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Minutes of Meeting 28 April, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:35 p.m. All officers were present except for Brent Stewart, Bob Benson, Denny Morse and Irene Smith. There were three De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were no new members, although Tom Galli made an appearance; he hadn't been seen in quite some time!

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted.

Club Treasury Report: Larry reported that there was not much activity in the past month.

Google takes \$16 every now and then for website maintenance, we periodically get reimbursement checks from POCA for our member dues, and write checks to pay for nametags for new members. The balance is therefore slowly but steadily increasing.

Club Store Report: Irene is busy gathering merchandise for sale at the upcoming POCA Fun Rally. Our presence this year will be larger than it has been for many years, and we are hoping for great sales success.

Club Membership Report: Lori said that our Facebook page was now up to 248 'likes', most coming from people outside of PCNC. The new rosters were printed and mailed, and she is striving for 100% accuracy. Please check your own entry in the roster and if there are any discrepancies, please let her know right away.

Club Motorsports Report: As Bob was absent and there are no motorsports events on the horizon, there was no report this month.

Club Website Report: Denny has updated the newsletter page and also uploaded flyers for upcoming events.

Club Library Report: Forest purchased three plastic tubs to contain the contents of the club library and protect them from moisture. He had considered tubs that had internal structure to support hanging file folders, but he found them to be rather flimsy so he opted for conventional tubs instead.

Past Events: We had no events last month.

Upcoming Events:

Sears Point Vintage Races — 3-5 June: In past years, the Nor-Cal Shelby Club has had a special parking corral for club cars at this event, and PCNC members were invited to display their De Tomaso cars there. In recent years a change of management for the event meant no special parking for the Shelby guys (and therefore, us). If that has changed for this year, the info will be in next month's newsletter. The races are still fantastic, so it's very worth going to watch them even if you drive your daily driver and park in the dirt.

Cars and Coffee at Club Autosport in San Jose — 12 June: Several club members led by Garth Rodericks will be participating at this show, which will be held from 9-12 a.m. For more info, surf on over to: <http://clubautosport.net/event-center/cars-and-caffeine/>

Alameda Point Concours d'Elegance — 12 June: Bud Millard mentioned a brand new event taking place at the former Alameda Naval Air Station, near the USS Hornet museum. All the information can be found at www.AlamedaPointConcours.com

PanteraPalooza Car Show And Picnic — 20 June: TPOC will be holding a large car show and picnic in a park close to the University of California in Irvine. Last year they had 30 Panteras and they are looking to boost that number this year, with a goal of 50! It will start at 8:00 a.m., with awards at 2:00 p.m. The cost to enter is \$25, plus the \$5 park entry fee. There will be free coffee and donuts in the morning, and Mexican food available for lunch. The POCA store will be on-site offering merchandise for sale, and Wally Wyss will be there doing a book signing.

Several significant prototype cars will be featured, including The Giacobbi/Tjaarda Synthesis 2000, first shown at the 1970 Turin Auto Show, the Chip Foose Pantera, and the Carabo clone, a copy of the 1968 Alfa Romeo Carabo concept car, built by Sam Foose (Chip's father) atop the chassis of a wrecked Pantera.

Complementary secured overnight car storage is available with world-class security (including 30 cameras with real-time access by your smartphone at any time), right next to overnight accommodations.

There are several Youtube videos from last year's event, and it was also featured in Profiles last year. See the event flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Canepa Motorsports Tour — 9 July: PCNC has once again been invited to tour the impressive Canepa Motorsports museum in Scotts Valley, in conjunction with a Cars & Coffee event there. We will meet in Los Gatos and then caravan to the site where we will have reserved parking, and following the tour, we will have lunch at Malone's Grille. There is no cost to participate, but an RSVP is needed to ensure adequate Pantera parking. There will be a signup sheet at the May and June meetings, or contact Bud and let him know if you plan on attending.

Monterey Weekend — 18-21 August: Steve Dalcino gave a brief overview of this year's Los Laureles event, held in conjunction with the Monterey car weekend. The PCNC dinner will cost \$60 for those who are not staying with us at the hotel, and consist of BBQ chicken, ribs, salmon, and locally grown salad. In remembrance of Tony Harvey, the theme this year is Hawaiian. Cocktails will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30. The hospitality suite will be open for the duration of the weekend and is open to everyone, whether they are staying at the hotel or not. See the info flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ironstone Concours — 24 September: Although it's a long way out still, Bud wanted to remind us of this terrific event, which has proven to be a very popular getaway for PCNC members. As in years past, various dinners etc. will be organized for those who come up for the full weekend. Watch for more information as the date draws nearer.

Niello Concours At Serrano — 2 October: This fantastic concours event is located about 20 miles from Sacramento, in the El Dorado hills. This year, the De Tomaso Pantera is the featured marque! We are therefore hoping for a fantastic turnout of PCNC members. Bud Millard is working to make this a terrific weekend getaway event, with a beautiful Saturday scenic drive and lunch in the Sacramento River Delta region, and a dinner on Saturday night, before the Sunday concours. Watch for more information in upcoming months.

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 9 October: The reports of the possible demise of this terrific event have proven premature, as the organizers have announced it will once again be held at the same location.

Club Business:

Meeting Location: The hunt continues for a new permanent home for our meetings. Forest went back to Giovanni's, site of our January meeting, and attended a Nor-Cal Shelby Club board meeting being held there. The restaurant owner was hesitant about giving us the room every month. Forest then checked out Hoagy's Café; they don't have a separate meeting room but they do have an 'area'.

Acting on a tip, he went to Holder's Country Inn, and found another car club was having a meeting there at the time. The setup is similar to what we enjoyed at Coco's, with a dedicated meeting room, and tables set up exactly the same way. The restaurant offers a full menu. He booked us in for May and June. It is located on De Anza Blvd near Hwy 85. The address can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

Special thanks to Mark and Linda Bailey for helping trying to find a place to meet!

Articles For The Club Website: In an effort to make the website more relevant and more of a 'destination' for club members, Greg Taylor is soliciting articles on member cars. Dennis Valdez is the first to submit a piece on his car. Rather than inundating Denny Morse, Greg intends to act as the gatekeeper and organizer of that portion of the website, and is seeking further contributions. Mike suggested that Ken Levin would be a good candidate. Ken is a modest guy who hides his light under a bushel; most club members didn't know that he was the very FIRST president of PCNC back when the club was formed, once sold his Pantera and repurchased it several years later, but always maintained his membership in the club!

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Honda Accord For Sale: Ben Gage has a 2013 Accord in excellent condition for sale. Great to send a kid off to college in! He says the price will be right for a PCNC member.

News, Clues and Rumors:

E-bay sale: Forest was offered peanuts for a trade-in on Judy's Shelby GT500 convertible so he elected to take a chance and sell it on E-bay. He was quite pleased that it sold for more than he expected, and ironically the purchaser was a dealer in Minnesota.

Larry Finch Restoration Update: Larry chose to send his distressed Pantera to POCA member Denny Finn in Oregon, who owns a body shop that has started to specialize in Pantera restoration work. Denny currently has five Panteras in his shop in various states of restoration. Larry bought a front clip from Erik Belter (who spun his Pantera into the wall at Sears Point many years ago and destroyed the back end, then a few years ago bought a bare body and is transferring all the parts over to it to make it a runner).

Larry's car is on the frame machine and needs to be pulled straight, but it only needs minor pulling. He also bought a bunch of genuine NOS sheetmetal, meaning there will be a lot of parts available for purchase when the restoration is complete. He said Denny promised him he would have the car back at the end of summer (prompting somebody to joke, "WHICH summer?!"). Denny is seeking to establish himself as a viable alternative to the 'usual suspects' when it comes to Pantera restoration, and knows that Larry's car will serve as a mobile advertisement for his services, so it stands to reason that he will do the best work possible.

Going Up: Dennis Valdez bought an interesting lift, which tucks up against one wall of the garage when not in use, and lifts from the sides of the car, utilizing the rockers, and doesn't block access to the center of the car. This could be a great alternative for people who lack the physical space or budget for a conventional two-post lift.

He got the BL-5000SLX model from www.quickjack.com, which has a lifting capacity of 5000 pounds and lifts about 18 inches. Each side weighs about 80 lbs and it has built-in rollers for easy lifting and moving around. Once the jacks are locked in place, the hydraulic hoses can



be disconnected to get them out of the way.

He's very happy with it; even though it doesn't lift the car much higher than conventional jackstands, it's much easier to lift the car, and it doesn't twist the car in the process.

Panteras Keep You Young: Mike shared a report from Claude Dubois, the Belgian racer who competed at Le Mans eight times, and was the original European distributor for Shelby and the Ford GT40, as well as Europe's largest De Tomaso distributor starting with the Mangusta. Claude raced a Ferrari 250 GTO in the Tour de France in 1962, and this year he was asked to drive a Pantera belonging to Oliver Sirot. He had a great time and the car performed well; he drove it hard both on the roads and race circuits. He wrote:



Olivier Sirot allowed me very generously, to drive his Pantera VIN 05955, during the Tour de France.

The car was beautifully prepared by Guy Trigaux in Simpsonville, South Carolina, who built a fantastic engine, so civilized that it was possible to drive the car in fifth gear at 35 mph, but also a real



screamer , producing 402 HP at 6,000 rpms!

We had a lot of fun at the Tour de France , in spite of our not very good classification (we were in the “regularity” class , and I could not refrain from going too fast in the regularity tests on closed mountain roads.....). It is so nice to drive on a road when you know nobody will come from the other direction....

It's worth mentioning that Claude is now well into his 80s, and will be racing a Triumph at Le Mans Classic this summer!

Mangusta Restoration Progress: Greg Taylor's Mangusta restomod project got derailed because his bodyman/welder dropped out of the project. Bud Millard tried to find a replacement with no luck. Greg found a welding/fabrication shop in Belmont that is able to help somewhat. Greg fabricates the pieces himself and spot-welds them together, then brings them to the shop where they are finish-welded. Progress is progress! His latest move has been to cut the whole back of the frame out so the exhaust can exit through the center of the lower valance; he will be fabricating a robust oval structure to take the place of the crossmember he cut out.



Garth's Engine Update: Garth's Pantera is running with a temporary engine, snatched from his late brother's Mustang, while the Pantera engine is on a stand. Garth sucked an air cleaner stud and destroyed a piston, but the manufacturer (Probe) ran into financial problems and no longer makes pistons. He has seven good ones and only needs a single piston to be back under-way, but unfortunately he can't find one. He managed to find a full set for sale and purchased it, with the hopes that he will be able to just replace the one. That means he will have seven spares, enabling him to blow up his engine again and again!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: In all the excitement, we plain forgot to hold this raffle. Oops!

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

- Rolling stool — Ben Gage
- Crocodile Dundee knife — Mark Bailey
- Puma earbuds — Ben Gage
- Magnetic tool box labels — Forest Goodhart
- De Tomaso Parking Only sign — Brett Santos
- Mother's Wax — Dennis Valdez
- Bottle of Wine — Mark Bailey
- Mother's quick detail/protectant — John Tomlinson
- Mother's quick detail/back to black — Larry Finch

The meeting adjourned at 8:41.

Membership News

New Members For May:

We are pleased to welcome **Rich Meisels and Leux Felsher** who live in Montara. Last year they bought a red 1973 Pantera L that is mostly stock except for an upgraded cooling system and top-end upgrades to the engine. They recently showed it at the Pacific Coast Dream Machines show, where the car drew quite a crowd due to the picnic basket affixed to the dealer-installed luggage rack. A film crew showed up and they were interviewed by Mike Hennessey of The Car Guy Channel; he told them their car would be featured in their next show. August 16th will be the one-year anniversary of their ownership, and they are looking forward to celebrating their "Panteraversary" with PCNC in Monterey!



Bob and Mary Crowell: 25 years

Rich Walling: 15 years

Garth and Leslie Rodericks: 13 years

Scott and Susie Carpenter: 12 years

Dan and Annie Lem: 9 years

Dennis and Carol Wilson: 9 years

Don and Denise Bockman: 6 years

Ben and Denise Gage: 3 years

Glenda Perruci: 16 years

Kathy Gerloff: 13 years

Randy Welch and Linda Libician-Welch: 13 years

Terry Griggs: 11 years

Gary Spratling: 9 years

Brent and Bev Stewart: 8 years

Richard and Tamara Spratling: 5 years

PCNC's Facebook page now has 265 'Likes'! POCA's Facebook page has 578 'Likes'.

What does all this mean? De Tomaso-related photos are uploaded to these two Facebook pages, and also other pages, on a regular basis, allowing hundreds of people in and out of the club to see our cars, and what we are doing with them, generating a growing interest in our club and the marque.

Did you know you can now renew your POCA/PCNC membership online? Go to www.poca.com to do this. You must have a user name and password to be able to renew this way. You should have received an e-mail from POCA with your username and password; if not, contact POCA President Michael Shortt and he will ensure you are set up right away.



DATE:

EVENT:

Saturday, April 2
 Sunday, April 3
 Saturday, April 9
 Sunday, April 24

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee
 Pacific Coast Dream Machines

Sunday, May 1
 Saturday, May 7
 Sat., May 11 - Sun., May 15
 Sunday, May 15
 Fri., May 27 - Sun., May 29

Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally
 San Jose Concours d'Elegance
 Sonoma Historic Races

Saturday, June 4
 Sunday, June 5
 Saturday, June 11
 Sunday, June 12
 Saturday, June 18

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee
 Alameda Concours
 Tiburon Car Show

Saturday, July 2
 Sunday, July 3
 Saturday, July 9
 Sunday, July 17

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee
 Hillsborough Concours

Saturday, August 6
 Sunday, August 7
 Saturday, August 13
 Tuesday, August 16
 Saturday, August 20

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee
 Carmel on the Avenue Car Show
 Concorso Italiano

Saturday, September 3
 Sunday, September 4
 Saturday, September 10
 Sunday, September 18
 Saturday, September 24

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Club Auto Sport Cars and Coffee
 Danville Concours
 Ironstone Concours

Saturday, October 1
 Sunday, October 2
 Sunday, October 2
 Saturday, October 8
 Sunday, October 9

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
 Niello Concours
 Sausalito Classic Auto Show
 All Italian Car Show in Alameda

Saturday, November 5
 Sunday, November 6

Sausalito Biscotti and Cars, Piaggio Restaurant
 Blackhawk Cars and Coffee

Monterey flyer



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, May 26th, 2016
7:30 P.M.

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

June 12 ----- PanteraPalooza (Scott Couchman)

July 9 ----- Canepa Motorsports Tour (Bud Millard)

18-21 August ----- Monterey Weekend (Steve Dalcino)