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# Minutes of Meeting 26 May, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:35 p.m. All officers were present except for Denny Morse, Irene Smith, and Mike and Lori Drew. There were five De Tomaso cars in the parking lot and 20 members signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: There were no new members or guests present.

<u>Changes To Last Month's Newsletter</u>: There were no changes noted.

<u>Club Treasury Report</u>: Larry reported that he had deposited roughly \$4000 from Los Laureles deposits received from Steve Dalcino. He also received a quarterly rebate from POCA, and paid a few bills for name tags and the printing and mailing of the club roster. The treasury remains healthy.

<u>Club Store Report</u>: Marcus reported in Irene's absence. Our club store was extremely well-received by those present at the Fun Rally. She is still tallying up our sales, but it seems likely that we sold somewhere in the \$3K-4K range. What remains to be seen is if that resulted in a profit, as we still have quite a bit of inventory left over.

<u>Club Membership Report</u>: As Lori was absent and there were no new members this month, there was no report.

<u>Club Motorsports Report</u>: Bob Benson reported that Checkered Flag Racing Association will be running a one-day event at Thunderhill on the full five-mile course on Monday, October 10th. He is hoping that we will again have a large turnout as we have in years past. The Shelby Club is running the two days prior, so one could conceivably run all three days if one was really motivated!

<u>Club Website Report</u>: Denny would like some sort of backup in the form of somebody to collect articles and information, and then take responsibility for physically inserting it into the website. Right now, Lori has taken over the responsibilities associated with the club membership function, and Denny would like to shed additional load so that articles etc. can be posted by (somebody) without needing his intervention. Garth Rodericks volunteered to be that guy.

### **Past Events**:

Las Vegas Fun Rally: Quite a few members of PCNC participated in the Fun Rally, and several of them shared their reflections. Dennis Valdez said he met lots of good people, and there were a lot of different activities. The hotel was not necessarily the nicest place in town, but having the cars close by and in secured parking was a very good thing.

Gary Kono said that the hotel provides the best bang for the buck in Las Vegas.

Over 100 Fun Rally participants took advantage of the opportunity to see Jay Leno performing at the Mirage,

Forest and Judy have attended every single Fun Rally since the beginning, and significantly, they have attended every one in their Pantera! He shared some of the history of the event. He was a bit irritated that he was given the responsibility for leading the Shelby car show event. He indicated that he was only asked if he planned to attend, and when he said yes, he was 'voluntold' that he would be in charge of it!

Everyone who attended had a terrific time! Look for an article in next month's newsletter with all the details.

<u>San Jose Concours</u>: Bud Millard, Lou Brizzolera and Mark Bailey's Panteras took part in this event which provided an alternative for those who couldn't attend the Fun Rally. The concours was held at the San Jose Country Club and Bud reported that it featured quite a mix of cars, not to mention lots of good food!

### **Upcoming Events**:

<u>Canepa Motorsports Tour — 9 July</u>: PCNC has once again been invited to tour the impressive Canepa Motorsports museum in Scotts Valley, in conjunction with a Cars & Coffee event there. We will meet in Los Gatos and then caravan to the site where we will have reserved parking, and following the tour, we will have lunch at Malone's Grille. There is no cost to participate, but an RSVP is needed to ensure adequate Pantera parking.

There will be a signup sheet at the May and June meetings, or contact Bud and let him know if you plan on attending. Please RSVP so he can make the appropriate arrangements for parking, tables etc.

Monterey Weekend — 18-21 August: Steve Dalcino gave a brief overview of this year's Los Laureles event, held in conjunction with the Monterey car weekend. The PCNC dinner will cost \$60 for those who are not staying with us at the hotel, and consist of BBQ chicken, ribs, salmon, and locally grown salad. In remembrance of Tony Harvey, the theme this year is Hawaiian. Cocktails will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30. The hospitality suite will be open for the duration of the weekend and is open to everyone, whether they are staying at the hotel or not. See the info flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

<u>Ironstone Concours — 24 September</u>: Although it's a long way out still, Bud wanted to remind us of this terrific event, which has proven to be a very popular getaway for PCNC members. Many who attended last year made their hotel reservations for this year as they were leaving, but if you haven't already done so and plan to attend, make your reservations soon! The event registration form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

As in years past, various dinners etc. will be organized for those who come up for the full weekend. Watch for more information as the date draws nearer.

Vandenberg Air Force Base Car Show — 24 September: Held the same weekend as the Ironstone event, this car show is much more than a simple car show, as it also features a complete tour of the space and missile launch facilities, as well as some opportunities for high-speed driving. At least one or two PCNC members (as well as a Pantera owner visiting from Norway!) plan to attend. For more information visit the event website at http://www.fastcars4vafb.com/.

Niello Concours At Serrano — 2 October: This fantastic concours event is located about 20 miles from Sacramento, in the El Dorado hills. This year, the De Tomaso Pantera is the featured marque! We are therefore hoping for a fantastic turnout of PCNC members. Bud Millard is working to make this a terrific weekend getaway event, with a beautiful Saturday scenic drive and lunch in the Sacramento River Delta region, and a dinner on Saturday night, before the Sunday concours. Watch for more information in upcoming months.

<u>All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 9 October</u>: The reports of the possible demise of this terrific event have proven premature, as the organizers have announced it will once again be held at the same location.

<u>PCNC Christmas Party — 9 December</u>: Dennis said that the restaurant we have used in the past few years had several open dates, and Friday December 9th was the date preferred by most people in the room. Watch for more information as the date draws nearer.

### **Club Business**:

**POCA President's Breakfast**: Forest and Larry attended the annual meeting of the POCA board and representatives from each chapter, held at the Fun Rally each year. The meeting was unusually animated and contentious.

He said there was talk of eliminating the printing of the POCA newsletter and *Profiles* and converting to an all-digital (PDF) format, which would save the club an enormous amount of

money. There was tremendous pushback against this idea from the chapter representatives, who knew that most club members value the paper publications. In deference to this, instead it was agreed that POCA dues would be raised \$10 which would cover all expenses.

(Note that in the ensuing weeks, much has changed, with both the POCA newsletter and Profiles editors quitting their jobs, a new interim Profiles editor appointed, and no newsletter candidates on the horizon, so stay tuned for more information as the situation evolves—ed)

POCA produced a new color tri-fold information brochure which is designed to be handed out to prospective members. The chapter presidents received five copies per member, to distribute to their members as they see fit, and more are available if needed.

The stated goal of POCA President Michael Shortt is to reach 1000 members by the end of the year. The results of a recent survey indicate that 70% of the club's members (that is, those who chose to respond) are 50 and over; it's felt that we really need to encourage Pantera ownership, and club membership, among younger people.

The discussion devolved into a discussion of the president's first few months in office; he has upset many, many people with his gruff demeanor and condescending attitude towards anyone that disagrees with him. Most people agreed that he has lots of energy and some very good ideas, but the consensus is that he doesn't play well with others, which has created an unfortunate level of friction (manifested in the sudden exit of both publication editors as mentioned above).

Greg and Forest had a discussion and Greg noted that fully 150 of the 860 POCA members are affiliated with PCNC, making us the strongest chapter by far. The question is, does that somehow give PCNC more clout and a greater say in the direction that the national club chooses to take on various issues?

There was some discussion of the long-standing PCNC policy that in order to be a member of the local club, you must be a POCA member as well. That is a highly principled and dogmatic stance, one not reflected by any other POCA chapter. It was pointed out that since our newsletters are available online, one could argue that an individual doesn't 'need' POCA and could derive sufficient satisfaction from a PCNC-only membership. The rebuttal to that is that PCNC derives not only much of its operating expenses (in the form of a \$25-per-membership rebate from POCA), but also all of our insurance coverage under the POCA umbrella policy.

In the "good news" department, one of the most controversial POCA decisions was to abandon administration of the De Tomaso e-mail forum, which was started as an independent entity and later taken over by POCA. The goal was to destroy it to encourage owners to instead participate in a POCA website-based forum, one that required POCA membership. Fortunately a volunteer stepped forward to save the old e-mail based forum, and it now continues to thrive with a new address. For information and to sign up, go to:

http://server.detomasolist.com/mailman/listinfo/detomaso

Participation in the new web-based forum (like the old POCA web-based forum) has been rather underwhelming. It remains to be seen if the new format will find favor, but since it is designed to exclude anybody who is not a POCA member (to include excluding all associate members), its future looks rather bleak.

### **News, Clues and Rumors**:

<u>Hey, That's My Car!</u>: Attending his last-ever PCNC meeting, club stalwart John Colombero related an incident that happened to him recently; he was being driven somewhere on

El Camino when a Pantera passed him, that looked just like his! He was able to get closer and saw that it was his wife driving! He asked her, "What are you doing driving my Pantera?" and her answer was, "Hey, it's my car too! Get over it!"

<u>Senior Center Car Show</u>: John said that a recent car show at his senior center was a great success. There weren't so many Panteras, but there were many underrated cars present, including a very nice Cadillac '53 Coupe de Ville. He is hoping to host the show again, and hoping to get more Panteras and perhaps support from another club or two to get the variety up.

<u>Car Trailer Parking Needed?</u>: Chuck Melton would like to have a car trailer, but he needs to find some place to keep it when it's not in use (which would be most of the time), preferably in the Campbell-ish area. Contact Chuck if you're able to help.

Not From My Car!: Steve Liebenow related a story of discovering fuel on the ground near his Mangusta, and hoping against hope that it was coming from some other source, only to discover that his tank had rubbed against the chassis long enough to wear a hole in the side of it!

<u>Driving For Dinner Raffle</u>: Marcus Smith drove his Pantera to the meeting, and while luck of the draw saw him winning the raffle, he was also informally awarded for the furthest distance driven to the meeting.

**Raffle Results**: Brett and Brent passed the hat, with the following results:

Handheld (big hands....) Craftsman toolbox (Tom Galli donated) — Brian Bernard LARGE Universal Remote — Bud Millard

Tool Roll — Steve Liebeow

American Flag — Steve Liebenow

Battery Booster for Phone etc. — Gary Kono

Tool Bag — Ken Levin

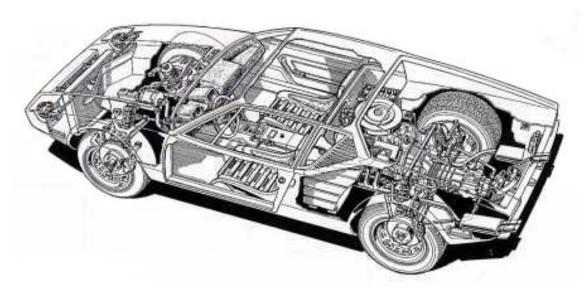
Socket Labels — Dennis Valdez

Oil Change Gloves — Forest

Allen Wrench set — Dennis Valdez

NGK Spark Plug Sign — Gary Kono

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:12 p.m.

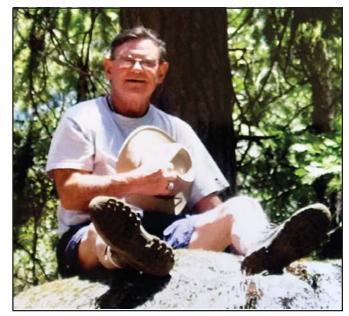


# In Memorium: John Colombero

It is with great sadness to have to report that our fellow PCNC member, and friend, John Colombero passed away last week.

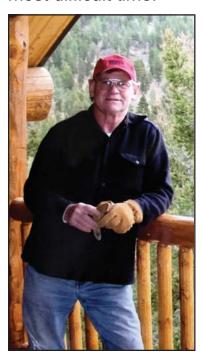
John's health had declined over the past several years, but in spite of this he managed to stay active in PCNC, often attending meetings and events, up to and including last month's meeting.

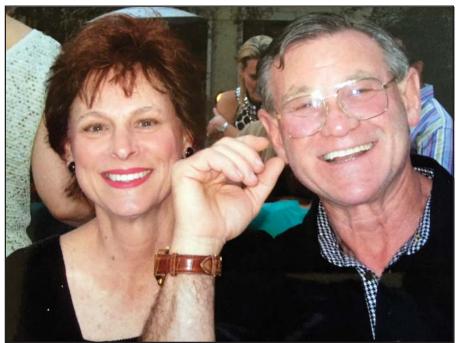
Recently John and his family had a Celebration of Life gathering



at John's request where he was able to visit with friends and family, and have the chance to impart any last words he wanted to share. For those of us who were able to attend, it was a very special and meaningful time to share stories and feelings with this amazing man, who approached his life and circumstances with incredible grace and dignity.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Cheryl and their family at this most difficult time.





# **Membership News**

### **New Members for June:**

We had no new members this month.

## **June Membership Anniversaries:**

Brian Bernard and Estela Romo: 24 years Les Morgan and Cheryl Pastore: 22 years

**Steve and Merry Dalcino:** 17 years

Rob McMullen: 9 years Matthew Kelleher: 6 years **Lysianne Doute:** 5 years

Lou and Karen Brizzolara: 3 years

### **Membership Renewal:**

You can now go to www.POCA.com to renew your membership. You will need your user name and password to sign in (if you have forgotten your username, contact POCA President Michael Shortt). Also, you can update information such as your contact information, car description, associate member info, etc. There are links on your profile to add your profile photo, car photos, write a biography about yourself and your car, etc. I would urge you all to sign in and check all this out, and make sure all your contact/car info is correct.

### **PCNC Facebook Page:**

Our PCNC Facebook page now has 290 'likes' which translates into 195 fans of our club who would like to see what we are up to! There has been a dearth of photos as of late, probably due to the winter season and DeTomaso's mainly staying in garages. If you have been out and about in your DeTomaso, and have some photos to share, please stop reading this newsletter NOW and send them to cloridrew@gmail.com so we can post them on Facebook and give our fans some love!





Saturday, April 2 Sunday, April 3 Saturday, April 9 Sunday, April 24

Sunday, May 1 Saturday, May 7 Sat., May 11 - Sun., May 15 Sunday, May 15 Fri., May 27 - Sun., May 29

Saturday, June 4 Sunday, June 5 Saturday, June 11 Sunday, June 12 Saturday, June 18

Saturday, July 2 Sunday, July 3 Saturday, July 9 Sunday, July 17

Saturday, August 6 Sunday, August 7 Saturday, August 13 Tuesday, August 16 Saturday, August 20

Saturday, September 3 Sunday, September 4 Saturday, September 10 Sunday, September 18 Saturday, September 24

Saturday, October 1 Sunday, October 2 Sunday, October 2 Saturday, October 8 Sunday, October 9

Saturday, November 5 Sunday, November 6 Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee

Pacific Coast Dream Machines

Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally San Jose Concours d'Elegance Sonoma Historic Races

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee Alameda Concours Tiburon Car Show

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee Hillsborough Concours

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee Carmel on the Avenue Car Show Concorso Italiano

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee Danville Concours Ironstone Concours

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee Niello Concours Sausalito Classic Auto Show All Italian Car Show in Alameda

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggo Restaurant Blackhawk Cars and Coffee



# CANEPA MOTORSPORTS TOUR

We had such an awesome time at CANEPA MOTORSPORTS last year that we're going to do it again!

On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

If you missed it last year, do not miss it again - it is amazing!

- We will leave <u>promptly</u> at 7:30am from The Diner restaurant at 235 Los Gatos/Saratoga Rd. (Hywy 9) in Los Gatos.
- We will travel as a group to Canepa located at 4900 Scotts Valley Dr. in Scotts Valley. We <u>must be there by 8am</u> as they have set a special parking area for us.
- Reluctantly, we will leave Canepa to have lunch just down the road at Malone's Grille at 4402 Scotts Valley Dr.
- After enjoying a delicious lunch, you will be free to linger and visit, or head out on your own.

We will need a head count for lunch, so please phone or email Bud Millard on or before July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**Bud Millard** 

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## TONY HARVEY GOOD TIMES DINNER

Friday, August 19, 2016

No-host Happy Hour 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM

Garden Terrace of The Los Laureles Lodge 313 West Carmel Valley Road Carmel Valley CA

We are looking forward to another great Monterey Motorsports Reunion week.

Everyone is invited to attend the Pantera Club of Northern California's annual Tony Harvey Good Times Dinner. Many of the most knowledgeable and fascinating personalities in the De Tomaso community will be on hand. This event is "Automotive Overload" under the stars for most Pantera and Mangusta people.

The Terrace lawn area will be filled to capacity with De Tomasos to drool over, and we will have People's Choice Awards balloting for the cars on display.

This year's buffet dinner features a Fresh Local Green Salad (Monterey county is THE salad capitol of the world), Grilled Salmon, BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn Bread, Apple Cobbler with Apple Jack Brandy Whipped Cream, and fresh fruit.

The cost is \$60.00 per person in advance through July 31. Please make checks payable to PCNC, and send them to:

PCNC Dinner c/o Steve Dalcino 3374 Prairie Dr. Pleasanton CA. 94588

After August 1, dinner will be \$75 per person.

For those with pre-paid room reservations through PCNC, two dinner tickets are already included with your Los Laureles room package and held for you at Dinner Check-in.



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#### CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

#### Dinner under the Stars

Friday, September 23, 2016 - 6:30pm wine tasting, dinner under the stars, and silent/live Auctions

### CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

Saturday, September 24, 2016 10:00am to 4:30pm more than 300 beautiful antique and classic automobiles

#### Patron's Tent on the Field

Saturday, September 24, 2016 breakfast, wine tasting, and lunch on the field

> Live Auction 1:30pm

### Buffet Luncheon

Saturday, September 24, 2016 12:00pm to 1:30pm

### **CLASS LIST**

- A Antiques
- B Vintage
- C Open Classics
- D Closed Classics
- E Pierce-Arrow
- F Packard
- G Significant Vintage Streamlined Automobiles (new class for 2016)
- H Rolls-Royce and Bentley
- I Vintage Race Cars
- J Dodge
- J1 Studebaker
- K Unrestored Prewar
- L Unrestored Postwar
- M Mini and Micro
- N American 1946-1954
- O American 1955-1961
- P American 1962-1973
- **Q** European Sports Cars through 1973
- R BMW Automobiles
- S Chevrolet Corvette Automobiles to 1973
- T Ford Model A
- U Ford Thunderbird
- V Vintage Commercial
- W Vintage Motorcycles
- X Vintage Trailers
- Y DeTomaso



### RULES OF ENTRY

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

#### As in recent years, our judging process will be as follows:

Rather than awarding first, second and third prizes in each class, our judges will be asked to designate a percentage of the cars in each class to receive a ribbon indicating an "Award of Merit." From that group, judges will choose one vehicle designated "Best of Class."

As has been our custom, in addition to our usual overall awards and several new awards, "Best of Class" vehicles will parade across the stage. We feel this change is consistent with our determination to keep Ironstone a fun, relaxing and elegant event...more reminiscent of the French Concours d'Elegance of the 1930s, where each car was judged on its overall elegance and style rather than for its minutely detailed physical perfection.

### Car Placement:

The show field will be available for vehicle placement from 11am to 5:30pm Friday, September 23. If convenient, bring your vehicle in on Friday to avoid the Saturday morning crunch! **Gates open Saturday morning at 6:30am and we ask that all show vehicles be in place by 9:30am.** 

Remember, only stock, non-modified vehicles are accepted at Ironstone. We also love original, unrestored and well-maintained vehicles. All participants are invited to purchase tickets to attend the Dinner under the Stars on Friday night and the VIP Luncheon on the field on Saturday. These wonderful events are important in our efforts to raise funds for our worthy beneficiaries.

#### Notes:

- Any vehicle that has won a Best In Class in 2015 will not be eligible for judging in 2016. However, it is welcome for display only and welcome to return for judging in future years.
- The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance reserves the right to combine and divide classes based on the entry mix. Due to space constraints, some classes may be limited in the number of vehicles accepted.
- Individual marque classes will be broken out depending on entry numbers.
- The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance prefers vehicles and motorcycles in their original or restored-to-original condition.

The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance supports the display of 1973 and earlier vintage automobiles and motorcycles in their original or restored-to-original condition.

Entrants are encouraged to drive their cars to the concours. Each entered vehicle will be judged in its category by standards emphasizing the elegance and integrity of the vehicle's design as deemed appropriate for its era and type. Undercarriages, engine compartments, trunks and personal areas will not be judged. Judges will take no notice of normal vehicle wear and usage.

The entry committee must approve all applications and reserves the right to reject any vehicles that do not meet concours standards. Vehicles must be driven through the check point onto the concours field. A special trailer unloading and parking area will be available. Entrants are expected to have a fire extinguisher with their vehicles for safety.



### ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are non-refundable. For one vehicle, the fee is \$60. Each additional vehicle by the same owner can enter for \$35.

Paid entries entitle the owner(s) to general admission for two adults, two buffet lunch tickets and, in the morning, coffee and donuts for two. Additional guest tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 per adult.

### ENTRY FORM

Please submit one or more good, clear, recent photographs of your vehicle with your entry form, or email digital images to: cmbock@sbcglobal.net. Be sure to include your name and address with each photo.

All entered vehicles must be in their assigned show spaces no later than 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, and must remain on the event grounds until 4:00 p.m. Owners are encouraged to park their vehicles in their assigned spots on Friday to avoid the Saturday morning rush. Security guards will be in place from noon Friday forward.

For additional entry information, please contact Chris Bock (530) 477-8233 or cmbock@sbcglobal.net.

For judging information, please contact Jim Sinclair (530) 344-9380.







# 2016 VEHICLE ENTRY FORM

 $Entry\ Deadline\ is\ September\ 1,\ 2016$ 

Name	_ Spouse/Guest		
Your Name(How you'd like your name to appear in program)	_		
Address		. State	Zip
Phone Cell	_ Fax	Email	
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Year Make	_ Model		
Cyl Body Style	Color/Trim		
Coachbuilder (if custom)	Class Requested .		
Comments/History:			
Is this vehicle to be judged? Yes No	Are you bringing a trailer?	Yes No	
igspace My photo is enclosed. $igspace$ I will email a digital	photo image to: cmbock@sbo	eglobal.net	
ORDER FORM			
Vehicle Entry	1 vehicle @ \$60 = \$ _		Mail form to: 2972 W. Swain Road, #228 Stockton, CA 95219  email or call: cmbock@sbcglobal.net (530) 477-8233
Additional Vehicle(s)	_ vehicle(s) @ \$35 = \$ _		
Car Sale Corral	vehicle(s) @ \$25 = \$ _		
Friday Evening Dinner Under the Stars	_ guests		
Patron's Tent on the Field	_ guests @ \$125 = \$ _		
Additional Admission Tickets	tickets		
Additional Buffet Tickets	tickets		
Yes, I would also like to support student programs  Consider an additional donation to support students, 4H & FFA members by sending them to summer camp and other educational programs: each campership is \$150.00. We would appreciate any donation amount that you would like to make.  Total enclosed \$			
Release of Liability			
Signature of vehicle owner or representative			Date

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# NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, June 30th, 2016 7:30 P.M.

### HOLDER'S COUNTRY INN 998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose

# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July 9 ————————	—— Canepa Motorsports Tour (Bud Millard)
18-21 August ———————	———— Monterey Weekend (Steve Dalcino)
24 September ——————	————— Ironstone Concours (Bud Millard)
24 September — — — — — — — — —	– Vandenberg AFB Car Show (Randy Welch)