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## Minutes of Meeting 29 November, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 by Steve Liebenow. All officers were present except for Charlie Puckett and Mike Drew. Nobody actually took formal minutes; the following is based on Steve's recollections after the fact!

**New Members/Guests:** Gregg Jacobs drove down from Benicia behind the wheel of his new '72 Pre-L Pantera, serial THPNMD03988, purchased from a consignment dealer in Pleasanton. (See photo on next page.) The car is mostly original, re-painted in yellow with blacked-out trim. Although it's a beautiful car, Gregg is the kind who has difficult leaving things alone, so he's already planning on a serious horsepower and handling upgrade. Turbos, anyone?

**Corrections To Last Month's Newsletter:** New member Bob Benson's Pantera is actually a late '72 and not a '73.

**Club Treasury Report:** Anita reported that she had to issue one refund from the Monterey event, but otherwise things are still looking good.

**Club Store Report:** Brett Santos reported that former store manager Bill is recovering well from his recent heart surgery; however it will force him to miss the PCNC X-mas party for the first time. (Bill has since continued to make an excellent recovery, and will be at the January meeting).



**Membership Report:** Russ Britschgi passed around a draft copy of the club membership roster, and asked that those present make any changes necessary. It will be produced and mailed with the January newsletter.

**Club Library Report:** Apparently the library is unchanged.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Guest Speaker At January PCNC Meeting — 24 January:** Diane Dean announced that she is hoping to have Julie Summerfield, professional auto appraiser, to speak at our January meeting about the importance of establishing the value of your Pantera, and how the process works. Julie has volunteered to come to our next tech session and appraise all the cars there for a volume discounted price.

**Superbowl Party — 3 February:** Brian Bernard will again host the club superbowl party, which has become the stuff of legend. The site is his spacious home in Saratoga, which boasts three big-screen TVs and smaller sets in every room in the house! Bring your own drinks and a side dish to share. Chili will again be featured—if you think yours is Hot Stuff, bring some to share. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Speedring Karting Challenge — Date TBA:** Mike promised he'd have something cooking by now, but to date still hasn't had time to set anything up. He should have information by the January meeting, with a proposed date in late February or March.

### **Club Business:**

**Officer Elections:** The Fertittas were late to the meeting with the election ballots. As all officers were currently running unopposed (or, there were no candidates to replace them!), the club voted by acclamation to keep the existing slate of officers for 2002.

**Charitable Donations From Club Store Proceeds:** The club store proceeds are going to the dogs, literally. Among the proposed charities, the members voted to support Guide Dogs For The Blind, and Canine Companions, two organizations which raise and train dogs to assist people with various handicaps.

**News, Clues and Rumors:**

**De Tomaso Automobili Going Strong:** Larry reported on his recent trip to the De Tomaso factory, and quickly quashed the rumor that De Tomaso might be going out of business. This doomsday scenario was attributed to a new owner from Switzerland who visited the factory for the first time, expecting to find a huge industrial operation, and finding instead a small cottage industry. Apparently due to various language barriers (he only spoke French), he was under the mistaken impression that De Tomaso was poised to go out of business!

Larry told a comical story of trying to exchange a pair of Unibal rod ends which Steve Liebenow had purchased for his Mangusta. The ones he purchased were the wrong thread pitch. It turns out that De Tomaso purchased the wrong ones from Unibal by mistake, so now they're stuck with a whole box of them! Much confusion apparently!

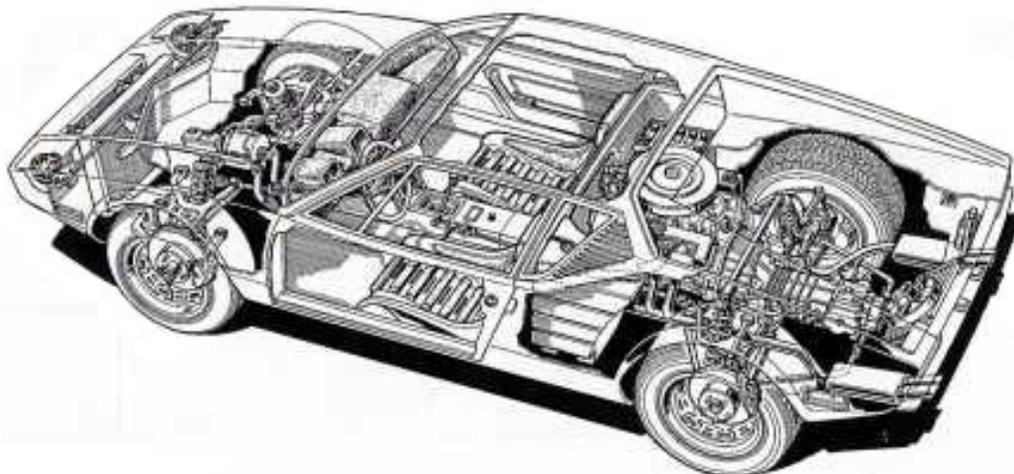
**Raffle Results:**

Larry and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

- Bottle of Wine — Gary Kono
- Hat — Gary Kono
- Exotic Cars Catalog — Greg Cushing
- 40th Anniversary De Tomaso T-shirt — Greg Cushing
- De Tomaso flag — Ron Singley, JoAnn Singley
- De Tomaso pin — Jim Kuehne
- POCA centerfold poster — Mark McWhinney

Steve couldn't remember whether Mark McWhinney or Gregg Jacobs won the free dinner—DOH!

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot to check out Gregg's new Pantera.



# *Terra Di Oro Panteras*

## **TDOP Takes The Ryde Hotel By Storm!**

**(Actually between storms)**

*Story and Photos by Rick Carlile, TDOP President*

A hearty group of 22 members of Terra Di Oro Panteras (formerly Capitol Panteras) and the Pantera Club of Northern California rolled the dice and ventured out under threatening skies for the Ryde Hotel Club Brunch event on Sunday, November 11th.

The weather didn't look promising on Saturday. I shined up the car at the shop; then had to drive home in the rain. A call to Dave Bender, the Channel 13 Jedi Weathermaster, was clearly in order (C'mon Dave, would it kill ya to give us a few hours of dry pavement?)

I'm guessing he called the Federal Government people who control the weather (you knew the Government did that, right?) and we got the go-ahead for partly cloudy skies. A group of 14 convened at my shop at 10:00 a.m. for the caravan down to the Ryde:

- Carl and Leslie Stein
- Michael and Rochelle Conwell
- John Worsley with friend Don Benson
- Dennis and Patty Gacutan with Dave and Jeanie Proo
- Roger Andriesse (President of the River City Shelby Club) & Rosemary Andriesse (someday Winston Cup/



*The hotel served a fabulous brunch in a wonderful setting*



*The cars of Carlile, Seiferling, Worsley, Conwell, and an unidentified truck*

IRL Driving Champion)

- Rick and Marcia Carlile

After a leisurely levee cruise down the Sacramento River, we were met at the Ryde Hotel by John and Sue McNamee, Jim and Emilia Seiferling, Nancy Haney, Mike De Ryke and later joined by Henry Kirk and Karen Kimball.

The clouds parted; the sun came out; and brunch was fabulous!

The courageous members who drove their Club Cars were rewarded with priority parking right in front of the Ryde. Sorry Henry, the Porsche doesn't count unless you're having brunch at Der Wienerschnitzel! We made special allowances for John Worsley with his Bricklin though, since it has gullwing doors (sort of like Mangusta engine hatches) and a Ford 351 Cleveland like the Pantera.

It was a great opportunity for Jim and Emilia to debut their beautiful early (#1575) '71 Black Beauty. We'll all have to wait until some future event to see Dennis and Patty's Replica Ferrari Daytona and Dave and Jeanie's 427 Cobra replica.

We hope to see many more PCNC members at our upcoming events. Watch for flyers in upcoming PCNC newsletters!

# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, January 24, 2002  
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT  
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY  
SUNNYVALE, CA  
(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

January 12 ————— Vaca Valley Tech Session/BBQ (Mike Drew)  
February 3 ————— PCNC Superbowl Party (Brian Bernard)  
Date TBA ————— Speedring Karting Challenge (Mike Drew)

**REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH**

# AutoZotica

**Greetings Pantera Owners!**

**We want your Panteras and their owners to join us for some Bay Area FUN!**

**Announcing Winter Rally 2002 - (WR'02 for short)!**

**This is the first event of 2002 by the folks that brought you the Bay Area Exotic (car) Rallies! We've adopted a new name, and put out the welcome mat of the new millennium (a website). Please mark your calendars for Jan. 19, 2002 (weather permitting), since it is still winter time, we've once again setup for a backup date one week later Jan. 26, 2002.**

**If you don't know who we are or what we do, we plan events where exotic car owners can bring out their special vehicles on rallies/drives and other activities. We feel there is a bigger sense of community among all drivers and owners of exotic and rare cars, and share many things with those of other marques.**

**This event is open to ANY qualifying exotic sports or GT car (less than 5000 per year production). I'll spare writing out all the details of the event here, anyone interested can click on the website for all the info.**

**For all the info on the Winter Rally 2002, please visit -**

**<http://www.autozotica.com> and click on Next Event.**

**We hope to see you on Jan. 19!**