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Minutes of Meeting 24 February, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:05 p.m. All officers were present except for Mike Drew, Larry Finch, Brent Stewart and Bob Lucas. 29 members signed the roster, and the sole Pantera driver who braved the stormy weather was Tony Blevins, driving his second Pantera, a beautiful silver GTS converted to GT5 spec. There were no guests or new members present.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: The muffler part number quoted last month was incorrect; the muffler is the OBX Dual Muffler with 2.5 inch inlet and dual 2.5 inch outlets, and is part number DB001k. They are available on E-bay from a seller located in the S.F. East Bay.

Club Treasury Report: Money is already coming in from track event registrations. We also received our POCA membership rebate for the fourth quarter of 2010. We'll be making our deposit to the track for the upcoming event soon.

Club Store Report: Rich is taking orders for the new jackets (seen in last month's newsletter), and they will be received next month. They are weatherproof, with zippered cuffs, and cost \$100. They are available in bright black, navy blue, maroon, and a few other colors, but no yellow!

Club Membership Report: Brent was absent and thus there was no report.

Club Library Report: The library has no new contents since the last report. Forest is happily accepting any and all contributions, as well as information from officers that should be archived. If you have it, let him have it!

Club Website Report: Mark has successfully transferred both the POCA and PCNC websites to new servers, and has restored full function. Online registration for the POCA Fun Rally continues to be problematic, so you'll have to register by snail-mail (although the sign-up form is available on the POCA website under the Fun Rally tab).

Club Motorsports Report: Larry was similarly absent. However, it's known that signups for the track event are starting to come in. The early bird discount will end soon, so if you're coming and haven't yet registered, get on it!

Past Events:

Super Bowl Party: The party was a smash success (and was covered in an article in last month's newsletter). Winners in the pool included Sue Benson, Linda Liebenow, and Kevin Abbey's son Andrew! The Stewart's beautiful home was appreciated by all that attended, and they received an round of applause for their efforts even though they weren't at the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — 1 May: This show, arguably the best car show in the S.F. Bay Area, will again be held at Half Moon Bay. The traditional end-of-April date has been changed to May 1st. Tony Blevins will be hosting a big breakfast at his nearby home prior to the show, and he is pulling out all the stops! He is flying a cook in from South Carolina to provide a traditional southern cooked breakfast! Please RSVP! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, which also has links to sign up for the car show itself.

Sonoma Wine Tour And North Bay Road Trip — 14 May: Chuck and Lori Banks want to host a club event so they can drive their Pantera! To that end, they have organized a tour of the Sonoma area, encompassing some 100-odd miles of back roads (to include some time on the epic Highway 1), with stops at a couple of wineries and a microbrewery. The tour will take in the back roads and end at the Kenwood winery (where Chuck works). A group from the south Bay Area will meet up somewhere off of Hwy 280 to convoy as a group. Overnight accommodations will be available for those that want it. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Pre-Reno Tech Session — 21 May: Roger and Pam Sharp will once again host their traditional tech session at their beautiful Morgan Hill home a couple of weeks prior to the POCA Fun Rally.

Belmont Concours d'Eleganza — 5 June: Based on the name, one would presume that the Belmont Concours would be held in Belmont, right? No! It's actually being held in Fresno, at the Belmont Country Club. Larry Finch said the organizers would be willing to have a special class for De Tomaso cars if they received enough entries.

POCA Fun Rally — 8-12 June: This year's Fun Rally will mark the 40th anniversary of the Pantera and the 30th anniversary of the Fun Rally! Plans are still coming together for one or more group drives from the Bay Area. Stay tuned!

Hole In The Ground Tour — Date TBA: Mike Fertitta is working to put together the third installment of his Hole In The Ground tours. This would be an overnight trip sometime in the Spring, with the stop in Jackson. Saturday, we would visit two caverns, have a luncheon, and tour a winery. On Sunday, we'd tour another cavern, have lunch, and visit another winery. The date will be formalized by next month's meeting.

Berkeley/Napa Tour — Date TBA: Matt Kelleher is working on putting together a tour which would first take in some spectacular, off-the-beaten-path high-end restoration shops (think Pebble Beach class-winners!), and the exotic car emporium Fantasy Junction. This would then be followed by a cruise to Napa, where we would enjoy lunch and visit some wineries, including some owned by well-known vintage racers who have their race car preparation shops on the premises. Anticipate a date towards the end of the summer or the fall.

Club Business:

Charity Donations: The PCNC board voted to make charitable donations in the amount of \$250 to the two organizations most favored by the club members who took part in the vote— Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Pets In Need.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Bumpers Anyone?: Patrick King has several pre-L bumpers for sale, including an early (square-edge) right front, and a matching rear (with slight damage but easily repairable). He has a set of four wheels (one with slight damage), and two very nice rear bumpers.

Power Steering: Kevin Abbey has a complete Wilkinson power steering unit for sale (currently mounted in his car). The new cost is \$1700; he is taking any offers.

Vendor Gift Certificates: Rafflemaster Trevor Fougere has several gift certificates available which are free for the taking; if you need a discount on new parts, let him know!

Calendars: Ron DeMaderios found a big pile of 2011 calendars and brought them to give them away.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Registry Updates: Chuck Melton has added a new section to his website for ‘unknown’ cars. He also has a section for old license plate pictures, to match up to cars with new owners and perhaps new plates. You can enter old plate numbers as well as information on previous owners, if they are known. He’s working on several matchups for people who wanted to try and find out where their former Panteras have gone, as well as current owners trying to get in touch with the former owners of their cars.

On The Hunt: Doug Johnson planned to wait two years to buy his Pantera, but after only a few months in the club he can’t resist the temptation to buy now! He’s ideally looking for an L-model with pre-L bumperettes, in any color except white. If you know of a car that suits the bill, let him know!

ZF 9-speed?: Bob Benson reported that ZF is working on a paddle-shift nine-speed gearbox! Although it would save the knees due to the clutchless shifting, your fingers would probably wear out before you got too far!

Mojave Mile: Darryl Johnson will again take on the Mojave Mile, on April 11th. He thinks he has his car sorted out at last and is hoping for a speed in the 190 mph range. He also ended up on TV recently when his next-door-neighbor’s home was burglarized, with the take being an antique gun collection valued at close to \$2 million! He also appears in a YouTube promotional video for the VEPA line of car detailing products and services.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: By virtue of the fact that his was the sole De Tomaso car in the parking lot, Tony Blevins was fairly well assured that he would be the winner, and he was!

Raffle Results: Trevor and Brett did the honors once again, with the following results:

Car Detailing sample pack by VEPA — Rich Boschert
Gear Wrench set — Todd Rodericks
Canvas tool bag — Bob Benson
Cobalt knife set and carrying case — Patrick King
Duracell AA battery bulk battery pack — Forest Goodhart
Stain remover stick — Forest Goodhart
Liquid Wrench six-pack sampler — Chuck Melton
De Tomaso banner — Kevin Abbey
Detailing kit by McGuier’s — Garth Rodericks

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Membership News

New Members for March:

Sorry to say we have no new memberships to report 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-six years

Howard & Sharon Renshaw: thirty-two years

Carl & Judy Kaufmann: twenty-four years

Eddie & Lisa Pavlu: twenty-one years

Richard Dean: eighteen years

Rich Boschert: twelve years

Darryl & Connie Johnson: nine years

Dennis Franks: six years

Carl & Mary Schumaker: six years

Dennis Antenucci: one year

Diane Dean: thirty-five years

Russ & Doris Britschgi: twenty-six years

Kathy & Brian Gentry: twenty-two years

Joel & Shelly Gust: nineteen years

Doug Kelm: fourteen years

Chris & Susan Clark: eleven years

Bob & Dena Lucas: nine years

Tim & Becky Haddad: six years

Charlie & Eva Wertheimer: two years

Mike & Lisa Stauber: one year



PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINES



Sunday, May 1, 2011
15 Ashdown Place
Half Moon Bay CA
7:45AM



I will be hosting my 3rd annual **Pantera breakfast** for all those attending Pacific Coast Dream Machines. Parking at the show is random/chaotic, however, they will park cars/clubs that arrive together. I am about 5 miles from the show entrance so I have a good meeting spot to for us to "convoy" and/or burnout etc.....

I'll be serving a traditional (i.e. great) home-cooked southern breakfast similar to last year (vs. the disaster I served in Year 1....)

We'll plan to meet for breakfast at ~ 7:45AM and leave for the show together shortly after in order to beat traffic into the show and find a nice spot.

Pls RSVP to tblevins@apple.com by **Thursday April 28** so I'll know how much food to prepare. Google directions or email me. Call me at 916-813-8669 if you get lost. NOTE: if you have a really low front spoiler then call me to discuss arrangements as there are normal-sized speed bumps in my neighborhood.

Hope to see you there !
Tony

Event Info:

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/>

Link to Registration (Please pre-reg as it makes group parking simpler)

<http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/entryform.pdf>



PCNC presents
Wine Country Tour
May 14, 2011

Come join us for an opportunity to drive your beautiful De Tomaso through the scenic byways of Sonoma County. The tour will include slightly over 100 miles of back roads with a stop for lunch midway at the Bear Republic Brewery in Healdsburg, home of "Racer 5 IPA". We will also stop at a Sonoma Coast beach for some photo opportunities. The tour will end at Chateau St. Jean Winery in Kenwood. At Chateau St. Jean we will enjoy a complimentary tasting followed by a tour of this lovely winery and gardens.

Where: Banks home, 5728 Los Alamos Court, Santa Rosa, CA

When: Tour begins at 10 am

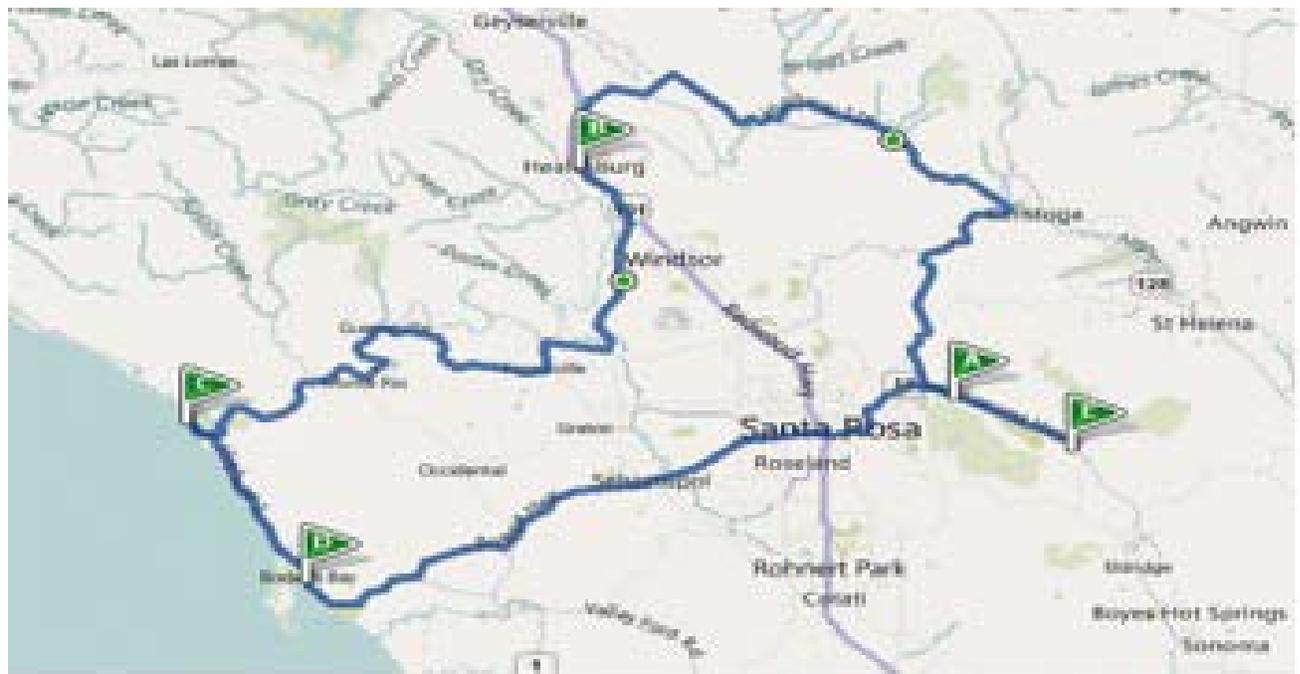
Driving time: Approximately 3 hr 10 min. (according to Bing.com)

Stops: Lunch, and two additional breaks to stretch your legs!

Get Out and Drive It!

RSVP or Questions: Chuck Banks 707-538-8652 or cebusa@sbcglobal.net

(If you require Hotel accommodations or restaurant suggestions please respond to the email address above)





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, March 31, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- May 1 ----- Pacific Coast Dream Machines Breakfast (Tony Blevins)
May 14 ----- Sonoma Wine Tour And North Bay Road Trip (Chuck Banks)
May 21 ----- Pre-Reno Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH