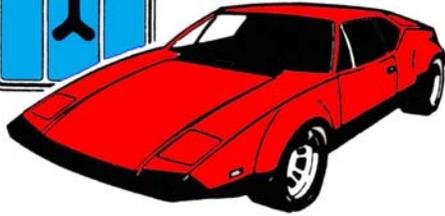


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## Minutes of Meeting 27 May, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. sharp. All officers were present except for Steve Liebenow and Mark McWhinney (Garth Rodericks was a bit late, and Steve arrived just as the meeting ended). There were 28 members present, and two De Tomaso cars in the parking lot, an unusually light turnout in both cases.

**New Members/Guests:** The club welcomed **John (JC) Christian**, who had just arrived in the Bay Area the previous day, after driving his '73 Pantera L all the way from Detroit! JC was enroute to the POCA Reno Fun Rally.

**Changes To Last Months Minutes:** There were no changes noted.

**Club Treasury Report:** Due to Steve's absence, there was no treasury report. However, Steve told the president that the treasury remain nice and healthy.

**Club Store Report:** Rich Boschert is soliciting ideas for new club store items. Brett Santos brought a variety of club store items from the Bill Santos years to the tech session at the Sharp's house and had them on display, in the hopes of providing inspiration for new items.

Concerns were raised about the protection of the PCNC logo. Many years ago, another POCA chapter produced soft goods (hats, shirts etc.) with the PCNC logo for sale at the POCA Fun Rally. The dispute was handled quite fairly; they agreed to sell their items to us wholesale, and we in turn sold them at our store. Now, it's been learned that former POCA President Laurie Basile (better known as LaurieFerrari) has been producing jewelry with the De Tomaso logo; one of her pieces uses the PCNC logo. She was apparently unaware of the source of the logo. A friendly chat should see that practice suspended.

**Club Membership Report:** Brent had no changes to report; Judy McCartney (POCA membership chair) was understandably busy with last-minute preparations for the Reno Fun Rally, so the monthly membership report hadn't yet been generated.

**Club Motorsports Report:** Larry reported that the Reno-Fernley track will soon be ready for action. The ownership/management disputes have been resolved, barriers and PA systems are back in place, and some parts of the track have even been repaved. Assuming the POCA Fun Rally returns to Reno next year, it's pretty much a sure thing that our track event will return.

Larry has submitted our initial ticket order for Monterey Historics Races tickets and corral passes. We have sold 30 tickets so far, and the club is breaking even on the deal. There may be a second order if there is sufficient interest; please let Larry know.

**Club Library Report:** Forest has received the contents of the club's library, and is going to catalog them soon.

**Club Website Report:** Although Mark wasn't present, he passed on his report to Ron. Mark has been continually updating the website with information on upcoming events etc. Also, he wanted to remind all club members that if they haven't already registered on the PCNC website, they should do so. He periodically issues "eNews", short e-mails with up-to-the-minute information on upcoming events, etc. You can sign up at both the POCA and PCNC websites.

## **Past Events**

**Pre-Reno Tech Session:** The Sharps once again had a fantastic turnout for their tech session, which was covered in detail in last month's newsletter. They received a well-deserved round of applause for their efforts to help us keep our cars on the road, and keep ourselves happy and well-fed in the process!

**Mike Drew Engine Install:** The day prior to the meeting (a Wednesday), Mike issued an invitation for help, and people came out of the woodwork once again. A large crowd was on-hand to help with the installation of Mike's killer new 408 stroker Cleveland. Minor setbacks aside, the job went smoothly and the car was up and running by the afternoon, faster by orders of magnitude than it had ever been in the past. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Monterey Motorsports Reunion Weekend — 12-15 August:** The Monterey Historic Races have been renamed Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, after event founder Steve Earle and Laguna Seca had a parting of ways. The featured marque is “50 Years of Formula 1” this year.

There is currently a waiting list for rooms at Las Laureles; contact Gary Kono if you’d like to put your name on it! Chances are that at least one or two rooms may become available, if history is any judge.

Sue Choate is collecting money for the dinner, for those people who will be attending the dinner but not staying at the lodge. The cost is \$46 a head, with a July 31st cutoff date to sign up.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

**PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December:** The Christmas party will be held in the same location as in previous years, with the price TBA.

**Proposed September Driving Event:** Gary Kono has proposed an event to be held sometime in September. The plan would be to meet at the scenic overlook at the junction of Hwy 35 (Skyline Blvd) and Hwy 92 in San Mateo, then drive south on Hwy 35, and from there onto Hwy 9. The destination would be Canepa Design, the world-renowned restoration, vintage race preparation and exotic car sales shop in Scotts Valley. Following the tour, the Konos would host a BBQ at their home. The date should be finalized in the upcoming weeks; watch the newsletter and PCNC website for more information.

## **Club Business:**

**New PCNC Rafflemaster:** Roger Sharp requested that he be relieved of his responsibilities as PCNC Rafflemaster, and Trevor Fougere immediately signed up to take on the position; the appointment was formalized by the PCNC board during a quick 30-second meeting before the start of the PCNC meeting.

## **Buy/Sell/Swap:**

**More Stuff From Chuck’s Garage:** Chuck Melton was doing a bit of housekeeping and found a few bits and pieces that he offered up for sale, including several examples of a 1980’s period Pantera T-shirt with numerous brightly colored cars, a Hall Pantera decklid prop rod, and a braided stainless steel clutch flex hose.

## **News, Clues and Rumors:**

**Clutch Master Cylinder Swap Agony:** Brent Stewart told a tale of mechanical mayhem as he and Richard Boschert spent six long hours changing out his clutch master cylinder. The pushrod and clevis on the new unit didn’t match the old one, leading to much difficulty and confusion. (For future reference, changing a clutch master can be done in 15 minutes by a slightly unorthodox technique. Simply disconnect the clutch line and unbolt the master from the mounting plate, then depress the clutch pedal to the floor. This will push the whole master forward a few inches. It is then possible to remove the snap ring on the back of the master and

separate the master from the pushrod. Discard the new pushrod/clevis that came with the new master, and install the new master atop the old pushrod. This perfectly preserves all the fiddly little adjustments, and enables one to quickly reinstall the new master with a minimum of fuss. Thanks to Steve Wilkinson for that tip!)

**Bud Moore Intake Manifold:** During a big intake manifold comparison dyno session on Mike Drew's new engine, with Dan Jones in Missouri, one of the intakes tested was an ultra-rare Bud Moore two-piece cross-ram NASCAR unit, borrowed from Kelly Coffield for the occasion. Dan subsequently found one for sale on Craigslist in Lodi, and Mike went and bought it on Dan's behalf. Before shipping it to Dan, he brought it to the meeting for show-and-tell.

It's a curious affair; philosophically it's like a tunnel ram intake folded flat, with extremely long runners. Air enters the top of the box, then is deflected to the outsides, where it then makes a 180-degree turn and crosses over to the intake ports on the opposite sides. While perhaps it may have worked at ultra-high rpm, its performance was dismal in the 3000-6000 range. It's extremely heavy though, so if nothing else, it would serve as effective front-end ballast on a stock car!



**Two Laps Of Laguna Seca:** During the American Le Mans Series race at Laguna Seca, various people were afforded the opportunity to take two pace-car controlled touring laps of the circuit; Darryl and Connie Johnson gave their monster Pantera a good caning and put on a good show for the assembled crowd.

**Tiffany Ford 100th Anniversary Celebration:** Tiffany Ford/Lincoln-Mercury in Hollister is celebrating their 100th year as a Ford dealership! They are only the sixth dealership in the country to make this landmark achievement. In honor of this milestone, they are displaying historic Ford products in their dealership showroom throughout the month of July, and they would like to have a Pantera on display. If you'd like to loan your car for a static display, contact Rick at the dealership, at (831) 637-0637. They will also be holding a huge celebration party/car show on July 17th.

**New PCNC Member Restoration Project:** On the way to the meeting, Mike and John Christian stopped off at a workshop deep in the ghetto in Richmond. There, a fellow named Matt Kelleher with a rather large car collection is renting a stall in a car repair shop, and has a body man/mechanic working full time on a bare metal restoration of a '72 Pre-L Pantera #2524. The car had been purchased by a fellow in the central valley, who bought about 40 project cars (including another Pantera) with the intent of restoring them all someday. Unfortunately he was stricken with cancer before he could get to any of them, and all the cars had to go.

Matt recently bought the project in pieces, supposedly complete, and has wasted no time. It's been stripped to bare metal, various reinforcements have been applied to the body and chassis, and it's quite likely that the car will be completely finished in just a few months.

Matt couldn't attend the meeting, but plans to come to the June meeting and join the club then. Welcome aboard!



**Driving For Dinner Raffle:** With two Panteras in the parking lot, Bob Lucas' odds were looking pretty good, and in fact he won!

**Raffle Results:** Roger gave his Rafflemaster swan song, with able help from Brett Santos of course, with the following results:

Armor All — Steve Cisyk  
Angle Grinder — Tom Galli  
Microfiber towels — Forest Goodhart  
Tie wraps — Larry Finch  
Bottle of wine/T-shirt — John Columbero  
Tire pressure gauge — Rich Boschert  
San Jose Sharks hockey puck — Rich Boschert  
Sharks T-shirt — Forest Goodhart

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:01 p.m.

## Membership News

### **New Members for June:**

Sorry to say we have no new memberships to report this month.

### **June Membership Anniversaries:**

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

**Brian Bernard:** nineteen years  
**Chuck and Suzie Melton:** thirteen years  
**Rob and Amy McMullen:** three years

**Cheryl Pastone and Les Morgan:** sixteen years  
**Steve and Merry Dalcino:** eleven years  
**Randy and Cindy McAyeal:** one year

# PCNC Board Meeting Minutes

## 29 April, 2010

The members of the PCNC board met prior to the April club meeting to discuss a variety of topics. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m., and was attended by:

Ron DeMaderios, President  
Garth Rodericks, Vice President  
Larry Finch, Motorsports Coordinator  
Rich Boschert, Club Store  
Forest Goodhart, Librarian  
Brent Stewart, Membership Coordinator  
Gary Kono, Events Coordinator

**Events Coordinator Appointment:** The board voted to appoint Gary Kono to be the club's Events Coordinator for the remainder of 2010. He made it clear that he views this as an interim appointment, and the board is actively seeking a volunteer to take over starting in 2011.

**Proposed Events and Participation:** Ron wants the club's officers to propose and/or host events, but we are hoping that other club members will step forward and offer up suggestions, in an effort to increase the benefits of PCNC membership for everyone.

**Club Members In Need Of Help With Their Cars:** We continue to have members whose Panteras are off the road for silly, trivial reasons, but who have (for whatever reason) not asked the club to help them out. We are hoping to convince them to allow us to schedule tech sessions at their homes (for example, Russ Britschgi's car only needs to have the water pipes and hoses replaced, and Mark McWhinney's car just needs to have the carburetor installed!)

If you are in need of some technical assistance, please don't be bashful! The club's wrench-spinners are getting restless and are itching for projects to undertake!

**Club Memorabilia:** Club members are asked to bring past PCNC club store items for viewing. Rather than reinventing the wheel, it may be beneficial to return long-lost items into production.

Rich has introduced several new items to the store, but is ordering them in reduced quantities to gauge their reception, so that we aren't left with massive quantities of inventory for years on end. Among them are sport polo shirts, two-tone, in white/blue and blue/white. We also have women's items, including a new scooped neck T-shirt in red and/or blue.

**Club Membership Officer Responsibilities:** Brent needs to transfer the membership database from Russ' Mac to a new database PC-based software. Also, it was decided that we would print up labels to affix over the top of the POCA membership brochure, giving current PCNC contact information as well.

**Treasury/Secretary Records:** Past records from the club secretary and treasurer need to be turned over to Forest for storage in the club's library.

**Future Track Events:** PCNC is committed to the idea of continuing to stage track events in conjunction with the POCA Fun Rally.

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the PCNC meeting on 29 July.

