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Minutes of Meeting 28 August, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Todd Glycer at 8:00 p.m. sharp. All officers were present except the Renshaws, Mark McWhinney, John Hansen (although Gary Kono was standing in for him) and Mike Drew (who had landed in Baghdad just a few hours earlier). Roxanne Fertitta ably stepped in and took notes in his absence. 33 members signed the roster, and there were 10 De Tomaso automobiles in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: Several new faces were in the crowd this evening. **Rick Black** has a black '71 Pantera that he purchased almost a year ago, and this was his first club meeting.

Paul DeCruz is a Big Wheel in the BMW M-3 club, but has a hankering for a Pantera. He conducted a reconnaissance at the Concorso Italiano, and subsequently came and joined us for

dinner at the Los Laureles. A BMW has to go, and then he'll have room for a Pantera in his garage.

Seldom seen member **Dave Lindsey** has a '73 GTS that has been a two-year restoration project, and he just finished it off that afternoon and drove it to the meeting!

Also, new member **Linda Welch** (who married Randy on the Saturday of the Monterey event) was in attendance for her first meeting.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Other than a couple of typos, the Pantera in the Monterey article that was named as Terry's actually belongs to somebody else.

Club Treasury Report: Surprisingly, we still have a healthy bank account even after paying our final (substantial) Los Laureles bills. Now we need to lean forward and start financially planning for Las Vegas 2004 (the track event, and club store purchases).

Club Store Report: Gary Kono, the Club Store Elf, had a few items on hand to display. Anybody desiring club store merchandise can order it from John Hansen, and pick it up from Gary at the monthly meetings.

Membership Report: POCA is hard at work trying to recover the 'lost' members who fell off the POCA database over the past few years. To aid in that effort, Russ sent out about ten renewal letters to our own past due members.

Motorsports Report: The Las Vegas track committee was scheduled to have a brief meeting following the general meeting. Charlie will have an update on our progress next month.

Nametags: Doris will be putting in another order soon, so all new members need to contact her to get their nametags made. (Her contact info appears on the front of this newsletter).

Past Events:

Monterey Historic Races/Concorso Italiano: The Monterey event went off very well. Two PCNC Panteras arrived at the hotel on the back of tow trucks, but both made it home under their own power. Somebody said there were 87 De Tomaso cars in the Concorso, although that sounds somewhat high, and Darryl Johnson's Pantera was featured in the program. We know there were 90 people for the dinner, and all the hotel rooms were sold out. There would have been more people at the dinner, except a misinformed somebody spread the false rumor at the Concorso that we were sold out, so quite a few interested people went elsewhere. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful, festive evening.

We have already booked the hotel for next year, and taken several room reservations already! The Hill House was booked by another private group, and they booked it again for next year.

There were quite a few new members at the event this year, as well as both a wedding and an engagement.

Several members went over to Junior Wilson's house to check out his Garage Majal, and even the ladies were impressed with the innovations inside the massive two-story affair, such as hydraulic stairs and a car elevator! If we have a future event in the Monterey area, Junior has invited us all back for a grand tour.

Panteras At Local Car Shows: Bob Benson reported that he went to a local car show with his Pantera and won first place. Meanwhile, there was another Dream Lot cruise on the night

before the meeting, and Bob Lucas, Bill Santos, Larry Stock and Steve Liebenow all went. There will be another cruise in September.

Larry Henley Car Shows: Larry had a car show in front of his shop that drew some 250 cars, and had another one scheduled for September 6th that was expected to draw 300 cars.

Upcoming Events:

Fix Whatever Ails Ya Tech session — 11 October: Although it wasn't discussed at the meeting (or at least, didn't make it into the meeting notes), Roger and Pam Sharp have decided to host another tech session at their home in Morgan Hill. Larry Stock will (presumably) be present with a truckload of parts, and experts will be on hand to help with whatever technical issues you may have. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue.

All Italian Car Show — 12 October: This extremely low-key event is an annual fundraiser for the Alameda Special Olympics, put on by the Alfa Romeo club. PCNC has had a presence at this show since its inception over ten years ago. It is held on the grounds of the Lincoln Middle School in Alameda, and normally attracts between 100 and 200 cars. Doug Abadie will be organizing the PCNC contingent, and hopefully arranging a special parking area for our cars. Everyone planning on bringing their De Tomaso to the show should RSVP to Doug so he can save a spot. His phone is (510) 526-6010 and his e-mail is Schaba@aol.com. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information, and to sign up for the show. Although they prefer advance registration, it is possible to simply drive up on the day of the show and register on the spot.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Wing Wanted: Richard Del Cordo is looking for a GT5-style rear wing. He is also going to be moving to Dallas soon.

Hot Plates: John Hansen's Pantera wears personalized California plates that read HOT 73L. Since he is now a permanent resident of Wyoming he no longer needs them. If any PCNC member is interested in acquiring them, contact John and he can ship them the next day. He is giving PCNC members first shot at them, and then will advertise them on the forum, etc.

Chuck's Goodies: Chuck Melton brought some new Pantera t-shirts for sale, as well as rubberized ignition key blanks.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Starbird Pantera: Larry Henley told a brief story about the Darryl Starbird Pantera. Starbird was one of a handful of Kustom Kar stylists in the mold of George Barris, Dean Jefferies, etc. He got his hands on a Pantera and used it as the foundation for a super-duper custom car, resulting in the ugliest Pantera known to man. The nose and tail were both extended by several feet, the interior featured diamond tuck and roll, fuzzy carpets, etc. It's a complete abomination. It thankfully disappeared for several years, and recently surfaced on E-bay. Starbird's wife purchased the car to put it into their museum in Oklahoma.

The full story appears in the most recent issue of *Pantera International*.

Thrown-out Throwout: Larry Finch brought a Pantera Performance Center hydraulic throwout bearing for show-and-tell, since his old one blew a seal.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: And the winner was Bob Benson.

Raffle Results: Larry and Brett once again passed the hat, with the following results:

Quality Car Parts T-shirts — Mark Tumbarello, Darryl Johnson

Ford Racing catalog — Mark Tumbarello

Windmill chardonnay — Bill Santos

Gift certificates for free oil change at Walnut Creek Ford — Linda Welch, Terry Morofsky

Dunlop Tires “vintage” poster — Garth Rodericks

Muroc Dry Lakes poster — Bob Lucas

Alfa Romeo TZ book — Russ Britschgi

Pantera video — Rick Black

POCA Centerfold posters — Jason Eaton, Larry Finch, Paul DeCruz

Pantera mini diecast cars — Larry Finch, Larry Henley

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:18.



NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, September 25, 2003
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

October 11 ————— Fix Whatever Ails Ya Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

October 12 ————— All-Italian Car Show (Doug Abadie)

December 6 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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POCA President Candidacy Statement

This notice is for information only, to help keep everyone informed on issues concerning POCA. A candidate has come forward to announce his candidacy for the position as President of POCA, and has asked for the opportunity to address POCA chapter members through their monthly newsletters.

This notice does not serve as an endorsement in any manner, but merely to introduce a candidate for your consideration.

This is also a good prelude to those members of POCA who may wish to consider running for a board position themselves.

The candidate is John Taphorn and copied below is the announcement that he sent to PCNC.

POCA Chapter Members;

It seems appropriate to first publicly announce to you my candidacy for the position as President of POCA. It is my aim to complement the prior efforts of our two prior POCA Presidents, Joe Moore and Dennis Antenucci, both of whom I know and hold in high regard. Both of them worked diligently to accomplish their agenda. The next step on the Club's path is to unite the efforts of East and West to help POCA evolve into a National organization that listens to and addresses the needs of its diverse regional audience.

My aim in office is to accomplish three objectives.

- 1) Enhance the relevancy of POCA to all De Tomaso automobile owners.
- 2) Grow the membership
- 3) Improve the fiscal stability of the club.

As current President of the Houston-based Space Cities chapter of POCA, I recognize that the Presidents tend to operate independently. As a result, we are denied the knowledge of our peers who face similar challenges in engaging and expanding the membership. I would seek to improve communication among the Chapter Presidents in order to cross-pollinate ideas that can re-engage their membership and attract new De Tomaso owners. I alone do not have all the ideas; however, collectively, we can make POCA relevant to all De Tomaso owners.

I have owned Panteras since 1982 and, similar to all of you, have a deep passion for the car and the camaraderie of its owners. Together with Kirby Schrader, I have co-hosted the Annual Southwest Pantera Extravaganza that is entering its sixth year. My business career has focused on Investment Planning and sales, specifically, helping large banks become competent in the delivery of financial solutions (investments, risk management and trust services) to their affluent customer base. Most recently I was with JP Morgan Chase. In this role I was responsible for sales revenue, sales management leadership, budgets, and integrating the various corporate silos to act in unison as a team.

I welcome additional dialogue on POCA issues with each of you. I also ask for your support in the upcoming elections.

Thank You
John Taphorn

Pantera For Sale

1973 Pantera L, S/N 5860. Stock red with black interior. Original engine with 105,000 miles. Luggage rack, 10-inch Campy wheels, more. Asking \$25,000. Phone John Holloway, (510)723-6850



Fix Whatever Ails Ya Tech Session

Saturday, October 11th at
Roger & Pam Sharp's

