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Minutes of Meeting 31 March, 2011

The meeting was called to order at exactly 8:00 p.m by the president. All officers were present except for Mike Drew, who had been called up to fly relief missions to Japan, but got sent to Afghanistan instead? 35 club members signed the roster, and there were six De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were no new faces in the crowd this month.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted (apparently there was a delay in the printing process; the newsletter had been on the club website for a few days, but most

people had not received it in the mail yet).

Club Treasury Report: This week, Ron (club president) was added to the club's checking account. Our account is structured so that two people can access the club's funds, in case something was to happen to the treasurer (although a wise precaution, there was a bit of a joke that went along with it, as Gary's e-mail was hacked and many club members received a scam e-mail nominally from Gary, saying he was trapped in London and had his wallet stolen, and soliciting a wire transfer of funds so that he could get home!)

There has been a bit of activity with the account; Gary mailed checks to the charities that received donations from PCNC, and also deposited funds derived from the Reno track event signups.

Club Store Report: Rich modeled a new PCNC tote bag. One side has the club's logo and the other side is blank; the cost is \$20. They will be available in Reno and at the next few club meetings and events.

He has designed a special shirt commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Pantera; they will be available for purchase in Reno. Finally, he is taking orders for jackets (as seen in previous newsletters). He will bring a handful to Reno, but isn't planning on stocking up on them, as they are rather too expensive (\$100) to buy in bulk and then sit on, waiting for customers to purchase them.



Club Membership Report: Brent mentioned a pair of notable anniversaries—Russ and Doris Britschgi have been with the club for 26 years, and Diane Dean has been with us for 35 years!

Club Motorsports Report: Work continues as the Reno track event draws ever-nearer. The deadline for the early-bird discount was rapidly approaching (and has now passed). The T-shirt design has been completed and it is now in production. Event registrations are up (which is good) but sponsorship is down (which is less good). We did procure a private sponsor from a club member in Australia! Our private member sponsorships have outpaced our donations from vendors last year, and are poised to do the same this year as well, unless things suddenly turn around and the vendors are able to support us as a higher level than they have currently committed to.

Club Library Report: Forest announced that he had 'moved the library off the floor'...to keep it dry during the recent rains and floods! Fortunately he took this precaution before any harm came to the contents.

Club Website Report: Mark announced that he had posted the monthly newsletter to the site some days before.

Past Events: There were no events this month.

Upcoming Events:

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — 1 May: This show, arguably the best car show in the S.F. Bay Area, will again be held at Half Moon Bay. The traditional end-of-April date has been changed to May 1st (Sunday). Tony Blevins will be hosting a big breakfast at his nearby home prior to the show, and he is pulling out all the stops! He is flying a cook in from South Carolina to provide a traditional southern cooked breakfast! Breakfast will begin at around 7:00 a.m., with the idea that we would depart for the show (as a group) around 7:45 a.m. Please RSVP by April 28th! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sonoma Wine Tour And North Bay Road Trip — 14 May: Chuck and Lorie Banks have organized a tour of the Sonoma area, encompassing some 100-odd miles of back roads (to include some time on the epic Highway 1), with stops at a couple of wineries and a microbrewery. The tour will take in the back roads and end at the Kenwood winery (where Chuck works). The tour will begin at the Banks home at 10:00 a.m.; there will be a 45-minute drive to Healdsburg for lunch, then we will take back roads along the coast and inland to Santa Rosa. There we will park at a winery (with a 40,000 square foot lawn) and receive a tour. We'll be able to use their truck scales to weigh our cars (and some unkind person suggested, wives as well!???) with prizes for the lightest, heaviest etc. (cars or wives???)

The day will end with a dinner out, and some will remain overnight; Chuck and Lori are making friendly hotel arrangements.

A group from the south Bay Area will meet up at the Edgewood Road exit off of Hwy 280 in the morning to convoy as a group to the Banks home. A sign-up sheet to participate in the tour was passed around; please RSVP directly to the Banks if you haven't already signed up. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Capitol Panteras Sierra Foothills Tour — 15 May: Timed to coincide with the PCNC tour the day prior, Capitol Panteras has organized a tour of the back roads in the Jackson area, including a luncheon partway through. Those who traveled north to attend the PCNC tour on Saturday can then roll right into the Capitol Panteras tour the next day; all PCNC members are welcome!

The details are still being finalized. If you're interested in attending, please e-mail Jim and Emilia Seiferling at jes@riverdeltawireless.com; they will then contact you with all the details once the plan has been firmly established.

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. 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! Plans are still coming together for one or more group drives from the Bay Area, but nothing has been formalized yet. Stay tuned!

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 probably be pushed back to late summer or early fall.

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 priority will be given to PCNC members. We will start accepting signups at the April meeting; after the May meeting rooms will be offered up to all POCA members, so get your reservations in fast!

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Distributor Score: Steve Dalcino found a 1970-date-coded hi-po distributor for a 289 Ford, an over-the-counter part from the Ford Performance Parts Program. He offered it up for \$50, and Steve Liebenow snapped it up immediately!

Keeping The Wind Out: Gary Kono has a spare set of door-top weatherstripping available (the material that attaches to the tops of the door frames), enough to do both doors.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Another Lori Tech Session: Lori Albino discussed a recent tech session held at the home of Garry and Sue Choate. The Dalcinos, Barry Hosier and Mike Drew also participated in what turned out to be two and a half days of solid wrenching! In that time, she rebuilt her own steering rack (with some tutoring of course), and removed and replaced her front A-arm bushings. Meanwhile, the guys worked in the rear and replaced the A-arm bushings, and the hub carrier lower shafts, and brake lines.

After a quick wheel alignment, her car was ready for action, and the day after the meeting she was set to go to Thunderhill and drive her Pantera in their two-day track event!

More Tech: Kevin Abbey bought a new super-duper fuse panel from John Haas of Pantera Electronics, and Rich Boschert helped him install it. Rich said it went into the car well, but the color codes were off just a little bit, as it is intended for a slightly later car (after Ford standardized the wiring a bit better). While he was at it, Rich fixed some previous wiring ‘fixes’ that weren’t so good (performed by prior owners). When Kevin drove off at the end of the day, every single electrical component on the car worked, which is more than many of us can say!

Check, Please: Sue Choate told the group that Lori tracked down the manufacturer of the PCNC-logo checks which used to be available through the club store, back in the Bill Santos days. The manufacturer had lost the reference to PCNC, but since Mike Drew had been ordering these checks for the past 20 years, they were able to find the design under his name. They have two different PCNC logos available, and will also print checks with color photos. Information on ordering can be found on the PCNC website.

Get Ahold Of This: Brent Stewart showed off his new delrin shift knob, which he bought from Auger Resources.

Don't Store Stuff On The Floor:
Chuck recently had a bit of a disaster at his house. He has a very extensive collection of De Tomaso memorabilia, mostly stored in boxes in his garage. His water softener failed and soaked the garage floor; water wicked up the cardboard boxes and managed to damage items as high as six feet off the floor. No sooner had he gotten the water softener under control, when the water heater blew up and soaked his garage again—a double whammy!



Foreign Owners Needing Help:
Ron shared a couple of e-mails he had received via the club's website. One was from an owner in Austria who had just purchased his Pantera, and was seeking information on parts etc. The other was from an owner in Ecuador! He bought his Pantera when he was living in Washington, D.C., then brought it back with him to the city of Quito, where it then sat for years. Now he is trying to get it running again!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: And the winner was Ron DeMaderios.

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

Windshield Wonder—Darryl Johnson
Multi Wrench—Chuck Banks
Magnetic Head Lamp—Russ Britschgi
Titanium Scissors—Chuck Melton
ZF drain plug tool—Kevin Abbey
Pinot Noir Wine—Barry Hosier
19pc Socket set with large numbers for aging mechanics—Chuck Banks
Husky Tool Bag—John Columbero
Pantera T-Shirt—Mike Kearny
First aid kit with “lots-o-band-aids!”—Diane Taylor
9” Crescent heavy-duty Needle Nose Pliers—Steve Liebenow
14pc drill bit set—Brent Stewart

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:03

Membership News

New Members for April:

We have no new members:

April Membership Anniversaries:

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

Mike Drew: twenty-two years

Tom Padula and Autumn Cardone: sixteen years

Perry and Brigit Strongin: eleven years

Wayne and Sharon Okubo: seven years

Tony Guinasso: four years

David Luckenback: one year

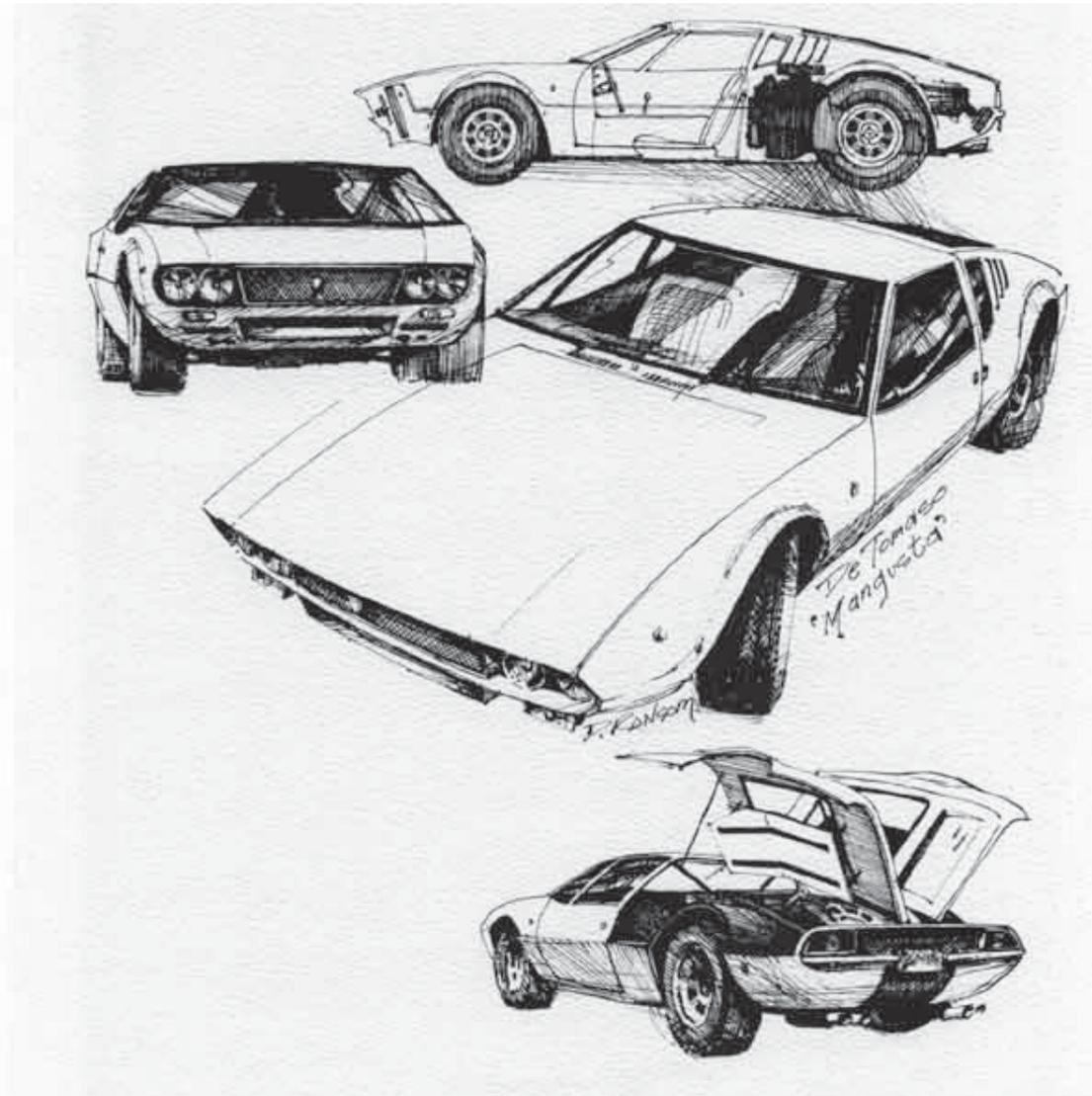
Lee Scales: twenty-one years

Lee and Heide Hinckley: fifteen years

Michael Anderson: ten years

Jeff and Brenda Files: four years

Mike Vallee: four years



PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINES



Sunday, May 1, 2011
15 Ashdown Place
Half Moon Bay CA
7:45AM



I will be hosting my 3rd annual **Pantera breakfast** for all those attending Pacific Coast Dream Machines. Parking at the show is random/chaotic, however, they will park cars/clubs that arrive together. I am about 5 miles from the show entrance so I have a good meeting spot to for us to "convoy" and/or burnout etc.....

I'll be serving a traditional (i.e. great) home-cooked southern breakfast similar to last year (vs. the disaster I served in Year 1....)

We'll plan to meet for breakfast at ~ 7:45AM and leave for the show together shortly after in order to beat traffic into the show and find a nice spot.

Pls RSVP to tblevins@apple.com by **Thursday April 28** so I'll know how much food to prepare. Google directions or email me. Call me at 916-813-8669 if you get lost. NOTE: if you have a really low front spoiler then call me to discuss arrangements as there are normal-sized speed bumps in my neighborhood.

Hope to see you there !
Tony

Event Info:

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/>

Link to Registration (Please pre-reg as it makes group parking simpler)

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/entryform.pdf>



PCNC presents
Wine Country Tour
May 14, 2011

Come join us for an opportunity to drive your beautiful De Tomaso through the scenic byways of Sonoma County. The tour will include slightly over 100 miles of back roads with a stop for lunch midway at the Bear Republic Brewery in Healdsburg, home of "Racer 5 IPA". We will also stop at a Sonoma Coast beach for some photo opportunities. The tour will end at Chateau St. Jean Winery in Kenwood. At Chateau St. Jean we will enjoy a complimentary tasting followed by a tour of this lovely winery and gardens.

Where: Banks home, 5728 Los Alamos Court, Santa Rosa, CA

When: Tour begins at 10 am

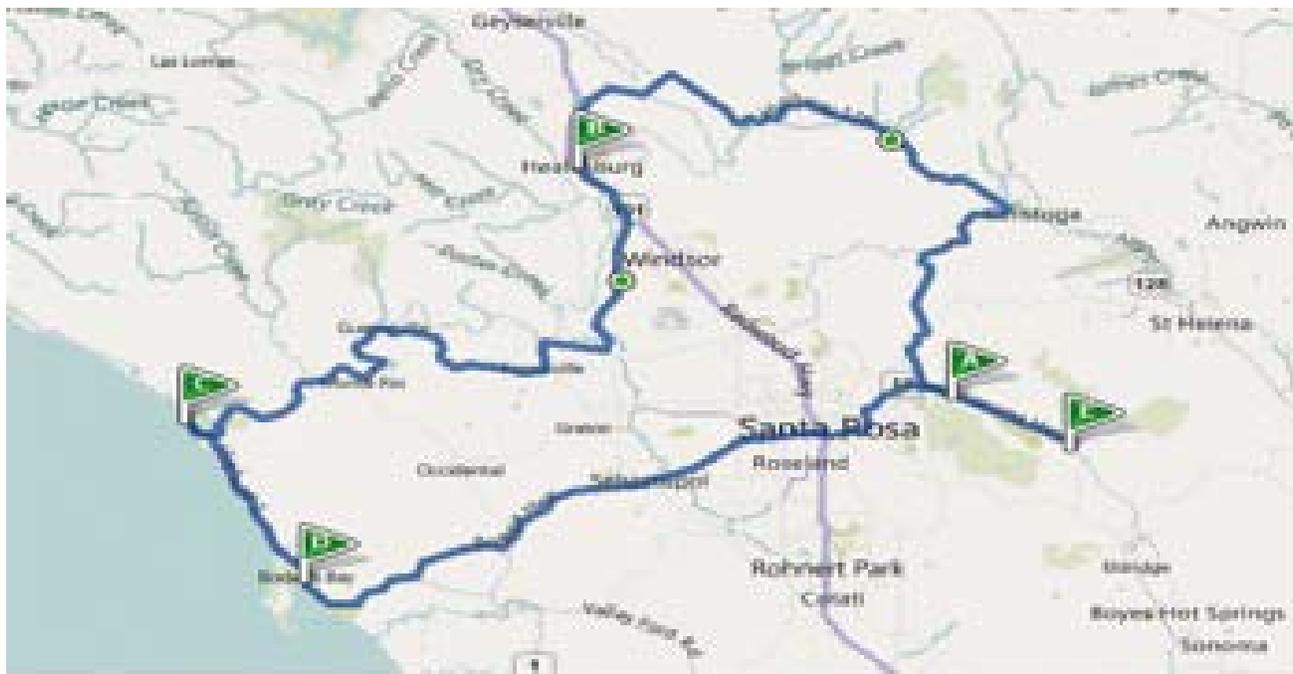
Driving time: Approximately 3 hr 10 min. (according to Bing.com)

Stops: Lunch, and two additional breaks to stretch your legs!

Get Out and Drive It!

RSVP or Questions: Chuck Banks 707-538-8652 or cebuser@sbcglobal.net

(If you require Hotel accommodations or restaurant suggestions please respond to the email address above)



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Drive to Reno

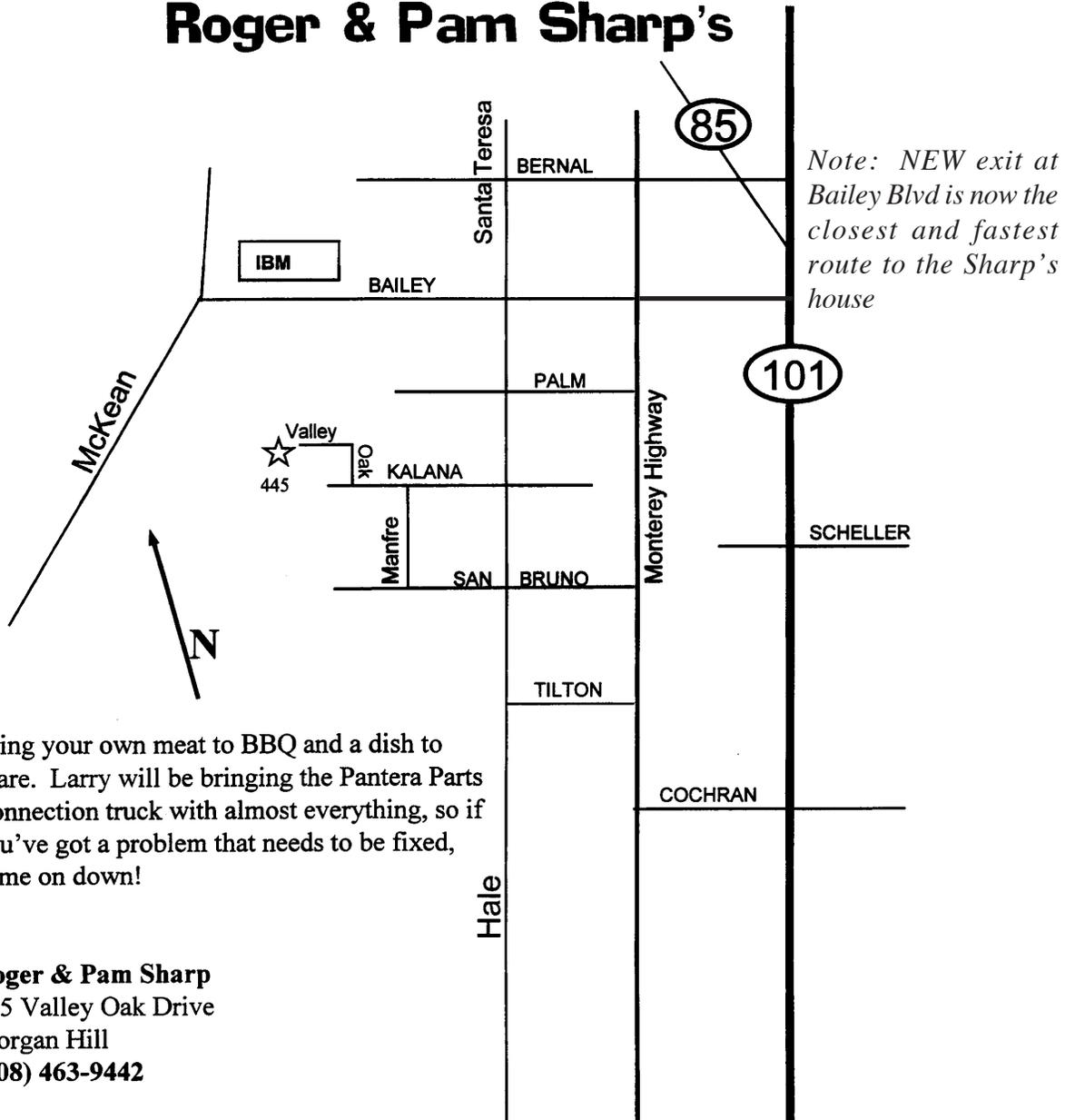
Tech Session

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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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, April 28, 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 1 ————— Pacific Coast Dream Machines Breakfast (Tony Blevins)
- May 14 ————— Sonoma Wine Tour And North Bay Road Trip (Chuck Banks)
- May 15 ————— Capitol Panteras Sierra Foothills Tour (Jim Seiferling)
- May 21 ————— Pre-Reno Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH