drop by. The members and officers of the club welcomed them enthusiastically. Capitol Panteras has two raffles; one involves purchased tickets while the other is a \$10 'gas money' prize for anybody who brings a club car to the meeting. The leaders of the club graciously bent the rules and allowed Peter's Pantera to qualify even though it was inside a trailer; they later regretted this decision because Peter won that raffle, and the grand prize in the regular raffle as well! Having taken everything in sight, they were jokingly invited by the club members to not come back!

Modena 2009?: Mats Gorski, the well-known impresario of the Svenska De Tomaso Klubben (Swedish De Tomaso Club) called Mike Drew to inform him that he is working with Santiago De Tomaso to organize a 50th Anniversary of De Tomaso celebration in Modena, and other points in Italy, with a target date of May 2009. The project is still very much in the rough planning stage, but hopefully they will be able to pull it together. Unlike previous International De Tomaso meetings which had a fairly rigid participation cutoff, the ambition is to open the

2009 event to all comers.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Garage Art: Roger Sharp had a tidy collection of event posters from previous Bonneville and El Mirage land speed events, and cheerfully distributed them to anybody who expressed interest. He was quickly relieved of all of them!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Trevor Fougere, on one of the first outings of his mean-sounding 427-inch Windsor after his 351C comprehensively blew up on the Concours de la Garage weekend.

Raffle Results: Roger and Brett passed the hat (for Roger's last time at a club meeting), with the following results:

- Halogen light — Mark McWhinney
- Angle grinder — Brian Bernard
- Picks and scrapers — Mark McWhinney
- De-icer — Gary Kono
- Meguiar's quick detailer — Greg Taylor, Curt Hall
- Metric allen wrenches — Brett Santos
- Gearwrench — Brett Santos
- PPC hat — Ron Demaradios

The meeting ended at 8:50 (uncharacteristically early, a reflection of the lack of past and upcoming events and relatively small attendance) and was followed by a quick PCNC board meeting, followed by the obligatory sidewalk bull session in the parking lot which of course went on for several hours further....



Membership News

New Members for December:

Santa Claus was not good to us so far this December. He gave us no new members. Perhaps he is waiting till Christmas Day to deliver that stack of new applications. Please Santa, no coal this year. I hate coal.

December Membership Anniversaries:

We congratulate the following persons for the indicated years of continuous membership in the Pantera Club of Northern California:

David and Loretta DellaMora: 8 years

Mark McWhinney: 6 years

David and Rose Lee Sandlin: 2 years

Jerry and Ora Lee Minecke: 1 year

Nick Jenkins: 1 year

Trevor and Jill Lee Fougere: 1 year

Jon and Olivia Linke: 8 years

Peter and Christine Kovacs: 4 years

Marcus and Irene Smith: 2 years

Roger and Thelma Brotton: 1 year

John Allen: 1 year

David and Jen Van Deren: 1 year

New Membership Rosters Will be Printed the Second 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 E-mail 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 >.



PCNC's Awards Banquet And Christmas Party

Story by Russ Britschgi

Photos by Trevor Fougere and Chuck Melton

Six o'clock Friday evening, December 14; where's the rain? We have to have rain. This is the night of the PCNC Christmas Party and Awards Banquet, isn't it? It always rains. But the evening is still young, perhaps it could rain by 8:00, or 9:00, or even 10:00. Then we would really know it's an official PCNC party.

Doris and I arrived late, about 7:35 p.m. We only had a few minutes to say hi to a few people like Bob Benson, Lee Scales, Jim Kuehne, Annie and Dan Lem, Chuck and Susie Melton, Randy and Linda Welch, and Garth and Leslie Rodericks. We also found out that Howard Renshaw had been there but was taken to the hospital shortly before our arrival. Therefore he and Sharon were not present in spite of having paid and purchased raffle tickets. The good news is that he was released a few hours later after being given an I.V. for dehydration. Howard had some blood drawn for testing earlier in the day and probably believed them when they told him



Howard Renshaw clearly wasn't feeling too well, and shortly after this photo Sharon beamed him to the hospital. Fortunately he was okay and returned before the party ended

not to eat or drink anything prior to the tests. Isn't modern medicine wonderful when the tests can be more dangerous than the illness? The Renshaws were

back before the party was over, but they wisely decided to get some much needed rest instead of getting in on the tail end of things. An expensive evening for getting to bed early, but we all are very glad that it wasn't anything more serious.

It wasn't long before Diane Dean and Gary Kono were busy trying to get ev-

eryone seated. We sat next to Steve and Merry Dalcino, and from there we could see Trevor Fougere and Jill, and John and Cheryl Colombero. This year we even had some entertainment. Yes, that's right; professional, skilled talent provided by Michael Lee, fresh from the S.F. Comedy Club and the Comedy Day show at Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park. Diane made the connection with Michael because of our long tradition of donating to Guide Dogs for the Blind and Michael's use of one of the school's graduates. Michael was really great. He had us laughing for at least 30 minutes straight with his quick one-liners and stories of getting along in the world that is so set up for people with full vision. He did have one suggestion for us though and that was to cut out the middleman and just send our next donation directly to him. Very good, Michael, and thank you for sharing your humor with us.



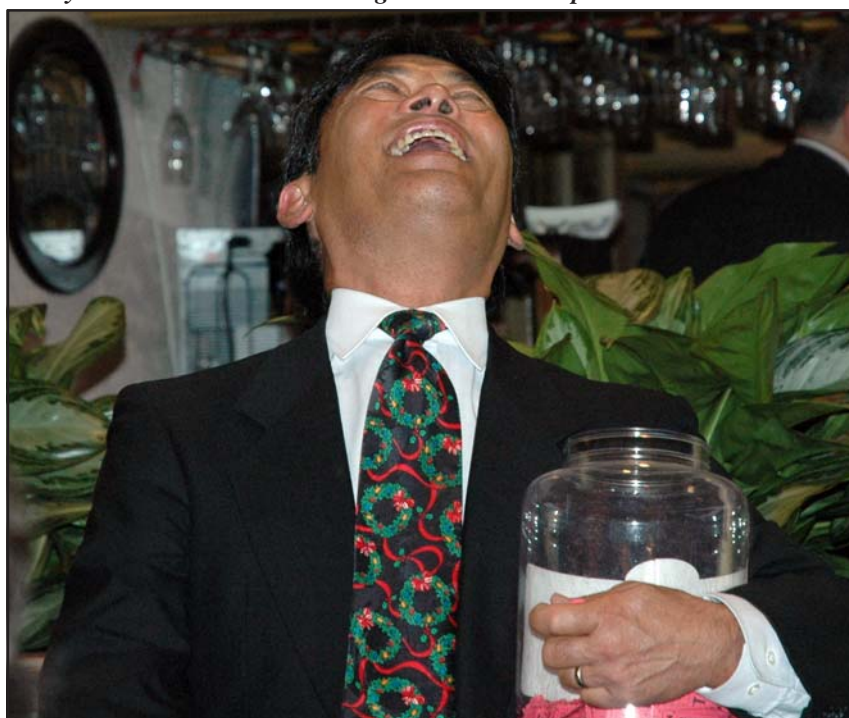
Comedian Michael Lee entertained us with his stories of coping with blindness in a world set up for the sighted

When Michael finished, dinner was served, which was the way it should have been. After all it would have been rude, though time-efficient, to have had him do his comedy routine while everyone else was eating. Enree, the Food and Beverage Director for the Oxford Suites, did a very nice job of arrangements and even included a spectacular ice sculpture of a Pantera. The room was open but in a somewhat secluded area in the main atrium of the hotel. Diane and helpers (Sue and Gary Choate, Judy DeRyke and newcomers Kim and Craig Kuenzinger and Renee LoVette) had decorated each table with different variations on the winter holiday theme. What a nice touch!

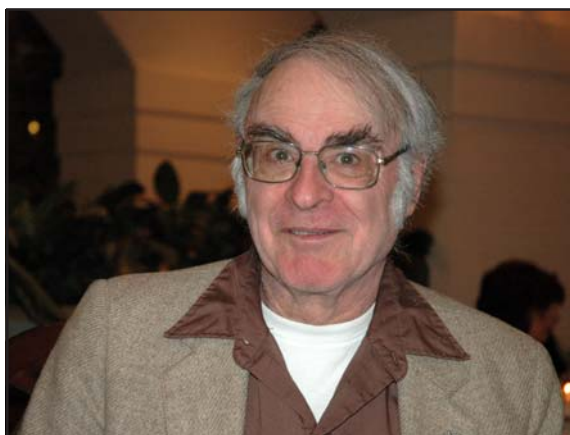
After finishing dessert, the awards and raffle got started. Events Coordinator, Diane Dean, had plaques for each of the people who sponsored club events during the past year, and Raffle Chairman, Roger Sharp along with wife Pam, had gathered together a huge assortment of prizes—76 by my count plus the 11 sets of table decorations. Besides the prizes purchased with the raffle fund, prizes were donated by vendors like Larry Stock's Pantera Parts Connection and Steve Wilkinson's Panteras by Wilkinson. Also contributing were club members Tom Galli and Diane Dean, Bob Benson, Jack and Judy DeRyke, Todd Glycer, Linda Liebenow, and Annie Lem. Annie's donation was a copy of The Mystique of Chinese Culinary Creations, a book written by Annie's aunt and edited by Annie that includes some insights into Chinese culture as well as recipes.



Randy Welch admires the amazing Pantera ice sculpture



Gary Kono's depression at relinquishing the PCNC presidency was evident...



Jack DeRyke and Judy made the drive over the hill from Minden to join the festivities

It would just seem to be a "box score" if I tried to list every item and every winner in the raffle, but there are some things of note. Barry Hosier did not, nor did any member of Barry's family, win the grand travel prize this year. That prize went to Larry and Donna Finch. Rob and Amy McMullen won a 211-piece tool set which I

suspect will be mostly used by Rob. What does an oncologist need with tools that are not all stainless steel? (Oh, by the way, Amy, sorry about the crack about modern medicine earlier.)

Mark McWhinney, the just-announced new POCA President, won a beer kit with refills. It's kind of like a subcompact microbrewery for making home brew. This sounds like some sort of survival kit for car club presidents. Perhaps it could become some kind of standard issue item. Brian Bernard won not one, but two 45 piece stubby ratchet and socket sets. Now he can let a socket

fall down an intake manifold and won't have to worry about retrieving it because he has a spare. The third set went to Dena and Bob Lucas. Bob will have to retrieve any tools dropped into places where they should not be.

Brett Santos got, among other items, the complete set of suspension bushings donated by Wilkinson. Needless to say, Brett is now everyone's best friend. Speaking of good things going to the wrong people (meaning someone other than me), Tom Galli won the set of rear sway bar billet mounting brackets donated by the PPC. There was a question as to whether the bolt pattern is correct for a Mangusta and whether the sway bar diameter was correct for the bushing size. I am sure this got worked out with the donor before the evening was over. Darryl and Connie Johnson also scored big in the tool category by winning a 45-piece Stanley drill driver set and a 39-piece Crescent ratchet set. Ken and Darlene Levin took home a set of Viper Grip pliers and one of the eight sets of ratcheting end wrenches. A pair of umbrellas went to Gary and Mary Ann Kono along with a gift box of fudge mint cookies and a Body Nature gift pack.

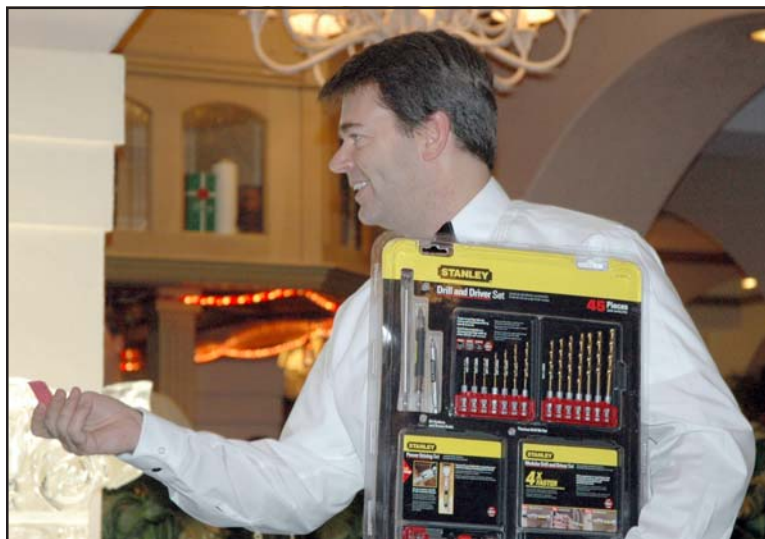
Awards were handed out at various points during the raffle. Besides the event host awards, certificates of appreciation were given out to the three most active members as determined by our points system. (See the next issue of this newsletter for further explanation.)



Events coordinator and party organizer Dianne Dean passed out plaques to event organizers such as Tom Galli, who staged the Concours de la Garage



The party represented the formal retirement of Roger Sharp as rafflemaster



Garth Rodericks was a happy raffle prize winner



Linda Welch was clearly thrilled to death after winning a Craftsman beer bottle opener!

The winners were Diane Dean, Mike Drew and Roger Sharp.

As is the tradition in this club the President, without restrictions and at his or her choice, selects someone who has done outstanding service to the club or the marque during the past year. This year Gary Kono selected not a single person but a couple, Roger and Pam Sharp, for being the "Most Gracious Hosts" that they are. Over the years they have freely opened their home to us on numerous occasions for parties and tech sessions. We have tracked dirt into their house, spilled oil on their driveway, drank their beer and sodas, and left dirty dishes in their sink and on their counter tops. On rare occasions we have even left broken and partially disassembled cars in their driveway until parts could be found to complete the job. For an afternoon tech session, people have shown up as early as 9:00 a.m. and finished as late as 1:00 a.m. the next day. I have never heard either of them complain or grouse about any of this, and they are still willing to do it all over again. If this isn't the definition of a gracious host, I don't know what is. Thank you, Pam and Roger.

With the raffle over and all the awards handed out, it was time to say goodbye for the year. And as we didn't



Fresh from his double bypass heart surgery, Larry Stock looked like a million bucks. For sure he'll be back behind the wheel and racing as soon as the 2008



There's always one in every crowd....when last seen, Barry Hosier was stuck to the sculpture, waiting for the ice to melt!

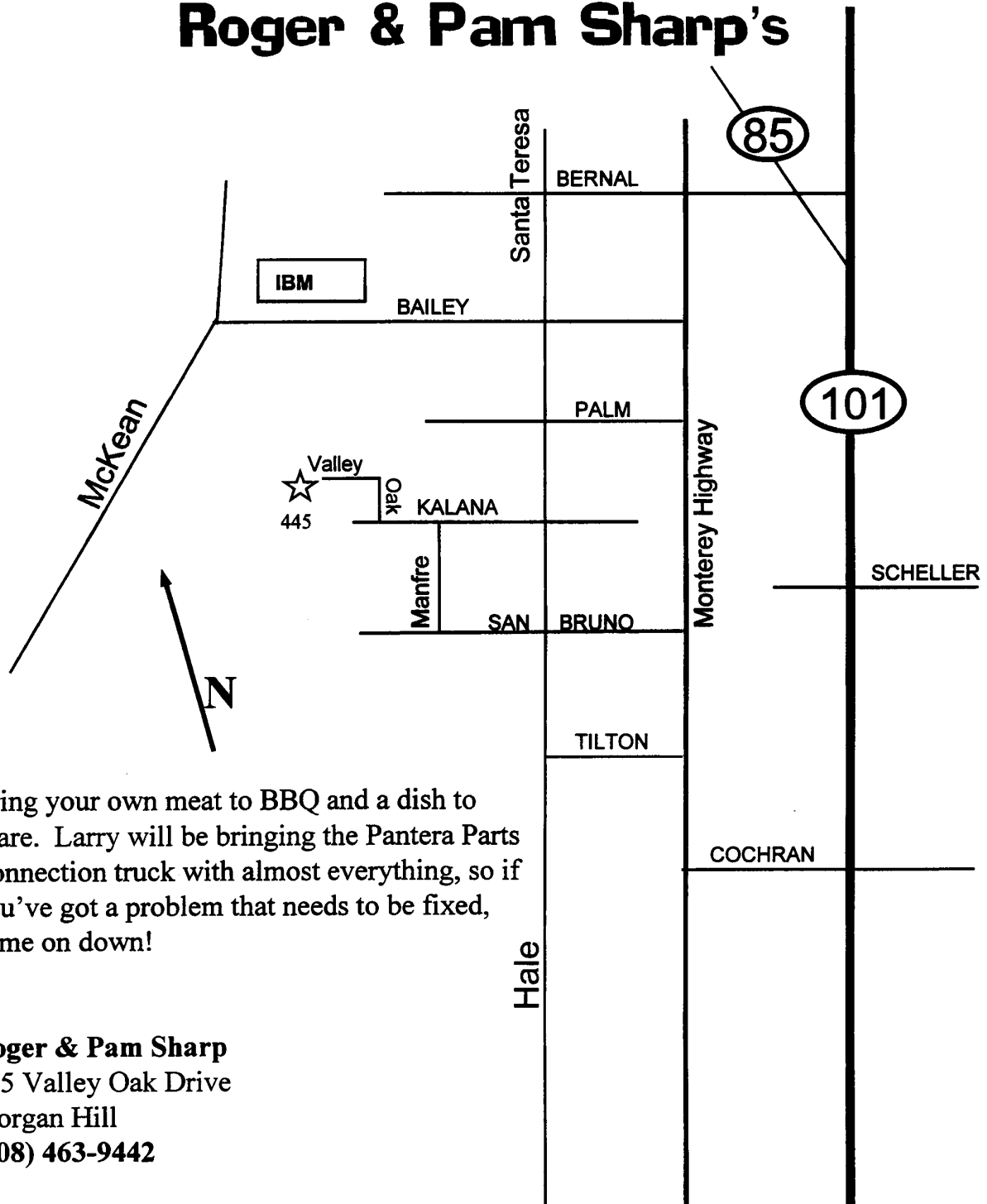
arrive in time to socialize before things got underway, this was our chance to talk with some of our seldom seen members and some of those who are more often seen. We chatted with Terry and Sheri Morofsky, Mike and Nancy Haney, and Ron and Bobbie DeMaderios. I did see Shari Stock before the dinner started but she was not there later. Where did she go? Merry Christmas, Shari, and Happy Holidays to all of you. Remember our next great event is the Super Bowl Party on Super Bowl Sunday. See you there.

Oh, P.S.: As we left, Steve Liebenow could be seen polishing the slowing melting Pantera ice sculpture with a napkin. One thing about a chunk of melting ice is that it does shine. Drive safely and always keep the shiny side up.

PCNC Superbowl Party and Tech Session

Sunday, February 3, 2008
12:00 noon to ??????

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!

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, January 31, 2008
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 3 ----- PCNC Superbowl Party (Roger Sharp)

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