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## Minutes of Meeting 26 September, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 by president Liebenow. All officers were present except for Dave Crego, Mark McWhinney and John Hansen. Sharon Renshaw was absent but Howard was present with the club Library. Special kudos for Charlie and Karen Puckett who made their third meeting in a row! The room was rather crowded, with 42 members and seven De Tomaso automobiles signed in.

**New Members/Guests:** Eric Sundblad made his first appearance at the meeting. He is now seriously looking for a quality Pantera; minor issues can be dealt with, but no projects please!

John Bentley proudly introduced Mervat (a.k.a. Merv) as his new wife, and brought her daughter Sam to her first meeting.

**Club Treasury Report:** Jim happily reported that he found the club checkbook after Anita returned home from vacation! Tony Harvey turned over all the proceeds from the Monterey event, and Jim wrote our last (and biggest) check to the hotel, to the tune of \$20,000 or so! No word yet if we actually made or lost money on the Monterey event; stay tuned.

**Club Library Report:** Howard reported that the contents of the club library were in the trunk of his car, including a new addition—a complete set of Pantera International issues dating from 1974 to 1996. He can provide any information out of those issues, or they may be checked out and returned.

### **Past Events:**

**Silver State Open Road Race:** Carl Schumaker reported on his first running of the Silver State, as Larry Stock's navigator. The GPS unit conked out right away, so they were forced to rely on old-fashioned time/distance techniques. Next year he says they'll use either two GPS units, or two navigators! They weren't sure exactly how fast they were travelling, but when the GPS came back to life it indicated an *average* speed of 177 mph! They entered the narrows at 119 mph and exited at 122 (this is a series of corners marked at 45 mph)

Larry laid down 100 feet of rubber at the starting line, while the drivers of modern cars ran on cruise control to keep a consistent time. Although they didn't garner a trophy for their effort, Carl presented a mounted and framed photograph of the car to Larry.

There were six other cars present. John Bentley blew his motor at mile 14; we're still waiting to find out what went wrong. Joe Abe had terminal fuel injection problems and couldn't start. But Eliot Kushner averaged 120 mph in the 125 mph class to earn 11th place. BJ Filarski came in third place in the 100 mph class with a 100.048 time! He had to slow way down at the finish due to overexuberance in the first miles.

Daryl and Connie Johnson had a great time in their first running of the event in their Pantera. The car ran perfectly, and briefly touched 151 mph before they backed down to below their 140 mph tech speed. He had a two-minute surplus at the entrance to the narrows, then slowed to 80 mph to shed some time. For the last mile and a half he nailed it, and came in 11 seconds off the mark. "I just had to pass that Porsche" was his explanation!

**Fun Ford Sunday:** Steve Liebenow drove his Mangusta to the massive car show on the grounds of the county fairgrounds in Vallejo. He parked next to a non-member's Pantera. The show was great, with over 300 Ford-powered cars present.

**Cherries Jubilee:** Tony Harvey parked his Pantera at Laguna Seca for the big car show associated with this regional festival. One of the organizers told him that he himself had just purchased a red Pantera from Hollister.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Day Of The Dead Tech/Appraisal Session — 2 November:** Roger and Pam Sharp will again host a tech session at their Morgan Hill estate, geared towards returning dead components or systems back to life!

In addition, the long-delayed visit by Julie Summerfield, professional auto appraiser, will take place at the same time. If you want to have your Pantera (or other specialty car) appraised professionally and documented fully (useful for insurance purposes), plan on being there!

See the flyer elsewhere in this issue for the details.

**PCNC November Meeting — 21 November:** The October PCNC meeting will be held on schedule on the 31st (Halloween, come in costume) but the November meeting will be moved up one week to allow for Thanksgiving.

**PCNC Christmas Party — 7 December:** The annual holiday party will be held at Mariani's Inn & Italian restaurant in Santa Clara. The restaurant has an attached hotel, so Diane is working on getting discount room rates for those who will be travelling a great distance, or imbibing a bit of holiday cheer at the dinner. The address is 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051. The room will only hold 50 people, so get your reservations in early! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

**Vic Hubbard Tour — Date TBA:** Mike Drew will contact the people at Vic Hubbard (a long-ago predecessor to Jegs and Summit Racing) for a tour of their Hayward speed parts warehouse, with associated club member discount on future purchases. Plan for a January or February date.

### **Club Business:**

**Pay Your Bills!** Steve reminded people of the importance of settling up with the cashier at the conclusion of the meeting. Last month Tony, our waiter, had to chase people out into the parking lot!

**PCNC Election:** Russ brought up the need to form an election committee, tasked with canvassing the membership to find suitable candidates for the open office of club president, then conducting the election itself. Bill Santos and Pam Sharp volunteered, neatly avoiding the threat of being chosen for the job themselves!

**Driving For Dinner Raffle:** And the winner was Ron Singley, who actually had ordered dinner!

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

**Getting Pulled Over Can Be Fun!:** Tony Harvey reported that on his way home one day, he was pulled over by an unmarked police car, driven by the police chief no less! There was a flash of recognition and they realized that they were actually neighbors. The chief mentioned that he had a small but interesting car collection himself, and Tony asked if he could see it. All talk of a ticket disappeared, Tony followed him home and a garage talk BS session ensued!

**Silly State Follies:** Dennis shared a story that took place following the Silver State Race. He drove back to where John Bentley stood with his broken Pantera, to wait for their 18-wheeler car transporter to arrive. Neither of them had thought to bring any water, however.

After sitting in the hot sun for ages, a kindly gentleman driving an RV pulled over and invited them inside for some air conditioning, rest and refreshments.

They gladly leapt aboard and relaxed for quite awhile, until John glanced out the back window and spotted their big-rig transporter approaching. They thanked the RV driver and hopped out. As he drove away, they looked back up the road to discover that “their” truck was anything but! The unknown big rig sped past, leaving them once again stuck in the desert with no water for another hour or more!

### **Asa Jay Back At**

**Home:** Shortly after last month's newsletter went to press, the Air Force reversed themselves (again) and allowed Asa Jay Laughton to return home from his forced stay in the deserts of Saudi Arabia. He quickly packed his bags and split before they could change their minds!

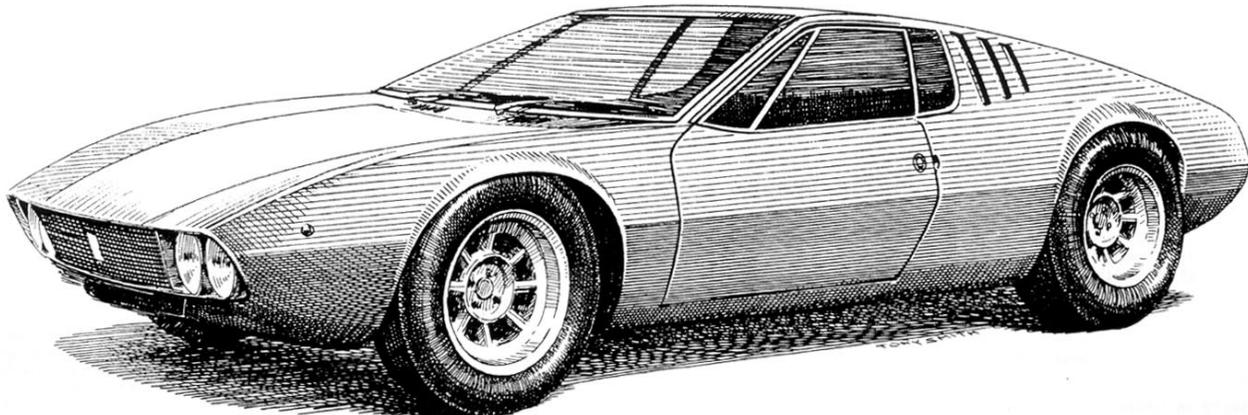
His long journey home was interrupted by a brief stop in Washington DC, where Chesapeake Panteras president Fred Terry picked him up and took him out for a nice steak dinner. He then returned to Spokane where Shelley was waiting with open arms. He has been given several weeks of well-deserved paid vacation, and then will continue to serve on active duty through February.



**Raffle Results:** Larry Stock and Brett Santos passed the hat and collected the tickets, with the following results:

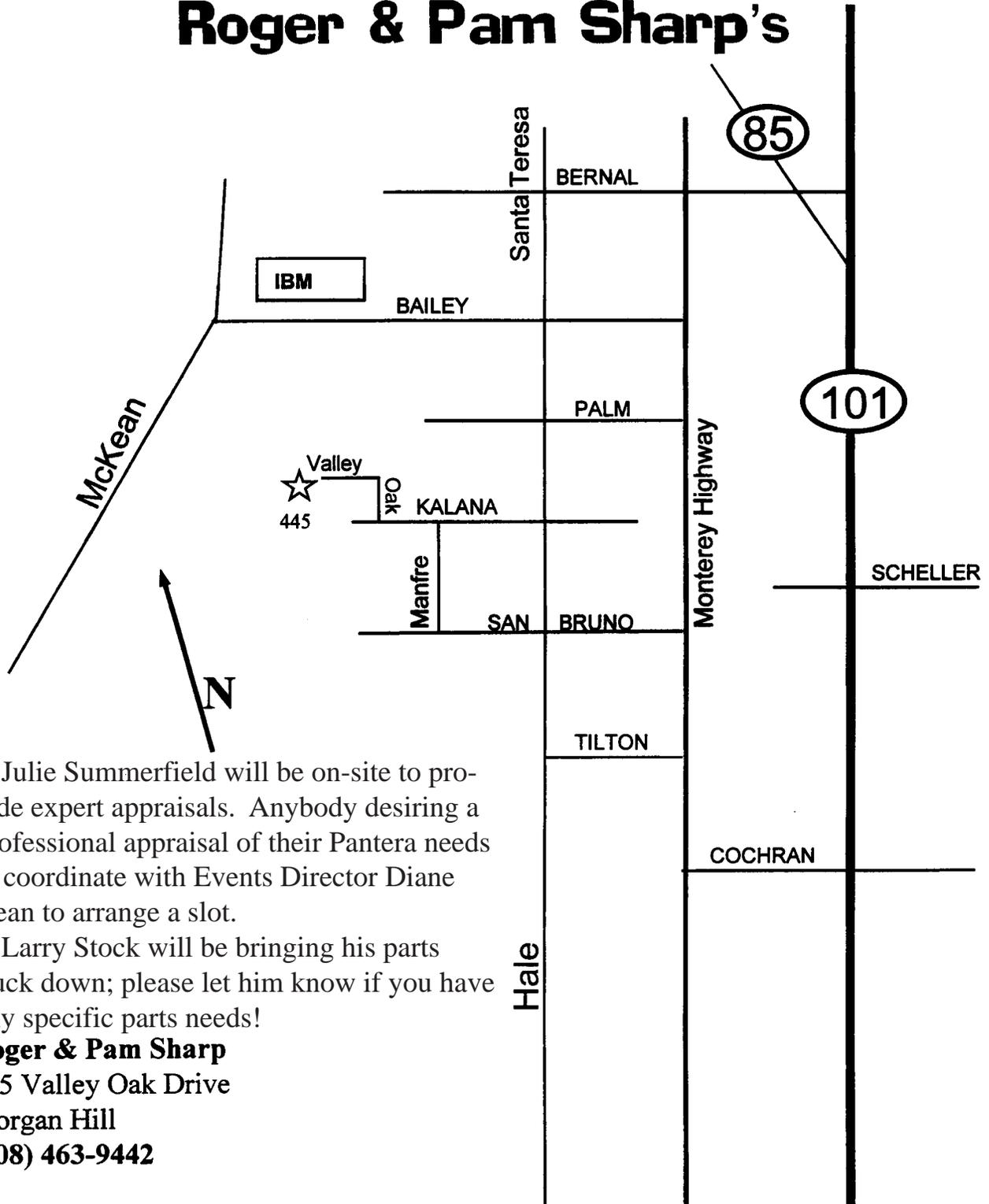
- Swedish Club Documents Binder — Carl Schumaker
- POCA Centerfolds — Carl Schumaker, Bob Benson
- PPC Hat — Jim Kuehne
- Gold pendant — Judy Goodhart
- Gold alligator charm — Karen Puckett
- Wicked Dragon knife — Daryl Johnson
- Gold earrings — Daryl Johnson
- Imported wine — Carl Schumaker (twice!)
- Dunlop vintage racing poster — Bob Benson
- Bonneville poster — Dennis Antenucci

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:20 for show-and-tell and general Pantera bonding.



De TOMASO MANGUSTA

# Day of the Dead Tech/Appraisal Session Saturday, November 2nd at Roger & Pam Sharp's



Julie Summerfield will be on-site to provide expert appraisals. Anybody desiring a professional appraisal of their Pantera needs to coordinate with Events Director Diane Dean to arrange a slot.

Larry Stock will be bringing his parts truck down; please let him know if you have any specific parts needs!

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# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, October 31, 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

November 2 —Day Of The Dead Appraisal/Tech Session (Diane Dean/Roger Sharp)

November 21 ————— PCNC Meeting (ONE WEEK EARLY)

December 7 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

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