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Minutes of Meeting 29 June, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:05 p.m. Gary took pains to ensure that everybody knew that he was ready to go on time, but the secretary's steam-powered laptop took awhile to boot up!

There was an unusually high turnout of officers, with Jim Kuehne, Diane Dean, Doris Britschgi (and of course John Hansen) missing. Nobody could remember the last time Jim missed a meeting? There were six Panteras in the parking lot, and 27 members signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: Unusually, there were no fresh faces in the crowd.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: It was rather pointedly pointed out that Lynn Rosa, Elliot

Kushner's co-driver at the Silver State race, is a He and not a She. Also, there were seven Panteras entered, of which six started and four finished. The engine in Big Red, the ultra-fast '69 Camaro driven by R.J. Gottlieb, is 580 cubic inches, not 540. Finally, Greg Jacobs' telephone number had been printed incorrectly in the flyer for his cancelled wine/chocolate tour event, which is perhaps why nobody called to sign up? Sorry about that!

Club Treasury Report: The treasury is reportedly in great shape, although given that the treasurer was absent for the first time in eons, speculation arose that he might have used it to skip town!

Club Store Report: John is still crunching the numbers from the Las Vegas Fun Rally, but his gut feeling is that we did about as well, profit-wise, as we have in previous years, even with the reduced attendance at this year's event. This is largely due to the fact that we sold higher-margin items (such as t-shirts) and left low-margin items such as jackets behind. The new club t-shirts were sent to Gary for him to offer for sale at the meeting, but unfortunately they weren't sent early enough, and most likely arrived the day after the meeting. However, Larry Finch had a limited number of track event t-shirts for sale, for only \$15 each.

Club Membership Report: Russ had nothing significant to report this month.

Club Website Report: Mark reported that even though production of the June PCNC newsletter was delayed slightly due to technical issues (and as a result some members didn't receive their newsletter in the mail before the meeting), he has been posting it on-line on the PCNC website, and it has been available there for up to a week prior to the meeting. Mark also sends out a meeting reminder via e-mail. If you're not receiving them, please contact Mark and give him your current e-mail address. Contact him at msm@portata.com.

Past Events:

Vintage Mustang Owners Association Car Show: This was a great event, put on by PCNC and Nor-Cal SAAC and VMOA member Tom Hasenberg (and reported in last month's newsletter). The show featured over 200 cars, and this is the first year they opened it up to Panteras. In fact there were nine Panteras and a Mangusta there. Professional photographer Ron Kimball was there, and offered to shoot photos of Bob Benson's Pantera, but Bob initially turned him down, because he'd just cleaned it and figured it would get dirty in the drive to the photo site! Eventually both Bob and Darryl Johnson offered up their cars. Ron's digital camera body alone costs \$25,000!

Restomods In Reno: This huge car show/event, put on by Mustangs Plus, was open to Panteras as well, and Larry entered both His and Herz. Unfortunately he wasn't able to get his Mustangs ready in time.

Non-Reno/Tahoe Fun Rally: In the "Even If You Don't Build It, They Will Come Anyway" file, lies the story of this non-event. Jim Nowlin cancelled the Reno/Tahoe Panteras Fun Rally at the last minute supposedly due to a lack of participants, but those who had decided to come, decided to come anyway, so the event went on without him! Steve Liebenow reported that on his way to Reno, he drive his freshly-cleaned Mangusta for a mile along a dirt road to visit a friend, making the car totally filthy in the process!

When he got to Harrah's hotel in Reno, an entire section of the hotel parking lot was cordoned off for the Panteras, because the hotel apparently wasn't aware that the event had been cancelled. There were 15-16 participants, but only one Pantera. The group got together for Go-Kart racing on Saturday, followed by a barbecue at Jack and Judy's house.

In general, it was felt that the formal event fell apart due to underplanning, a lack of decision-making, and the fact that it was scheduled too close to the Las Vegas event.

What's worse, on his way home, Steve received an 'insult' speeding ticket; he wasn't even going 75 mph!

Wine Country Classic Vintage Races: The Nor-Cal Shelby Club enjoys a prime parking corral at Sears Point, and Panteras are invited as well. Both days of the event, we were well-represented with several Panteras plus Tom Galli's gorgeous Mangusta.

Upcoming Events:

Monterey Historics Races/Concorso Italiano — 17-20 August: One of the themes of the Concorso Italiano is the 35th anniversary of the Pantera, so it stands to reason that there will be a higher-than-normal number of De Tomaso devotees present, so plan accordingly! As of the night of the meeting, there were 69 De Tomaso cars registered for the event.

Diane is working on the dinner menu and the theme for this year's banquet. The cost for those not staying at the hotel will be \$45 each. The inside lawn parking will be for De Tomaso cars only.

As of now, we only have one room remaining, which is a Junior Suite (at a rather Senior price, somebody joked!) Let Diane know if you're interested, otherwise it will be returned to the hotel.

Other Upcoming Events: Diane is still working on a Napa Valley tour, hoping to avoid both heat and crowds, which suggests a date later in the fall. She is also speaking with the Gentrys about a return visit to their home in Paso Robles. Still, our event calendar is rather thin, so if you have an idea, or better yet, would be willing to organize an event for the club, please contact her!

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Gr4 Taillights: Larry Finch has an absolutely gorgeous, new-in-the-box pair of originally Carello Gr4 taillights for sale. He is offering them up for \$550 (gotta pay for those speeding tickets somehow!) He also has several sets of amber/white GT5 front turn signal/marker lights available.

PPC Mechanical Parking Brake: Greg Jacobs has the mechanical parking brake setup from Pantera Performance Center up for grabs. The kit is complete less cables, which would have to be ordered from PPC. Make him an offer?

T-shirts: Chuck Melton had several Pantera t-shirts available; two people in the crowd were wearing them and served as models. They are a bargain at \$15 each.

Chrome Shiny Bits: Darryl Johnson had a pair of chromed Spicer driveshafts and a chrome mini-starter for grabs.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Converting The Heathens: Bob Benson was invited to a Corvette owner's house for a barbecue; this fellow owns a half-dozen Corvettes, and all his friends own Corvettes, so Bob was the lone outsider. The host insisted that he park in the middle of his expansive driveway so everybody could get a good, close look at the car. The plastic car people were duly impressed, especially when (at the host's invitation), Bob left 30 feet of rubber behind when he left!

Orphan Marques: Gary Kono related a story of taking his other orphan car, an AMC AMX, to a Mopar show. Since Chrysler bought AMC and Jeep many years ago, AMC cars now have their own special class at Mopar shows. Gary won a huge trophy for the best AMC car present (the only other car was a Pacer!), but he noted that it was nice to stand out from the row after row of common, ordinary (and extraordinary) Dodges, Chryslers and Plymouths. Like driving a De Tomaso, there's something special about driving a special, unusual car, and people really appreciated it.

New Mexico Tech Session: Mike Drew reported on his recent visit to Albuquerque, to (ironically) attend a safety school! In honor of his visit, long-distance PCNC member Jim Demick rustled up the informal New Mexico Pantera crowd, and set up a gathering for Mike to rebuild steering racks. Five candidate Panteras arrived, and two of them actually needed rack rebuilds (Jim Demick's rack was *destroyed!*) so they got down in typical PCNC tech session fashion, and grease and grit mixed with beer and sandwiches, and everybody drove home happy at the end of the day.

Wine Country Car Tour: As part of the Wine Country Classic, select cars (to include some of the full race cars!) are invited to participate in a tour to visit some wineries and enjoy a nice dinner. The owner of the Ravenwood winery is a car guy, and boasts that he makes "Non-Wimpy Wine". To that end, he created a trophy for the most non-wimpy car, and Darryl and Connie Johnson won with their brutal-looking Pantera. Besides a bottle of wine, they also won a trophy, which ironically was quite wimpy!



After 120,000 miles, Jim Demick's rack was totally shot!

Hooked On Driving: Greg Jacobs recently ran his Pantera at a track event staged by HookedOnDriving.com; he reported that they are a very disciplined group, with reasonable rates. There was talk of organizing a group Pantera participating at an upcoming track event, where we wouldn't actually stage the event ourselves, but instead would just go as a group to participate.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Brian Bernard, in his beautiful black GT5-S.

Raffle Results: Roger and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

Duplicolor red caliper paint — Darryl Johnson
Wine Brian Bernard — Bob Lucas
Multimeter — Brian Bernard
Summit Hat — Mark Tumbarello
De Tomaso hat — Bob Benson
Cordless drill — Brian Bernard
Calendar (with Vallelunga/Pantera) — Russ Britschgi
Ingersoll/Rand clock (with certificate for any I-R tools at cost) — Gary Choate
ZF vent tube — Mark McWhinney

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:30 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

Free Advertising:

PCNC members may advertise items they have for sale, or items they want, at no charge in the "For Sale" section of the PCNC News. DeTomaso automobiles of non-club members may be advertised in the "For Sale" section at no charge when space is available. The space allowed for these free ads is limited to six lines per member (or non-member) per month.

Paid Advertising:

Fees are charged to anyone who wishes to advertise a business or profession, and to members who wish more space than is allowed in the Free Advertising provisions. Those fees are: Business cards: \$2.50 for one issue or \$9.00 for four issues within a one year period. Half page ads: \$8.00 for one issue or \$30.00 for four issues within a one year period. Full page ads: \$15.00 for one issue or \$55.00 for four issues within a one year period.

Membership News

New Members for July:

The same as last year: none, zero, zip, nada. July must not be a month for joining.

July Membership Anniversaries:

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

Roger and Pam Sharp: eighteen years

Jack and Jane Bartole: fifteen years

Clayton Engstrom: thirteen years

Gary Glenn: nine years

Art Mowry: six years

Ron and JoAnn Singley: six years

Mark and Cindy Tumbarello: six years

Tom and Liz Hasenberg: five years

Barry Hosier: three years

Jim and Angela Cain: two years

Bob and Lori Paizs: two years

Mark and Bill Savage: one year



This photo of a hand-carved, life-size wooden Pantera has been floating around the internet for a few months now. As if rust wasn't bad enough, this guy now has to deal with termites!

1974 Pantera For Sale

\$35,000

Stock 351C, except for Edelbrock Performer intake manifold, Holley 650 with vacuum secondaries, Hall Pantera exhaust system. Original interior with Recaro seats, LeCarra steering wheel. PI Motorsports Tom Tjaarda 17-inch wheels, European front bumperettes. White exterior paint in excellent condition. 81,652 miles, runs strong and reliable, including multiple runs to Las Vegas, Monterey etc. with no problems!

Call for more details.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, July 26, 2005
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT
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(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 17-20 — Concorso Italiano/Monterey Historic Races Weekend (Diane Dean)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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