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Minutes of Meeting 28 July, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:03. Only about half the officers were present; missing were Garth Rodericks, Mike Drew, Gary Kono and Mark McWhinney. 35 people signed the roster, and there were 13 De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Dennis Morris** of San Jose, who is looking for a Pantera. Also new in the room was **Sean Hale**, who is Jill Lee's nephew and was visiting with Trevor and Jill.

We also welcomed some long-time members who haven't been to a PCNC meeting in years—**John Bentley** and **Dennis "Mad Dog" Antenucci**.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: John Hansen e-mailed the club to point out the fact that his car was given the Gary Powley award and displayed in the ballroom. While various aspects of the Reno event were discussed at the subsequent meeting, mention of his (and Kevin Abbey's) Panteras being displayed in the ballroom was inadvertently omitted.

There were no other changes noted, although Doris did mention that there were a total of 33 exclamation points in the newsletter, which invoked some good-natured teasing and a great deal of laughter....

Club Treasury Report: Gary wasn't present, but Ron gave a summary of our finances. Although we are still healthy, there has been a slow but steady drain and our balance continues to drop slightly each month. The club's officers will be addressing the situation and looking at ways to cut costs, including seeking competitive bids for the newsletter printing/ mailing service.

Gary will be filing our annual non-profit paperwork with the state shortly.

Club Store Report: Rich brought a few items for sale to the meeting, including baseball hats, and embroidered jackets.

Club Membership Report: Brent had no new members to report other than those previously mentioned in the July newsletter.

Club Name Badges Report: Bob forgot to wear his again....

Club Website Report: There was no report, although Mark has continually been updating the website with information on our upcoming events.

Club Motorsports Report: Larry completed the final accounting for the track event, and was pleased to report that we made a very slight profit. We started off slowly, and registrations were down significantly this year, but we managed to pull it together just in the last week. Whew!

Participation at our Monterey corral is also down this year. In order to keep our space, we will be sharing with the Facel Vega group (four of them have signed up so far).

Larry has been managing these two events by himself for the past few years, and is looking for some assistance for next year and into the future, so that he can spend some time enjoying the events himself. If you would like to help out with some of the planning and operations, please step forward and volunteer!

Club Library Report: Forest had no new additions in the past month; the library is high and dry though.

Past Events:

Local Car Shows: Although there were no formal PCNC events to report on, numerous club members displayed their cars at various local shows and gatherings.

The Saratoga car show saw 171 participants (with the organizers only expecting 100!) Ron DeMaderios, Darryl Johnson, Bob Benson and Tom Galli displayed their cars, along with a little-known Pantera GTS owned by a non-club member (Lisa Huenig's burgundy '74 perhaps?)

The Wente winery in Pleasanton had what was supposed to be a 'big' show, but the \$100 ticket price severely restricted the foot traffic. Darryl entered his car in the judging, not realizing that the standards used were SCCA rules, meaning bone stock! As the only thing on his car that

isn't modified is the glovebox lid, he naturally didn't win any awards this time, for a change! Nevertheless, he said it was a great venue with great people.

Darryl's Pantera was seen briefly on "The Car Show", a new show on the Speed channel hosted by Adam Corolla. However, it was just a momentary flash of the rear end of the car.

Finally, the informal gathering at the Boston Market in Santa Clara saw 290 cars, a new record.

Upcoming Events:

Monterey Last Call: Hopefully if you have a room reserved, you have sent in your final payment to Diane already. Dinner openings are still available, but please telephone Diane and let her know if you plan to attend, as soon as possible. She will then set aside a space for you and notify the restaurant; if you fail to appear you'll be expected to pay anyway, as the club will have been charged for you by the restaurant. The cost is \$46 each.

The theme for the dinner is "Italian".

Comedy Day In Golden Gate Park — 18 September: Comedy Day is a free outdoor comedy concert featuring nearly 30 of today's top performers. It was founded in 1981 as a way for Bay Area comics to say thank you to comedy fans for their support and to The City that has nurtured so many comedians.

Our good friend Roland Au is one of the event organizers, and is looking forward to a large De Tomaso turnout for Comedy Day 2011. If you've been to Comedy Day in the past, you know how much fun it is. If you haven't you don't know what you're missing. Roland's events are all class. At Comedy Day you will be treated to VIP seating, backstage passes and food and drink, all compliments of Roland. And the show is fantastic!

Todd Glycer is organizing the PCNC contingent. More information can be found on the PCNC website and in the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Please RSVP to Todd in advance so they know how many of us to expect.

Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance Weekend — 23-25 September: Kevin and Valerie Abbey are organizing a club weekend around the Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance, in Murphys. The group will depart the Bay Area Friday morning and work their way up to Murphys. A dinner has been orchestrated for Friday night. The concours will be on Saturday, and pre-registration is required. (Go to <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org> for concours registration).

Following the concours, we will have another group dinner at the Blue Lake Springs Snowflake Lodge.

The chosen event hotel, the Murphys Inn, has already filled up, but rooms are still available at the Murphys Suites down the street. Go to <http://www.murphyssuites.com/> and make your reservation now, as rooms will likely sell out long before the event!

So far, 20 people (and 10 Panteras) have signed up for the event, with more promised in the near future.

Extensive information can be found on the events page of the PCNC website.

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 9 October: This fantastic show is a benefit held each year for the Alameda Special Olympics. It is sort of a Concorso Italiano Lite, with all sorts of Italian cars and motorcycles on display on the lawn at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda. This is a very laid-back, low-key event, with great food and music, and a very low cost. Normally a

club member agrees to honcho the Pantera participation and attempts to segregate group parking for us; contact Diane Dean if you are interested in volunteering for the task.

There is a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and of course all the information will be available on the PCNC website. The nominal deadline for pre-registration is September 16th, but it is likely they will happily accept signups after that date, especially in light of the fact that it is also possible to sign up at the event itself.

You can also register online, at <http://tinyurl.com/AlfaShowRegistration>.

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 was initially going to be in the fall sometime, but has been pushed out to 2012.

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. Anticipate a date sometime in the fall.

PCNC Christmas Dinner: Diane will be scouting around for alternate venues after the Monterey event is complete. We may go back to the same place as last year, but if so we will be hoping for some perks, as this will be our fourth year there. The club has lost money on the Christmas party each year so we are hoping to address that issue as well.

Club Business:

Nominations For Club Officers: It's never too early to start beating the bushes for candidates for next year's club officers. We are looking for candidates for President, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and a trainee to work as an assistant to the Motorsports Coordinator. Please step forward now!

Buy, Sell and Swap:

Turbo Wing Group Buy: Bud Millard saw a "Turbo" wing on a Pantera that was for sale on E-bay, and fell in love with it. They were made by Kirk Evans, and he still has the molds. He needs five buyers to run a batch but only has four currently. They cost about \$100 including a third brake light. If you're interested please contact Bud at (650) 697-6894.

Chuck's Corner: Chuck Melton has some polished stainless steel acorn nuts for the ZF gearbox (a complete set for \$50). He has also recently acquired a complete dashboard from a '74 GTS, including the instruments, and that is available as well (either together, or separately).

Pre-L Parts: Patrick King has a pair of '72-style rear bumperettes (with the round inner corner) and one front '71 square bumperette, rechromed. He also has a Powered By Ford decklid logo, a plastic windshield wiper squirter, and a front trunk prop rod holder. He also has a complete 2V 351C, rebuilt and ready to go.

Relay Kit Cover: Ken Levin recently purchased one of Rich Boschert's relay kits, but was a

bit leery of the fact that it was unprotected in the front trunk. So he came up with a template for a cover, from which he had a cover made out of textured plastic. It's simple in design and installation. Although he doesn't have any more covers, he does have the template and will loan it to anyone who wants it.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Judy McCartney Update: POCA's long-serving membership chair had been hospitalized to deal with a recurrence of kidney cancer, but thankfully she is now back at home and raring to go. Please be understanding of her recent situation if you are waiting for something from her, or get a late membership renewal reminder.

Registry News: Chuck was proud to announce that the De Tomaso registry recently passed 4000 cars, a substantial achievement by any measure!

John Columbero's Driving Award: John was presented with an award by a CHP motor officer on his way to the PCNC meeting. He and Brent were each driving at about 80 mph when the CHP officer appeared. Brent pulled over right away, but John kept blazing down the road. So the officer chased him down and issued him a citation. Bummer, bummer....

Fun In Canada: Lori spoke of her recent visit to Calgary. Mike had helped Fred Phillips (a collector with some 90+ cars including three one-of-a-kind De Tomasos) move a couple of his latest acquisitions from Berkeley to Canada, and Lori flew up to join them. They were treated to a tour of the collection, spectacular hiking in the Rockies, the Calgary Stampede (the largest rodeo in North America) and a European car show where both of the Canadians who brought their Panteras to the POCA Fun Rally this year displayed their cars.



At one point Fred needed some help ferrying cars from one location to another, so Lori got drafted to drive his 1986 Ferrari Testarossa Spyder, a custom conversion by Stramann in Los Angeles. Yes, she liked it!

Bushing Madness: Larry Finch is working to help an original Pantera owner get his car running after years of neglect. He purchased an offset A-arm bushing kit from Pantera Performance Center, but was baffled when he went to install them, as there didn't appear to be enough of them to do the job. A call to Dennis clarified everything, and he subsequently posted a photographic instruction sheet in his album on the POCA website, www.poca.com

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was apparently Forest Goodhart, although recollections are collectively dim and perhaps it was somebody else?

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

Orange Goop Gallon — Brian Bernard
25-piece tool kit with flashlight — Brian Bernard
Stonebarn Vineyards Chardonnay Wine — Brent Stewart
Quickgrip clamp set — Russ Britschgi
Vice Grip Wire stripper — Daniel Lem
Craftsman Kneeling Pad — Forest Goodhart
Craftsman Tool Bag — Daniel Lem
Craftsman Magnetic Tray — Bud Millard
Bunch-o-shop rags — Brian Bernard
Strap Wrenches — Mark Tumbarello
Voltmeter — Lori Albino
Nitrile Shop Gloves — Lee Farrell
Small “canned air” — Mark Tumbarello
Matchbox Pantera — Dennis Antenucci

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at some indeterminate time after 9:00 p.m. for traditional tire-kicking and continued socialization.

Membership News

New Members for August:

We have one new member this month:

Bud Millard of Millbrae. Bud has been at the past few meetings, sporting his dark blue, very clean and stock '72 Pantera. He also has a fine stable of other automobiles including a '69 AMX, '70 Challenger, '63 Supercharged Avanti, '72 Javelin, and a '57 T-Bird to name a few. Bud works as a professional auto appraiser.

August Membership Anniversaries:

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

Jack and Judy DeRyke: thirty-one years	Forest and Judy Goodhart: twenty-three years
Jim and Anita Kuehne: twenty-two years	Guy Dellavecchia: twelve years
Tom Galli: eleven years	Rich Mathews: eleven years
Kenn Roberts: eleven years	Paul DaCruz: eight years
Don and Vida Lima: three years	Steve Neff: three years
Aaron Reed: two years	Al Solis: two years
John Cho: one year	

Pantera Collectibles

Story and Photos by Dan Lem

At last year's Monterey Reunion I happened across the vendor booth area, looking for Pantera die-cast toys. Jackpot! A vendor there, working under Peoplecars (from New York, their number is 518-573-3452) had a small assortment of 1/43 scale metal Panteras by Spark. I had to have every variation he had, since they are kind of hard to find. He sold them to me as a set, and even gave me an "old boys" discount. They normally sell for \$50 each (Pearl White 1981 Pantera GT5 without wing, and a winged red GT5). All are highly detailed, including interiors, rubber tires, and are nicely painted. The manufacturer's website is www.sparkmodel.com.

Minichamps is a German company; their US importer also imports the Spark line to the USA, along with several other manufacturers. Their website is www.minichampsna.com. The black Minichamps 1972 Pre-L Pantera, (a serial numbered 1 of 1,632 run) sold for \$38, which is a great bargain as they normally retail for about \$100. This car

has a label proclaiming it is produced under license of De Tomaso, and is the only one with early-style Campy wheels.

The two-toned light blue and white Mangusta is a vintage Corgi Toys die-cast I picked up at a Monterey Antiques Mini-mall, and had to counter-offer with the owner for, and acquired it for \$35 (he wanted \$48.)

Also included in attached photos, while my wife and I were in New Jersey I came across the 1/61 scale red Pantera (#77) pictured next to the more detailed Euro Pantera GTS by Tomy



One of two 1/43 scale Pantera GT5 models by Spark



The 1/43 Minichamps Pantera is the best detailed of the various 1/43 models available



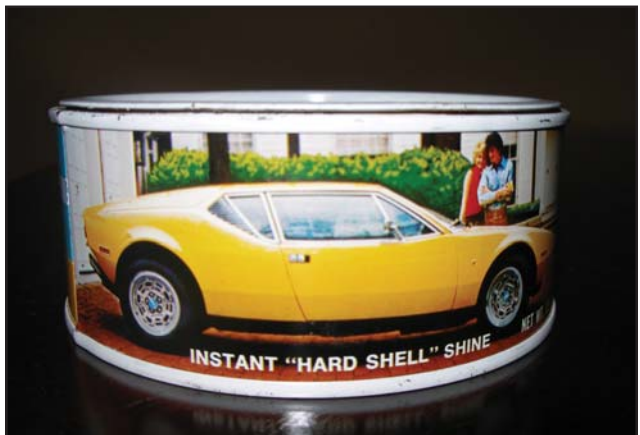
This Matchbox-sized Pantera is very toy-like



The body on the Corgi Mangusta lifts off the spine chassis

(Tomica) I bought from Chuck Melton. No manufacturer for the red #77 car, only the numbers 89-26, and it was found in a thrift

store. Last but not least, I included photos of an old can of Turtle Wax, circa 1974 or thereabouts, that featured a yellow pre-L Pantera. I've always loved the Pantera when they first came out, (I was 14 or so), and loved the label on the Turtle Wax can. Luckily, my older brother saved the can for me, and gave it to me a few years ago. It now resides in a cherished spot on my garage shelf.



Imagine hanging on to a can of wax for all those years! This is exceptionally rare today

Comedy Day Car Show

Sunday, September 18, 2010

Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park

Comedy Day has been a fantastic event for us for the last few years. It is a "battle of the bands" style event with 30 comedians from around the country doing 5 to 10 minute sets over the course of five hours. It is held in an open field in Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park. It is open to the public with thousands of people gathered around the main stage.

Of course, what is comedy without a collection of exotic Italian cars? So naturally, we have a car corral next to the stage with De Tomaso, Maserati, Lamborghini, and Ferrari cars.

Everyone who displays their car on the grass in Sharon Meadows will be seated in the VIP section at center stage. We will also get backstage passes to mingle with the comedians and partake of the sumptuous buffet and open bar.

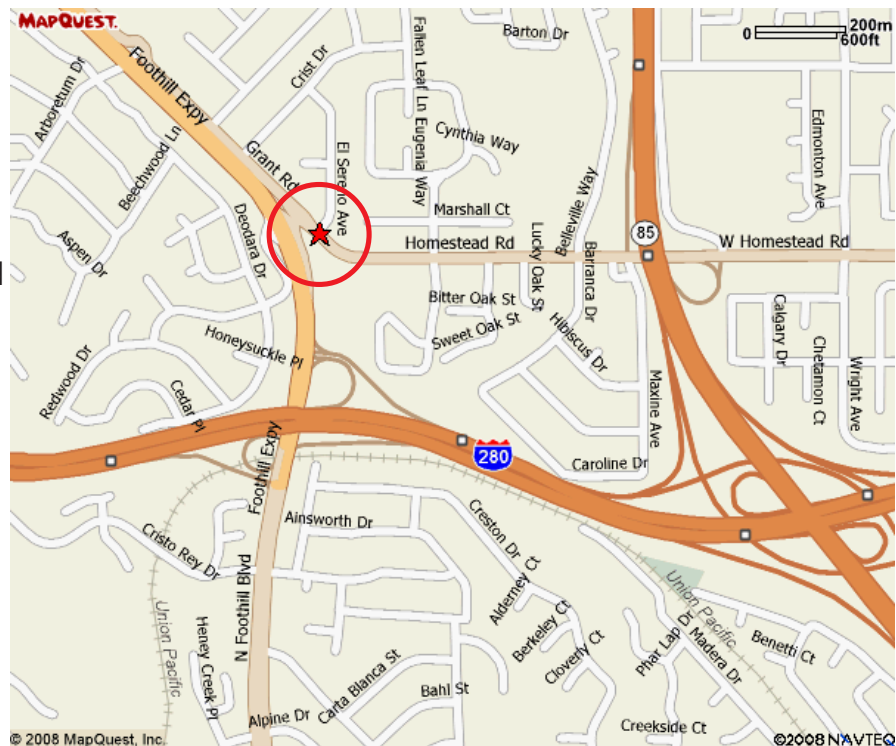
We will have a caravan from the South Bay leaving at 9:15 a.m.. The meeting point is the Trader Joe's parking lot (2310 Homestead Road, Los Altos) near 85 & 280. There is a gas station and drug store there for your last-minute needs. (see the map to the right).

We will head up 280 and make a quick stop at the Father Junipero Serra rest stop just north of the 92 interchange to pick up drivers from the peninsula. The cars will be in place at Golden Gate Park at 10:30. The show starts at noon.

The cost is \$0 (zilch, nada, nil, squat) and includes lunch, open bar, VIP seating, and backstage passes. You **MUST** bring your club car to get in on this deal!

Please RSVP to Todd Glycer (thor7@sbcglobal.net) to let him know that you are coming so that we can get the backstage passes and badges printed.

For more information, see the PCNC website at www.panteraclubnocal.com and the Comedy Day website at www.comedyday.com.





Alfa Romeo

Association
of California

We're pleased to announce the 2011

All Italian Car and Motorcycle Show

Please join Italian Car and Motorcycle Enthusiasts in a benefit for

Alameda Special Olympics



Thanks to your participation we are the primary sponsor of the Alameda Special Olympics program. Your continued support helps this important program exist.

DATE
Sunday, October 9, 2011

EXHIBITION TIME
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION
8:30 AM

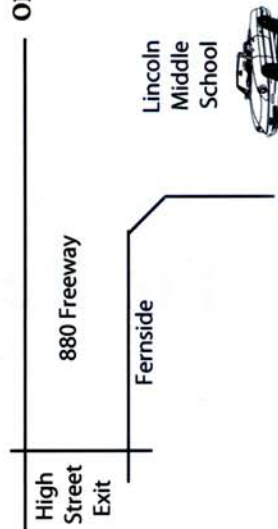
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Lincoln Middle School
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Alameda, CA 94501



Oakland Coliseum



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We are trying to update our mailing list. If you **do not** want to continue receiving notification of future events, please notify us at 510/523-2723.

PRE-REGISTRATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

OWNER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

MAKE OF CAR OR MOTORCYCLE

MODEL

YEAR



Yes, I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Alameda Special Olympics. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____
(Please make check payable to Special Olympics)



Yes, I have a new address - please update your records.

Please send your completed form to:

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, August 25, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- August 18-21 ————— Monterey Weekend (Larry Finch/Diane Dean)
- September 19 ————— Comedy Day In Golden Gate Park (Todd Glycer)
- September 23-25 ————— Ironstone Vineyard Concours Weekend (Kevin Abbey)
- October 9 ————— All-Italian Car And Motorcycle Show In Alameda (TBA)