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Minutes of Meeting 27 October, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:50, a bit late because the secretary arrived late and was wolfing down dinner at 7:30! All officers were present except for Larry Finch, Bob Benson, Irene Smith, and Denny Morse. Perhaps due to the rainy weather, we had the smallest turnout on record for a monthly meeting, only 18 members and no De Tomaso cars. However, it was noted that four of our walking wounded (Greg Taylor, Judy Goodhart, Bud Millard and Brent Stewart) made the effort to join us.

New Members/Guests: There were no new members.

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

Club Store Report: There was no report this month.

Club Treasury Report: Larry relayed through Forest that the treasury is continuing its upward trend, due to the elimination of the costs associated with printing the newsletter. It was suggested that we might have recovered sufficiently by next year to once again make contributions to worthy charities as we have done until the recent past.

Club Membership Report: Lori related the tale of meeting Mark Loustau and Laurie Stiveson at the concours at Serrano; they had joined PCNC only three weeks earlier. They live on the Sonoma coast and are on the hunt for a Pantera.

Club Motorsports Report: Brent reported on the recent track day at Thunderhill, which featured perfect weather. Brent and Bob Both brought their Panteras, while Lori drove her Mustang and Mike was in his Miata.

Jason Eaton even made the drive down from his compound in Grass Valley to visit and hang out; we encouraged him to get his car back on the road and hopefully he will join us at the next event. See the story elsewhere in this newsletter.

Club Website Report: The newsletter has been uploaded, and information on the Christmas party will soon be uploaded as well.

Club Library Report: Forest said there was no change in the library.

Past Events:

Concours At Serrano: With Panteras being featured this year, many people made a special effort to attend, and the turnout was fantastic, even considering that some 14 cars from Nevada had to cancel due to an unseasonably early heavy snow forecast in the Sierras.

The event started the day before as several PCNC folks enjoyed a nice drive through the Delta. Gary and Maryanne Kono's son hosted a wonderful party at his house near the concours for PCNC members. Seeming endless quantities of smoked tri-tip, meatballs, sausages and salmon were on offer, with S'mores around the fire at the end of the evening.

The concours the next day was fantastic. Although it wasn't as large as some people were expecting, the caliber of the cars was excellent. 26 Panteras were lined up in two rows, with SCCA judges examining the 'stock' ones and Steve Wilkinson and Mike Drew judging the modified cars. Midway through the afternoon, the heavens opened and it absolutely heaved with rain for a half hour or so. Between the falling leaves, dirt and pollen, those parked under the trees reported their cars had never been so dirty.

Watch for a full report in next month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

PCNC November Meeting (NINE DAYS EARLY!) — 15 November: The November meeting had to be rescheduled due to a conflict with Thanksgiving, and the Thursday the week prior wasn't available either, so the meeting will be held on a very nonstandard date, on the **TUESDAY** before Thanksgiving. There will be an e-blast reminder sent out.

PCNC Christmas Party — 9 December: The Christmas party is again being organized by

Dennis and Liz Valdez, at the same venue we have used for the past few years. We will be getting the rooms at the same rate as last year, \$129 for a queen or \$149 for a double queen. You can book online and get the PCNC rates. All the information can be found in the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. We had 54 members attend last year and are hoping for even more this year.

Club Business:

Bylaws Changes: The PCNC bylaws are woefully out of date, and in need of substantive overhaul in several areas. The board has decided to divide the task into bite-size chunks, revising various elements of the bylaws in stages over the course of a few months. The first proposed changes appeared in the September and October newsletter, and there was time set aside for discussion at the October meeting. There were no comments or suggested changes, so the verbiage in its final form is printed elsewhere in this newsletter, and the vote will be taken at the Christmas party. Those who want to vote but don't want to attend the party can come to the party, cast a ballot and then leave!

Club Officer Elections: Despite the fact that we never got around to organizing a nominating committee (mostly because we couldn't find volunteers for the committee), candidates have been found for each of the PCNC offices. A mail-in ballot is included in this newsletter, and will also be available separately on the PCNC website. In-person voting will take place at the November meeting, with the results announced at the Christmas party.

Christmas Party Raffle Donations: Brent is collecting prize donations for this year's Christmas party raffle. Merry Dalcino is working on a sculpture already.

2017 POCA Fun Rally In Our Backyard?: The POCA board had a telephone meeting regarding the 2017 Fun Rally, and the leading proposition has it being held in Monterey! Ed Mendez has invested a tremendous amount of work securing accommodations and coming up with a full agenda of events, including parade laps at Laguna Seca, a golf tournament, a tour of a spectacular motorcycle museum, and many other things.

In a break from tradition, it has been decided to do away with the unlimited alcohol at the hospitality suite, and instead offer two free drinks each night, and then a cash bar after that.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Fantastic Driver Pantera For Sale: Mike Drew and Garry Choate together purchased a terrific rust-free 1974 Pantera from a southern California aerospace engineer. The car only has 22K miles and has spent its whole life in southern California, including many years in a museum, and for the past 15 years it has been hanging on a two-post lift while the suspension, steering, brakes etc. were completely (and arguably unnecessarily) completely rebuilt and overhauled. It did have a few mechanical needs but was sound enough



for Mike (accompanied by Steve Mooney, still going through Pantera withdrawals 20 years after selling his car) to drive it back to Garry's house. It is now undergoing a thorough mechanical going-over, and some cosmetic detailing. It should be available for purchase in a few weeks.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Just Call Me Charlie: A few days before the meeting, Mike was contacted via e-mail by a fellow calling himself 'Charlie' living in Munich, who expressed interest in buying a Group 3 or Group 4 Pantera for vintage racing and wanted to know more about them. Based on the language of the e-mail, Mike assumed he was an American expatriate working for a German company; he laid a bunch of information on him, and went to the extra effort to share his contact information with German Pantera owners living in the Munich area.

One of those guys responded and asked, "Do you know who this guy is? Google him!" It turns out that 'Charlie' is Graf (Count) Charles Alexander von Faber-Castell, a member of the German aristocracy whose titled family heritage goes back to the 11th century! He is the 30-something heir to the family fortune, and runs the family business, which everyone is familiar with. The Faber-Castell company was founded in the 1660s, and makes most of the world's pencils and has over 4500 writing products which are sold in every store on the planet. His wedding was featured in the British newspaper royalty pages, and he was pictured with his bride in front of their no-kidding castle.



So someday you might spot a member of German royalty behind the wheel of a race Pantera—just know that he went to college in Texas, speaks English with an American accent, and he wants you to just call him Charlie!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: As there were no De Tomaso cars in the parking lot, there was no winner this month.

Raffle Results: With the small meeting turnout, the odds of winning went up greatly and people were more motivated to buy raffle tickets. Brent and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

- Tire repair kit — Lori Drew
- Ratcheting wrench set — Brian Bernard
- Craftsman socket set. — Chuck Melton
- US Flag — Brett Santos
- Tool bag — Chuck Melton
- Flashlight Kit — Rich Boschert
- Powerpack power for mobile devices: Forest Goodhart
- Magnetic parts holder — Jim Kuehne

The meeting adjourned at 8:50, making it the shortest meeting on record as well as the smallest in terms of attendance.

Membership News

New Members for November:

The club is pleased to welcome **Mark Loustau and Laurie Stiveson**, who live on a vintage dairy ranch near the Sonoma coast. They joined PCNC through POCA in October, and came to the Serrano Concours to see Panteras and meet fellow owners. Mark said the cordial welcome they got from the other Pantera owners there struck them as the best reason to engage in the search for a Pantera of their own. Mark is looking for a 'driver' L-model Pantera, as he prefers the big bumpers. He is a lifelong Mopar fan with a collection of rare Mopar convertibles. Ever since the iconic Fly Yellow Pantera L ad campaign, the only 'Blue Oval' product he has ever lusted for has been a De Tomaso Pantera. While he is able to do some work on a car, he's hoping to find a Pantera with mechanical upgrades that can be driven right away.

November Membership Anniversaries:

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

Erik Belter: 24 years

Keith and Cindy Gilmore: 19 years

Jason Eaton: 17 years

Robert and Theresa Jones: 9 years

Mike and Sue DeFazio: 7 years

Matt and Claudia Villalobos: 1 year

Roger and Elena Thomas: 23 years

Todd Glycer and Renee Lovette: 18 years

Bob Benson: 15 years

John and Connie Hansen: 8 years

Steve Solipasso: 5 years



PCNC Bylaws Amendments

The PCNC bylaws have not been updated for years, and arguably are now woefully out of date. In response to several member requests, the PCNC board has agreed to take on the not-inconsiderable challenge of updating our bylaws. The existing bylaws are extremely restrictive with respect to the mechanics of changing the bylaws, reflecting the club's origins as a very local organization where almost all members could be counted on to attend the monthly meetings.

One of the proposed changes would allow all PCNC members to vote on bylaws changes, instead of just those relative few who attend the meetings. In the interests of fairness, the board has decided to tackle this issue first, and then issue subsequent proposals in subsequent months. Because we are bound by our existing bylaws currently, this first proposed change will have to be handled utilizing the existing procedure (which is actually contained within the bylaws text below). Discussion and proposed changes to these amendments were made at the October meeting, this is the final text, and the actual in-person vote will take place at the Christmas party. This is the single event that sees the highest percentage of our club members physically present. If the proposals detailed below are accepted, then future bylaws changes will be conducted in accordance with the newly adopted language, and the right to vote will be afforded to all members, rather than just those present at a meeting.

Article VI of our bylaws appears below, with the proposed changes embedded within. Existing text that is to be stricken is annotated with ~~red strikethrough~~, while new proposed text is in green:

ARTICLE VI Amendments

Section 1. General

New By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed, or these By-Laws may be amended or repealed, ~~by the written consent of the members entitled to exercise a majority of the voting power or~~ by a majority of the members ~~eligible to vote~~ casting votes at a meeting duly called for the purpose of amending the articles of By-Laws. ~~or by the Board of Directors subject to the power of the members to change or repeal the By-Laws.~~ All Regular Members, Dual Members, and Associate Members shall have equal voting and other rights. Each shall be entitled to one vote, which may be cast in person or by proxy. Only those members will be entitled to vote to amend the bylaws.

Section 2. Procedure

Proposed amendments or changes to these By-Laws shall be ~~printed~~ published in the PCNC Newsletter and shall be ~~mailed~~ distributed to the general membership at least two weeks prior to any meeting at which said amendments or changes are to be open for discussion and review. At said meeting the proposed amendments or changes may themselves also be changed or modified by a majority vote, and after said meeting the proposed amendments or changes as modified or not shall be ~~printed~~ published in their final form in the PCNC Newsletter, and again shall be ~~mailed~~ distributed to the general membership at least two weeks prior to the next meeting. At this second meeting the proposed amendments or changes shall either be accepted or rejected by a majority vote, including proxy ballots. Special mailings distributions and/or special meetings may

be used in place of the Newsletter and/or regular meetings; but in all cases the **mailings distributions** must be at least two weeks prior to the meetings and must indicate that action will be taken with regard to the enclosed proposed By-Laws amendments or changes, the date and time of the meeting, and the type of action to be taken (either to discuss and review, or to accept or reject).

Pantera For Sale

1972 Group 4 conversion #3986
Lee Hinkley (FordGT@sbcglobal.net)
Price negotiable

Original California car. Steel gray/black leather interior. Owned for last 20 years (since 1996). Purchased from previous owner in Pasadena (who had owned it for 13 years). No accidents. No rust. Always garaged and well cared for. Group 4 Conversion with steel flares and fiberglass wing performed by Panteras by Wilkinson.

All receipts and maintenance records kept. Comes with lots of old parts, including original wheels. Good running condition. Original 351 Cleveland with 46K miles, Veglia gauges, AM/FM radio. Holly 650 carb. Stainless steel cooling tanks/hoses, R-134 A/C, Z-rated Michelin tires, Flush mount radio antenna, Group 4 tail lights, Power windows/mirrors, Suspension by Hall Pantera (3/4" chrome rear sway bar, chromed A-arms, coil springs, polyurethane bushings and adjustable shocks), Momo steering wheel, Euro GTS exhaust.

Recent service including: Brakes (new pads, fluid, steel braided lines and rotors machined), Steering rack replaced, PCV assembly, Oil/filter/coolant.

Only known flaws: Paint is still good, but 30+ years old, beginning to show wear. A/C has leak, and currently not working. Turn signal lever does not stay, and needs to be held in position. Interior light not working.



Satisfying The Need For Speed

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

Although Panteras draw lots of attention at car shows and lend themselves to customization and cosmetic changes, the primary intent behind the car was the attainment of high rates of speed. Sadly our roads are too congested to allow us to enjoy the cars in a manner for which they were designed, but fortunately we live in an area blessed with not one, but three world-class road racing courses.

Checkered Flag Racing Association is a private open-track club that was formed by PCNC members



Two Panteras held up the honor of the marque at Thunderhill Raceway



Brent Stewart gave his halfshaft bolts a precautionary tightening

over 25 years ago, originally so that they could organize track days and run their Panteras together. Time has passed, all the CFRA founding members (except me) have sold their Panteras and moved on to purpose-built track cars, but nevertheless, they still have a soft spot in their hearts for us.

Their Laguna Seca days are problematic for Panteras due to the onerous (and ridiculous) noise restrictions, but Thunderhill is way out in the boonies and is very Pantera-friendly. Too, there is a notable absence of walls and

other scary things to run into, making it a very safe place to push a car to its limits.

CFRA organizes an event there every October. Historically, the weather has been fantastic and the event lightly subscribed, meaning oodles of track time is available, with no crowding.

Bob Benson and Brent Stewart have been attending this event for several years in their Panteras. Mike Drew has alternated between his Pantera and one of his other track cars, while Lori Drew typically brings her race-prepared 2000 Mustang. A clutch that has needed to be repaired (for over a year!) kept Mike's Pantera in the garage, but his Miata track car is always on the button, so it was his chosen mount this year.

Bob was having clutch issues

which made shifting problematic, so he stepped down to the B group, meaning that all the PCNC folks were on track at the same time. Brent had borrowed a set of wheels mounted with slicks from Bob, and discovered what a profound difference they make on the

track. Lots of people came to admire the cars, and event organizer Ed Kornegay made a special mention of us in the morning driver's meeting, noting that the club was originally founded by Pantera owners specifically so they could run on the track together.

It's been years since any of us have seen Jason Eaton, who formerly lived in Scott's Valley, but now lives way out in the country outside of Grass Valley. His Pantera is currently laid up while his attention has been consumed by a multi-year house renovation, but his enthusiasm isn't dampened, and he made a two-hour drive in his daily driver to hang out with us for a few hours.

Despite Bob's niggling clutch problem, all the cars ran great, and everyone made it home at the end of the day.

The track driving season is almost over, but there is plenty of time to get your Pantera ready for the spring. CFRA will be running events at Thunderhill and Sears Point next year—if you like to drive fast, you should come join us!



Bob was wrestling with clutch hydraulic issues all day long, but still managed to get all his runs in without actually breaking down



Jason Eaton got some seat time pumping Bob's clutch pedal up and down

2016 Proxy PCNC Ballot for the Election of Board Members to serve during calendar year 2017

You may vote either by the use of this Proxy Ballot or in person at the November monthly meeting.

- 1) If you choose to vote by Proxy, you must sign the ballot so a ballot will not be given to you at the meeting.
- 2) If you vote by Proxy and also attend the meeting, you may reclaim your proxy prior to the distribution of regular ballots and thus be allowed to vote then.
- 3) Each Member and each Associate Member is entitled to vote. For write-in candidates there is a line and box for the Member and a line and a box for the Associate to use.
- 4) Select one candidate for each office.
- 5) Deadline for ballot receipt is 30 November. Any ballots received after that date (regardless of postmark) will not be counted.
- 6) Ballots may be hand-delivered to the November meeting or mailed to:

Greg Taylor
730 Walnut Ave.
Burlingame, CA 94010

	Memb.	Assoc.		Memb.	Assoc.
President:			Treasurer:		
John Tomlin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Finch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Secretary:			 Membership Coordinator:		
Mike Drew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lori Drew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature & date:

PCNC Member: _____

Associate Member: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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● HOLIDAY BANQUET DINNER ●

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sign up and send your check today for dinner reservations or go on-line to sign up and pay with your credit card or Paypal account. Be sure to put your name(s) and meal choices on the memo line if you send a check.

Checks for dinner must be received by November 19th

WHEN: Friday, December 9th. Reception, no-host bar, and entertainment starts at 6:00pm. Dinner is at 7:30pm.

WHERE: The Hilton Garden Inn, 2000 Bridgepointe Circle, San Mateo, CA 94404. 650-522-9000. Orchid Room - First floor, to the left of the reception when you enter.

DINNER CHOICES: Appetizers will be served prior to dinner, salad and a delicious dessert included.

- **Chicken Piccata** – Served with Lemon Caper Sauce and Rice Pilaf
- **Herb & Sea Salt Crusted Prime Rib** – Garlic Mashed Potato, Horseradish Cream
Served with Au Jus
- **Baked Salmon** – Served with Beurre Blanc, Wild Rice Pilaf

DINNER PAYMENT: \$60 per person. Make checks payable to P.C.N.C. Write the names of people in your party that you are paying for along with their dinner choices on the memo line. You may also attach a note. **Checks must be received by November 19th**. Bring to the next PCNC meeting or Mail to: **Dennis Valdez – 3252 Charmat Court, San Jose, CA 95135**

ON-LINE DINNER PAYMENT OPTION: For Members who wish to pay on-line please go to the following link You will be charged \$63.09 per ticket which includes the service charge from the on-line processor. Online payment will be available October 1st.

OVERNIGHT LODGING: A limited number of discounted rooms are available - King (\$129) and Queen/Queen (\$149). Buffet breakfast is included in the room price. Make reservations on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/PCNC2016-hotel> or by calling 1-877-STAY-HGI (1-877-782-9444). Be sure to mention Pantera Club of Northern California to get the discounted rate. **Reservations must be secured by November 25**, to get the discounted rate. Questions? Call Dennis at 408-772-6685 or, valdezs1@yahoo.com



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**TUESDAY, November 15th, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

TUESDAY NIGHT, NINE DAYS EARLY!!!

**HOLDER'S COUNTRY INN
998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

November 15th ————— November PCNC Meeting (Nine Days Early!)

December 9th ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Dennis and Liz Valdez)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH