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Minutes of Meeting 27 July, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the president at exactly 7:32. The officer count was a bit slim this month, with Denny Morse, Larry Finch, Bob Benson, Irene Smith, and Brent Stewart all absent (Dennis Valdez ably stepped in for Brent to run the raffle). There were 27 members in the crowd, and four Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: Although there were no new members or guests, there were a couple of faces in the crowd we haven't seen for awhile. **Jim Kuehne** was his usual ebullient self, and discussed his (slowly) impending move to Oklahoma as he fully turns over his construction business to his son. **Dave Lindsay** was looking hale and hearty, having successfully battled against cancer. He is now celebrating life—as indeed should we all!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Greg Taylor's Pontiac land yacht is actually a '62, not a '63.

Club Store Report: The club store remains healthy, although there are no new products for sale.

Club Treasury Report: Larry phoned to say that all the deposits for Los Laureles rooms have been made, and all room payments have been received. We will be paying the hotel for the full balance in person.

Club Membership Report: Lori discussed three new members, two of which were covered in the newsletter. The third one, Richard Bachmann, goes by 'Tim', but all efforts to contact him have been unsuccessful? Part of the problem may be that the information flow from POCA has not been going well, and is rife with errors, so it's possible that e-mails are going to the big bit-bucket in the sky, and voicemails may be being left on the wrong phone. She will continue to try to track him down.

In the meantime, if you have made any changes to your contact information (address, phone number etc.) and only communicated them to Judy McCartney, that information will *not* flow to PCNC. Please contact Lori directly and let her know.

Some people have struggled with technology and found it difficult to renew their POCA membership online. If you are a technophobe, you can always phone Judy and give her your credit card number over the phone and she will get you hooked right up. (But phone Lori and let her know you have done so, so she can be on the lookout in case you are inadvertently dropped from our membership rolls).

Club Motorsports Report: There was no report this month.

Club Library Report: Forest was given a large stack of POCA newsletters and *Profiles* magazines from a former member who sold his car and is leaving the club. Contact him if you would like to check them out.

Club Website Report: Garth Rodericks now has his own access to the website, so he can serve as an administrator in case Denny gets hit by a comet (Brent Stewart also has secondary admin rights). He logged in for the first time today, and started exploring. He needs to learn how to navigate the page structure to add/change content, but hopefully the website will start becoming more vibrant, with information on upcoming events etc.

Past Events:

Mozart Collection Tour: This proved to be arguably the most successful PCNC event of all time, judging by the number of participants, which may have been as high as 70 people! There were 11 De Tomasos in the parking lot, and an absolutely fantastic collection of cars inside, each of them unique and special in some regard, i.e. a Le Mans-winning Ferrari, custom-bodied Duesenberg, a Bugatti made new with an alligator interior, etc. etc. Every car in the shop had current registration and is routinely driven, including the \$50 million Ferrari 250 GTO.

Each car is fully detailed after it is driven, and after each museum tour, a professional team of cleaners comes in and goes over the whole building from top to bottom!

Brent Stewart did us all proud by walking up to the owner of an original 289 Shelby Cobra

(complete with patina in the form of a worn interior, paint chips and dings in the aluminum body) and asked him what kind of kit car it was!

Duh?

It was joked that we can't take Matt Kelleher anywhere either. When eyeing a priceless Lance Reventlow Scarab sports-racer (one of only three made), he proudly announced, "We beat this car!". (Matt's family was deeply tied in with Kjell Qvale and Huffaker Engineering, and Matt used to be on the pit crew for their Lister Jaguar etc. which campaigned with success against the Scarab at Laguna Seca in the late 1950s).

The Scarab looks original, but its complicated magneto and side-draft Weber carburetion has been updated with a modern distributor hidden inside the magneto case, and electronic fuel injection hidden under the intake manifold, making it very docile to drive on the street yet retaining its thundering performance. All the original parts were retained so it can be returned to original configuration easily.

Following the Mozart tour, they crossed the street to the Corner garage, which boasts a nice little collection of cars. The owner there provided an excellent lunch which was much appreciated. Among the highlights there was an original Sunbeam Tiger race car that the owner spent seven years searching for, with no luck. Then one day a friend told him about an abandoned Tiger sitting in somebody's backyard; the owner wanted somebody to evaluate it for him in advance of its sale. The fellow went over there and immediately knew he had found the car he had been searching for, and bought it on the spot! Unfortunately, we didn't get to spend enough time in this collection, so we may seek to return there at a future date.

Not many people are privileged enough to be able to view the Mozart collection, so if you were there, consider yourself very fortunate!

Monterey Historic Car Week — 17-20 August: This newsletter is being produced the night before the Monterey weekend, so this information is up-to-the-minute. The early-bird discount price deadline for Concorso Italiano has already passed. Supposedly they will now require online registration (no more mailing in a check and a paper application), although they will accept registrations at the gate at a fantastically higher price.

The information for Los Laureles is in a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. All our rooms are spoken for already, but we do have a waiting list, and in the past people have had luck getting in that way, although often on very short notice. As of now, there are no openings. We have also generated a two-page flyer that shows many of the events that take place on the Monterey peninsula during the weekend.

Garth Rodericks will again be hosting a trackside BBQ on Saturday night in the campgrounds. John and Julie will be hosting a full dinner at their home on Thursday as well! Please RSVP to each of them if you plan to attend and haven't already done so.

PCNC will again be hosting a dinner Friday night at Los Laureles. Steve Dalcino was caught out last year by people who made reservations without paying, and then rudely failed to show up. The club was on the hook for their dinner costs, and we wound up losing money as a result. So from this year and going forward, people who wish to attend will have to pay in advance. Time is growing very short indeed; it is probably too late now to sign up, although you can always phone him and find out for sure.

Ironstone Concours Weekend — 22-24 September: We have reservations for 30 people for dinner at Grounds Restaurant on Friday night, and Rob's Diner for Saturday night. Let Steve Dalcino know if you are planning on attending.

Dennis and Liz Valdez have a room reserved at the Murphy's Inn, and have also rented a

house. Ben Gauge also has a couple of extra rooms, so if you are making short-notice plans to attend, contact one of them.

PCNC Christmas Party — 8 December: The club's Christmas party will be in the same location as the past few years, so save the date and watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

PCNC Super Bowl Party — 4 February: Although the club doesn't have a formal plan in place, there are rumors that Mark and Linda Bailey may be hosting us at their beautiful new home in the rural part of San Jose. Stay tuned for more information.

Larry Carter Collection Tour: Larry Carter is the former CEO of Cisco Systems, and he spent his (considerable) income wisely, by buying a whole bunch of absolutely fantastic cars. He definitely wants us to come tour his collection, but his schedule is booked solid for the rest of this year. He says early next year would likely work better for him, but that means at least we have our foot in the door. He has a sensational collection on beautiful grounds in the Santa Cruz mountains, so this will be a tour not to be missed!

Club Business:

Club Bylaws Vote Results: The most recent proposed bylaws changes were relatively uncontroversial, and passed with a vote of 31-4. The next round of proposed changes will appear for the first time in the September newsletter to be discussed at the September meeting, then will be published in their final form in the October newsletter and voted on in November.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Brent Stewart Pantera Still Available: Brent Stewart's second Pantera has been for sale for a number of months with no takers yet. He keeps improving the car, and lowering the asking price. If things keep going as they are, eventually it will be the best Pantera in the world, and it will be free!

News, Clues and Rumors:

Eclipse Mania: Several club members have made plans to travel to various parts of the country to see the Great Eclipse; Mike and Lori are the most ambitious in that they intend to take part in the whole Monterey weekend, then drive straight through the night afterwards to arrive in time to see it!

Your Tax Dollars At Work: Dennis Valdez *finally* got his blue California license plates approved—it was a long story of bureaucratic buffoonery, and a long wait. Initially the state told him they had received his application but no money (they had had his money since January). Then they told him his application was approved and the plates would be sent in the mail. Oops, the state mailroom wasn't working, and he was informed there would be a delay. The next day the plates arrived. A week later he received an apology letter stating his plates would be shipped soon!

What followed was a long down-the-rabbit-hole discussion of the ins and outs of various black-plate and blue-plate registration schemes.

Speaking Of Plates...: John Tomlin ran into a woman who is selling her late husband's huge license plate collection. It is on Whidby Island in Washington state; among other things, he had the plate "1" from all 50 states. Contact John if you're interested in totally redecorating your man cave.

Mangusta Wheels Shipping: Mike had earlier told of his plan to hand-carry virtually priceless Mangusta wheels on an Air Force C-5 to the new owner in Hawaii. Time and again, his plan was foiled as missions would cancel for one reason or another. He actually got airborne once before the plane fell apart over Red Bluff, the crew had to don oxygen and dive for the ground. Eventually he gave up and sent them via Fed Ex, and they arrived safe and sound two days later. Sheesh...

Classic & Sports Car Magazine Article: The publishers of the English magazine *Classic & Sports Car* featured a green Pantera and a first-generation Countach on the front cover of their June issue, in what was a very well-done and favorable comparison test. The article was of special interest to Mike because he and Garry Choate had together owned this Pantera briefly about three years ago! It was a 'barn find' they found in an open shed in California's central valley south of Sacramento; it was with the original owner and had been parked since the late 1970s! After they got it running, they sold it to Roger Brotton, England's premiere De Tomaso restoration specialist, who proceeded to do a cost-no-object nut-and-bolt restoration, resulting in arguably the most expensive narrow-body Pantera ever sold in England.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Forest Goodhart.

Raffle Results: Dennis Valdez and Brett Santos passed the hat, with the following results:

- Mother's clay bar — Steve Dalcino
- Flashlight set — Brett Santos
- Heat gun — Gary Kono
- Torque wrench 3/8 drive — Dennis Valdez
- Digital air pressure gauge — Ken Levin
- Pantera T-shirt XL — Guy Dellavecchia
- Ratcheting wrenches — Brian Bernard
- Bucket/car wash kit — Forest
- Bottles of wine from Walt Miranda. — Lori Drew, Greg Taylor
- 1/4 inch ratchet set — Guy Dellavecchia

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 8:42.



Membership News

New Members for August:

We have no new members this month.

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: 37 years

Jim and Anita Kuehne: 28 years

Tom Galli: 17 years

Paul DaCruz: 14 years

Denny and Bonita Morse: 6 years

Dennis and Liz Valdez: 3 years

Don and Amanda Lee: 1 year

Forest and Judy Goodhart: 29 years

Guy Dellavecchia: 18 years

Kenn and Anna Roberts: 17 years

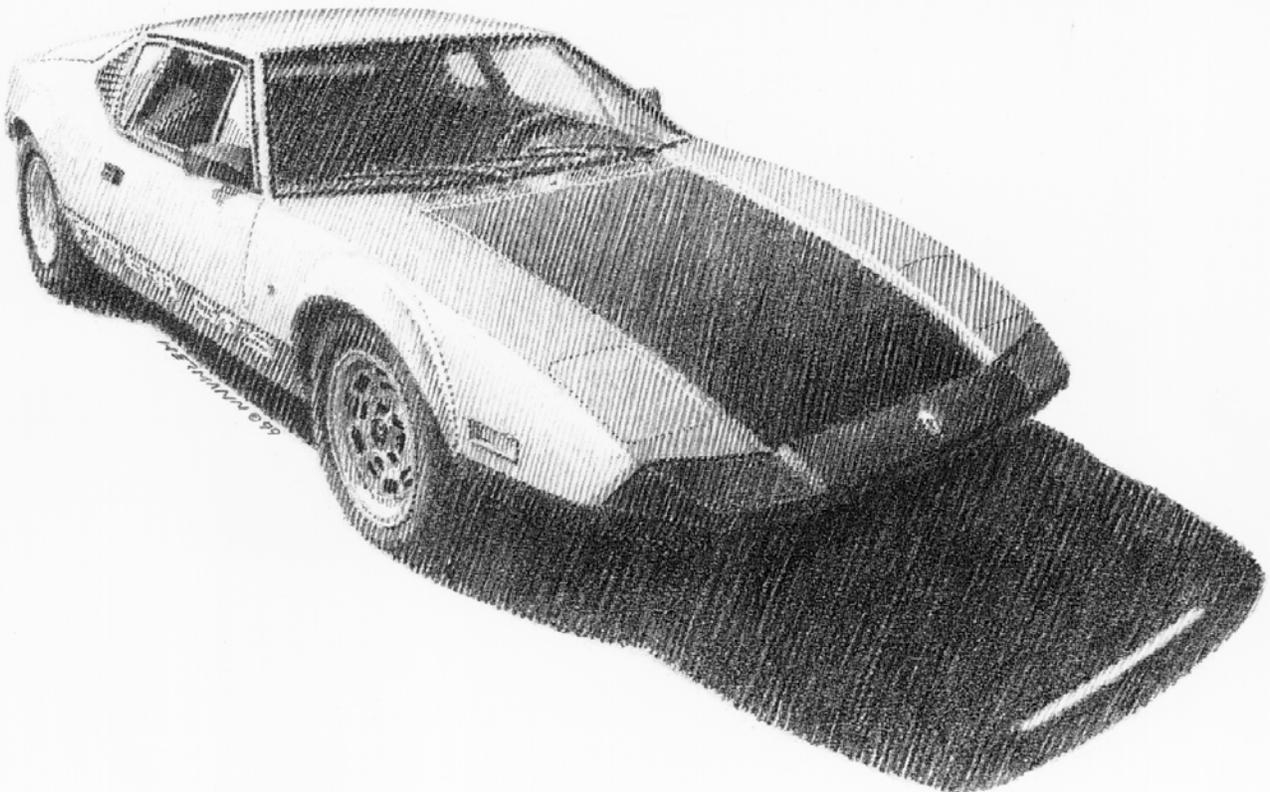
John Cho: 7 years

Walter Miranda: 3 years

David and Pamela Lindsay: 2 years

Bill Wheeler: 1 year

Reminder: You can renew your POCA/PCNC membership online at www.poca.com. Click on the 'Renew' tab and follow the prompts.



MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION
TONY HARVEY GOOD TIMES DINNER

Friday, August 18, 2017

No-host Happy Hour 6:30 PM
Dinner 7:30 PM

Garden Terrace of The Los Laureles Lodge
313 West Carmel Valley Road
Carmel Valley CA

We are looking forward to another great Monterey Motorsports Reunion week.

EVERYONE is invited to attend the Pantera Club of Northern California's annual Tony Harvey Good Times Dinner. Many of the most knowledgeable and fascinating personalities in the DeTomaso community will be on hand. This event is "Automotive Overload" under the stars for most Pantera and Mangusta people.

The Terrace lawn area will be filled to capacity with DeTomasos to drool over, and we will have People's Choice Awards balloting for the cars on display.

This year's buffet dinner features a Fresh Local Green Salad (Monterey county is THE salad capitol of the world), Grilled Salmon, BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn Bread, Apple Cobbler with Apple Jack Brandy Whipped Cream, and fresh fruit.

The cost is \$60.00 per person in advance through July 31. Please make checks payable to PCNC, and send them to:

PCNC Dinner
c/o Steve Dalcino
3374 Prairie Dr.
Pleasanton CA. 94588

After August 1, dinner will be \$75 per person.

For those with pre-paid room reservations through PCNC, two dinner tickets are already included with your Los Laureles room package and held for you at Dinner Check-in.

Calendar of Events

Monterey Auto Week

Aug. 11, Fri. 5 PM-7 PM.
Car Week Kickoff
300 block of Alvarado St., Monterey Free.

Aug. 12-13, Sat.& Sun.
Monterey Pre-Reunion (<https://www.monterey.com/events>)
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca (831) 242-8200 \$30.00 / day.
300 vintage racers on track

Aug. 15, Tue.
Concours on the Avenue
Ocean Avenue, Carmel-by-the-Sea (404-237-2633) Free.
Ocean Ave. closed for collector classic & collector cars

Aug. 15-16, Tue. & Wed.
Automobilia Monterey
1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd. (Embassy Suites) \$15.00/1 day, \$20.00/2 days.
Largest Automobilia show in America

Aug. 16, Wed. 10 AM-4 PM.
Carmel Mission Classic
3080 Rio Rd., Carmel-by-the-Sea (Mission Carmel) \$50.00/person.
Cars & wine tasting at the Mission

Aug. 16, Wed. 12 PM-5 PM
The Little Car Show
11th & Lighthouse Ave. Pacific Grove
100 "Little" cars 25 yrs. & older

Aug. 16, Wed. 5PM-10PM \$395.00/person, in advance
McCall Motorwork Revival
300 Skypark Dr., Monterey (Monterey Jet Center)
Posh automotive & aviation gathering

Aug. 17, Thur. 8 AM-3 PM
Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance
Route varies, ends up on Ocean Ave. Carmel
30-40 mile parade of Pebble Beach cars ending on Ocean Avenue

Aug. 17, Thur. 4 PM-after dark
Baja Cantina Thursday Car Show
Baja Cantina Restaurant, Valley Greens Dr. & Carmel Valley Rd.

Aug. 17-20, Thur.-Sun. 7 AM-5 PM
Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca (831-242-8200) Price varies by day.
Premier Vintage Racing event of the Western Hemisphere

Aug. 17-19, Thur.-Sat.
Mecum Auctions
1 Old Golf Course Rd. Monterey (Hyatt Regency)

Aug. 17-20, Thur.-Sun.
Rick Cole Auction
350 Calle Principal, Monterey (Monterey Marriott)

Aug. 18-20, Fri.-Sun. 10 AM-4 PM
Russo & Steele Auction
290 Figueroa St., Monterey \$30.00/person

Aug. 18-19, Fri. & Sat.
RM Auction
2 Portola Plaza, Monterey

Aug. 18, Fri.
The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering
Quail Lodge, 8000 Valley Greens Dr., Carmel Valley sold out

Aug. 18, Fri.
Bonhams Auction
Quail Lodge, 8000 Valley Greens Dr., Carmel Valley

Aug. 19, Sat. 9 AM-4 PM
Concorso Italiano
Black Horse Golf Course, 1 McClure Way, Seaside \$175.00/person
Classic Italian cars, Boats & fashion

Aug. 19, Sat. 10 AM-1:30 PM
Concours d'Lemons
Laguna Grande Park, 1249 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Seaside free
The antithesis of Pebble Beach

Aug. 20 Sun.
Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
1700 17 Mile Dr., Pebble Beach \$325.00/person, \$375.00 after Aug. 1
Along with Villa d'Este, one of the two most prestigious Concours events in the world



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, July 31st, 2017
7:30 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 17-20 ————— Monterey Historic Car Week (Steve Dalcino)

September 22-24 ————— Ironstone Concours Weekend (Steve Dalcino)

December 8 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Dennis Valdez)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH