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Minutes of Meeting 28 April, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. For the first time in recent memory, all club officers were present! There were ten Panteras in the parking lot, and 34 members signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Denis Doute**, who is from France but is currently working in the Bay Area. He celebrated his move to California by buying the yellow Pantera #3966, formerly owned by Greg "Crash Test Dumbass" Jacobs. It has suffered at the hands of an intermediate owner and it needs a bit of sorting to be ready for the road; hopefully he and Greg will be working on it together at the upcoming tech session!

Rob Pink is a member of Space City Panteras; he lives in Houston where his '72 Pantera is in a million pieces, in multiple garages. John Taphorn has been helping him with its restoration for the past year. Rob periodically comes to the Bay Area for work and timed his latest trip to coincide with PCNC's meeting.

Finally, Tony Blevins introduced his parents, **Jack and Iris Blevins**, who came out from North Carolina to attend his southern-style breakfast ahead of the Pacific Coast Dream Machines show.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted.

Club Treasury Report: There were no substantive changes to the club's balance. We wrote some checks for our initial rental deposit on the track, and for newsletter printing/ mailing for the past four months; we also took in money from track event entrants. We're still in the black overall.

Club Store Report: Rich showed off a new duffel bag with a round De Tomaso logo (same as that found in the center of our Campagnolo wheels) which will be available in a variety of colors for \$35. He ordered a handful of jackets which will be available in Reno; if you're interested in one, contact him right away.

We are still trying to determine how we will be able to process credit card sales if Jim Kuehne is unable to attend the Reno event.

Club Membership Report: We had no new members this month, but we did have two anniversaries; Mike Drew celebrated 22 years and Lee Scales 21 years as PCNC members.

Club Name Badges Report: Name badge guy Bob lost his own name badge! So needless to say a new order will be going in soon!

Club Library Report: Forest experienced a bit of a flood at his house, but thankfully the contents of the club library remained dry. So far nobody has asked to borrow any of the contents of the library (which are listed on the PCNC website). If you spot anything you'd like to peruse, contact him and he'll arrange to get it to you. He'll also loan you items from his personal collection, as long as you promise to give them back!

Club Website Report: Mark is keeping the website updated with the latest event information, registration information for the track event etc.

Club Motorsports Report: The track event is 'on track' so to speak; we are slightly ahead of budget in terms of sponsorship, and we have 6-7 more registrations than last year (well, two years ago) at this same time. Financially it appears that we will at least break even. The new T-shirt is in production; thanks to an increase in cotton prices due to floods in China, the T-shirt prices are quite a bit higher than forecast; hopefully the great new design will inspire sales which will offset the increased cost. Rather than screen printing, this shirt will be our first to use digital printing, meaning infinite colors are available. If you want a track event shirt and won't be in Reno (or want to guarantee that you'll get one in your size), let Larry know.

The track manager told Larry that the hoped-for luxu-toilet facilities haven't been finished yet; the money was spent to improve the racing surface instead! There was a fight with the next-door-neighbor over water rights, so they had to drill their own new well, which consumed the money intended for construction of the toilet facilities. 2012 for sure!

Past Events: There were no past events to report on.

Upcoming Events:

Pre-Reno Tech Session — 21 May: Roger and Pam Sharp will once again host their traditional tech session at their beautiful Morgan Hill home a couple of weeks prior to the POCA Fun Rally. Please park on the lawn if you're not actively working on your Pantera, as the paved driveway will be reserved for cars undergoing maintenance. The shooting range is scheduled to be kept closed this time! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

POCA Fun Rally — 8-12 June: This year's Fun Rally will mark the 40th anniversary of the Pantera and the 30th anniversary of the Fun Rally! It's now possible to sign up for and pay for the event online, via the POCA website; you still have to make your hotel reservations independently, but there is information on that on the POCA site as well (www.POCA.com)

There was consideration of taking an alternate scenic route to Reno, but late spring snows have forced the cancellation of those plans as the roads will likely still be blocked with snow!

Thus PCNC will be hosting a scenic drive up to Reno on the Wednesday via our traditional route; see the PCNC website and the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details. We need to get a head count to find out how many people will be attending the brunch, so *please RSVP* to the Smiths at (209) 257-0906. People will be coming from many different directions, with 9:30 a.m. group departures planned from Coco's in Sunnyvale for the North bay crowd, and Mike Drew's house in Vacaville for the northerners; plan to arrive at the Smith's house at 11:00 a.m.

Hole In The Ground Tour — Date TBA: Mike Fertitta is working to put together the third installment of his Hole In The Ground tours. This would be an overnight trip sometime in the Spring, with the stop in Jackson. Saturday, we would visit two caverns, have a luncheon, and tour a winery. On Sunday, we'd tour another cavern, have lunch, and visit another winery. The date will be established by next month's meeting.

Berkeley/Napa Tour — Date TBA: Matt Kelleher is working on putting together a tour which would first take in some spectacular, off-the-beaten-path high-end restoration shops (think Pebble Beach class-winners!), and the exotic car emporium Fantasy Junction. This would then be followed by a cruise to Napa, where we would enjoy lunch and visit some wineries, including some owned by well-known vintage racers who have their race car preparation shops on the premises. Anticipate a date towards the end of the summer or the fall.

Monterey Weekend — 18-21 August: The Monterey weekend is right around the corner, and the club is once again hosting a dinner and offering accommodations at the Los Laureles Inn. We have 17 rooms reserved, and right now all of them are spoken for and Diane is working on a waiting list. If you're interested, let her know right away!

Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance Weekend — 23-25 September: Kevin and Valerie Abbey are organizing a club weekend around the Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance, in Murphys. The group will depart the Bay Area Friday morning and work their way up to Murphys. A dinner has been orchestrated for Friday night. The concours will be on Saturday, and pre-registration is required. (Go to <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org> for concours registration).

Following the concours, we will have another group dinner at the Blue Lake Springs Snowflake Lodge.

The chosen event hotel, the Murphys Inn, has already filled up, but rooms are still available at the Murphys Suites down the street. Go to <http://www.murphyssuites.com/> and make your reservation now, as rooms will likely sell out long before the event!

Watch the newsletter and the PCNC website for more information later in the summer.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Low-Buck Engine Work Stand: Brent Stewart brought a cardboard template for a plywood work stand which fits atop the ZF gearbox and enables you to work on your Pantera engine in comfort. You can borrow the pattern and cut your own stand out of 5/8 inch plywood.

Engine Cover: Patrick King bought a brand new, still-in-the-box front engine cover (the metal cover over the front of the engine, into the cabin) for a '71 Pantera, which he no longer needs. The '71 cover is different in size/shape from the '72 and later cars. If you need one let him know!

News, Clues and Rumors:

Military Vehicle Foundation Shut Down?: A rumor was passed around that the MVF had been shut down. It was later determined to be completely untrue, thankfully!

Mojave Mile: Darryl Johnson once again tried his hand at the Mojave Mile. Three runs gave similar results, of 169, 170 and 171 mph, because his engine was shutting down. Troubleshooting revealed that there are *two* rev limiters built into the fuel injection computer! Only one had been reset, so the engine was cutting out at 6300 rpm. He has since reset both for 7000 rpm, which should give him trap speeds in the 190 mph range next time!

Fast Five Pantera: A few people had seen the latest chapter in the "Fast and Furious" movie franchise, in theaters now. A black Pantera features prominently in the first few minutes of the movie. Darryl met the stunt driver who drove the car in the movie at the Mojave Mile; he said the producers bought several Panteras, including one from Mike Mayberry. Mike wanted to buy the car back when they were done but they wouldn't sell it, citing 'future plans' for the car. Hmm!

Mustangs Plus Restomod Show In Reno: Mustangs Plus, one of the nation's most prominent Mustang parts retailers, has a big convention each year in Reno. This year their convention will be the same weekend as the Fun Rally, meaning there are even more things to do!

Thunderchicken Update: Bob Benson brought his killer Firebird to the club meeting; it now has about 500 miles on the latest engine (number eight; he's blown the first seven!) with no problems. It has 755 hp, 625 ft/lbs, and the five-speed gearbox is set up to be at exactly the wrong place for the cam profile, so he drives it in 4th gear on the freeway. Yes, it's thirsty too!

Odd Way To Get A ZF: Russ Britschgi spotted a '27 Model T Ford hot rod with a Pantera engine and ZF gearbox, for sale up in Washington state.

Heads Anyone?: Bob Benson ran into a guy who has a full pallet filled with 2V closed-chamber Aussie Cleveland heads, brand new. Some are bare heads, and others are already built up for performance use. Contact Bob if you're interested.

New Pantera Shop In Town!: Roger Sharp was very quietly handing out flyers, announcing his new business, Coyote Valley Pantera. Retirement ain't all it's cracked up to be, and Roger has decided to dabble in doing repair work and maintenance on Panteras from his Morgan Hill home. See his flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Ron DeMaderios.

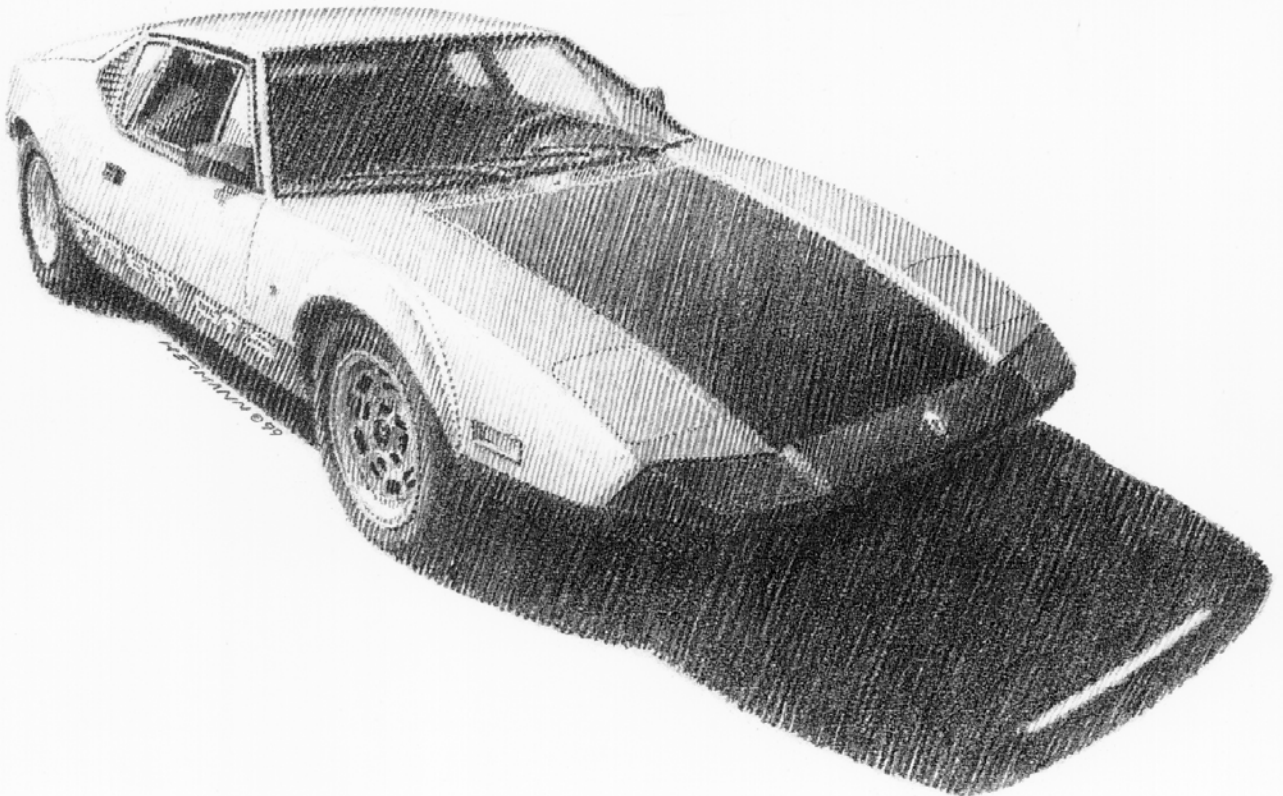
Raffle Results: Trevor and Brett passed the hat once again. This month, Trevor tried something new, and besides the normal type of offerings, he offered mystery bags as raffle prizes. Each of them was filled with car detailing supplies. He also offered up four comic books produced by Ford, featuring various Mustangs; those were just given away as opposed to being considered raffle prizes. Here are the raffle results:

Monterey Motorsports Reunion tickets and corral pass — Lee Farrell

Batman comic books — Rob Pink

Mystery bags — Diane Selven, Doug Johnson, Mark McWhinney, Steve Dalcino, Forest Goodhart, Darryl Johnson

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:15.



Membership News

New Members for May:

We have two new members:

Richard and Tamara Spratling of Orinda. Those of you that have been to Concorso Italiano in the past two years will know their car immediately. Richard and Tamara own the beautiful custom, hand-built, one-of-a-kind sports car that is based on a Mangusta chassis. They have been part of POCA for two years, but have now selected PCNC as their home chapter.

Brian Welch of Santa Clara. Brian purchased his Pantera in 1977 when he was just a teenager and was part of PCNC many years ago (before computer recordkeeping)! #3317 has been in storage for the better part of 15 years, and is now being restored to her former glory. Brian expects it to be back on the road sometime this summer.

May Membership Anniversaries:

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

Bob and Bobby Crowell: twenty years

Rich Walling: ten years

Garth and Leslie Rodericks: eight years

Scott and Susie Carpenter: seven years

Dan and Annie Lem: four years

Dennis Wilson: four years

Kevin and Valerie Abbey: one year

Glenda Perrucci: eleven years

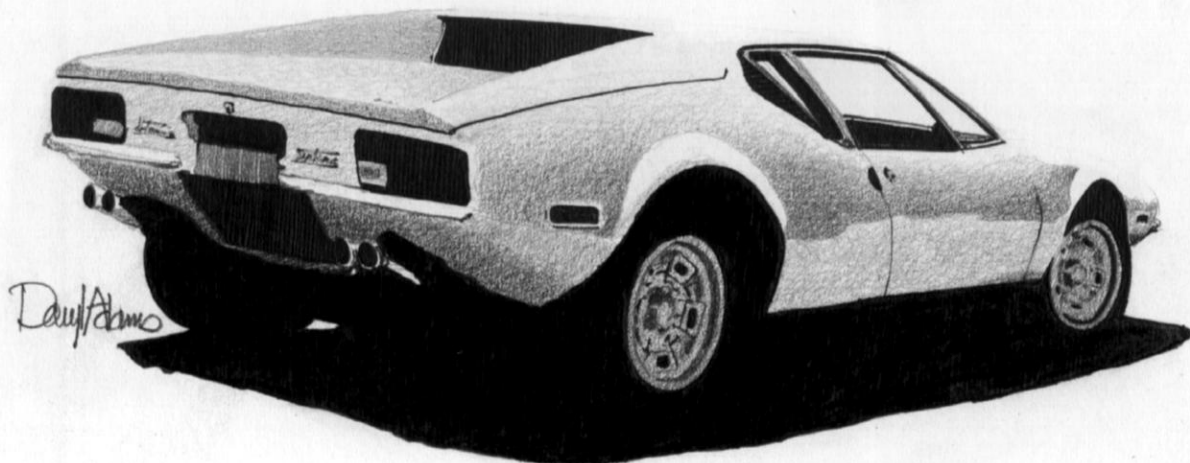
Randy and Linda Libician Welch: eight years

Ernie and Katherine Gerloff: eight years

Terry J. Griggs: six years

Gary Spratling: four years

Brent and Bev Stewart: three years



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Fun Rally Prep

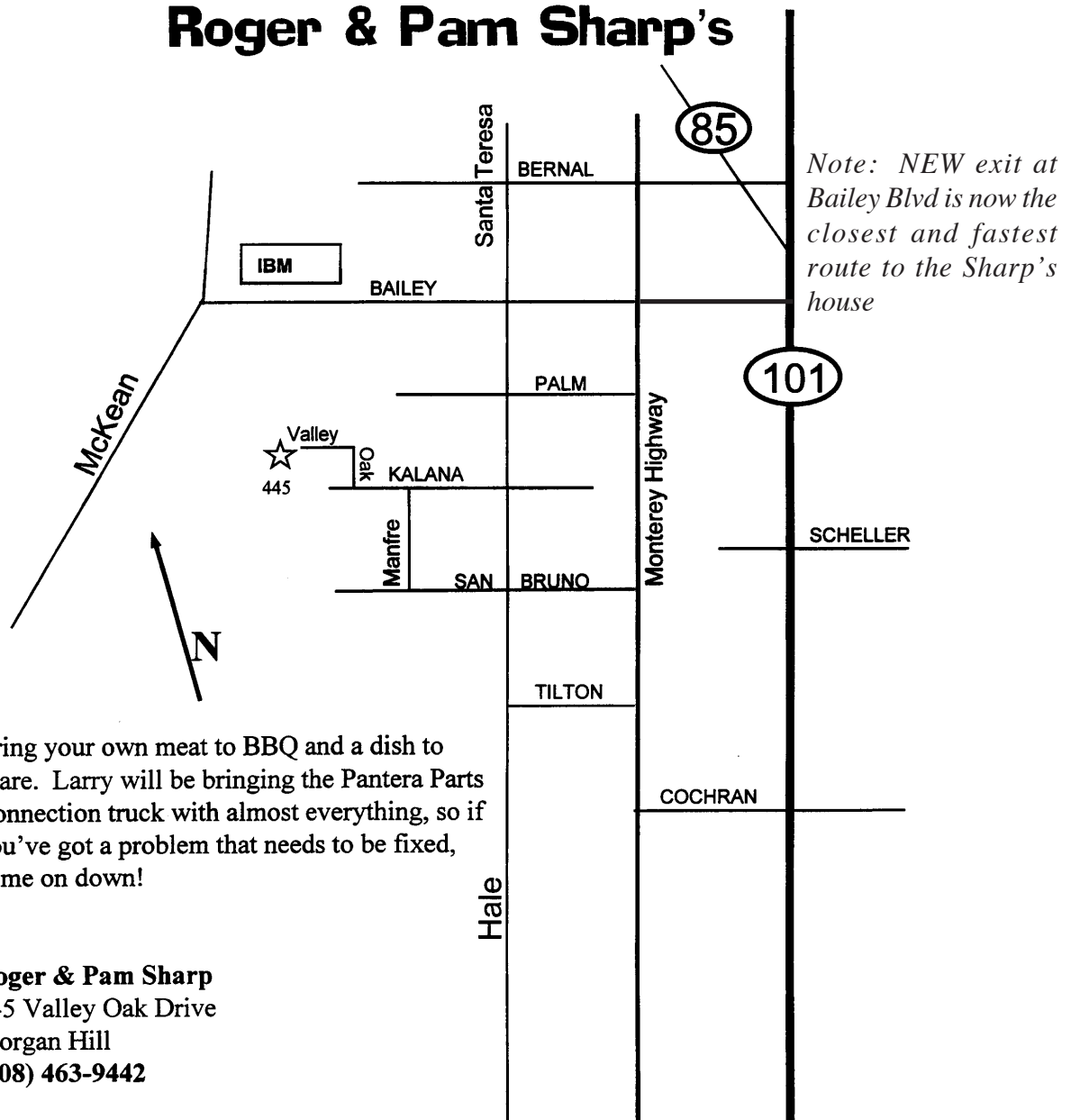
Tech Session

Saturday, 21 May, 10:00 a.m. to ???

This is your last chance to get your Pantera ready for the trek to Reno. Priority on the lifts and in the service bays will be provided to those planning on driving their Panteras to the POCA Fun Rally.

This will also serve as a tech inspection site for those entering their cars in the Las Vegas Speed Trials.

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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PCNC Trek To Reno

Date: Wednesday, June 8

Location: Coco's Parking Lot
1209 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale
(Our normal monthly meeting site)

Departure Time: 9:30 a.m.

Alternate Start Point

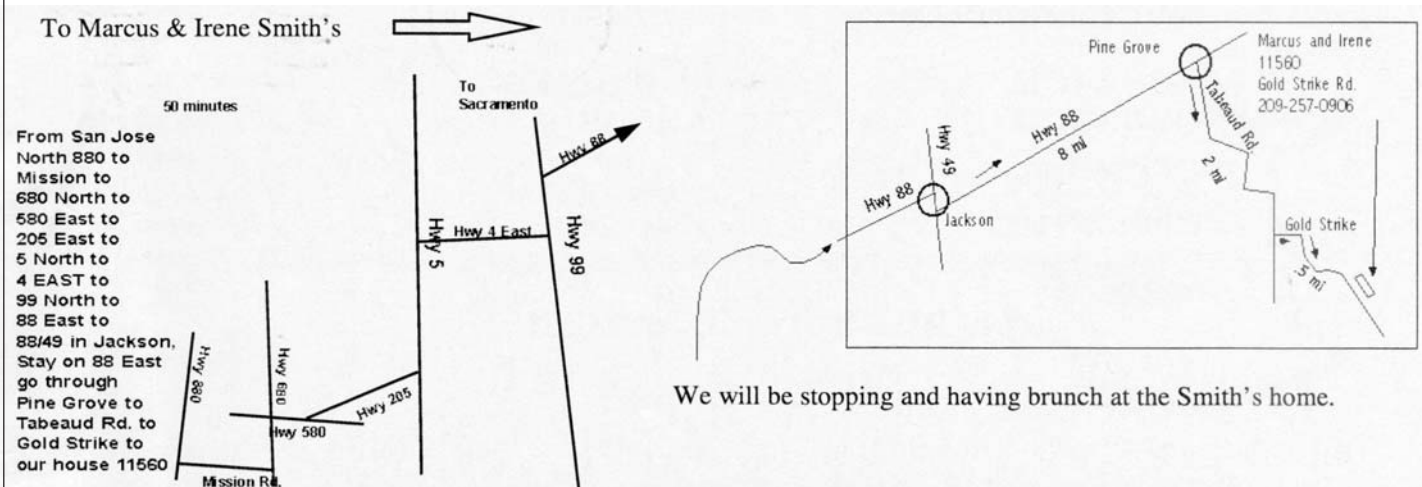
Location: Mike Drew's House
136 Lighthouse Way, Vacaville

Departure Time: 9:30 a.m.

The group will again be travelling up and over the Sierras, with a stop for Brunch at the home of Marcus and Irene Smith in Pine Grove, timed for a mid-afternoon arrival in Reno. Those in the South Bay can meet up at Coco's to travel to the Smith's house as a group. Those in the North Bay can meet at Mke Drew's house in Vacaville. Others may wish to travel directly, to meet at the Smith's house; the brunch in Pine Grove will start at about 11:00 a.m.

Note that the times listed above are departure times. Plan on being strapped in, engines running at that time, which means arriving early enough to take care of pit stop requirements etc. beforehand.

The Smith's address is **11560 Gold Strike Road, Pine Grove CA**. Please RSVP to the Smiths at (209) 257-0906 or ISmith9999@aol.com so they can plan their brunch accordingly.





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, May 26, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA**

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

May 21 ----- Pre-Reno Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

June 8 ----- Drive To Reno/Brunch at the Smith's (Marcus Smith)

June 8-12 ----- POCA Fun Rally (John Taphorn/Judy McCartney)

June 9-10 ----- Reno-Fernley Speed Trials (Larry Finch)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH