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Minutes of Meeting 28 February, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Mark McWhinney, Kevin Abbey and Mike Drew (Steve Liebenow kindly took notes for the newsletter). There were 32 people present, and five De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Randy Thomas**, whose Pantera was featured in last month's issue. He told the group that he used to own a Ferrari 328 GTS but felt the need for a faster car with more power! He started looking for a Pantera, found Mike Drew's contact information on the internet, and Mike suggested several cars that were coming up for sale at the Scottsdale auctions in January. Randy reached out and bought #6860 from a dealership prior to the start of the

auctions, sight unseen. He drove it a bit, found some small issues, and now it's up on jackstands with no suspension, no exhaust, etc. He's having difficulty figuring out where to stop!

Robert Jones was a former member back in the old Round Table Pizza meeting days; he has owned his blue '72 Pre-L for 39 years! He rejoined PCNC back in 2007 but this is the first meeting he has attended. He bought his Pantera in 1974 and used it as a daily driver, racking up over 100K miles before parking it in 1994. Four years ago he started a restoration project, but he has since run out of steam, and he's thinking of selling it. It is essentially stock, with minor modifications, a camshaft upgrade, etc. Decisions, decisions....

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Although there were no changes to the body of the newsletter, Darryl pointed out that his phone number was listed incorrectly (since fixed).

Club Treasury Report: We have had an influx of cash, including the proceeds from the Christmas Party raffle, which means our balance has actually improved this month. Our club's federal Employee Identification Number was rendered invalid somehow, so Tom paid a visit to his local friendly IRS office, and after a bit of run-around, got us a new number. He filed a required annual report form with the state, and will be making an IRS report soon.

Club Store Report: Bud brought the clothes rack with various club jackets etc. for sale, and is very interested in moving product! He is very hopeful that our new website, with an on-line store, will introduce our merchandise to a much wider audience. He also displayed some new graphic art samples from a couple of different artists, in an attempt to get new artwork for club store items.

Club Membership Report: Greg's job has been complicated more than a bit by the fact that POCA's membership director, Judy McCartney, has been hospitalized twice in the previous few months. We had not received an update from POCA since October, so our membership roster has languished. He anticipates getting it squared away soon (and in fact your membership roster should be included with this newsletter).

Club Website Report: Mark was absent, but the newsletter was posted on the website. In the meantime, a new website is under construction and should be going live in the next few months.

Club Motorsports Report: Larry Finch said that we will again be hosting a joint De Tomaso/Maserati corral at Laguna Seca for the Historic Races. The featured marque is Corvette this year. The corral ticket procedure has changed; this year one has to go through the track's website to purchase both race tickets and corral passes. PCNC will not be able to procure or distribute passes to people, and the cost of the passes has gone up \$10. Sales will be conducted through Ticketmaster, so they will tack their fees on as well.

The track event at the POCA Fun Rally will be sponsored by the Arizona POCA chapter, with Jim Cozzolino's help, instead of Jim personally. All the signup information can be found in the POCA newsletter, and on the POCA website.

Larry expressed interest in surrendering the Club Motorsports position, but will be glad to work with his replacement. Lori Albino has agreed to step in and take over.

Several PCNC racers will be participating in a Checkered Flag Racing Association track day at Laguna Seca on Saturday, March 30th. This is an exceptionally rare 105 db day, so Panteras should be able to participate without getting black-flagged for noise. At least four or five club members are signed up, and they can give rides, so anybody who has a helmet and wants to ride around Laguna Seca at speed is welcome to come!

Club Library Report: Forest announced a new procedure to store the club meeting minutes in the club library records; otherwise there were no changes to the library content.

Past Events:

Super Bowl Party: The Stewarts once again did a fantastic job hosting the annual Super Bowl party, and received a well-deserved round of applause. See the full article in last month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Pre-Fun Rally Tech Session — 6 April: Bob Benson has once again invited the members of PCNC to come to his expansive workshop in Campbell for a bit of hands-on fellowship. Priority on the lifts will be given to those cars that are forecast to attend the Fun Rally. Besides space and tools for working on cars, the workshop also has decent amenities for Significant Others who might not be overly inclined to spin wrenches. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

PCNC Meeting — 18 April (ONE WEEK EARLY!): The monthly PCNC meeting will be held one week earlier than normal, due to the POCA Fun Rally taking place at the end of the month.

POCA Fun Rally — 24-28 April: Plans are already coming together for the Fun Rally, which again will be held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino. As the date draws nearer, we will be organizing several convoys, departing from the Bay Area.

Steve Liebenow has taken on the task of organizing the main group, which will depart the Bay Area on Tuesday morning, with an overnight stop in Hesperia (near Victorville). The next day will feature a drive of about 4-5 hours, through the Apple Valley, and scenic backroads, dropping into Palm Springs and arriving in Phoenix in plenty of time for the wedding. Look for all the information elsewhere in this newsletter.

The wedding will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesday, there will be two days of open track on Thursday and Friday, plus a host of other activities. A full listing of the events at the Fun Rally can be found on the POCA website, along with all necessary sign-up forms etc.

Plenty of volunteers are needed to run the PCNC club store, especially since Bud Millard will not be there. The store will be co-located with the Hospitality Suite, so store workers won't be isolated from the fun as they were last year. We should have our own operational credit card system by then as well. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the March and April meetings.

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — 27-28 April: For those not attending the Fun Rally, this is a fantastic alternative. Historically it has been a one-day show, comprising the best of cars, trucks, airplanes, motorcycles, and just about any other kind of machine you can think of. Its incredible popularity has caused it to expand to two days now. Go to www.miramarevents.com for more information.

Concorso Italiano — 16 August: This year will feature a special tribute to the Apollo, the brilliant and under-appreciated hybrid from the early 1960s, with Italian coachwork and Buick aluminum V8 power. Go to www.concorso.com to sign up.

Concours Events: Bud Millard is organizing Pantera contingents to attend several prominent concours events in the area, including the Marin/Sonoma Concours on May 19th, the Palo Alto Concours on June 30th, and the Hillsborough Concours on July 21st. (The latter two are not ‘concours’ in the strictest sense of the word, but rather just nice car shows, where modified cars are welcome). There is a list of upcoming events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Kelleher Tour: After the great success of his East Bay Grease Tour last year, Matt Kelleher is working on another tour event for 2013, with help from Bud Millard. The date and location are both TBA. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters. His priority is getting his own Pantera on the road; it is now painted, and is moving forward at a rapid pace! His main body man is leaving town unexpectedly for a couple of months, which will set him back somewhat, but hopefully he will be on the road by summertime.

Club Business:

PCNC Board Meeting: The members of the PCNC board met in closed session to discuss a variety of topics. Several of those discussion topics centered around improving the club’s financial picture, through a joint effort between the club store and a new, retail-oriented club website. As a demonstration of the power of such an enterprise, Mike and Lori built a PCNC calendar and marketed it through www.zazzle.com; the cost was absolutely zero, and the club realized almost \$400 in pure profit from the enterprise, with over 120 calendars sold.

Using that as inspiration, Denny Morse registered www.PanteraClubNorCal.org for use as a not-for-profit club and had a shell website up and running almost immediately, with basic functionality for club store sales. We also have Google Checkout and PayPal accounts linked to the club store account, to allow us to process payments.

With our new club EIN (mentioned above), the website will give us the ability to collect cash, make tax payments automatically and move earnings into the club store bank account easily.

We can even take advantage of new smartphone technology that allows us to process credit card payments through a smartphone with a card swiping device, which will facilitate sales both at the Fun Rally and at club meetings and events.

We need to aggressively market the club store merchandise that has been moving slowly, to a wider audience. At the same time, the new website should be more responsive to member needs, and have more up-to-date information on upcoming club events etc.

A small committee has been formed to develop both the club store, and general portions of the website, with a target of full rollout within 90 days. While the basic structure is in place, it is very skeletal and needs to be fleshed out while we have momentum and interest! The new format of WebUI will be more ‘document’-oriented versus the older HTML-based development.

The position of Name Badge Coordinator is being retired, and those duties will be folded into the Membership Coordinator duties, for the sake of efficiency. This requires a Bylaws change, which is a project that will be undertaken shortly.

The club raffle was discussed at length, as this is another club profit center. The goal is to make the experience better and increase participation. The suggestion was to reduce the number of items for raffle each month, and increase the value (perceived or otherwise) of those items. This would likely result in increased ticket sales, and a shorter raffle. We also need to solicit member donations; in the (profitable) past, a substantial number of the prizes raffled off each month were donated by club members. One man’s extra poster is another man’s treasure! So

please, if you are coming to a club meeting, take a look around and see if you have something that you could contribute as a raffle prize.

Integration with POCA was another item of discussion; Darryl wanted more information about the club's insurance coverage, which comes via POCA's umbrella policy. Subsequent to the meeting, he contacted POCA's insurance agent and received the answers he was looking for.

Finally, the club needs help in the form of volunteers to stage the various events that we customarily hold each year. We already have some volunteers to assist John Colombero with several events, but can always use more assistance. If you would like to contribute, please do!

Buy/Sell/Swap: There were no items offered for sale.

News, Clues and Rumors: Apparently there were no newsworthy stories shared at the meeting this month.

Raffle Results: Brent Stewart ran the raffle in Kevin's absence, with the following results:

Lee Hinkley: Craftsman Universal Wrench set — Lee Hinkley
Canadian Pantera poster — Lee Hinkley, Rich Boschert
Pliers set — Bob Lucas
T-wrench set — Ron DeMaderios
Bottle of wine — Bob Lucas, Chuck Melton
Digital voltmeter — Darryl Johnson
Mini flashlight — Darryl Johnson
Matchbox Pantera — Diane Taylor
12v heater unit — Ken Levin
Feeler gauges — Darryl Johnson
Girl Scout cookies — Diane Taylor, Doris Britschgi
Ferrari graphic picture — Bud Millard

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:40.



Membership News

New Members for February:

We have no new members in February.

February Membership Anniversaries:

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

Doug Abadie and Kay Schwartz: 23 years

Larry and Dee Dee Laino: 19 years

Tim and Becky Haddad: 1 year

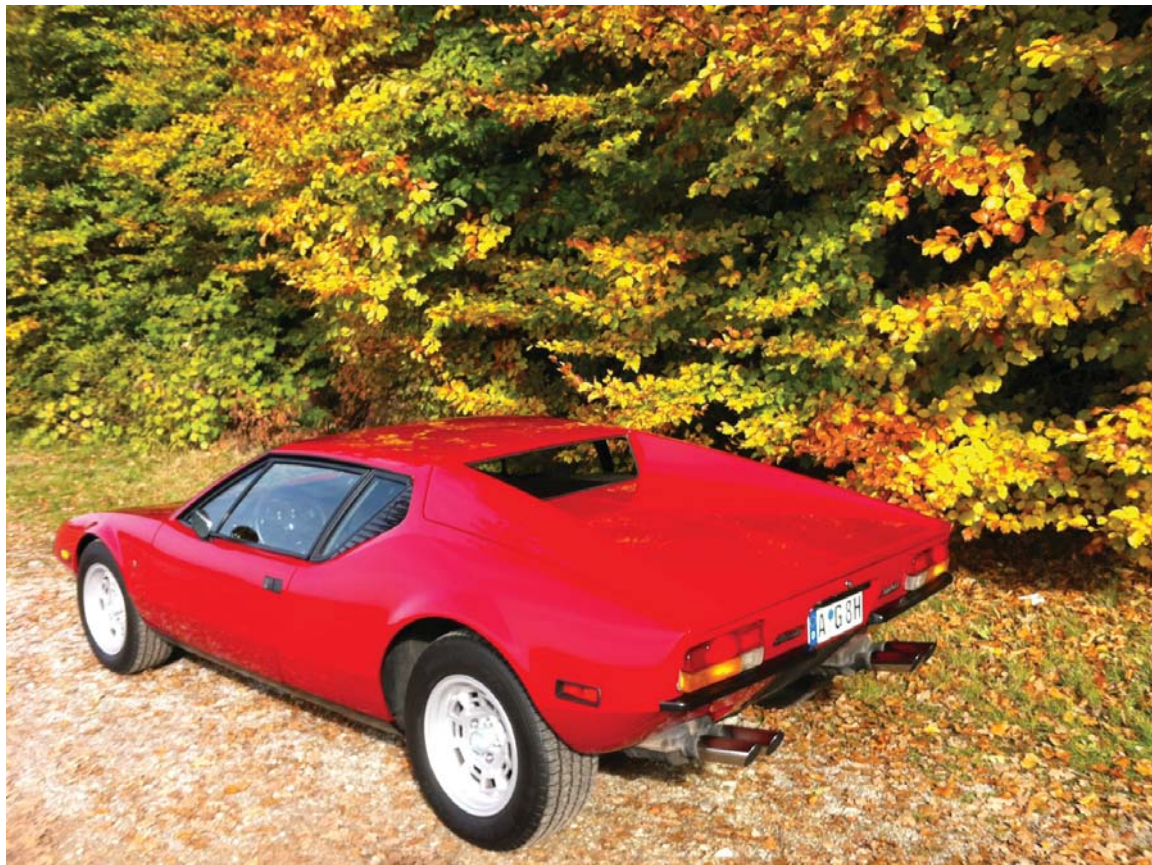
James Dursi and Lyn Murray: 23 years

Lee Farrell: 6 years

Dennis Antenucci: 1 year

New Members for March:

Wolfgang Geisler — Augsburg, Germany. Wolfgang lives in Bavaria, and with the help of some Inland Empire Pantera owners, he was able to buy a beautiful red Pantera L #5357 from a Ford dealership in Indio (near Palm Springs) a year and a half ago, and has been enjoying it in Germany ever since. The stock engine lacks the power needed to run with the big dogs on the autobahn, so he is currently in the process of having it rebuilt and improved greatly. He will be coming to the upcoming POCA Fun Rally, and joined POCA (and PCNC) when he signed up for the event.



Greg Hiebert – San Jose. Greg visited us a few months ago and decided to join. He has a Viper and a Pantera #5017.

Randy Thomas – Concord. Randy's Pantera L #6860 was shown in last month's newsletter. He came to his first PCNC meeting last month and decided to join!

All three will be getting a welcome letter, a request for more information, a couple of brochures and a few back issues of the PCNC newsletter.

We also want to welcome back **Chris Difani, Patrick King, Paul Rimov** and **Byron Paul Tomingas**. They all re-activated their memberships with POCA and PCNC after being absent for a while.

March Membership Anniversaries:

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

Lindsay and Estelle Crawford: 38 years

Russ and Doris Britschgi: 28 years

Eddie Pavlu II: 23 years

Richard Dean: 20 years

Howard Renshaw, Jr.: 16 years

Chris Clark: 13 years

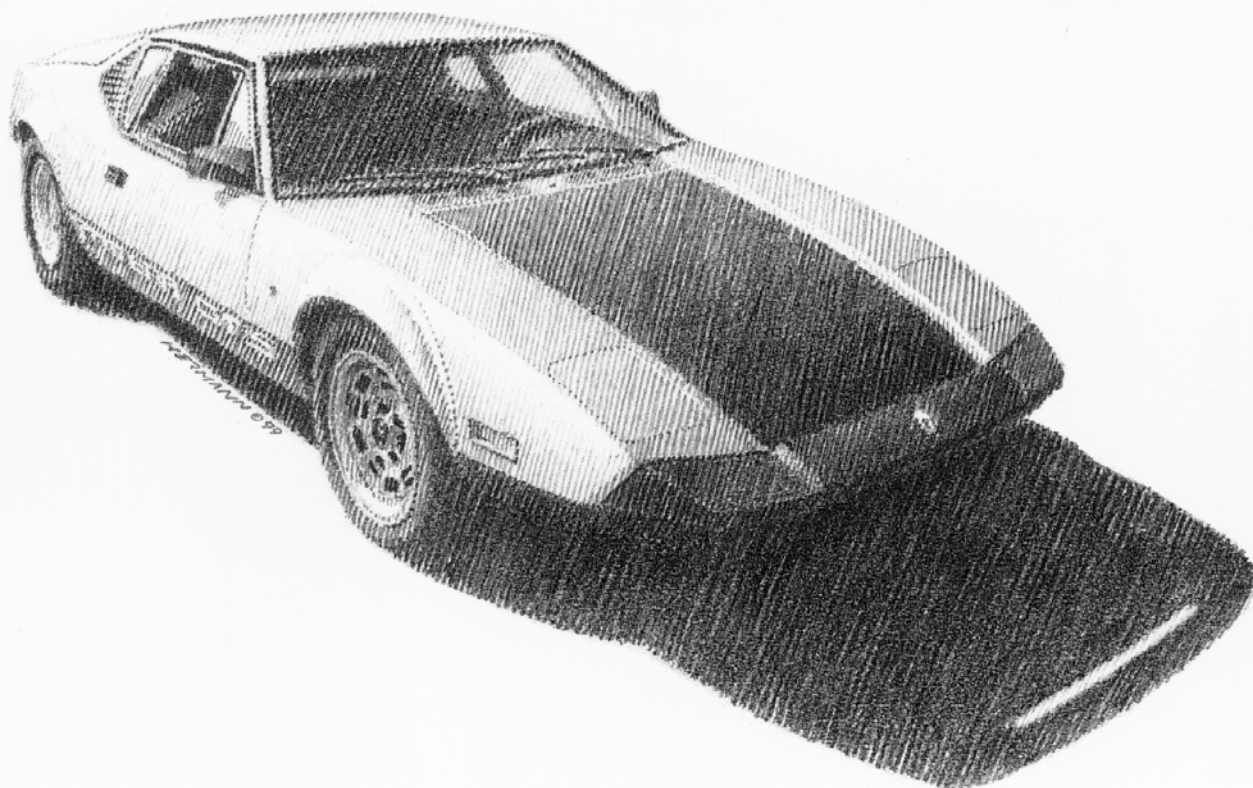
Diane Dean: 37 years

Carl Kaufmann: 26 years

Joel Gust: 21 years

Doug Kelm: 16 years

Richard Boschert: 14 years



Convoy to The POCA Fun Rally

Departing Tuesday, 23 April

Steve Liebenow has organized our convoy travelling to the POCA Fun Rally on 23 April. The overnight stop will be at the Fantasy Springs Casino/Resort, 84245 Indio Springs Parkway, in Indio.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATION! Steve has reserved eight rooms under the group name "PCNC", and they will be turned back in to the hotel on April 19th, so make sure you make your reservation before then! You can cancel your reservation up to 72 hours prior to the check-in time with no penalties.

Room rate: \$90 including tax

Room type: Two double beds, or single King bed. You must specifically ask for a King bed room, otherwise you will get double beds.

Contact info: Call the hotel at (760) 342-5000, and mention the group name PCNC for the discounted rate. If you have issues, ask to speak with Valerie there, who set this up for us.

CONVOY RENDEZVOUS INFORMATION

The group leaving from the Bay Area will **depart** from the McDonald's parking lot on East Dunne Road in Morgan Hill, CA (our usual meeting spot, just off Hwy 101) at 8:30 a.m. **sharp**. That means you need to be there, and fill your tank at the station next door, prior to that time.

It is likely that a smaller group will depart from the Modesto/Fresno region and meet up with the Bay Area group, either at Wasco for lunch, or Kramer Junction a few hours later.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

We will travel to Indio via the following route:

Hwy 101 South to Hwy 152 East;

Hwy 152 East to I-5 South,

I-5 South to Hwy 46 East to Wasco for lunch. (People coming from the central valley can take 99 South and then double back on Hwy 46 West a few miles to join us for lunch...)

Continue East on Hwy 46 to Hwy 99 South;

Hwy 99 South to Hwy 58 East in Bakersfield.

Hwy 58 East around Mojave to Hwy 395 South at Kramer Junction.

Hwy 395 South to Adelanto, Left (East) on Air Base Expressway Blvd.

Continue on Air Base to Hwy 18 (National Trails Highway). Road bears right, in a T-junction.

Follow Hwy 18 thru Apple Valley (probably good place for gas)...past Roy Roger's old home.

Once out of town, keep straight on Hwy 247 (Old Woman Springs Rd) when Hwy 18 heads off to right to Big Bear.

Continue on Hwy 247 to Yucca Valley

Right on Hwy 62 (Twenty Nine Palms Highway)

Continue on Hwy 62 to I-10/I-15 East and about 20 miles or so,

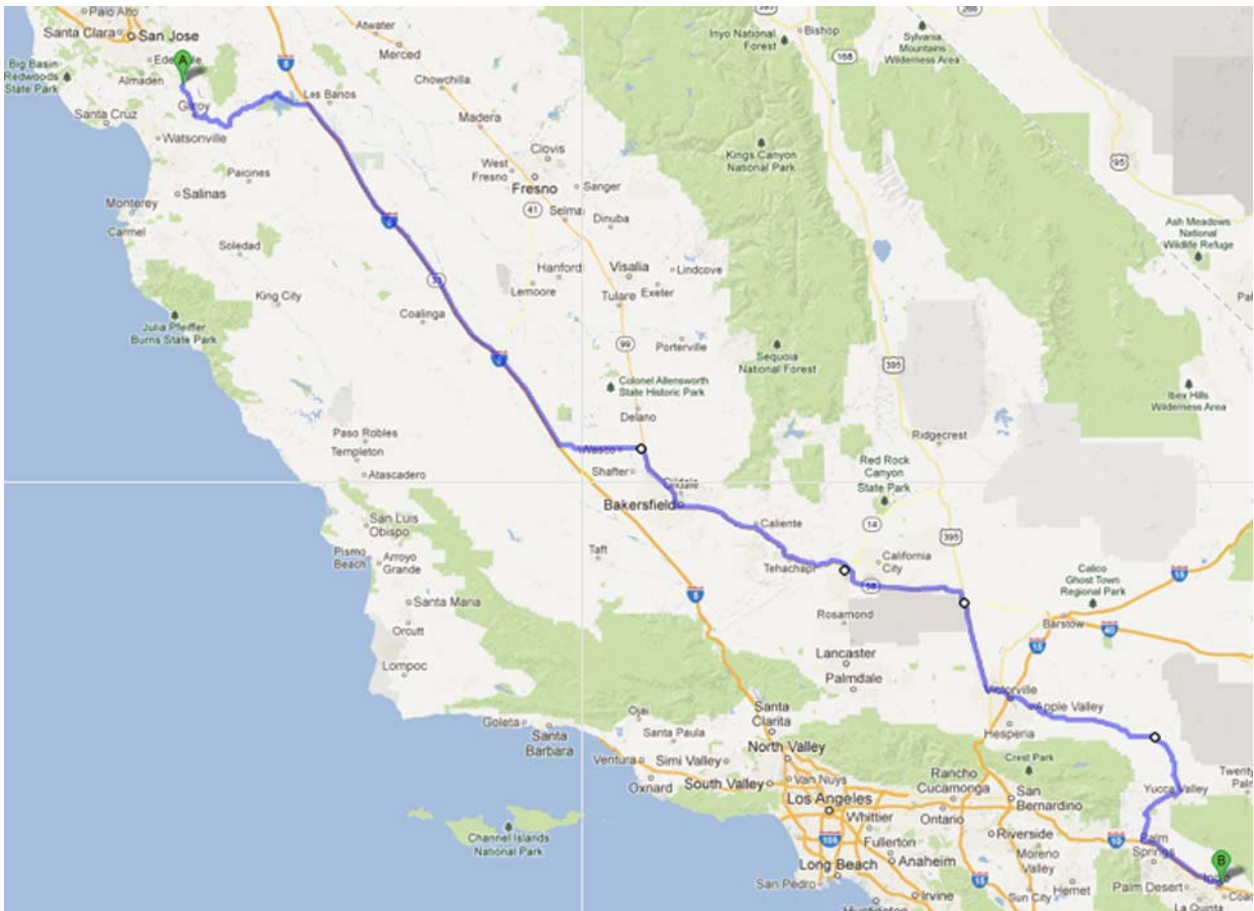
From I-10/I-15 East, EXIT Golf Center Parkway, and proceed to double back over the freeway where the Casino is on the right-hand side. A Right on Indio Springs Drive will take you into the Casino grounds.

OR

If traffic appears to be a mess, just before the I-10/I-15 intersection, turn left on Dillon Rd. Dillon Road will go through Desert Hot Springs a bit, along the foothills and come in north of the casino, again a 20 or so mile drive. Just before the I-10/I-15 intersection, turn right on Vista Del Norte and come in the back side of the casino.

RSVP!

Please RSVP to Steve Liebenow via cell phone (408) 313-7106, or via e-mail at steven.liebenow@att.net so he knows to expect you; let him know if you will be meeting in Morgan Hill, or later down the road.



2013 Calendar of Events

April 6 Pre-POCA Fun Rally Tech Session, Campbell
Bob Benson, (408) 209-7677

April 23-29 POCA Fun Rally, Phoenix
www.poca.com/fr

April 28-29 Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show, Half Moon Bay
www.miramarevents.com or (650) 726-2328

May 19 Marin-Sonoma Concours, San Rafael
<http://concours2013.com/2013/> or (415) 460-1288

June 29-30 Palo Alto Concours, Palo Alto
<http://www.paconcours.com/> or Bud Millard (650) 697-6894

July 7 Cars in the Park, Burlingame
DanAndersen@comcast.net or (650) 342-8005

July 21 Hillsborough Concours, Hillsborough
www.hillsboroughconcours.org

August 10 Car Crazy Car Show and BBQ, San Mateo
<http://www.carcrazypromotions.org/>

August 16 Concorso Italiano, Monterey
<http://www.concorso.com/>

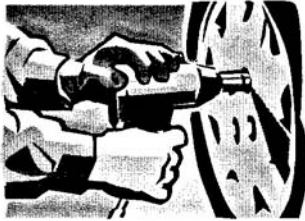
August 16-18 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Monterey
<http://www.mazdaraceway.com/rolex-monterey-motorsports-reunion>

September 28 Ironstone Concours, Murphys
<http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/>

October 6 Horses to Horsepower, Redwood City
<http://www.horsetohorsepower.net/>

Pre-Phoenix Tech Session At Bob Benson's Garage

Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

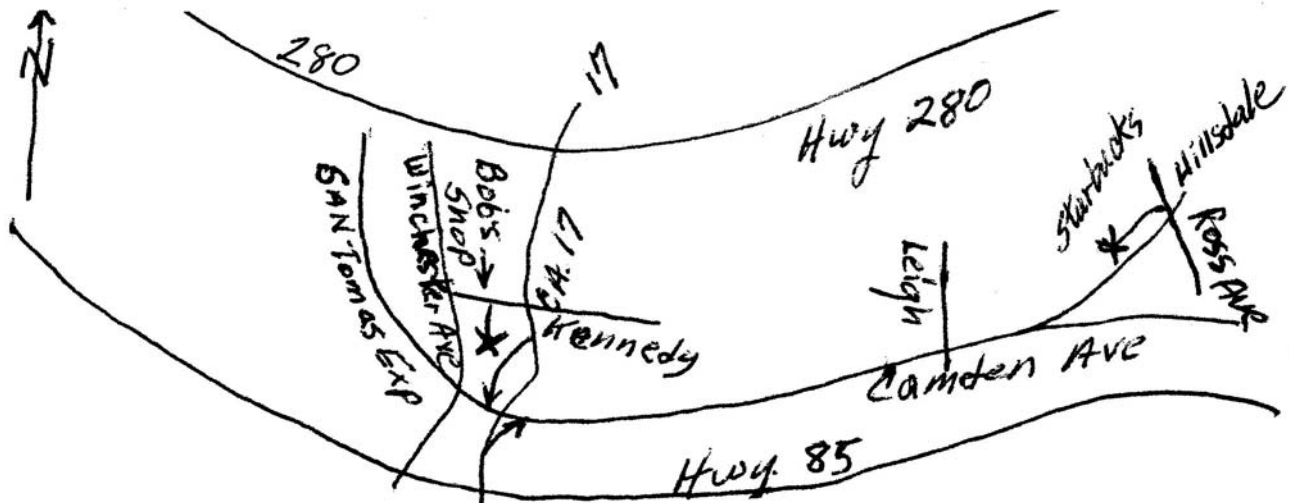


For the early Auto Enthusiasts, an option:
COFFEE at STARBUCKS. Car Show Starting at
8:00A.M. See Directions Below:

Bob will have a BBQe and Kitchen with refrigerator and sink. Bring your choice of meat and utensils. Bring your own drinks and a dish or snack to share.

Bob has plenty of tools (of Course) If you need a special purpose tool for your job, bring it along. We will have a 110 amp wire welder on site.

Let us look forward to Phoenix with the comfort of knowing that we did our best to be prepared.



Regardless of where you are coming from, you will need to get to Hwy 17 (AKA Hwy 880) and get off at Camden Ave. NOTE THE OFF RAMPS. To join the doughnut & coffee crowd, at 8:00 a.m., proceed EAST on CAMDEN AVE and PAST LEIGH AVE. Bear to the LEFT & TAKE HILLSDALE AVE. When you come to ROSS AVE, make an IMMEDIATE "U" TURN that will put you in the TARGET PARKINGLOT. STARBUCKS ADDRESS: 1815 HILLSDALE AVE. Bob's garage facility will open at 10:00 A.M. GET BACK on CAMDEN AVE, cross UNDER Hwy 17 (AKA Hwy 880); TAKE WINCHESTER AVE, NORTH proceed a few blocks to KENNEDY, make a RIGHT & another RIGHT on INDUSTRIAL. Bob's shop is on the LEFT, near the end of the street – ADDRESS – 442 Industrial Ave, Campbell. Bob's cell phone number – (408) 209-7677.



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, March 28, 2013
8:00 P.M.**

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

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April 6 ————— Pre-Fun Rally Tech Session (Bob Benson)

April 18 ————— PCNC Meeting (*ONE WEEK EARLY!*)

April 23-28 ————— POCA Fun Rally (Judy McCartney)

April 27-28 ————— Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show (Bud Millard)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH