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Minutes of Meeting 27 May, 2004

The meeting was called to order by the president, at some time shortly after 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Doris Britschgi, Sharon Renshaw, John Hansen and Mike Drew. Greg Jacobs volunteered to take meeting minutes in Mike's absence. The number of club members present wasn't noted; however there were eight Panteras present.

New Members/Guests: There were several fresh faces in the crowd. **Rick Cannon** has an early Pantera; he thinks it's a 1971 model but isn't quite sure! He is a vintage racer, hoping to set up his Pantera for track use.

Howard Renshaw III is the son of long time club members Howard and Sharon Renshaw, and

recently purchased his Pantera from his father, who oddly decided to sell it to finance the purchase of a new Chevy SSR sport truck/car/thing. Fortunately the car has passed on to good hands and will remain in the family.

Ron Gibbons was described as a 'backslider', a former member who dropped out of PCNC ten years ago. He has a '71 Pantera for sale, as well as a '72 that he intends to keep.

Steve Murch was present with his father, club member Jim. He stated that his dad is so busy, this is the only time they can hang out and do the male bonding thing together!

Bill Hasberry came from Fresno, where he owns a Pantera that was parked in 1992 with only 18,000 miles on it. He is now restoring the car back to stock condition.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted, because the newsletter hadn't arrived. Mike had sent it to the printer a week earlier, then called them to delay printing as he was sending a changed page. They apparently never downloaded the new page, and after a week (after the meeting) they printed the first version of the newsletter. The missing page (Russ Britschgi's membership report) appears elsewhere in this issue.

Also, Charlie Puckett's corrected e-mail address appears in this issue for the first time.

Club Treasury Report: Jim reported that he has paid most of the invoices from the Las Vegas track event, and we are well-equipped to fund the upcoming Monterey event.

Club Store Report: Jim also reported that the club store enjoyed a total of \$6100 in sales (not profits); that money is in a separate fund and is not mixed in with the primary account. Most of the money goes to paying for the merchandise, while the profits are used to develop new products. Meanwhile, there were a number of 2004 event t-shirts for sale, in all sizes, in both long and short sleeve.

Club Membership Report: Russ had nothing to report.

Past Events:

Pre-Las Vegas Tech Session: The tech session had a great showing, and a fantastic accompanying barbecue. The first three cars up on the lift all developed major leaks, creating quite a mess! Roger is looking to have another tech session in the future.

Las Vegas Fun Rally: There were plenty of stories to be told about our collective journey to Las Vegas in April.

As reported here last month, the track event was deeply in the red on the morning of the event, but once the word got out, various benefactors stepped forward and offered cash contributions, some anonymously, and thanks to their help the club wound up just barely breaking into the black, by less than \$100.

We also received our first check for \$1000 in sponsorship for the 2005 event from a POCA member in Arizona.

Meanwhile, various members told war stories of their drives to and from Las Vegas. Steve's Mangusta made the trip there and back with no oil leaks for a change, and was none the worse for wear after he let Mike Drew drive it during the lunchtime drive-around, and Mike spun it on his first lap!

Chuck had an adventurous drive to Las Vegas with Bob Benson; after they arrived at the

hotel with Bob's truck, Mustang and Pantera, they jumped into the Pantera and drove back to Bishop, just so they could drive back to Las Vegas again. The combined weight of the two of them in the Pantera caused the tires to rub on the front fender and resulted in some slight damage.

Greg told the crowd about Chris Wilson, who is a Pantera owner in New Zealand. Just days before the fun rally he decided it would be fun to attend, so he jumped on a plane and flew to Los Angeles, with no idea what to do next. PCNC members invited him to join us, and he flew up to Oakland where Greg Jacobs' father picked him up. He then travelled with us through Bishop and to the Fun Rally.

Larry told of his off-track adventures while practicing for the race. He blew the first corner and wound up in the gravel, which contained a hidden ditch! He then performed his impression of a lawn dart. The accident ripped the air dam off and smashed the lower valance and radiator. As a result he's developing a new product—a tear-away front air dam. His intent is to create a 'modular' product that will have many bolt-on options, including cooling scoops, lights etc.

Bob Benson ran his Shelby GT-350 clone on the track, and on the second day he was invited to participate in the race. This was the first race of his driving career, and he was rewarded with a first-in-class trophy!

Upcoming Events:

Monterey Historics/Concorso Italiano — 12-15 August: On-line registration for the Concorso Italiano is available, at www.concorso.com. Our room and dinner package pricing is still in the negotiations phase, but final figures should be reached shortly. The dinner price will be dependent upon the cost of the dinner, which is not set yet. The hotel will be charging additional fees, to the tune of 10% or so.

In the meantime, Diane Dean will be accepting \$100 deposits, so if you intend to stay with PCNC, make sure you send your deposit in pronto!

PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December: The date of the Christmas party has been changed by popular demand. It will be held on the second Friday of the month, in the same place as last year—David's Conference & Banquet Center in Santa Clara. Diane will be booking a block of hotel rooms for people who don't wish to drive home afterwards, but these arrangements will wait until after the Monterey event.

Club Business:

Personalized License Plates: John Hansen would like to know if anybody wants personal license plates? Apparently we can get them in bulk quantity if we perform a group buy, and an interclub buy with other clubs would result in an even greater discount. (Note: it's unclear from Greg's notes if he's talking about actual license plates (which is what he wrote) or license plate frames).

News, Clues and Rumors:

Happy Birthday To Terry: As it was Terry's birthday (or had been recently, or would be soon, or something), Terry was presented with a cake, and the obligatory singing and clapping ensued, then everybody got some cake.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Bob Benson.

Raffle Results: Larry once again sold tickets and raffled off the following prizes:

Track event t-shirts — Jason Eaton, Ken Levin

Rocker switch — Scott Martin

St. Paulie Girl poster — Bob Benson

De Tomaso Sticker — Scott Martin

17mm ZF drain plug tool — Barry Hosier

Leather driving gloves — Jason Eaton (who gave them to Greg Jacobs)

The meeting then adjourned, although the actual time wasn't noted.

Lee Scales' Pantera Taking Shape

After lying dormant for years in a barn in Oklahoma, Lee Scales' green 1972 Pantera L is finally back in California, and the metal is slowly taking shape. The car had suffered extensive accident damage in the rear, which had been badly repaired. So besides stripping the car to bare metal, the guys at Henry's Street Rods in Sacramento have been painstakingly restoring the metal to its former shape.

The car will soon be painted yellow; it remains to be seen if the car will be finished in time for Monterey, but work is progressing smoothly.



Membership News

This March & April's New Members:

Scott & Susie Carpenter of Fremont. Scott and Susie were at the pre-Las Vegas tech session at the Sharp's. They did not have their Pantera there but if you see a '73 GTS with a license plate that says RACCRX 8, give them a wave.

Rich & Debbie Golino of Scotts Valley rejoined again after a brief time away. Rich is trying to decide if he should totally rebuild their current Pantera or find a good solid restored and update replacement. This will be interesting to find out why he made the move he did after he did it. I know this it a question that has a lot of good and bad points on both sides.

Wayne & Sharon Okubo of Cupertino. They own a black '72 Pantera. Wayne was at the start of our March meeting at Coco's but left before we a got a chance for the formal introduction. Stay around a little longer next time, Wayne, and bring Sharon.

The reports for May and June will be in next month's newsletter.

March Membership Anniversaries:

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

Lindsay & Estelle Crawford: twenty-nine years
Diane Dean: twenty-eight years
Bill Santos: twenty-eight years
Howard and Sharon Renshaw Jr.: twenty-five years
Russ & Doris Britschgi: nineteen years
Carl & Chris Kaufmann: seventeen years
Kathy & Brian Gentry: fifteen years
Eddie & Lisa Pavlu: fourteen years
Joel & Shelly Gust: twelve years
Richard Dean: eleven years
Gregg Miller: ten years
Doug Kelm: seven years
Bayani Panis: six years
Rich Boschert: five years
Larry & Carmen Larsen: five years
Chris & Susan Clark: four years
Don & Denise Bockman: three years
Darryl Johnson: two years
Bob & Dena Lucas: two years

April Membership Anniversaries:

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

Mike Drew: fifteen years
Dennis & Mary Ann Antenucci: fourteen years
John & Pam Holloway: fourteen years
Lee Scales: fourteen years
Mike Coffel: twelve years
Tom & Autumn Padula: nine years Axel Rolf: nine years
Lee & Heide Hinckley: eight years
David McDougall: seven years
Scott Bonneville: six years
Russell Orzel & Ann Grigsby: five years
Perry & Brigit Strongin: four years
Michael Anderson: three years
Steven Bechard: three years

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, June 24, 2004
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 12-15 ——— Monterey Historics Weekend/Concorso Italiano (Diane Dean)

December 10 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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