# Engine Install Tech Session

*Story by Mike Drew*

*Photos by Gary Kono, John Christian and Mike Drew*

While I am known for having projects that stretch past weeks, months and years and into decades, I was bound and determined that my new Pantera engine project would not follow that example. To that end, I created an ambitious schedule for removing my old engine, shipping the various parts to be reused to Missouri, then flying out there to watch the new engine run on the dyno. This all happened in the span of just a few weeks.

With the Reno event right around the corner, the motor was delivered back into my hands, and it was time for me to once again issue a plea for help. As weekends are often spoken for, and a good percentage



*John Christian's Pantera had never seen rain before—and then he drove it from Detroit to California and had to drive across Donner Pass in the middle of a huge snowstorm!*



*Garry Choate tightened up the motor mounts in preparation for the engine installation*

of the club's tech gurus are retired (or prone to playing hooky from work), the chosen day was a Wednesday, the day before the club meeting.

Once again, a surprising number of people were willing to go well out of their way and travel great distances to help out. The winner of the long-distance award was John (JC) Christian, who drove his Pantera all the way from Detroit to my house! He encountered a freak blizzard and had a white-knuckle drive in the snow across the Donner Pass!

It took him about ten minutes to uncurl his fingers from the steering

wheel, and then it was Miller Time!

Meanwhile, the others arrived and we soon set to work. I had a few house-keeping details to take care of (mounting the water bottles in a new bracket, which required cutting the top water pipe, for example), and then we were ready.

The motor installation and cooling system filling went smoothly enough (thanks in no small part to my vacuum cooling system filler kit), but then it wouldn't start! After some futzing around it became apparent that the problem was due to the fuel pump,

as we were able to get the engine started momentarily by filling the float bowls with fuel. After just a few short weeks, it had dried out and stopped working.

Forest managed to wrestle it out of the engine and after squirting WD-40 in the ports and vigorously pumping it manually, the diaphragm freed up and we were back in business.

Before long., the engine erupted to life, the timing was set, and it was time for the inaugural test drive. It was apparent that the engine had tons of torque, and while driving around the block at 25 mph in second gear, I rolled on the throttle and the tires just lit up,

no clutch required!

My Pantera is now faster, faster by orders of magnitude than it ever was before. With 527 horsepower and 500 ft/lbs of torque from 3000 rpm to 6000 rpm, this new engine has completely exceeded all my



*Teamwork made the installation go smoothly. Terry Morofsky, Steve Dalcino, Forest Goodhart, Garry Choate, Jim Seiferling, and Jue Suegav (under the car) all helped guide the drivetrain into place while I manned the hoist's pump*



*The engine ran fine on the dyno, but wouldn't run in the car. A fuel pressure gauge built into the fuel feed was invaluable in diagnosing the problem as a bad fuel pump*



*After a delay of a couple of hours, the Pantera was on the road under its own power. After this photo was taken, I adjusted the ride height as the car was too low in the front*

expectations, and I have fallen in love with the Pantera all over again! I knew I would enjoy it, but never realized how profoundly our relationship would change with the addition of all this newfound power!

I'd like to once again extend my thanks to all the people who took time out of their lives to support me in this most noble endeavor.

Here's looking forward to seeing all of you on the road...receding in my rear-view mirror!

# PCNC Los Laureles Dinner

Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Social hour: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Los Laureles Lodge garden patio

313 West Carmel Valley Rd

Carmel Valley, CA 93924



This year's theme:

"The Finish Line!"

wear your favorite black & white attire

Dinner is \$46.00 per person

Reservations are required

Payment due no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>

PCNC Los Laureles Lodge guests will receive two  
Dinner tickets with their room

Make check payable to PCNC

Send payment to:

Sue Choate/PCNC

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San Ramon, CA 94583





Brent Stewart  
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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, June 24, 2010  
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT  
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY  
SUNNYVALE, CA**

**(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 12-15 — — — Monterey Motorsports Reunion/Concorso Italiano (Sue Choate)

September TBA — — — South Coast Back Roads/Canepa Design Tour (Gary Kono)

**REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH**