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Minutes of Meeting 27 March, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 by president Todd Glycer. All officers were present except for Mike Drew, Russ and Doris Britschgi and John Hansen. Roxanne Fertitta kindly took minutes for Mike Drew, who was at that moment somewhere over the skies of Saudi Arabia. According to her notes, there were 36 members at the meeting and a whopping 19 De Tomaso cars in the parking lot, which has to be some kind of club record!

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

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Bill noted an error regarding the Las Vegas track event. The dyno that has been arranged is *not* a portable unit, but rather is located in one of the shops near the track.

Club Treasury Report: The moneys received from the various track event sponsors have been deposited, and we wrote a fat check to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Charlie brought along several checks he received for track event entries. The track event balance is still unknown, but the club treasury is still healthy.

Club Store Report: Bill Santos brought a couple of custom-made tiles with the DeTomaso logo on them, that had been made into clocks. They were provided by Mike and Amarlis Wilwerding, who run 'Creations by Amarlis'. They are a couple of PCNC members up in Eureka and she is producing them. They donated two of them for the club raffles. They will start making them to be sold through the PCNC store, and they will have wooden frames on them at that point.

Club Library Report: Howard reported that he had no new items to report. He is still working on getting a summary of all the contents scanned to get it posted on the club website.

Club Membership Report: Unusually, both Britschgis were absent so there was no membership report.

Club Webmaster Report: Mark has spent quite a bit of time implementing some new features, including a fully automatic on-line signup sheet for club events. The initial test of this technology will be the King of the Castle wine tour and car show on May 15th.

Past Events:

Victor Zeves Tech Session: Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled because of rain; it will be rescheduled for May 10th.

Upcoming Events:

Pre-Las Vegas Tech Session At The Sharp's — 12 April: Pam and Roger Sharp will again host their traditional tech session two weekends before the Las Vegas fun rally. Larry Stock will be there with all his parts, so anybody planning on making the drive to Las Vegas should plan on bringing their Pantera to the Sharp's for a look-see. Jim Kuehne and Chuck Melton have advanced CB radio tweakers that can fine-tune radios for much better performance. Todd and Oscar will be the chefs for the day.

PCNC Monthly Meeting — 17 April (ONE WEEK EARLY): Due to the conflict with the Las Vegas Fun Rally, the PCNC meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, at the same Coco's location.

Las Vegas Fun Rally — 22-28 April: The deadline for signing up for the full POCA package has passed, but anyone still desiring to attend the event is more than welcome. You can sign up for the event only, but you must secure your own lodging. Kent Snyder reports that 220 rooms were booked, which is an improvement over last year, so attendance should be fantastic.

PCNC Convoys To Las Vegas—22-23 April: Marcus Smith will be hosting a luncheon at his home in Pine Grove for the ever-growing group of club members who elect to take the fun, scenic route to Las Vegas. As Irene will be in Paris with the kids, Marcus will be a Class A Bachelor and will be able to join in the fun, following along behind us in his motor

home. Please contact Marcus to RSVP so he can plan the BBQ accordingly.

Diane Dean has made reservations at the Day's Inn in Bishop and secured a group rate for us. You must mention that you are with PCNC and also mention Diane's name.

A flyer showing maps to the Tuesday morning meeting spot, and to the Smith's house, and also featuring the hotel information, can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

For those desiring a more direct routing, there will be convoys departing from the McDonald's parking lot in San Martin on both Wednesday and Thursday morning. Diane Dean handed out sign-up sheets and will help coordinate these departures.

Las Vegas Speed Trials — 24-25 April: Last-minute signups are starting to come in, and it looks as though we may break event on the event after all. Other car clubs are interested in running with us, but of course Charlie wants to give priority to De Tomaso drivers. Groups B and C have about 20 spots left, and there are also open instructor slots in groups B and C. The lunchtime track tour will again be held at a cost of \$20, but this year we will place much greater emphasis on the no-passing rule!

Bill gave a summary of the costs associated with putting on the event as well as the income derived from our sponsors.

Mike Drew will be creating the track event program and e-mailing it to the Fertittas from overseas; they will print it and ship it to Las Vegas for inclusion in the event registration packets.

Terry Morofsky has arranged for a dyno to give discounted dyno pulls to Pantera club members. The dyno facility is located near the track. Sign-up information will be posted on the PCNC website.

POCA Raffle: Chuck Melton has been joined by Greg Jacobs; together they will conduct the Saturday evening raffle on behalf of POCA.

Question-And-Answer Session: **As there are many new members in the club who have never made** the trek to Las Vegas, an open discussion was held covering a variety of topics, including getting there, the events held there, and the availability of support vehicles to haul extra stuff.

Club Store Sign-Up: The PCNC store is by far the greatest club store at the event, with more merchandise than all the other chapter stores combined. However in order to be successful, it requires continuous staffing by PCNC volunteers. Diane passed around a sign-up sheet; members can also sign up in Las Vegas. All PCNC members who attend the event are requested to work at least one short shift; besides helping out the club, it's a fantastic way to meet new people and it's really a lot of fun.

Tech Session At Victor Zeves — 10 May: Non-club member Victor Zeves has again volunteered to host a tech session at his home. Since last year, he has upgraded his already impressive garage with a chassis lift. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Reno-Tahoe Panteras Fun Rally — 5-7 June: The third annual Reno-Tahoe Panteras Fun Rally is coming together nicely. As of this writing the an event hotel hasn't been finalized yet. Shari Stock has given Larry permission to host a BBQ for the event. Larry is also going to set up a "Concours de la Garage" for the Reno-Carson area, in lieu of a cruise around the lake. Watch for more information in the POCA newsletter.

King Of The Castle Napa Valley Wine Tour And Car Show — 15 June: Terry Morofsky has organized an all-day car show and wine tasting at a winery in Napa Valley on a Sunday. For those interested in making a weekend of it and staying at a Bed & Breakfast, you need to make your reservations early, as this is a very popular weekend. Cancellations will normally be charged 10% of the cost of the stay. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hot August Nights — 1-3 August: Registrations for this event are already sold out. Larry has five registrations but will only be needing two of them, so the others are available to club members. 1972 and earlier cars are eligible to participate, but really, if you drive a 1974 Pantera, who is going to know the difference except us?

Monterey Historic Races/Concorso Italiano Weekend — 13-17 August: Anita Kuehne and Diane Dean are coordinating with the Las Laureles owners for this fantastic weekend event. Diane is accepting \$100 deposit checks to hold a room; the final costs should be worked out sometime in the next month.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Senate Bill 708: Terry Morofsky reported about Senate Bill 708, which would seek to destroy the victories earned several years ago by SB-42, and would again force owners of classic cars like Panteras to endure smog checks, etc. Terry sent an e-mail protest to every state senator he could, and even got a response from the one who wrote the bill. He claimed that the reason behind the bill is the excessive smog in the San Joaquin valley, most of which seems to blow in from the Bay Area.

This senator claimed to be “working with Jay Leno on this”, so Terry sent an e-mail to Jay Leno, but has not received any response. The bill was due to be considered on March 28th. No word yet regarding any results of the vote.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Single 7” Campy Wanted: Byron Hight is looking for a 7” Campy wheel in reasonable condition. If you happen to have one lying around gathering dust, or know of somebody *else* who has one, please give him a call!

Pantera Sheetmetal Wanted: Charlie Puckett needs the entire right side of a Pantera body following his wreck at Sears Point a few months ago. And Eric Belter’s car was destroyed, so he needs an entire Pantera body. Anybody with any leads is invited to contact Charlie.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Richard Boschert

Raffle Results: New club member Larry Henley was one sculptors for Big Daddy Roth, and did many of the Ratfink toys. He talked a little bit about working with Roth, and brought a whole bunch of Ratfink memorabilia for the raffle. He also does custom jewelry, and travels to many of the custom rod shows and jewelry shows. He will be working on Pantera jewelry for future sale in our club store.

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

Todd's Pantera Video — Larry Henley
POCA Centerfold Posters — Larry Henley, Greg Jacobs
De Tomaso tile clock — Larry Henley
Ratfink figure keychains — Roxanne Fertitta, Ken Levin
Diecast T-bird keychains — Dennis Turrin, Mark McWhinney, Curt Hall
Ferrari 308 Tie Tacks (which looked like Panteras) — Karen Puckett, Terry Morofsky
Mini Pedal car — Pam Sharp
Ratfink on a 67 Chevy — Charlie Puckett
Ratfink on a motorized skateboard — Bill Santos
Ferrari 308 earrings — Mark Tumbarello
Ratfink on a 55 Chevy — Bob Lucas
Ratfink on a Woody — Greg Jacobs
Flaming Eye Antenna Ball — Diane Dean
Flaming Eye keychain — Mark McWhinney

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at approximately 9:45 p.m.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, April 17, 2003
ONE WEEK EARLY

8:00 P.M.

COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- April 12 ————— Pre-Las Vegas Tech Session (Roger Sharp)
- April 22-23 ————— Drive To Las Vegas/Pine Grove Brunch (Marcus Smith)
- April 24-25 ————— Las Vegas Speed Trials (Charlie Puckett)
- April 23-27 ————— Las Vegas Fun Rally (Gary Roys)
- May 10 ————— Victor Zeves Tech Session (Greg Jacobs)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH
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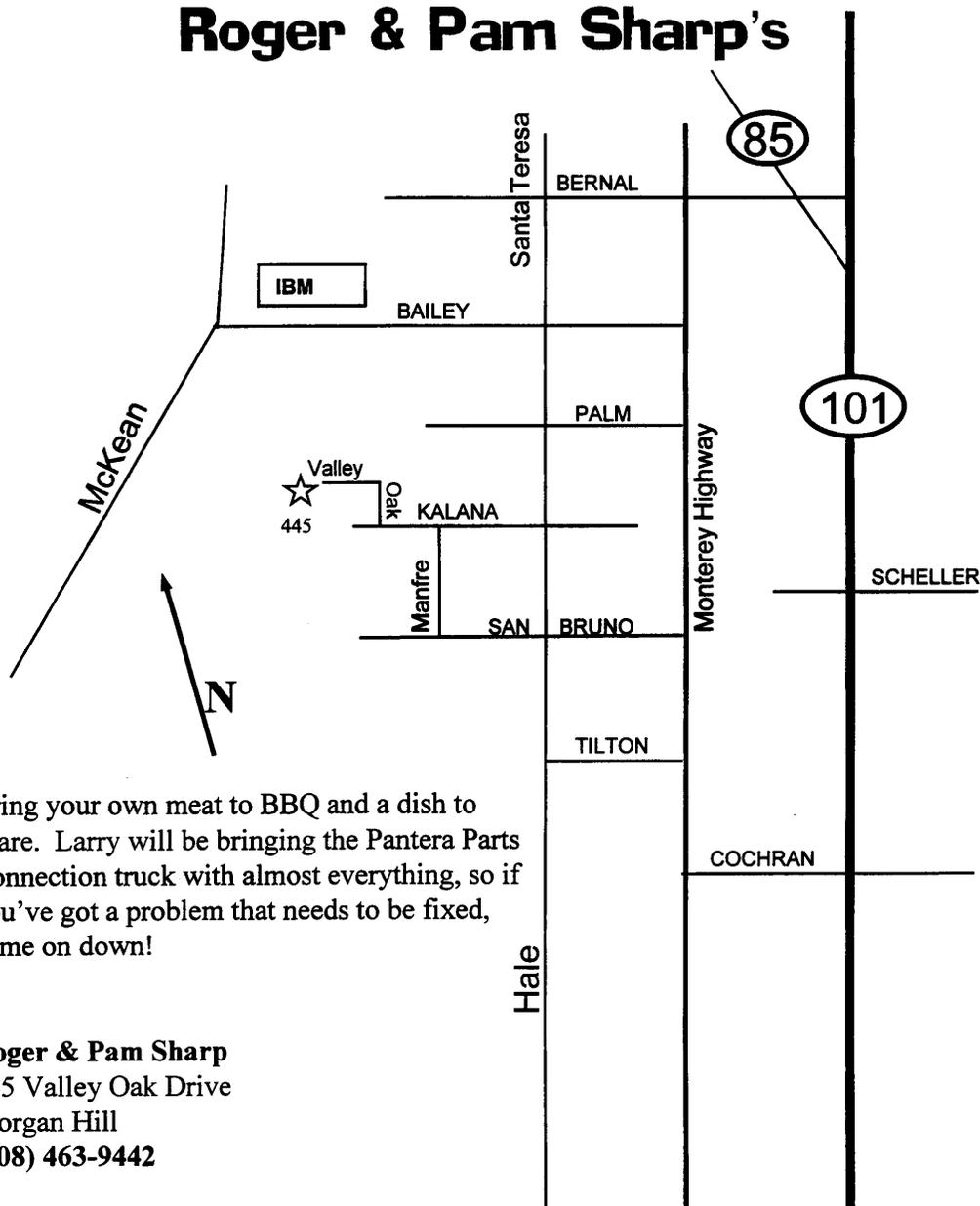
Pantera Club of Northern California Air Conditioning/Las Vegas Tech Session

Saturday, 12 April, 10:00 a.m. to midnight

This is your last chance to get your Pantera ready for the trek to Las Vegas. 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!

Roger & Pam Sharp
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Tech Session At Victor Zeve's Monster Garage Saturday, 10 May

Victor Zeve is extending an invitation to have another tech session at his place on May 10th.

Since our last visit to his wonderful garage he has added a full-sized lift in his monster garage, eight air stations scattered about, and four TVs with Speedvision.

Victor has three bays for inside work as well as a huge concrete pad in front of the garage. There are automotive part stores very close to his place.

If you have a project that requires the use of the lift, please let us know so we can make sure you get some time. It will be first-come, first-served.



If you like, bring some grub to share or BBQ. There is also a Pizza joint around the corner if the gang decides to go that route. There will be coffee and fat pills (donuts) onsite for the early birds!

Victor is located at 3339 Greenwood Dr. in Fremont.

Greg Jacobs is coordinating the event. You can contact him at prolan1@pacbell.net or at (408) 777-5165 [cell].

Whether you want to fix your Pantera, somebody else's Pantera, or just socialize, come on out and join the fun!