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Minutes of Meeting 26 March, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:05, as Steve Liebenow was running a few minutes behind. All officers were present except for Mike Drew, Larry Finch and the Renshaws. Steve filled in for the missing secretary. There were 38 club members present, and eight De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Ryan Way** from San Ramon, who has owned his red '71 pre-L Pantera #2040 for some time. He has an uncommon devotion to the car, as evidenced by the fact that he has had the *Pantera* script (as seen on the back of the car) tattooed onto the full length of his forearm!

No chance you'll ever see him selling the car and driving a Porsche, that's for sure!

Changes To Last Month's

Minutes: There were no changes noted.

Club Treasury Report:

Steve reported that it was a quiet month, with virtually no activity. Our treasury is still healthy however.

Club Store Report:

Rich didn't have any new products to show; he and John are getting ready for the POCA Fun Rally, placing orders for new merchandise etc.



Club Membership Report: Garth passed around a sympathy card for Lori Albino. The tragic loss of Kaizer Albino prompted Russ to suggest a policy to deal with similar situations. The PCNC membership will be retained and newsletters will continue to be sent for the remainder of the membership term.

Club Motorsports Report: So far we have 17 cars signed up for the track event, which is about on par with previous years. We are hoping for even better turnout as the event date approaches, and other car clubs may be invited to join us. There is a group of high-roller open track junkies who have rented a couple of 18-wheeler cars haulers, and they are shipping their cars from one track to the next to participate in events like ours. We've been contacted by them and they may be contributing up to 8-10 additional cars. That will certainly help our bottom line, and the chances are that they will be a pretty speedy bunch, so they will probably enliven the race quite a bit too!

We need you! So far, nobody has stepped forward to fill the shoes of the about-to-retire Jim Kuehne and Roger Sharp, who have acted as pit marshals for the past ten years or so. Ideally, a team of volunteers would agree to work for a half-day each, so that they wouldn't be forced to spend the whole day standing in the sun.

The club is rather desperately looking for volunteers who aren't going to be driving on the track the full time to work as pit marshals. Volunteers working a half-day will get to drive for free the remaining half of the day. If you're interested, please contact Larry Finch, PCNC Motorsports Coordinator.

Club Website Report: Mark has been continually updating the PCNC website as well as the POCA site. He is making a concerted effort to get everyone's e-mail address so they can be added to the master database, and kept informed of late-breaking news etc. If you haven't already added your e-mail address to the list, please contact Judy McCartney to do so.

Past Events:

Performance Art Open House: There were eight Panteras present at the open house of this new high-end alignment/dyno facility. The owners gave very informative presentations on many aspects of our car, including tires, suspension etc. The dyno was put to use demonstrating some very exotic new technology. As this was a joint event with the Nor-Cal Shelby Club, there were numerous Shelby Mustangs and Ford GTs present, and some of them put out incredible amounts of horsepower!

Watch for an article in next month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — 26 April: PCNC member Tony Blevins lives just five miles from the entrance of the show, and has invited all PCNC members to meet at his home and enjoy a big breakfast prior to the event. He'll be serving a traditional breakfast, along with some extra good stuff, and showing off his collection of British cars and memorabilia. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., and the group will depart shortly thereafter to ensure that they are able to get in early enough to park together.

An RVSP is required so he can plan his breakfast accordingly, see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Pacific Coast Dream Machines show is the biggest and arguably the best car show of the year. Over 2500 vehicles of all types participate; besides cars of all stripes, the show features airplanes, motorcycles, farm equipment, tanks and armored fighting vehicles, steam engines, and on and on!

The show is a benefit fundraiser for the Coastside Adult Day Health Center. Entry (which includes two admission tickets) is \$30 before April 15, and \$35 thereafter.

More information can be found by surfing to: <http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/index.html>

See the entry flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Engine Installation Tech Session — 2 May: Gary Kono welcomed the club to his new mondo garage last spring, when they helped him remove the dead engine from his Pantera. The group had to resort to some clever engineering due to his engine hoist being wholly inadequate for the job.

He's got a freshly rebuilt engine, and a proper hoist, so now he's inviting everyone back to help him get the motor installed and get the car running. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Electrical Tech Session — 3 May: If you haven't had enough Pantera Tech for the weekend, you can roll over to Rich Boschert's house the next day for an electrical tech session. Rich's father repaired his broken tachometer in less time than it took to remove it from the car! He drew up a repair schematic and will be publishing it shortly. In the meantime, if you have any electrical issues, Rich and a few other electrical experts will be on-hand to get things sorted out. Rich's relay kits will be available for purchase, or bring your own and the squad will help you install it!

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fluid Flush Fest — May TBD: Chuck Melton will again be hosting a fluid flush tech session, with the focus on changing engine and gearbox oil, brake and clutch fluid, and anti-freeze. The date will be determined at the April PCNC meeting and information will be posted on the club website.

Pre-Reno Tech Session — 6 June: Roger and Pam Sharp will again be hosting a tech session at their home in Morgan Hill to enable people to sort out any last-minute problems prior to the run to Reno. Watch for the flyer in next month's newsletter.

POCA Fun Rally — 10-14 June: Although there were some fears that the economic downturn and the change of venue might hurt participation, the event organizers are happy to report that signups are actually increasing over previous years! One noticeable trend is the upturn in couples signing up.

There will be cars on display in the hotel ballroom, and a host of events to satisfy every taste. There has been a concerted effort to increase the number of events that appeal to couples etc., although there will still be plenty to keep the knuckle-dragger motorheads busy too!

The event hotel has two towers; the north tower is located right above the hospitality suite, while the south tower is about a 100 yard walk, and costs \$10 less per night.

See the POCA website (www.poca.com) for all the details.

Marcus and Irene Smith have again graciously invited the members of PCNC to join them for a brunch at their home in the Sierra foothills on Wednesday morning, and this year they are planning on attending the Fun Rally as well! A scenic route has been mapped out which will take us to Reno from their home, via the Sierra back roads, with a partial lap of Lake Tahoe thrown in for good measure. A turn-by-turn route guide will be posted on the PCNC website, as well as information on any additional convoys (the freeway route) that may spring up.

Vintage Mustang Owners of America Show — 20 June: PCNC member Tom Hasenberg is the organizer of this show, and thanks to him there is a special class reserved for De Tomaso automobiles. The VMOA is happy to have as many De Tomaso cars as possible; last year we had a dozen or so? It costs \$30 to enter a car (\$40 after June 11th) and the price includes an event t-shirt. For more information, and to register online, go to <http://vintagemustang.org/carshow.htm>.

Monterey Historic Races Weekend — 13-16 August: We currently have 17 rooms reserved at Los Laureles, but we must commit to them no later than 60 days prior to the event or risk losing them. The rooms are currently secured by the deposit we placed last year. Final pricing etc. is still to be determined, but presumably will be in line with last year's pricing. We are currently accepting \$100 deposits to hold a room.

PCNC will also be hosting a parking corral at the track, and selling race and corral tickets.

There has been more drama than a bad Italian soap opera surrounding the two competing Italian car concours scheduled for the Friday afternoon. When Concorso Italiano appeared to be on the ropes, officers of the Maserati club decided to organize a competing event called La Dolce Vita, held at the Black Horse Golf Course (the former site of Concorso Italiano). They are planning on having a special display celebrating the 50th anniversary of De Tomaso, and had secured support from Tom Tjaarda. The event entry cost is substantially less than Concorso Italiano, which had turned into a rather spendy affair.

However, the new owner of Concorso Italiano appears determined to revive the once-great

event, and to that end, he has moved his show to the Laguna Seca golf course. He is also planning a De Tomaso celebration, and by some means, he has convinced Tom Tjaarda to switch allegiance, so Tom will now be featured at Concorso Italiano and not La Dolce Vita. Additionally, the prices for the Concorso have been lowered (although it is still twice as expensive as La Dolce Vita).

At this point, there is no clear consensus as to which of the two events Pantera owners are likely to support. *Pantera International* has traditionally represented the marque at Concorso Italiano, but so far there is no word what their plans might be for this year....

Club Business: There was no business to discuss.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Vitaloni Mirrors: Mark Tumbarello bought a pair of long-discontinued Vitaloni mirrors (as seen on Trevor Fougere's Pantera) but he has changed his mind about installing them, so they are now available.

Decklid Insulation: Ryan Way has a Hall Pantera decklid padding kit for sale; the diamond-pattern material lines the underside of the decklid. Brand new, never used, he's asking \$50.

Here Come Da Boss: Tim Broskie (who works at Capitol Ford, San Jose) wants to sell his 1970 Boss 302 Mustang. It has 88K miles on it, and was featured in the movie *The Conversation* with Gene Hackman. Tom pulled the engine 25 years ago to detail it for a show and then decided to freshen it up while it was out; that's where stands now. The car is complete and original with a fresh original engine that needs to be dropped back in. The car is yellow, with the desirable shaker hood and window slats. The asking price is \$39K.

Heads Up!: Garth Rodericks has been collecting bits and pieces for his new engine, and has some left over. He has three closed-chamber 4V heads, which are bare but have been pressure-tested. Meanwhile, Steve Liebenow also has a bare set of closed-chamber 351C heads, as well as a '73 351C four-bolt main short block. The bores have surface rust but should clean up nicely.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Banzai Runner Pantera Update: While Garth's motor is out of the car, he attacked the engine bay to scrape away the undercoating. He found that a heat gun and a scraper worked best. A De Tomaso e-mail forum member recommended a needle scaler to get into the cracks and small recesses. Another club member volunteered that he used an air chisel with the pressure turned down; low pressure is the key to avoid damaging the car. This is a dirty job, but the results are well worth it.

Ride To Reno: John Columbero's wife is dubious of his Pantera's reliability (for no really good reason) so she has elected to drive herself up to the Reno event in her daily driver, while John takes the Pantera. That means there's at least two seats available!

Steve's Goose Is Cooked: Steve Liebenow updated the crowd on his Mangusta chassis

saga. As part of his engine swap exercise, he discovered that his car's motor mounts had been modified to raise the engine so the Boss 302 headers would clear the frame. While undoing that modification to allow him to put a proper small block back in, he discovered to his horror that his chassis is extensively cracked and tearing apart! He's been forced to cut away more and more metal, and is finding that the inside of the chassis tubes is completely unprotected, and the chassis is rusting from the inside out. What started out as a relatively minor job has now turned into a major ordeal....

Bull Run Report: Jason Eaton and his Pantera were featured in the reality show *Bull Run* on the Speed TV channel. He said it was a great adventure, but not reality by any stretch of the imagination. He characterized it as "director's reality".

He and his brother-in-law took 20 days off to participate. The route started in Los Angeles, then went to Las Vegas, Arizona, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He and his brother had lots of adventures, including navigational challenges, a leaking fuel tank, and a blown-up throwout bearing that required them to change it in the parking lot.

Due to their problems, they came in last place on the second day of the event and were forced to participate in an elimination challenge. They performed quite well right up until the end, when his brother-in-law was forced to reverse the car into a tight spot. Not being familiar with the car, he was timid and that cost them crucial seconds, which resulted in their elimination from the competition.

Not having anything better to do, they then spent the next few days chasing the rest of the participants across the desert; with all the pressure removed, they had an excellent time!

The Speed Channel crew really loved the Pantera, and so they decided to decorate their truck with De Tomaso logos.

Watch for the full story in an upcoming issue of *POCA Profiles*.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Rich Boschert.

Raffle Results: The club received several raffle donations this month, including a full oil change kit, and a De Tomaso Matchbox car and collector card from Rich Boschert. Garth and Brett passed the hat with the following results:

Oil change kit — Garry Choate
Edelbrock hate — Garry Choate
De Tomaso Matchbox car and collector card — Bob Benson
Allen wrench set — Steve Dalcino
Ratchet wrench set — Lee Farrell
Dremel tool kit — Chuck Melon
ZF drain plug tool — Bob Lucas
PC speakers — John Columbero
Battery cleaner — Bob Lucas
K&N keychain — Bob Lucas
Digital voltmeter — Gary Kono
Cordless drill — John Columbero

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:20 p.m.

Membership News

New Members for April:

We have no new members to report this month, sorry to say.

April Membership Anniversaries:

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

Mike Drew: twenty years

Tom Padula & Autumn Cardone: fourteen years

Perry & Brigit Strongin: nine years

Richard & Debbie Golino: five years

Jeff & Brenda Files: two years

Mike Vallee: two years

Lee Scales: nineteen years

Lee & Heide Hinckley: thirteen years

Michael Anderson: eight years

Wayne & Sharon Okubo: five years

Tony Guinasso: two years

PCNC WANTS YOU!



Volunteer to be a Pit Marshal!

*Pacific Coast Dream
Machines
Pantera Breakfast Flyer*

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL
**PACIFIC COAST
 DREAM MACHINES**

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME



**HALF MOON BAY AIRPORT
 HALF MOON BAY - CALIFORNIA
 SUNDAY - APRIL 26 - 2009
 10 AM - 4 PM
 NO PETS PLEASE**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Entry fee is \$30 per machine for entries postmarked on or before April 15 and \$35 thereafter. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER. It makes the morning of the event much simpler and more enjoyable for everyone.

1. Please enclose the entry fee with your completed application. **Make checks payable to: Coastside Adult Day Health Center**
2. Please read and sign the release of liability. Entries will not be accepted without a signed release.
3. Detach the application and mail with a check for the entry fee to:
**Coastside Adult Day Health Center
 Pacific Coast Dream Machines Entries
 645 Correas Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
 For information call: (650) 726-2328
 Entry form at www.miramarevents.com**
4. Entry fee entitles driver and one passenger admission to the event. Additional passengers will be charged regular admission fees: \$20(adults), \$10(age 11-17 and 65+), free(age 10 and under)
5. Check-in will open at 7AM at Half Moon Bay Airport on the day of the show. Registrants should be in place on the field by 9:30 AM and are expected to remain on the field until 4PM. Spectators wish to see all of the machines.
6. Please assume that your application has been accepted. You will not receive verification of your application.
7. We encourage exhibitors to start their engines and show off their machines. For safety reasons, vehicles may not be moved once in place during the show.
8. Clubs and Groups— If you want to park together, please meet off-site and arrive as a group. We will do our best to accommodate you.
9. For safety reasons, the use of mini-bikes, bicycles, skateboards and motorized carts is not allowed inside the airport grounds. Pets are also not allowed.
10. Individual entries are not permitted to promote commercial products.



ENTRY FORM

(Please duplicate and give to a friend. Please assume that your entry has been accepted. You will not receive verification of your entry.)

Affix Label Here

Entrant's Last Name _____ First _____ Initial _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Make of Machine _____ Model _____

Year _____ Number of Cylinders _____

Body Style _____ Color (Exterior/Interior) _____

Club Affiliations _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(Entries will not be accepted without signature below.)
 The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in the PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINES at the Half Moon Bay Airport, Half Moon Bay, California, sponsored by the COASTSIDE ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER, Sunday, April 26, 2009, does hereby tender his/her entry. With the submission of this entry, the undersigned does hereby:

1. Release the Coastside Adult Day Health Center, it's members, board and employees and the Half Moon Bay Airport from any and all liability arising out of said event.
2. Warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules and regulations under which said event will be conducted and will abide by said rules and regulations.

Accepted on above terms and conditions by:

Owner's Signature _____

Exhibitor (If Other Than Owner) _____

Dated _____

Mail entry with check for \$30 entry fee to:
 (\$35 for entries postmarked after April 15)

**Coastside Adult Day Health Center
 Pacific Coast Dream Machines
 645 Correas Street
 Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

Motor Installing Tech Session

Saturday, May 2nd

Gary Kono's Garage
131 Lunar Court
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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GKono@yahoo.com

Hi Everyone,

I will be having a mini-tech session at my new mega-garage on Saturday, May 2nd. The purpose of the tech session will be to install the newly rebuilt motor in my Pantera. The dynamic duo of Roger Sharp and Jim Kuehne will be heading up the operation.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It's a good chance for the curious to see how a motor is installed in their Panteras, clutch adjusted etc. There will be beer and other drinks, munchies, and a barbeque going for those who just want to eat, drink, and be merry. An RSVP via e-mail or phone would be nice for those who think they might want to attend.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there, and thanks in advance for all the help!!

Gary Kono



Electrical Tech Session

Sunday, May 3rd

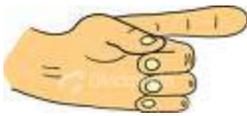


Richard Boschert's Garage
16310 Shannon Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032

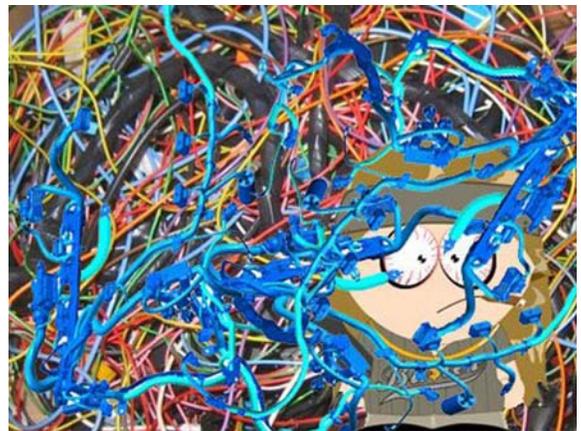


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Have you got the wiring blues? Does the underside of your dashboard look like this?



If so, come on down to Rich's garage, where he and other electrical gurus will be more than happy to help you sort out whatever electrical ailments your car might have.



Don't be ***THIS*** guy! Besides troubleshooting and fixing existing electrical problems, Rich also manufactures and sells electrical relay kits which take the loads off your expensive factory switches, and improve power delivery to high-demand items such as your headlights, radiator fans and window motors.

Rich will have several examples of his relay kit on-hand, available for purchase and he'll be happy to help with installation too!

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, April 30, 2009
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April 26 — — — — Pacific Coast Dream Machines Breakfast & Show (Tony Blevins)

May 2nd — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Engine Installation Tech Session (Gary Kono)

May 3rd — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Electrical Tech Session (Rich Boschert)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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