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Minutes of Meeting 28 August, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the president at exactly 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Darryl Johnson and Denny Morse. There were 29 members present, and three De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Walt Miranda**, who is looking for a nice Pantera for himself. He came to the right spot!

We also were pleased to meet **John Tomlin** who fixed that problem for himself neatly a few days earlier by purchasing a '71 Pantera #2247 at the Mecum auction in Monterey. It's been repainted in black, and has 8/10 inch Campagnolo wheels and crusty Pirelli P-7 tires, plus minor

upgrades consisting of an Offenhauser intake, Holley carburetor, and Koni shocks. He has entrusted it to an exotic car specialist in Monterey who will look it over before he takes possession of it.



Changes to Last Month's Minutes: There were a couple of changes and omissions. The editor inadvertently failed to include the flyer for the Capitol Panteras wine dinner that appeared in the previous issue. Also, the dates for the Sierra tour were listed incorrectly on the back page.

Club Treasury Report: Tom said that he had an active month, receiving income from POCA for membership rebates, along with credit for POCA raffle ticket sales at the Fun Rally. The Monterey weekend hotel/dinner affair is designed to run at near break-even, and this time it made a slight profit of just over \$200.

Club Membership Report: Greg reported that we had a banner month this month, and that he has run out of the glossy color 'Join PCNC' brochures. A thousand were printed, many were distributed to members to give to people, with the remainder retained by Greg, but those have now all gone.

Club Store Report: Bud had no new items to discuss and didn't bring any merchandise with him to sell.

Club Library Report: Forest reported that there were no changes. Judy piped up, "Yes, it's still in my way!" A listing of the library's contents can be found on the club's website.

Club Motorsports Report: Bob Benson and Mike Drew are both actively open-tracking their Panteras. They were scheduled to run with the Shelby Club at Laguna Seca in September, and will be running with Checkered Flag Racing Association in October. It is hoped that at least two or three additional PCNC Panteras will be running that event, plus Lori Drew in her race Mustang.

Bob also wants to drive the high-speed track in Texas during the 2015 POCA Fun Rally. He looked into the prospects of having his car transported there and back, and the lowest rate he found was an eye-watering \$2100 each way. It's therefore likely that he will trailer his car to Texas ahead of time and leave it at Gray Gregory's ranch, then fly back for a few weeks, fly to Texas to drive it, and then bring it home.

Club Website Report: Due to Denny's absence, there was no report.

Past Events:

Monterey Weekend: This Monterey weekend went off without a hitch, other than a last-minute scramble to fill an open room at the hotel. We went from a long waiting list, to accommodating everyone, to having somebody back out. Rather than losing the room, Russ and Doris took one for the team and agreed to book the room for themselves rather than driving home as they customarily do.

The people at the Baja Cantina now charge a nominal fee to park, but that didn't deter several club members including Bob Benson, Brent Stewart, Rich Boschert and Kevin Abbey. Todd Glycer was there with his Sunbeam Tiger, one of a pack of 25-30 having a gathering at one end of the lot.

On Friday at the track, Rich held court for a crowd of interested onlookers and spoke with them about the Pantera for a very, very long time! With Maserati as the featured marque, the track management allowed all spectators with Italian cars to have a lunchtime drive-around session.

John Tomlin came over to introduce himself and announce that he had just bought a Pantera at the auction!

The Concorso Italiano moved to Saturday, and against many expectations, the change of venue and the new day proved to be successful. De Tomaso car attendance was up to 34 this year (up from 29 last year). As in previous years, Ferrari drivers continued their bonehead ways, with two Ferraris ending up stuck in sand traps!

PCNC members did well in the judging of the De Tomaso class, with Randy and Linda Welch taking top honors for their freshly restored Pantera.

Meanwhile, at Laguna Seca, Gray Gregory tore up the track, winning both his heat race and main event in his Chevron B-16!

Some people went to the Concours de Lemons, and pronounced it "interesting" which is probably a great understatement!

On Sunday, Garth attended the Pebble Beach concours for the first time (after receiving a free ticket). One of the featured classes was "Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa" and there were 25 of them lined up, which was breathtaking. Bud mentioned that the concours in Carmel on Tuesday is terrific; it's free to the public (but ferociously expensive for the owners of the cars on display).

Kevin Abbey's weekend ended on a sour note, with his Pantera breaking down shortly before he got home. The suspicion is that the ignition system is on the fritz. He should have it up and running before Ironstone.

Watch for full coverage in articles in upcoming newsletters.

Upcoming Events:

Ironstone Concours Weekend — 26-28 September: The application form for the concours is now available from the Ironstone winery website. Kevin Abbey will again be hosting the PCNC contingent. There will be a dinner on Friday at Murphy's Hotel, and at the Sequoia Woods country club on Saturday. Hotel reservations are hard to come by, so make yours now! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and please remember to RSVP!

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 12 October: Staged by the Alfa Romeo club, this wonderful, low-key car show is an annual benefit for the Alameda Special Olympics.

The PCNC crew will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Elio's restaurant, 260 Floresta Blvd, San Leandro, then proceed as a group to the car show. After the show, you can extend your day with a caravan to Mexico Lindo in Pleasanton, a restaurant with car-friendly parking and easy freeway access. Please RSVP to dalcino@netzero.net if planning to attend breakfast and/or afternoon restaurants.

See the event registration form elsewhere in this newsletter.

Trans-Sierra Tour — 17-19 October: The Fertittas will be organizing a multi-day tour criss-crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains, to be held in conjunction with Reno-Tahoe Panteras.

Details will be forthcoming shortly as the details are still being finalized. Denny Morse did say that one of the events would be star-gazing from his backyard. There is a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Unfortunately if you haven't yet made your room reservations, it's too late to take advantage of the club's discount code. But that shouldn't stop you from attending anyway!

Car Collections Tour — November TBA: Bud Millard is working on getting a date for a tour of an amazing private car collection in Woodside, followed by a tour of The Candy Store, the amazing collector car clubhouse in Burlingame.

PCNC Christmas Party — 5 December: The PCNC Christmas party will be held at the same location as the past few years, staged by Bob and Deena Lucas, Greg Taylor and Diane Silven. Watch for more information in an upcoming newsletter.

It was felt that the raffle went on too long last year, so Brent will be trimming it down, offering fewer, but bigger prizes.

Hearst Castle Tour — Date TBA: Bud Millard would like to stage a weekend drive to Hearst Castle for an overnight tour, but so far he still hasn't committed to a date. Due to the calendar filling up with competing events, he has decided to postpone it to sometime next spring.

Club Business Report:

Club Store Manager Still Needed: Russ reminded everyone that the club is still looking for somebody to fill Bud's shoes so he can move over to his new job as Events Coordinator. The line for volunteers forms to the left...

501(c)7 Application Progress: Mike Drew provided some of the necessary verbiage for our multi-page application; Tom Galli will now proceed with the completion of and filing of the application with the state.

Event Reimbursement Guidelines: Russ has yet to evaluate the existing policy for possible changes. Stay tuned.

Buy/Sell/Swap: Surprisingly, nobody had anything to offer up for sale.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Panteras Unscathed In Recent Earthquake: The earthquake that rattled Napa had the potential to really affect some of our club members there. Mike and Nancy Haney were on vacation in Egypt and thus missed the excitement. Their kitchen was rearranged somewhat, and a few power tools shifted slightly on the workbench, but otherwise there was no harm done. Ron Southern wrote a hilarious recap of his experience and published it on the PI forum. He suffered no damage of significance either, although he reported that his cat is traumatized and now hides under the bed and faces the direction of the epicenter!

New Jay Leno Column: Jay Leno has been hired to create a column for Autoweek magazine; he ended his first column with a slightly mangled retelling of the story of PCNC members changing William King's clutch in the parking lot of Los Laureles many years ago....

Local Mangusta Sold: Tom Galli reports that Steve Klunkk sold his Mangusta project. He only got \$136K for it, which was a bit of a surprise considering how expensive they are now. The former Larry Stock/Jim Kuehne Mangusta, 8MA508, is currently for sale in the midwest with an asking price of \$349K!

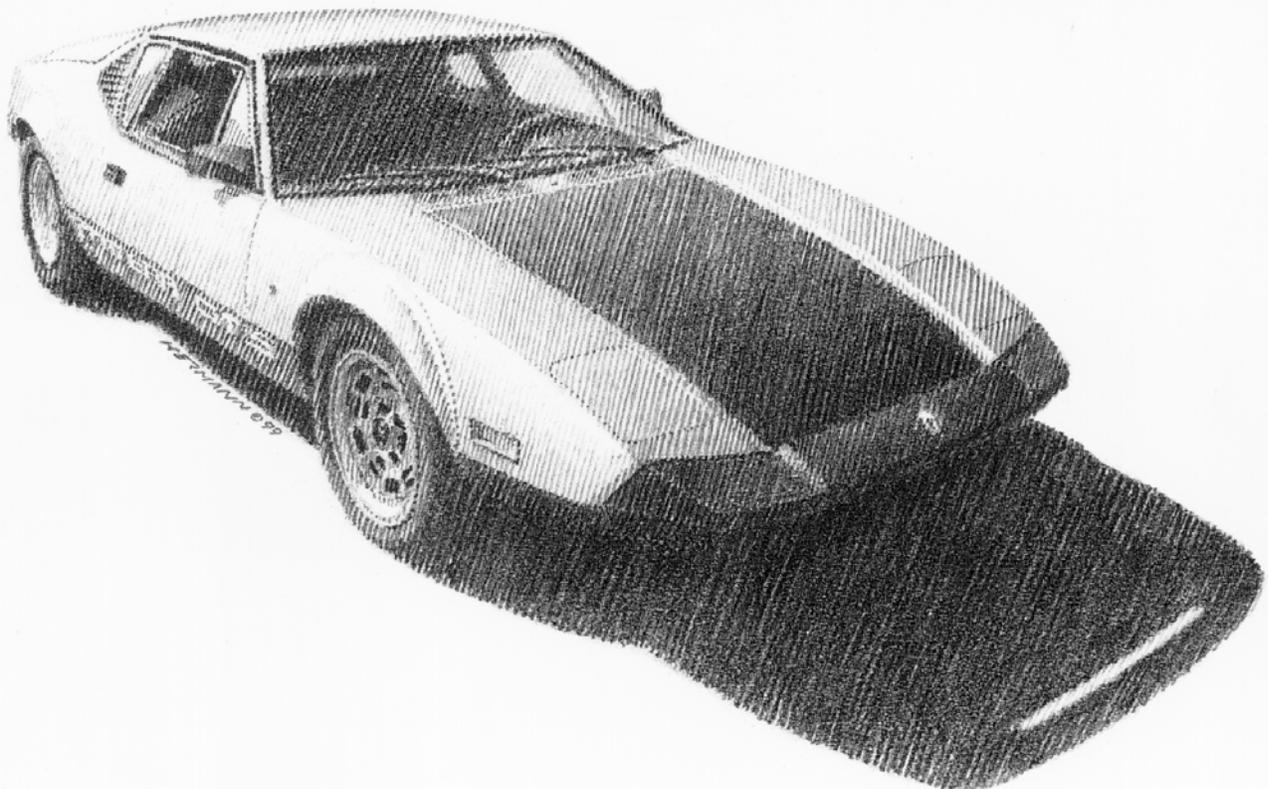
New Renova Project: Aaron, the fellow who made Bob Benson's roll cage, has been working on a Secret Project for some time, and after Monterey he invited Bob to come look at it. A new company called Renova is using Superformance Daytona Coupes, normally powered by a 408 Windsor, and instead powering them with mondo electric motors. Although range is limited, they will have 1000 ft/lbs of torque. Plus they get you into the carpool lane....

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Ron DeMaderios.

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

Craftsman tool bag w/tools — Jim Kuehne
2015 Mustang model — Lee Scales
Engine alarm clock — Gary Kono
Craftsman drilling/driving set — John Tomlin
Italian flag valve stem caps — Brian Bernard
De Tomaso watch — Brian Bernard
De Tomaso Parking Only sign — Bob Lucas
Hand-crank emergency light — Diane Silven
Grill steam clean brush — Forest Goodhart
Mustang radio controlled car — Ron DeMaderios

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



Membership News

New Members for September:

Mark and Linda Bailey from Santa Clara. They moved here recently from Maryland. His car, a 1973 black Pantera with graphite interior, is still there. He is going back East in a week or so to drive the car at a track day. He's owned it for four years and it has a very strong 351C (512 hp on the dyno). The driveline has been redone and the car has no rust. I believe the serial number is 4554. Mark can't make it to September's meeting but hopes to join us in October. He found out about us by seeing one of our brochures. His membership is being processed right now by POCA.

John Tomlin of Saratoga. I believe many of you met John at last month's meeting. He talked to several members in Monterey after purchasing his Pantera #2247 there, and decided to join the club.

Dennis Valdez from San Jose. He doesn't own a Pantera yet but wants to get one. He hopes to join us at the upcoming club meeting.

September Membership Anniversaries:

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

Jim Kuehne: 25 years

Nancy and Michael Haney: 23 years

Jay Leone: 20 years

Debra Woumm: 20 years

Peter and Katie Cajthami: 10 years

Tony and Jill Blevins: 6 years

George Altamura Jr.: 4 years

David Yamada: 2 years

I have several mistakes to admit. The first one is, last month I inadvertently took the "Due Date" off the list for some members instead of the "Joined Date", which reflects when a person joined the club. Here are the corrections for those I omitted or listed incorrectly. My apologies, especially since so many are long-time members.

Dennis and Carol Wilson: 38 years

Russ and Doris Britschgi: 28 years

Diane Dean: 28 years

Jack and Judy DeRyke: 28 years

Bayani Panis: 28 years

Howard and Sharon Renshaw Jr.: 28 years

Jon and Olivia Linke: 27 years

Brian Bernard: 22 years

Richard and Beverly Traxler: 22 years

The second mistake is my errant ways on anniversary pins....I have gone back through the membership list and picked out those who have earned anniversary pins (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and longer!) since the beginning of my tenure and ordered your pin. They are in my hands now and will be mailed to you very soon, along with our thanks for your ongoing membership commitment to PCNC. That's it, I think I have confessed to everything that I know I did wrong....at least as far as PCNC is concerned!

A Few Thoughts from the President

by Russ Britschgi

I was at a new car dealership the other week checking out the latest and greatest. Here was a brand new model said to be the end product of untold millions of dollars of research and development. There were two factory trained tech guys there so I asked, "Where is the battery located?" Neither knew. One began checking the shop manuals while the other started looking over, under and through the car for anything that looked like a battery box or a trap door covering such a thing. The manual guy said, "It is under the floor in the back of the car." We opened the rear hatch and pulled up the flooring but only found an assortment of tools and a spare tire. The tech guys were getting a little worried and in a moment of desperation one of them removed the spare, pulled up a bit of padding and found the hidden door.

"So what?" you say. Designers have been hiding batteries all over cars for years. Even Pantera owners have been known to cut a hole in the bottom of the forward luggage compartment, drop in a battery box, and cover it with carpeting for that nice clean look. But with the triumphal locating of the battery in this car came the explanation for a special connection to the negative terminal. It seems the computer geeks have figured out a way to monitor the

battery for charge and have set up a system that will give it its maximum charge during periods of deceleration. Thus even a non-hybrid car can have regenerative braking by just using the same belt-driven alternators that have been around ever since generators were replaced. The down side of this is that if you charge the battery at its posts you blow up the computer, but that is what parts departments and credit cards are for.

New cars are all computer-oriented and the drivers need to know less and less about how to drive. I heard one person say they were taking an autocross driver's education class. Since the idea is to learn how to drive, the requirement was that all traction control and stabilization options were to be turned off. The problem here was that each time the engine is restarted, the automatic controls come back on as the default setting. This driver was doing quite well for the first few drives around the course, but on one of his drives, instructor in the right hand seat, he forgot. He said he was plowing through a corner and things were looking bad. He gave it a little gas to bring the back end around when all of a sudden the computer must have said to itself, "This idiot is doing it all wrong," and took over. In an instant a little braking was applied here, a little more

power there, and the car came right back in line very quickly and very smoothly; leaving the instructor to say, "How did you do that?!"

The problem here is the more we get used to automatic controls, the dumber we get as drivers. Good drivers learned how to modulate the brake pedal to balance both steering control and maximum deceleration. People who have only driven ABS cars should never be allowed to drive Panteras. And I haven't gotten to the use of a clutch, or a gear selector that you don't simply push forward to upshift and pull backwards to downshift. But the Pantera, which is now 43 years old, was technologically advanced compared to something just another 40 years back in time. The gears in the Pantera are synchronized, where as in, let's say a Model A Ford, one needed to learn to match engine speed with vehicle speed as gear selection was made. Double clutching and all that, is yet another skill gone by the wayside of the dumbing down of today's drivers.

Have a good time, keep up those old skills of yesterday, and we will see you at the club meeting, or on the Ironstone Concours trip, or the All Italian Car and Motorcycle Show, or on the Trans Sierra Tour.

Happy motoring!



Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Weekend September 26-28

The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance will take place on Saturday, September 27th between the hours of 10a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

The first group will be meeting at Orchard Supply Hardware parking lot in Foster City, CA on Friday, September 26, at 8:30 A.M.

Orchard Supply Hardware 1010 Metro Center Blvd, Foster City, (In same parking lot of the Starbucks and Jamba Juice Shopping center....

We will leave between 900-915 A.M. **WE WILL LEAVE NO LATER THAN THIS SO PLEASE BE PROMPT!**

The second meeting stop will be at Hwy 4 and Farmington Road at about 10:30-10:45 A.M. (give or take a few minutes).

**CIRCLE K FARMINGTON/SHELL
4469 ESCALON BELLOTA ROAD, FARMINGTON, CA 95230
(209)-886-5758**

We will have lunch at:

**RODZ GRILLE, 730 SOUTH MAIN STREET, ANGELS CAMP CA, 95222
(209) 736-0170.**

We should arrive at approximately 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

The next destination will be our motel:

**THE MURPHYS INN MOTEL, 76 MAIN STREET, MURPHYS, CA 95247
(209) 728-1818.**

ACCOMODATIONS

SINCE THIS IS A BIG EVENT IN THIS TOWN AND SPACES FILL UP QUICKLY, WE MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ROOMS SELL OUT...

The hotels we have used in the past are:

**THE MURPHYS INN MOTEL, 76 MAIN STREET, MURPHYS, CA 95247
Phone (209) 728-1818**

AND

MURPHYS SUITES (LOCATED ONE BLOCK WEST OF MAIN STREET AND HIGHWAY 4), 134 HWY 4, MURPHYS, CA 95247, Phone (209) 728-2121.

NOTE: THERE IS A 10% DISCOUNT IF YOU HAVE AN AAA CARD OR AN AARP CARD—PRESENTED AT TIME OF CHECK-IN.

We will leave for dinner from the Murphys Inn Motel at 6:00 P.M. and walk to the historic Murphys Hotel for dinner at 6:30 P.M. Phone (209) 728-3444

THE IRONSTONE CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27th.

We will meet at the Murphys Inn Motel parking lot at 8:30 A.M. and caravan to:

THE IRONSTONE VINYARD WINERY, 1894 SIX MILE ROAD, MURPHY'S CA 95247. ALL ENTERED VEHICLES MUST BE IN THEIR ASSIGNED SPACES NO LATER THAN 9:30 A.M.

Entry fees are \$50 and you must pre-register. Paid entries entitle the owner to general admission for two adults, a gift basket, two buffet lunch tickets, and coffee and donuts in the morning. Cars must remain in place until 4:00 P.M.

DINNER

Following the concours, we will meet at the Murphys Inn Motel parking lot at 5:30 P.M., then caravan to the Abbey cabin, located at:

900 DEL RIO DRIVE IN, ARNOLD CA.

We will have time to have cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, before leaving for dinner a couple of blocks away, at:

THE SNOW FLAKE LODGE, 335 BLUE LAKE SPRINGS DRIVE, ARNOLD, CA 95223.

Note: THE RESTAURANT DOES NOT HAVE A BAR SO FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL / FAVORITE WINE WITHOUT A CORK-AGE FEE . WE WILL SEAT FOR DINNER BETWEEN 7:30-8:00 P.M.

After dinner we will head back to Murphys to our hotels, or for the ultra partiers, return to Kevin and Valerie's cabin for a nightcap....

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2013 WE WILL HEAD HOME AFTER

Help! - Our mailing list crashed with our computer so we are using an list from 2010. If you know of anyone who usually attends, please share or have the contact Jennifer Gomes @ 510 523-2723

Alfa Romeo

Association of California

We're pleased to announce the 2014

All Italian Car and Motorcycle Show

Please join Italian Car and Motorcycle Enthusiasts in a benefit for

Alameda Special Olympics

DATE

Sunday, October 12, 2014

EXHIBITION TIME

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION

8:30 AM

LOCATION

Lincoln Middle School
1250 Fernside Blvd
Alameda, CA 94501



High Street Exit
880 Freeway

Fernside

Lincoln Middle School



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:

Patty Harding
2910 Marina Drive
Alameda, CA 94501-1636
Or email to: pattyharding7@gmail.com

For additional information contact:

Scott Harding 510/521-1453
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Thanks to your participation we are the primary sponsor of



the Alameda Special Olympics program.

Your continued support helps this important program exist.

Pre-register by **September 13 2014** and a reserved parking place will be made available for you. Pre-registration is appreciated and all pre-registered entrants also receive a personalized window plaque.

Entrance donation for non-exhibitors will be \$5.00 per person. Fee payable at the gate on the day of the event. Under 18 admitted free.



ITALIAN FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE

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.



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, September 25th, 2014
8:00 P.M.**

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

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

September 26-28 ————— Ironstone Concours Weekend (Kevin Abbey)

October 12 ————— All-Italian Car Show In Alameda (Steve Dalcino)

October 17-19 ————— Trans-Sierra Tour (Mike and Roxanne Fertitta)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH