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Minutes of Meeting 26 August, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president a few minutes early, due to the fact that remodeling crews were going to be hard at work through the night, and the management wanted us to vacate the room as soon as possible. All officers were present except for Trevor Fougere, Brent Stewart and Gary Kono. 42 members signed the roster, and there were ten Panteras plus a Mangusta in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Bill Asbury**, who is the original owner of his yellow 1973 Pantera L, #6027. It has been sitting for awhile, but he hopes to get it running again soon. We were also joined by **Tony Guinasso**, who has a white '73L. Tony owns a repair shop in San Mateo, and while he has successfully worked on other people's Panteras lately, his car lies derelict on top of a stacker lift. He's starting to get the fever again though, and hopefully we will see

it on the road again soon as well!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: John Cho's name was misspelled "Jon", and Kevin Abbey issued a clarification regarding his ability to sign off fix-it tickets. Make sure your car is actually fixed!

Club Store Report: Rich brought new PCNC hats to the meeting; the baseball hats can either be had with the Pantera script (\$10) or PCNC logo (\$15).

Club Treasury Report: After all was said and done, between the staging of the Monterey Motorsports Reunion parking corral, and the PCNC dinner and hotel at Los Laureles, the club made a small (\$30) profit, effectively breaking even, which is the goal for all our events. Well-done!

Club Membership Report: The membership report was tabled pending the expected late arrival of Brent Stewart, who was busy having a new exhaust system crafted for his Pantera. Unfortunately the project continued well into the evening, and thus he wasn't able to attend.

Club Name Badge Report: Bob announced that he wasn't getting word from Brent when new members join the club, so he hasn't been producing any new badges for them. He is going to talk to Brent and work out a system to ensure he stays in the loop from now on.

Club Motorsports Report: Larry reported that the Laguna Seca corral was a great success, with 16 Panteras and two Mangustas present. There were also a couple of non-De Tomaso cars in our corral, brought by POCA members. Larry is going to inquire to see if he can convince the track management to improve the area where we park, by having it graded, oiled etc.

Larry has also inquired with both the Fernley and Pahrump tracks regarding costs to stage a track event for next year's Fun Rally. He is gathering quotes and will be able to conjure up a plan once a location and date are selected for the Fun Rally. He has also been communicating with Mike Becker of San Diego Panteras; the SDP crowd is doing the homework to see if the Fun Rally could be staged somewhere in their area. Unfortunately the nearest track is Fontana, which is 90 miles away, and prohibitively expensive—more than twice as expensive as the previous two locations, meaning we simply wouldn't be able to afford to stage a track event there.

Club Library Report: Forest has finished going through the boxes of documents, magazines, newsletters etc. and has placed a summary of the library contents on a spreadsheet, visible on the club website. People can arrange to borrow items from the club library, but they will sign for them and be responsible for returning them in a timely manner. Most of the contents are old *Pantera International* magazines, donated by Rich Agiorni. Forest is seeking contributions, so please contact him if you have items you would be willing to donate to the club.

Club Website Report: Besides updating the events page, Mark has also placed the club library contents online.

Past Events:

Monterey Weekend: A total of 56 people attended our dinner at the Los Laureles Lodge, with a substantial percentage volunteering to help with staging the event. Over a dozen people worked to greater or lesser degrees to pull things off. Forest and Judy Goodhart and Kevin and Valerie Abbey each won \$50 gift certificates from the PCNC store.

PCNC members also did well in the concours at Concorso Italiano; Darryl Johnson took first place in the Modified Custom class, and Forest Goodhart was awarded Best Paint.

Several club members decided to forgo the more conventional events (Pebble Beach, historic races etc.) in favor of the Concours d'LeMons, a car show celebrating the oddball, mundane and truly awful of the automotive world.

Rocky Mountain Rumble: Mike Drew flew up to Washington state, and joined John Christian in his '74 Pantera to attend the Rocky Mountain Rumble, a weeklong tour of the Canadian Rockies put on jointly by several loosely affiliated Canadian Pantera owners. 18 Panteras, plus a Lamborghini Countach Anniversary Edition, and a Series I Lamborghini Espada, took part in the tour. The highlight was a visit to a reclusive car collector's extensive collection in the Calgary area; besides his two GT40s, Lamborghini Muiras and Countach, Ferrari F40, original 289 and 427 Cobras, etc. etc. and so forth, he also owns both an 'ordinary' Mangusta and the one-off Mangusta Spyder prototype, and a pair of one-off De Tomaso sports-racing cars from the mid-1960s.

Boston Market Car Show: A small local show has grown to have more than 200 cars each week, including several Panteras. Bob Benson reported that there were four Panteras and a Mangusta at the last show; a raffle is held each week with the winner taking home anywhere from \$500 to \$900!

Upcoming Events:

Blessing Of The Hot Rods — 18 September: There are a few non-club events of note; September 18th is the second annual "Blessing Of The Hot Rods", a free event staged by a church in Los Gatos. Several PCNC members attended last year and plan to attend again this year; the event website is: <http://www.christchild.org/Blessing.htm>.

Comedy Day In Golden Gate Park — 19 September: Comedy Day is a free outdoor comedy concert featuring nearly 30 of today's top performers. It was founded in 1981 as a way for Bay Area comics to say thank you to comedy fans for their support and to The City that has nurtured so many comedians.

Roland Au is one of the event organizers, and arranges for Ferrari and Pantera owners to get the full VIP treatment; Mark McWhinney organizes the PCNC contingent. In exchange for displaying our cars in Sharon Meadows, we are given preferred seating right in front of the stage, free lunch and free drinks. More information can be found on the PCNC website. Please sign up in advance on the website so they know how many of us to expect.

PCNC Drive To Reedyville — 25-26 September: Greg Taylor has organized a weekend outing to Placerville, east of Sacramento on the way to Lake Tahoe. The group will depart from a meeting point at Crow Canyon Road and Hwy 680 at 9:00 a.m., take mountain back roads and arrive at Reedyville at 1:00 p.m. There, Steve Reedy has built his own fantasy park, complete with live steam railroad, old west town, mineshaft, etc. There will be swimming available also.

On Saturday night, Greg is planning a dinner at the Sutter Street Steakhouse in Old Sacramento; there is also a street festival called Folsom Live, featuring live bands etc.

For those who want to make a weekend of it, an overnight stay at the Courtyard by Marriott (rooms are \$89, with ten rooms blocked off, just say "Car Show") then sets them up to participate in EuroSunday, a monthly car show in Sacramento of European-only cars. The location varies; on this particular weekend it will be held at Folsom at the Broadstone Marketplace (2760

East Bidwell Street, Folsom, CA 95630) between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This location is only a mile from the hotel.

A general information flyer is elsewhere in this newsletter; as the details are fleshed out, more information will be published both here and on the PCNC website. An RSVP is required; when you do so, Greg will e-mail you all the pertinent information.

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 10 October: Doug Abadie will once again be serving as the De Tomaso honcho for this fantastic show, which is a benefit held each year for the Alameda Special Olympics. It is sort of a Concorso Italiano Lite, with all sorts of Italian cars and motorcycles on display on the lawn at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda. This is a very laid-back, low-key event, with great food and music, and a very low cost. There is a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and of course all the information will be available on the PCNC website; contact Doug if you're planning on attending and he will try to set aside parking for you. The deadline for pre-registration is nominally September 17th, but it is likely they will happily accept signups after that date, especially in light of the fact that it is also possible to sign up at the event itself.

Proposed Driving Event: Gary Kono had proposed an event to be held sometime in September, but the Reedyville event will probably push this event back to October. The plan would be to meet at the scenic overlook at the junction of Hwy 35 (Skyline Blvd) and Hwy 92 in San Mateo, then drive south on Hwy 35, and from there onto Hwy 9. The destination would be Canepa Design, the world-renowned restoration, vintage race preparation and exotic car sales shop in Scotts Valley. Following the tour, the Konos would host a BBQ at their home. The date should be finalized in the upcoming weeks; watch the newsletter and PCNC website for more information.

Club Business:

PCNC Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. immediately before the September club meeting.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Continental Mk II For Sale: Greg Taylor has a fantastic 1956 Continental Mk II for sale. These extremely rare cars were the Rolls Royce of the USA. Contact him for more details.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Another One Goes Over The Pond: Longtime member and former PCNC president Terry Morofsky sold his monster-engined Pantera to a POCA member in Copenhagen, Denmark. That fellow already owns a rather scruffy Pantera and wisely decided it was smarter to buy up rather than fix up!

More Cop Stories: Mike told a tale which took place on the Canadian Rockies tour. The roads had ridiculously low speed limits, but were all but deserted, and law enforcement was nowhere to be found. The various members of the group spaced out naturally. The fellow in the lead was driving an '89 Lamborghini Countach. He rounded a corner, went down a gentle hill and right at the bottom, he glanced over and saw not one but four Royal Canadian Mounted

Police officers watching as he passed. He was doing 130 mph at the time (in a 60 mph zone).

One by one, at varying (but always entertaining) speeds, 18 Panteras went sailing past this group of officers, who surprisingly chose not to respond. However, a few miles up the road, the group was forced to halt while they waited for a ferry that crossed a river only ever 30 minutes. With the cars lined up nose to tail, the two RCMP police cars slowly cruised past, then turned in and blocked the front car.

The energetic, smiling and friendly Mounties hopped out, and wearing big grins, asked, “Say, what kind of cars are these?” What followed was a tire-kicking, hood-lifting show-and-tell session—and no tickets!

Above And Beyond: On the way up to Canada, John Christian and Mike Drew spent the night at Asa Jay Laughton’s house in Spokane. JC’s Pantera had developed a noticeable vibration and wocka wocka wocka sound that defied all ‘professional’ attempts at identification. Eventually they pulled the driveshafts, and found the U-joints badly bound up. JC then started calculating the best strategy for organizing the purchase and shipment of replacement parts, arranging repairs etc., when AJ pointed to his own Pantera and said, “You know, there are two perfectly good, recently rebuilt driveshafts sitting right there....”

Soon the wrenches were flying, AJ’s driveshafts were transferred to JC’s car...and the problem remained. More troubleshooting (it was now approaching midnight), and by jacking the car up, and running it at high speed with a mechanic’s stethoscope employed, AJ found the problem was a bad inner wheel bearing. Once again, JC considered the option for ordering replacement parts, and AJ said, “You know, there’s a perfectly good hub carrier assembly sitting right over there...” and so they set to work again, and pulled the whole hub/axle/disc setup from AJ’s car, installed it on JC’s car, and it worked perfectly!

So JC sent all his bad parts home the next morning, then proceeded to drive almost 5000 miles on AJ’s parts, then sent them back to him. It just goes to show the generous spirit of Pantera owners generally, and Asa Jay Laughton specifically. What a guy

Monterey BBQ: Garth and Todd Rodericks hosted a BBQ in the campground above Laguna Seca during the historic races, which was well-attended. He put on a terrific feed for almost a dozen folks!

Concorso Egress: Several people reported that they had no difficulties getting out of the Concorso Italiano via various routes; departing Laguna Seca also seemed to go more smoothly than usual. One fellow in a Lamborghini Reventón (which costs a cool one million Euros, or about 1.4 million dollars) found out that there is such a thing as ‘too low’ however. He managed to get his car beached in a dip on the golf course, with both the nose and tail dug into the ground, and the front and rear tires spinning merrily in the air!

Never Say Die: Kevin Abbey had a rather eventful trip to Monterey—shortly after leaving home, his Pantera up and died! He had it towed to Tony Guinasso’s shop in San Mateo, where it was fixed, but then it conked out again on the drive down. The problem was related to the ignition switch, and poor grounds. A bit of jumper wire and creativity by Ron DeMaderios got the car running again!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Lori Albino.

Raffle Results: The raffle (the largest ever seen, in terms of the number of prizes) was run by

Tom Galli, ably assisted by Brett Santos, with the following results:

Tape measure w/notepad and calculator — Ron DeMaderios
Silicone spray — Larry Finch
Extendo magnet — Darryl Johnson
Air grinder — Steve Bogart
Clearcoat — Forest Goodhart
Three small flashlights — Bob Benson
Open-end ratchet wrenches — Todd Rodericks
Stubby reversing screwdriver — Bob Lucas
Wine bottle stoppers — Steve Liebenow
Water wetter — Tony Guinasso
Screwdriver bits — Garth Rodericks
Scissors set — Rich Boschert
Motor Trend Classic magazine (with Elvis Pantera) — Lori Albino
PCNC hats — Paul Bowden, Tony Guinasso
Ring compressor — Steve Bogart
Flashlight — Paul Bowden
Fuel injection cleaner — Greg Taylor

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00 p.m.

Membership News

New Members for September:

We have no new members to welcome this month, sorry to say.

September Membership Anniversaries:

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

Ken and Darlene Levin: thirty-seven years

Steve Scheid: ten years

Bill Charlton and David Charlton: nine years

Peter and Katie Cajtham: six years

Markus Woehler: five years

Tony Blevins: two years

Debra Woumnm: twelve years

Lori Albino: nine years

Larry and Donna Finch: nine years

Garry and Sue Choate: five years

Oyvind and Dagny Bakken: three years

Anders Hellberg: two years

Miscellaneous:

Members on the move: Randy Welch and Linda Libician now have a country estate in the Stockton area, and Jason Eaton now lives in Grass Valley.

Garage Commandments

May God Bless our garages and contents therein, as well as our goods works we doith in said garages!

Womans Garage Commandments:

The garage shall be forever kept as the sacred realm of the Man. No lacy curtains nor gingham privacy panels shall be allowed on the windows of the sacred garage.

The garage shall not be cleaned, except in cases of extreme need, such as when a pair of holy Vise-Grip locking pliers hath gone missing.

Sawdust, grease, and oil are the holy sacraments of the garage, and thus must never be disposed of in haste or with malice.

Honor thy rags.

Complaineth not when the Man's Friends cometh over to work on a vehicle on a Thursday night until 2:00 a.m. Be thee grateful that the Man and his Friends are not attending stimulating performances of voluptuous harlots at Shotgun Willies on this evening.

Thou shalt not remove the beer bottles from the front yard before work in the garage hath yet been completed. Yea, the front yard must be considered an extension of the garage when the garage door remaineth in an upright position.

Honor the Man and his Friends at all times, even when one of these Friends dropeth a heavy steel wheel in the driveway at 12:30 a.m., awakening thyself and wrathful neighbors who calleth to complain.

Storeth not antique doll houses in the garage.

Thou shalt not ask the Man to bring in the groceries when you see that his hands are greasy, or that he is underneath a car working on the evil U-joint.

Adjust not the volume of music that playeth in the garage. Impose not your questionable music tastes on those who savor the druidic chant of Rage Against The Machine at 11 p.m.

Borroweth not the hammer of the Man which hangeth in position on the blessed pegboard. If thou breakest this commandment, at least have the courtesy to place the hammer back in correct position on the blessed pegboard. No, putting it on the workbench isn't good enough—how wouldst the man know to looketh there?

Tools of the garage shouldst remain in the garage at all times, excepting when the Man

shall use them for home repair, in which case the sacred tools must remain wherever the Man leaves them, verily including even the kitchen counter and the hallway.

Leaveth not the tools of the Man on the back porch, lest they become rusty from rain.

Loaneth not the tools of the Man to your dodgy work friends who hath not earned tools of their own.

Pulleth not your car into the garage whilst a repair doth transpire in the other bay. The space is needed for many great deliberations and ritual beer drinking. Considereth any precipitation removal that may be required from your vehicle the next morning as a small penance to pay in comparison to the bloody knuckles, hangover, and bodily suffering borne by the Man.

Covet not the eleven Phillips head screwdrivers on the Man's pegboard, and cast not thy insults on the Man's need for additional screwdrivers in the future. Each screwdriver serves a unique, substitution-impossible purpose.

Thou shalt not remove the multitude of straightened, oddly-formed, spray-paint-encrusted coat hangers dangling from the garage ceiling. Resist the temptation to dispose of these humble tools, and your rewards shall include a freshly painted iron planter—as soon as the Man finishes working on his bike, car or four-wheel-drive vehicle, of course.

Respect the large piece of cardboard against the garage wall. The Man useth it to lay on when he is under the car. Touch it not, lest lightning strike thee dead.

Mens garage commandments

Maintaineth a minimum of six retracting tape measures, or findeth not one when needed.

Obayeth the Flat Surface Rule. Always put down the tool you are using on the nearest flat surface. Then look for it elsewhere—stopeth for a beer when discouraged.

I sayeth to you: No sweeter sound ever shall be heard than thy own air impact wrench in thy own garage.

Blessed be thy neighbor who bringeth beer when in need of all mighty tool.

Let not thunder nor rain nor snow interrupt thy work except for thy loss of power.

Bless thy latest part and let it worketh and not be cause for casting blasphemy as thy parts wench shall surely have retired for the night.

Give man patience to not kill thy child that borroweth thy tool and not returneth within thy year.

Bless thee wench that stocketh thy beer fridge without being asketh.

Comedy Day Car Show

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park

Comedy Day has been a fantastic event for us for the last few years. It is a "battle of the bands" style event with 30 comedians from around the country doing 5 to 10 minute sets over the course of five hours. It is held in an open field in Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park. It is open to the public with thousands of people gathered around the main stage.

Of course, what is comedy without a collection of exotic Italian cars? So naturally, we have a car corral next to the stage with De Tomaso, Maserati, Lamborghinini, and Ferrari cars.

Everyone who displays their car on the grass in Sharon Meadows will be seated in the VIP section at center stage. We will also get backstage passes to mingle with the comedians and partake of the sumptuous buffet and open bar.

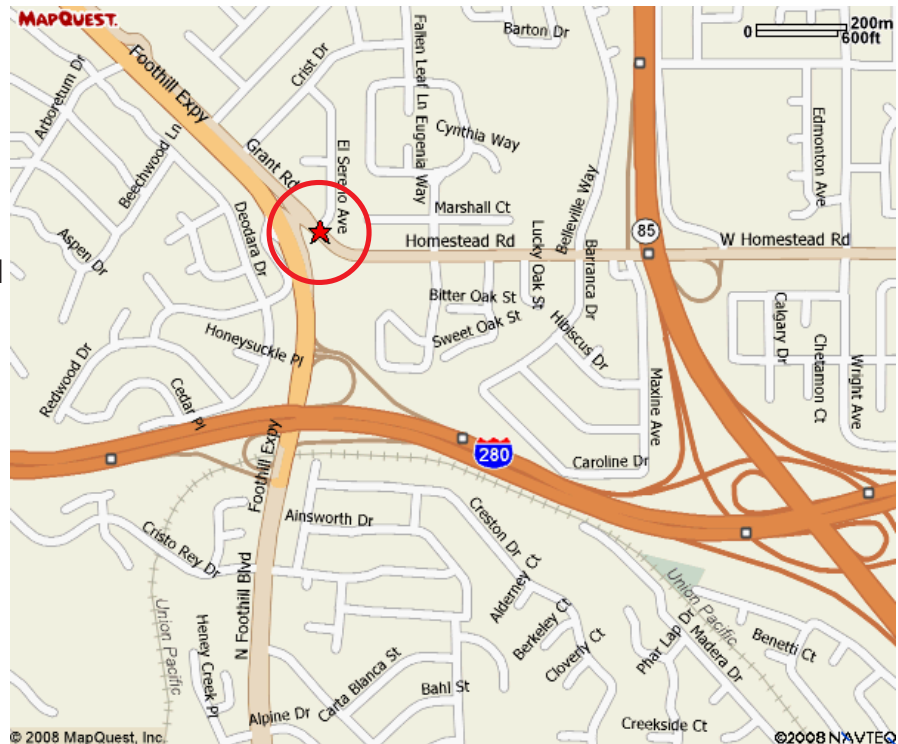
We will have a caravan from the South Bay leaving at 9:15 a.m.. The meeting point is the Trader Joe's parking lot (2310 Homestead Road, Los Altos) near 85 & 280. There is a gas station and drug store there for your last-minute needs. (see the map to the right).

We will head up 280 and make a quick stop at the Father Junipero Serra rest stop just north of the 92 interchange to pick up drivers from the peninsula. The cars will be in place at Golden Gate Park at 10:30. The show starts at noon.

The cost is \$0 (zilch, nada, nil, squat) and includes lunch, open bar, VIP seating, and backstage passes. It is hard to beat this deal!

Please RSVP to Mark McWhinney (mms@portata.com) to let him know that you are coming so that we can get the backstage passes and badges printed.

For more information, see the PCNC website at www.panteraclubnorcal.com and the Comedy Day website at www.comedyday.com.



PCNC CRUISE TO “REEDYVILLE”
IN THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS NEAR PLACERVILLE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2010



We’re going on a cruise to fantasyland. PCNC Member Greg Taylor has arranged with his long time friend, Steve Reedy, to visit Steve and Robin’s property outside Placerville. Although there is a lot to finalize, here’s what we know so far.....

We will leave our departure point in the east bay at 9 AM on Saturday, September 25th for a leisurely back roads cruise up to Reedyville, arriving at 1 PM. We’ll have a catered lunch of sandwiches, salads and soft drinks (bring your own bottle of wine and a picnic blanket). Then you can explore the park-like grounds and period style buildings, go for a swim if you wish and visit the “cave bar”. And, of course, ride the hand built 1890’s style train amongst the trees, by the lake, over the 20’ high trestle, through the tunnel and Disney-like mine shaft.

This event will be limited to 50 people so sign up at the July 29th meeting or by calling Greg Taylor at (650) 348-5877 – leave him your name and phone number. We anticipate a \$20 to \$25 charge per person to cover lunch costs. There is also the possibility of an optional overnight stay near Sacramento to join the Euro-Sunday event. There will be more details and discussion on the 29th.



Alfa Romeo

Association of California

We're pleased to announce the 2010

All Italian Car and Motorcycle Show

Please join Italian Car and Motorcycle Enthusiasts in a benefit for

Alameda Special Olympics



Thanks to your participation we are the primary sponsor of the Alameda Special Olympics program. Your continued support helps this important program exist.

DATE
Sunday, October 10, 2010

EXHIBITION TIME
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION
8:30 AM

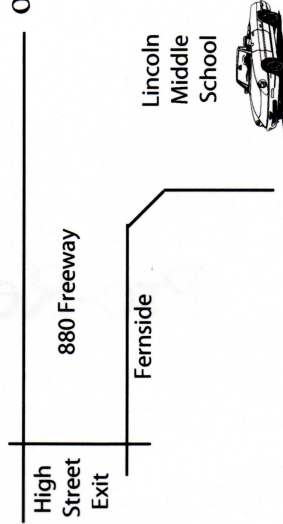
LOCATION
Lincoln Middle School
1250 Fernside Blvd
Alameda, CA 94501



Oakland Coliseum



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Lincoln Middle School



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We are trying to update our mailing list. If you **do not** want to continue receiving notification of future events, please notify us at 510/523-2723.

PRE-REGISTRATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

OWNER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

MAKE OF CAR OR MOTORCYCLE

MODEL

YEAR



Yes, I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Alameda Special Olympics. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____ (Please make check payable to Special Olympics)



Yes, I have a new address - please update your records.

Please send your completed form to:

Patty Harding
2910 Marina Drive
Alameda, CA 94501-1636

Or email to: pattyharding7@gmail.com



Brent Stewart
7232 Glenview Drive
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, September 29, 2010
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- 19 September ————— Comedy Day in Golden Gate Park (Mark McWhinney)
25 September ————— Tour To Reedyville/EuroSunday (Greg Taylor)
10 October ————— All-Italian Car Show in Alameda (Doug Abadie)
October TBA ————— South Coast Back Roads/Canepa Design Tour (Gary Kono)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH