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Minutes of Meeting 30 May, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the vice-president, as the president was on vacation. Officers present were John Tomlin, Mike and Lori Drew, Bob Benson, and Forest Goodhart. There were 26 members in the room, and two Panteras in the parking lot.

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

Club Store Report: There was no report, apart from the fact that Irene is busy getting ready for the Fun Rally.

Club Treasury Report: Larry wrote a few checks for our monthly Google website fees, and

name badges, and we received our quarterly membership rebate from POCA.

Club Membership Report: There was no report this month.

Club Motorsports Report: The Nor-Cal Shelby Club has invited PCNC to take part in their Mini-Nats event (a regional version of the national convention) which includes two days of open track at Sears point, on the weekend of 3-4 August. Checkered Flag Racing Association will have four more events this year, with the next one being a Laguna Seca day on July 22nd. There is some interest in a possible event at Moffat Field but little is known about it.

Club Website Report: There has been renewed interest in changing our club website. Garth Rodericks put forth some proposals which the members of the board are reviewing.

Club Library Report: The library is still safely ensconced in Forest's garage, with materials available for checkout at any time.

Past Events:

Mumford Collection Tour: The tour of the John Mumford collection, along with Brizio's Street Rods, was an unqualified success, and Bud Millard received a well-deserved round of applause. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Monterey Weekend — 15-18 August: The PCNC dinner at Los Laureles will be held on August 16th, with tickets costing \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door. Everyone will get a free T-shirt. If you want a size other than XL, let Steve Dalcino know. The deadline to place your T-shirt order is 30 June. Those who don't sign up before 30 June may or may not get a shirt (available while supplies last) and it will likely be size XL. If you are staying at the hotel, dinner is included but Steve still wants to know your shirt size.

This year, rather than having a featured marque, the Monterey Motorsports Reunion will focus on IMSA race cars. Newer cars will be featured in some classes. There will be no Can-Am group, but we will still see Trans Am, Historic F-1, and many others.

The club's hospitality suite will be open each night, although it will now be a BYOB affair since we can't serve alcohol.

The Concorso Italiano will be held on Saturday at the Blackhorse Golf Course, which has proven to be a good venue for the event. The jury is still out as to whether dwindling participation and attendance is driven by the larger number of competing events, the ever-escalating price, or the questionable decision to move it from its historic Friday date, to Saturday. One can only hope that the organizers are able to turn it around this year.

Ironstone Concours Weekend — 27-29 September: There was supposed to be a registration flyer for the concours in last month's newsletter, but the editor goofed and it was overlooked. Go to www.ironstoneconcours.com to sign up. In previous years they allowed 400 cars but this year it's been cut back to only 325, so it's possible you may not be able to get in if you don't register in time. Once again there is a dedicated De Tomaso class.

Hotel rooms are hard to come by now. If you have a room you won't be using please let John and Barbara Webber know.

Club Business:

Happy Birthday Bud!: Bud Millard was shocked at the sudden appearance of a flaming birthday cake in his honor!

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Mangusta Poster: Steve Liebenow offered up a Mangusta poster, which Mike Drew took in order to give it to Fred Phillips in Canada.

Phenomenal Local Pantera For Sale: Richard Traxler, a PCNC member from Hillsborough, did a cost-no-object restoration/conversion of a 1971 Pantera to GT5 spec back in the late 1980s, and it remains in outstanding condition today. He had the work done locally, but the car basically has every part from the Hall Pantera catalog, and the engine is fully detailed and polished. Despite looking like a show car, it runs great too. He has decided to sell it, with an asking price of only \$85K, which is a giveaway price considering the modifications, top-quality paint and bodywork. Contact Bud Millard for more information.



News, Clues and Rumors:

Bobby Byars RIP: Mike revealed the sad news that Bobby Byars, who started off working at Hall Pantera (he was Gary Hall's son-in-law for a time), and later branched out into the Pantera Parts Business at Precision Proformance, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly while undergoing a bone marrow transplant procedure. Bob had been a stalwart supporter of the Pantera community for virtually his entire life, and will be much-missed. There will be an open house in his remembrance on June 29th in Rancho Cucamonga. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Tom Tjaarda Memorial Scholarship: Mrs. Paola Tjaarda has asked for help in endowing a scholarship in Tom's memory. Tom was working towards establishing the scholarship for the outstanding student in automotive design at I.E.D. in Torino, Italy. The goal is for each club member to donate \$5-10 to the GoFundMe page (search for "Tom Tjaarda Scholarship Fund" at www.gofundme.com).

Mozart Collection Traffic Jam: Bob Benson's shop is right down the street from the famed Mozart collection of fine collector cars. Recently Bob was driving down the street and had to slam on the brakes to yield to a \$50 million Ferrari 250 GTO that was being maneuvered into the garage. That's the kind of traffic accident you definitely don't want to have!

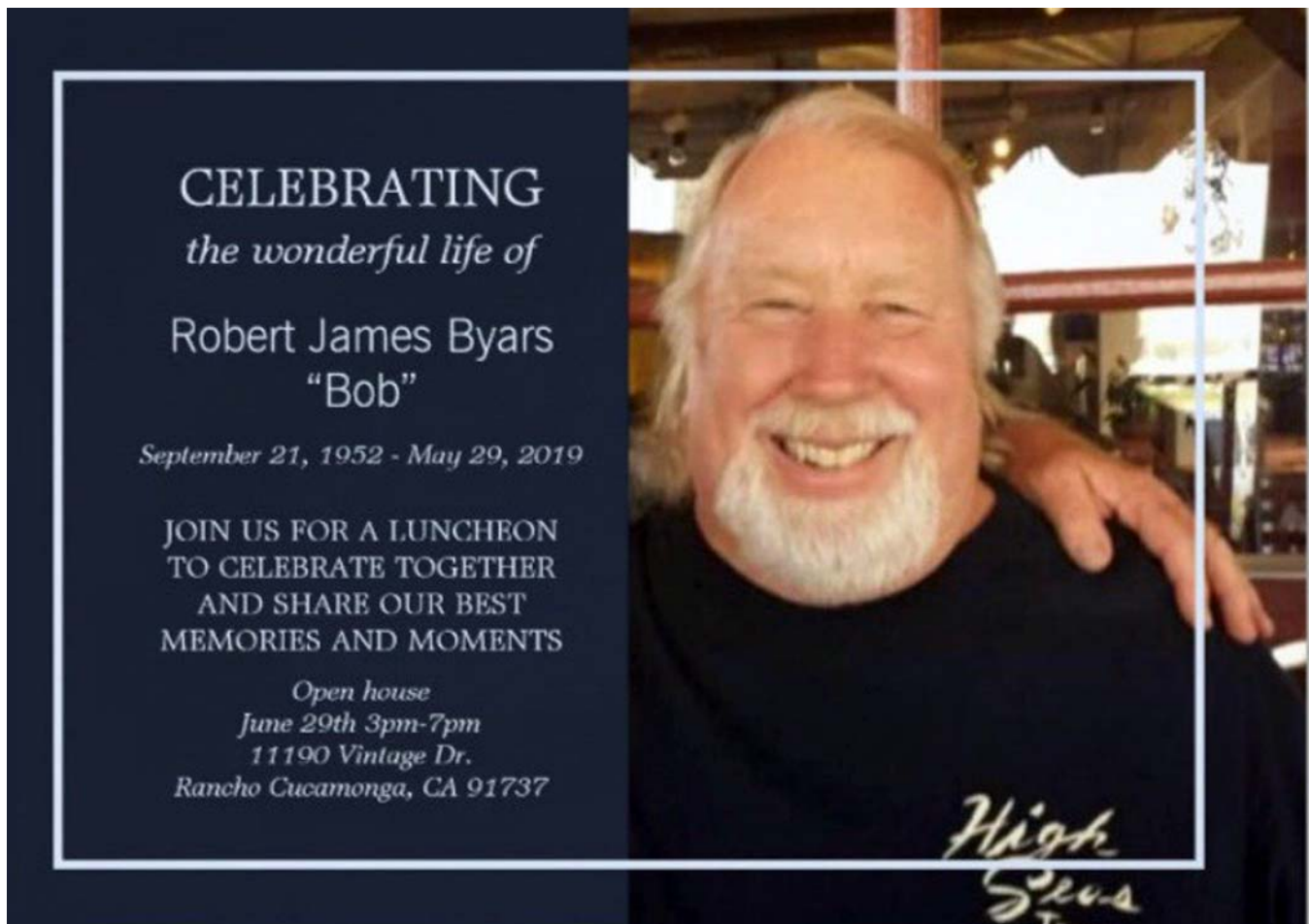
Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Bob Benson.

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

Borescope camera — Andrew Duafala
Hook and pick set — Dave Lindsay
Multimeter — Bob Benson
USB car charger — Forest Goodhart
Steel wheel chocks — Lou Brizzolara
Mechanic stethoscope — Brett Santos
3-piece funnel set — Birthday Bud Millard
Shop towels — Bud Millard
Tire gauge — Brent Stewart
Small magnetic tool tray kit — Erik Kelstoe
Small area sanding kit — Steve Dalcino

John made an announcement that this month would be the *last* time we had a club raffle until a new rafflemaster stepped up to volunteer. Brent Stewart stepped down at the end of last year, and since then it's been conducted on an *ad hoc* basis, but we really need somebody to volunteer to manage the program. If you're interested, please contact John Tomlin to arrange a handover of existing prizes, tickets etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



CELEBRATING
the wonderful life of
Robert James Byars
"Bob"
September 21, 1952 - May 29, 2019

JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON
TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER
AND SHARE OUR BEST
MEMORIES AND MOMENTS

*Open house
June 29th 3pm-7pm
11190 Vintage Dr.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737*

High
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Membership News

New Members for June:

We are pleased to welcome **Jim and Nicole Gearing** to the club. They hail from Sonora, and recently bought a black 1971 Pantera #2029 from PI Motorsports. It had a bare metal repaint, and has an updated cooling system, bored and stroked 351C, a polished ZF, and brake and suspension upgrades. They attended their first club event by driving it to the POCA Fun Rally, where they realized that it has some electrical woes that need sorting. Sounds like a good excuse for a tech session! We hope to see them at lots of events in the future, enjoying their new Pantera together!



June Membership Anniversaries:

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

Brian Bernard: 27 years

Rob McMullen: 12 years

Lysianne Doute: 8 years

Mark and Yasmin Charlton: 2 years

Greg Lazzerini: 1 year

Steve and Merry Dalcino: 20 years

Matthew Kelleher: 9 years

Lou Brizzolara and Estela Romo: 7 years

Jeff Gick: 2 years



Brizio Street Rods/ Mumford Collection Tour

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

Recently the members of PCNC were afforded yet another opportunity to visit an outstanding local car collection, this one belonging to John Mumford, a local venture capitalist who undoubtedly has suffered a host of failures, but has had enough tremendous successes (such as funding a startup that became Office Depot) to make him a very wealthy man.

Many wealthy men fritter their money away on silly things, but John has always had a passion for hot rods and muscle cars, and he chose to fritter his money away on those, which to people like us, is anything but silly.

He has enjoyed a long partnership with Roy Brizio Street Rods; they share pre-



Dave Brizio leads the tour, showing off the finer points of their latest creation for Eric Clapton, one of several cars he has commissioned from them over the years



It's hard to believe, but most Brizio creations start with something as humble as this. True artisans then create some of the finest hot rods in the world

mises, and the Brizio guys look after his collection. He has also been a prolific customer, and has commissioned numerous builds from them.

On the day, a large assortment of PCNC members gathered outside Brizio's shop in South San Francisco. Dave Brizio, Roy's son and the fellow managing the day-to-day operations of the business, was kind enough to open the shop up to us and give us a personal tour, showing the many projects they have going at the moment. Some are in the final stages of completion while others are just getting started, but each one methodically moves from a spark in somebody's imagination, to a running, driving automobile any owner can be proud of.

Dave then opened up the first Mumford collection building, which has been curated to hold some of the

finest and rarest examples of 1950s and 1960s GM performance cars. Some appear to be rather ordinary and mundane until you get up close and get a good look, and then the truth is revealed, in the form of an exceptionally rare option package (such as the '57 Chevy factory equipped with a fuel-injected Corvette engine, one of only a handful such cars ever built).

We then trooped around to the other building, which is much larger and focuses on John's real passion—classic Fords, and Ford hot rods. This building has a mezzanine filled with even more cars (the total collection numbers some 150 cars or thereabouts). The ground floor is filled with street



This shows less than half of the GM room, which is filled with noteworthy examples from the various GM brands



Super Stock drag racing was a big thing in the early 1960s, with all the manufacturers building special lightweight versions of their production sedans, equipped with ever-more-powerful big-block engines, aluminum bodywork and bumpers, thinner glass, and with fripperies such as heaters, insulation, carpeting and so forth deleted. On the left is a 1962 Pontiac 421 Super Duty, and on the right the competing 1962 Cheverolet 409



A corner of the Ford building was dedicated to a collection of ultra-high-performance Ford engines, with the most significant being the 427 Single Overhead Cam (SOHC). Designed to compete in NASCAR, and immediately banned, it features iron heads with mirror-image overhead camshafts, driven by a timing chain that is nearly seven feet long! It saw great success in NHRA drag racing

rods (many of them Brizio creations), along with a comprehensive collection of Ford performance engines (highlighted by the vaunted Single Overhead Cam 427 side-oiler) and factory drag cars, while the second floor had a comprehensive collection of classic Fords from the Model A through the early 1960s.

Two of the world's most significant Hot Rods appear in the collection. The first is the Ala Kart, built by George Barris, which was the winner of the 1958 and 1959 America's Most Beautiful Roadster (AMBR) award, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a hot rod. It was on the cover of the 1958 issue of *Hot Rod* magazine, and has



The ground floor of the Ford building was filled with a wide variety of pre- and post-war Ford hot rods



George Barris of Barris Kustoms built the Ala Kart, a legendary hot rod

been featured in dozens of magazine articles since. It was widely acknowledged at the time as being one of the most iconic hot rods ever built, and in 1961 was the subject of a 1/25 AMT model kit which became one of the best-selling models of all time. It was also issued as a Hot Wheels car, and featured in countless period movies, usually in the background of drive-in shots. It won over 200 trophies during its years as a show car, and for a time was on display at the Henry Ford museum in Dearborn.

Upstairs was the Kelly Brown Track "T", which was built by Brizio and won the 2013 AMBR award. Originally started as a project for NHRA Top Fuel Champion Kelly Brown, the Track "T" had been fitted



The very first chopped 1949-50 Mercury, built in 1950 by hot rod pioneer Sam Barris, George's older brother



The upstairs featured a wide variety of very stock, original Model A Fords, which were produced in many styles



Post-war Fords of every description filled a portion of the upper level



Blown Ardu-head '33 Ford 3-window coupe



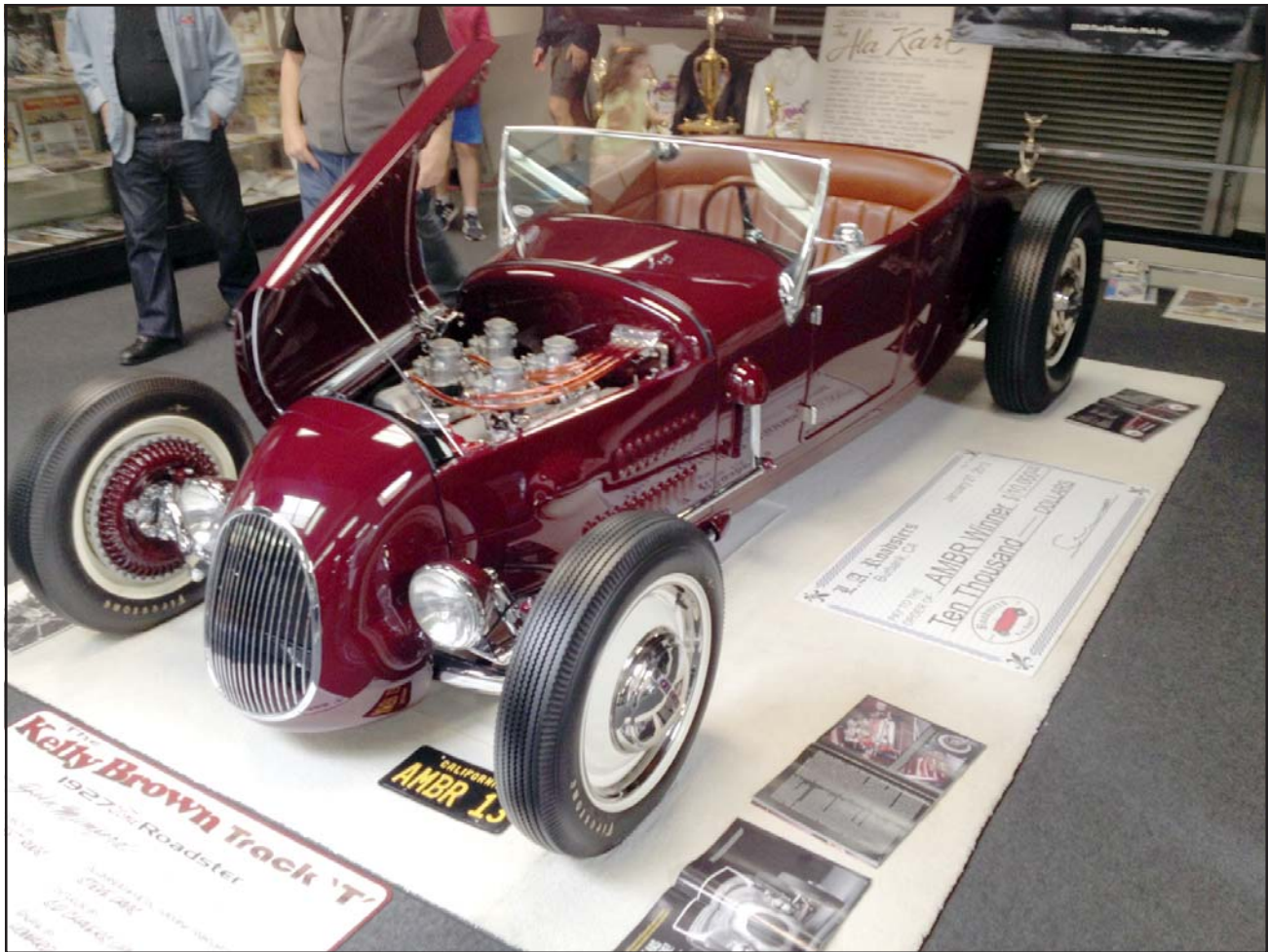
Racks contained all sorts of rare and esoteric parts including one of only eight sets of Ardu V8-60 cylinder heads



Mumford comissioned a replica of the AMBR trophy



Three walls were hung with almost 100 different and unique high-performance intake manifolds just for the Ford flathead engine!



The spectacular Kelly Brown Track T, which is remarkably tiny when compared with most other hot rods

with a Donovan 4-cylinder engine. Once Brizio got ahold of it, it was reconfigured to accept an ultra-rare Ford V8-60 Ardun engine, one of only about eight known to exist worldwide. The meticulous attention to detail, exquisite paint, and ultra-rare engine all combined to form a car that was a natural winner for the AMBR award that year.

Unlike most show cars, all Brizio creations are fully running, driving cars, intended to be used regularly.

Reportedly John Mumford is a regular visitor to the shop, where he swaps out cars and drives them around, swapping some back and forth between the shop and his large home garage where even more cars are kept.



Ford build their own limited run of stripper drag cars, including this 427 side-oiler-powered 1963 Galaxie 500

We were truly privileged to have been afforded the opportunity to visit not only a shop where dreams are made, but a comprehensive collection not open to the public. Thanks to Dave Brizio for welcoming us to the facility,

and Bud Millard for once again setting up an unbelievable tour for us.

We can't wait to see what Bud has in store for us next! Watch for details about his next tour in an upcoming PCNC newsletter!

60 YEARS OF DETOMASO

Come celebrate DeTomaso Automobili's 60th Anniversary with
PCNC at the

Tony Harvey GOOD TIMES DINNER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019

On The Terrace at Los Laureles Lodge, 313 West Carmel Valley
Rd, Carmel Valley, CA

6:30 no-host Happy Hour

7:30 Dinner

Salinas Valley Tossed Greens

Corn Bread and Butter

Grilled Salmon

BBQ Ribs

BBQ Chicken

Roasted Potatoes

Apple Cobbler with Whipped Cream

Sliced Fresh Fruit

The Terrace will be surrounded by DeTomasos for your judging
Some of the most knowledgeable people in the DeTomaso world
will be on hand

\$60 per person with advance reservations; or \$75 at the door

Free commemorative T-shirt for each attendee

- Reservation: > Please write a check to PCNC for \$60 per person
> **Include T-shirt size for each attendee**
> MAIL to

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

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7:30 P.M.**

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 15-18 — — — — Monterey Car Week At Los Laureles Lodge (Steve Dalcino)

September 27-29 — — — — — — — — — — Ironstone Concours Weekend (Bud Millard)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH