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Minutes of Meeting 24 February, 2005

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Benson promptly at 8:00 p.m. Perhaps due to the poor weather, or to the fact that the post office delayed delivery of the February newsletter yet again, meeting attendance was only 18 members, the smallest in at least the past ten or fifteen years. Among the absent officers were Terry Morofsky, Sharon Renshaw, Diane Dean, Charlie Puckett and Mike Drew; all others were present.

There were two Panteras and a Longchamp in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were no new members, for the first time in many years.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Mark noted that it was Mike Drew who gave Diane's

name as the contact for the Monterey event on the De Tomaso e-mail forum, not Mark! (As only a handful of members had received their newsletters before the meeting, there was little additional comment).

The printer goofed up during production, and as a result, one page was printed twice and a blank page was also included. No need to point that one out!

Club Treasury Report: Jim reported that our treasury is looking quite healthy. The club has benefited by an unexpectedly high turnout for this year's Las Vegas Speed Trials, due in no small part to the work of Mark McWhinney who not only got the information out on the PCNC website, but also initiated an on-line registration and payment scheme, which makes it extremely simple for people to sign up for the event on-line. Bill Santos has also rustled the trees and beat the bushes and come up with some dynamite sponsorship, ensuring that our event will be in the black this year.

In terms of cash outlay, Jim reported that he has sent a deposit to the track management for the two-day track rental.

Club Store Report: Gary reported that Bill Santos dug up all the original artwork for past PCNC t-shirts etc. and forwarded it to John Hansen. John will be re-issuing many items which haven't been seen for many years.

Club Membership Report: Russ reported that the 2005 PCNC membership rosters were mailed with the February newsletter.

Club Website Report: Mark has been very busy updating the club's website. All relevant information pertaining to the Las Vegas track event has been posted, including information for each of our sponsors, and a listing of everyone who has signed up to participate. Mark is also working with the POCA webmaster to help him update the POCA site.

Past Events:

PCNC Super Bowl Party/Tech Session: Highlights of the party included not one but two headlight gear replacement operations, a rear axle and bearing change, and various smaller items. Significant for its appearance was the Pantera of Larry Finch, back home from the Byars Brother's shop after a two-year absence during which the metalwork that Larry had so hastily rearranged was re-rearranged!

Upcoming Events:

Pre-Las Vegas Tech Session — 26 March: The Sharps will again be hosting a tech session at their expansive Morgan Hill estate. Technical experts will be on-hand to evaluate Panteras in preparation for the Las Vegas Speed Trials, and generally look cars over before they set off on the trek to Las Vegas.

As this is a very family-friendly club, the Sharps will also be hosting an Easter egg hunt for the wee ones (and Shilo, Larry's dog!)

Larry Stock will be present with his rolling parts truck as well.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Air Conditioning Tech Session — 23 April: The Sharps will host a second tech session

just a few days before the Las Vegas event. The goal is to avoid any heavy labor during this event, and instead concentrate on minor details and air conditioning system servicing. Larry will have genuine Freon available, so contact him if you plan to have him charge your system.

Las Vegas Fun Rally — 26 April-1 May: The various route options were very briefly discussed. Historically PCNC has organized a two-day scenic tour to the event, with a stop for Brunch at the home of Marcus and Irene Smith in the Sierra foothills, and an overnight stop in the high desert town of Bishop. Due to the ongoing inclement weather and unusually heavy snowfall this winter, it's possible that our chosen route won't be open and so an alternate plan has been proposed, departing south and visiting Brian and Kathy Gentry. A direct one-day blast down I-5 for Wednesday is also being considered as an alternative for those who can't take the time for a two-day drive.

A formal decision will be made by vote at the March meeting.

Las Vegas Speed Trials — 28-29 April: The track event is shaping up in spectacular fashion. Besides the aforementioned on-line registration scheme, Mark McWhinney and Larry Finch personally telephoned all past event attendees to issue personal invitations. As of this writing (mid-March) we have almost 50 cars signed up, which is almost double last year's participation!

Tank Tour — May TBA?: Diane Dean is in discussions with our local neighborhood armored fighting vehicle collector for another tour of his amazing collection of tanks, halftracks, rocket launchers and other big giant machines of destruction. Her ambition is to put together a tour sometime in May; watch for further details in upcoming newsletters.

Reno-Tahoe Fun Rally — 9-13 June: Larry reported that planning is moving forward for this event. As in past years, it will boast similar attractions such as a track session at the Reno-Fernley racetrack, a dustbowl concours, breakfast at PPC, and some humorous car show awards. Watch the POCA newsletter for more details.

San Jose Grand Prix — July 29-31: The organizers of the upcoming Champ car race through the streets of San Jose are trying to generate interest among the local car clubs. They want to sell us a block of 100 tickets for the entire three-day event for either \$125 or \$150, and then they will allow us to display 50 cars in a special area. They are offering group seating, keychains, hats and the option to purchase a jacket with our club name and "First San Jose Grand Prix" on the back. They would also award the top three clubs who purchased over 100 tickets, parade laps around the track on Friday and Saturday.

Obviously PCNC doesn't have the size to support an event such as this on our own. Bob Benson approached the Shelby Club in the hopes that we could form a sort of co-op. However, some of the terms the organizers have laid out (requiring at least 50 cars on all three days) seem a bit onerous, and frankly there just wasn't enough interest to pursue it any further.

Other Upcoming Events: A quick scan of the calendar showed that the Concorso Italiano is on Friday the 19th of August, the All-Italian car show in Alameda will be in September, October may see a run to Pasa Robles, a Mystery Dinner is in the works for November, and of course our annual Christmas party in December.

Club Business:

Newsletter Savings?: Gary Kono noted that back issues of the PCNC newsletter are available on-line via the PCNC website, and suggested that perhaps we could eliminate this newsletter and instead just direct people to go fetch it themselves, saving the club printing and postage costs. The idea didn't seem to garner much interest among the assembled crowd however.

News, Clues and Rumors:

The Power Of Money: Bob read a memo from Car Craft magazine called The Power Of Money, featuring the new Ford GT. It showed a photo of a customer taking delivery of his new Ford GT and celebrating with a tire-shredding burning on the dealer's lot. The caption read: Premium fuel: \$2.18 per gallon. Tires: \$329 each. Ford GT: \$298,000. Lighting up the tires for the entire staff at Stillwater Ford/Lincoln-Mercury: PRICELESS!

Pantera R/C Cars: Larry Stock gave an update on his Pantera-bodied remote control cars, whose bodies were splashed from Shari Stock's car. They are in production and will be available in about a month.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The competition was pretty meager, and Tom Hasenberg found himself with the winning ticket.

Raffle Results: Larry Stock and Brett Santos passed the hat with the following results:

Chrome Air Cleaner — Gary Kono

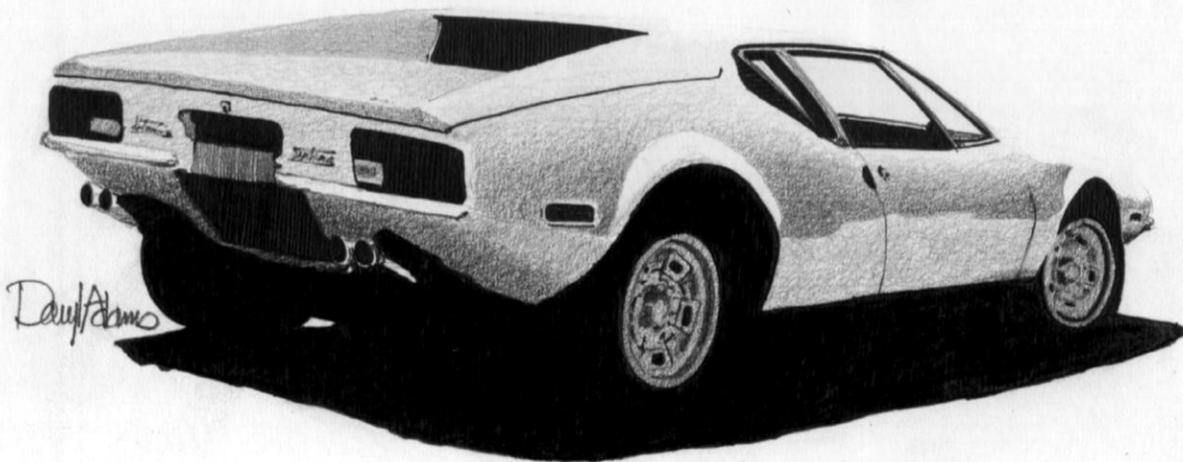
Valve Cover Breather — Curt Hall

Tool Rack Organizer — Jim Kuehne

Track event T-shirt — Russ Britschgi, Mark McWhinney, Mark Tumbarello, Scott Martin

Good Guys Poster — Mark Tumbarello

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at an indeterminate time....



Membership News

New Members for March:

We have no new members for this month.

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: thirty years

Diane Dean: twenty-nine years

Bill Santos: twenty-nine years

Howard & Sharon Renshaw Jr.: twenty-six years

Russ & Doris Britschgi: twenty years

Carl & Chris Kaufmann: eighteen years

Kathy & Brian Gentry: sixteen years

Eddie & Lisa Pavlu: fifteen years

Joel & Shelly Gust: thirteen years

Richard Dean: twelve years

Doug Kelm: eight years

Bayani Panis: seven years

Rich Boschert: five years

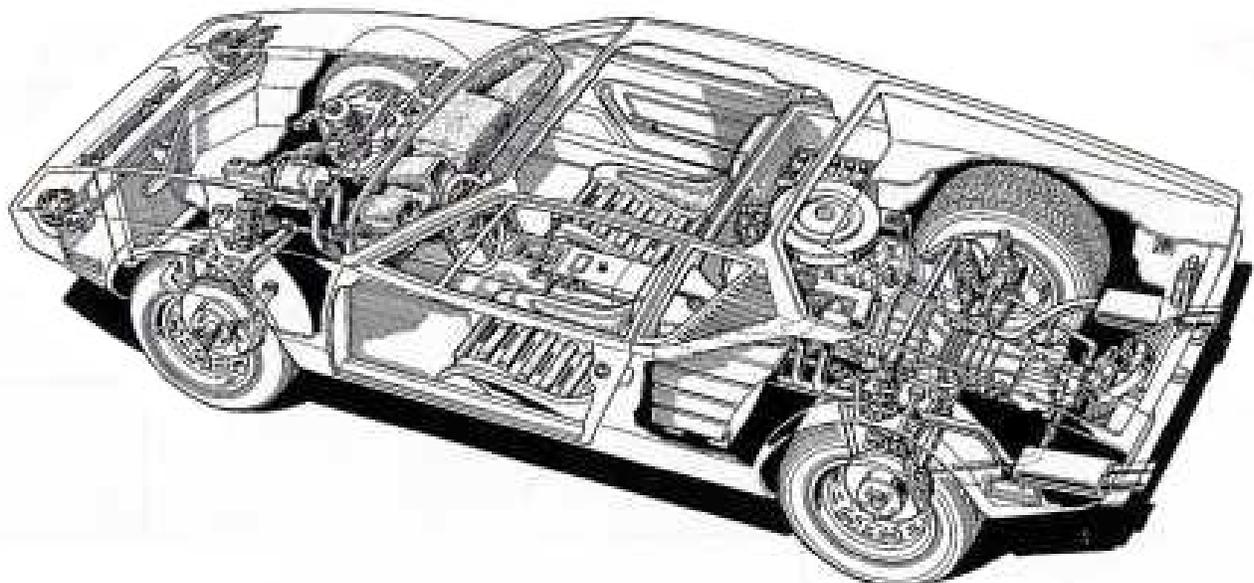
Larry & Carmen Larsen: six years

Chris & Susan Clark: five years

Don & Denise Bockman: four years

Darryl & Connie Johnson: three years

Bob & Dena Lucas: three years



Pantera Club of Northern California *Las Vegas Tech Sessions*

Tech Session and Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, 26 March, 9:30 a.m. to midnight

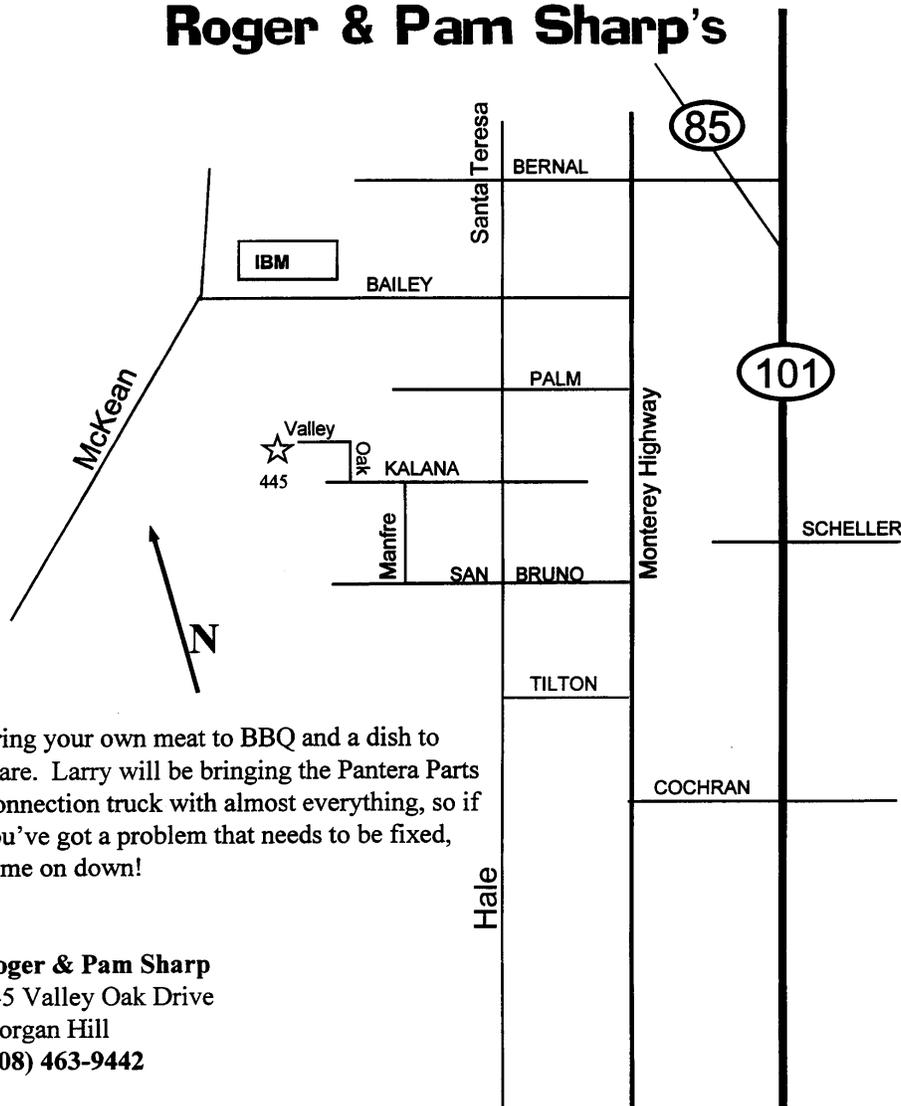
Air Conditioning Tech Session

Saturday, 23 April, 9:30 a.m. to midnight

Finish those last-minute projects and get your car inspected for the Las Vegas Speed Trials!. Give your car a spring checkout on March 26th, and let the kids enjoy the Easter Egg hunt!

Then come back on April 23rd to charge up that Air Conditioning for the hot drive through the desert on the way to the POCA Fun Rally!

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
445 Valley Oak Drive
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Las Vegas Speed Trials

Technical Inspection Form

Owner: _____ Car #: _____ Group: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

YOU MAY NOT INSPECT AND APPROVE YOUR OWN CAR. This PCNC tech sheet must be used and signed off by the inspecting shop. PCNC will tech cars in Las Vegas, but will charge \$25 (rental cars excluded), so if possible, please tech your car in advance. Before bringing your car to the tech station, inspect each item on the car as noted on the Tech Sheet. Consult a tech inspector if there are any questions. Have the top of the form filled out before going to the tech inspector. Making sure your car is track ready is your responsibility!

BRAKE SYSTEM:

Pad Condition: Front _____
 Rear _____
 Fluid: Clean _____
 Full _____
 Brake Lines Condition _____
 Brake lights functional _____
 Pedal Pressure solid _____

TIRES & WHEELS:

Front _____
 Rear _____
 Lug nuts tight _____
 No hubcaps _____

INSPECTOR COMMENTS:

STEERING & SUSPENSION:

Wheel bearings front _____
 Wheel bearings rear _____
 Steering play _____

ENGINE:

No leaks (oil, fuel, and water) _____
 Two throttle springs _____
 Radiator overflow _____
 Radiator hoses (cond.) _____
 Battery secured _____
 Terminals covered _____
 Two heater hose shutoffs (Pantera) _____

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

Seat Belts (Group A w/airbag, B, C) _____
 Four-point harnesses (Group A) _____
 Helmet: (Group A, SA2000; Group B/C Snell 95) _____
 Driving suit/gloves: One-layer nomex required for Group A _____
 Open cars in Group "C" require two-point roll protection _____
 Open cars in Groups "A" or "B" require three-point roll protection _____
 Open or Closed cars, DOT tires with tread wear rating less than 100 — 3-point roll protection _____
 Open or Closed cars, non-DOT competition tires — 4-point roll protection _____
 Cars in Group "A" require a fire extinguisher with a metal bracket _____

MISCELLANEOUS:

Seat bolted tight _____

HAVE READY AT THE TRACK:

- Affix 10" tall (min.) numbers of a contrasting color on both sides of the car.
- "A" Group race cars must have class group stickers (4" tall) of a contrasting color on both sides of the car
- No loose objects in car or trunk. Remove spare tire, jack, floor mats, dash mats, paper, etc.
- A tech/group sticker must be placed on top center of windshield.
- All glass lights (including concealed headlights) covered with tape.
- A nomex suit and fire extinguisher are highly recommended.

I have inspected the above vehicle and take full responsibility for its condition on the track:

OWNER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I have inspected this vehicle for the above items:

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Inspector: Do not sign until all violations have been corrected. Please attach your business card to this form.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, March 31, 2005
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

March 26 ————— Pre-Las Vegas Tech Session/Easter Egg Hunt (Roger Sharp)

April 23 ————— Air Conditioning Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

April 26-1May ————— Las Vegas Fun Rally (Kent Snyder)

April 28-29 ————— Las Vegas Speed Trials (Charlie Puckett)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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