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Minutes of Meeting January 25, 1996

The meeting was called to order by new president Michael Fertitta at 8:05 p.m., apparently after much banging of the gavel! Apparently there was some question as to whether he was actually standing up! (Judy says she's going to let him borrow the monster gavel Jack made for her to keep the rowdies in line when she was president). All the officers were present except Mike Drew, who is still freezing his butt off in Korea. Larry had just flown in from Hong Kong to make the meeting! There were 30 members in attendance and six Panteras in the parking lot according to the sign-in sheet.

New Members/Guests: There were a couple of faces in the crowd that hadn't been seen at a

PCNC meeting for quite some time. **John Colombero** said that he'd made a New Year's resolution to become a 'regular' member once again, now that he is in the 'autumn' of his life. Old-time member **Richard Agiorni** was also on-hand and he rejoined the club at the meeting.

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Russ said that Tom Padula's companion at the last meeting was actually *Autumn*, not Anne. Judy offered to pass around the last sign-in sheet and let somebody else try to decipher it! Steve Mooney wanted it made clear that he's trying to borrow a radar gun from the S.F.P.D. for the club to use, not purchase them for individuals. Finally, Sharon said she'd be happy to continue as the club Librarian.

Club Library Report: Sharon claimed she had left the library contents in the Pantera's trunk, so they should still be there (Howard never actually confirmed it, though). She says she will accept more material, at least until the trunk is full. She has written out the duties of the club librarian for future volunteers, and she said she'd also keep track of 'most active member' points again this year.

Club Store Report: Bill reported that even with the rather large deposit paid to the Los Laurelas hotel we still have money in the bank. He has a new supply of "Now That's Italian!" t-shirts; he said he had to find another supplier when his old one folded.

Past Events:

PCNC Christmas Party: Michael reported on the party with some input from various members. Although the general theme was quite a departure from previous years, it seemed to meet with approval from most everyone. The food was great and the entertainment was just that, entertaining, and enjoyed by all who attended. Michael showed off the t-shirt that he and Roxanne won (*I guess they have to share it, ed.*) for solving the mystery. He reported that Mike Drew will be back in the area and once again take over the job of requesting donations for the club's benefit raffle; there was nobody to do it this year and it clearly showed in the few items we received from vendors.

Michael also thanked everyone for voting him in as president. For those of you not attending the Christmas dinner, it should be mentioned that it was a *very* close victory over Howard, decided by a solitary vote!

Hoke Dean Memorial: Bill reported on the memorial for Hoke held at the Dean's home the weekend prior to the meeting. Close friends and co-workers were invited, as well as the Marines who presented a U.S. flag to Dianne. Several people spoke of special memories of Hoke, among them Jack DeRyke and Dorothy and Vaughn Marian (past members). This was followed by refreshments and guests reminiscing with one another all the wonderful memories of Hoke. This was a very touching, as well as sad time for all who attended. Hoke will long be remembered by all of us even if the time of knowing him was much, much too short.

Upcoming Events:

Air Conditioning Tech Session and Barbecue — 30 March: Brian Bernard said Larry volunteered his house for him, and Larry blamed Russ, but no matter, for Brian is happy to have us at his home once again. As in years past, the freon will be supplied by the Pantera Parts

Connection at a reasonable price, and Don Gerig will hopefully bring his automatic A/C charging machine (Pray, Larry!). At the same time, Larry will be conducting tech inspections for the Las Vegas track events.

POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally —25-28 April: As the event approaches, lists will have to be generated of when people are leaving, etc. in order to organize successful convoys. Watch for more on this next month. Also, since our chapter has been tasked with the responsibility of choosing Miss Pantera, Howard has taken on the arduous task of chairman and reports that he already had a couple of volunteers to be on the committee.

Settimana Italiana (International DeTomaso Clubs Event) — 13-20 May: Michael read off a list of the PCNC members who will be attending. After the initial over-sell, there were a few cancellations, enabling Brian Bernard and the Kuehnes to get on the list, in addition to the DeRykes, Stocks, Mike DeRyke and Nancy Haney, Oliver Washington, Jason Teplitsky and a friend, Ellis Woumm, and Mike Drew. Several people are leaving a day early so that there won't be any problems with arriving in time for the bus pick-up.

POCA Monterey Weekend: Tony and Ellis described the location of the hotel (about 15 minutes from the track) and explained the raffle. We'll have a hospitality suite for two days, and there will be no charge for POCA members to drop in anytime. They hope to have beverages available, and are looking for ideas. The total cost for the package will be \$365 for three nights (\$395 for non-POCA members). The club will be raffling off the honeymoon suite, which is a separate cabin. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. The package includes the room and entry for two to three events of the winner's choice. The tickets are available now, and if they haven't already sold out, they'll be available at Las Vegas. The resort will be cordoning off a parking area just for Panteras. There is a restaurant on-site, and live music in the tavern. Any booze left over from the Vegas event will be donated to this event, which is a hint to ask for something *unopened* toward the end of the Vegas hospitality open bar!

Anita Kuehne bought the first 5 tickets, and more than 50 tickets were sold at the meeting.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Larry's Adventures in Hong Kong: Larry reported on some of the more humorous aspects of getting around Hong Kong, including his trip on the back of a small scooter taxi (it was *very* slow with Larry's weight on the back!). His Asian host made him go hide while he negotiated with cab drivers, since round-eyes generally get charged more money! Larry also found some Pantera posters and bought all three of them back with him.

Mike Drew Does the Impossible: Michael reported that Mike had successfully conned the Air Force into letting him come back from Korea two months early, in direct contravention to established directives which mandate a minimum tour of one year (he invoked the Mike Drew clause, which seems to work for just about everything!). He'll be stepping on a charter 747 at the end of April and flying to Japan, then L.A., then directly to Las Vegas for the Fun Rally.

However, not all his news was good. At the same time he found out he'd be leaving Korea early, he also found out that the Air Force had mistakenly overpaid him about \$500 per month

since he had arrived there, and what's worse, he has to pay it all back! The loss of the \$500 plus installment payments on his accrued debt will mean a radical change in his monthly income, and although it won't interfere with his massive vacation plans and ludicrous expenditures on cars and motorcycles, it *will* mean that he'll be eating only bread and water, and living in a cardboard box out behind Larry's shop...but at least his priorities remain intact!

Raffle Results: Larry once again did his thing, with the following results:

Pantera poster — Tony Harvey

Calendars (Donated by Don Gerig) — Anita Kuehne, Peter Herke

Digital tire gauge — Anita (again!)

Notepad — Brett Santos

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1996
8:00 P.M.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

March 30 ————— Air Conditioning Tech Session (Larry Stock)

April 25-28 ————— POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally (Kathy Hills)

May 13-20 ————— Settima Italiana (International DeTomaso Club Event)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Sports Cars and All That Jazz '95

by *Roxy Fertitta*

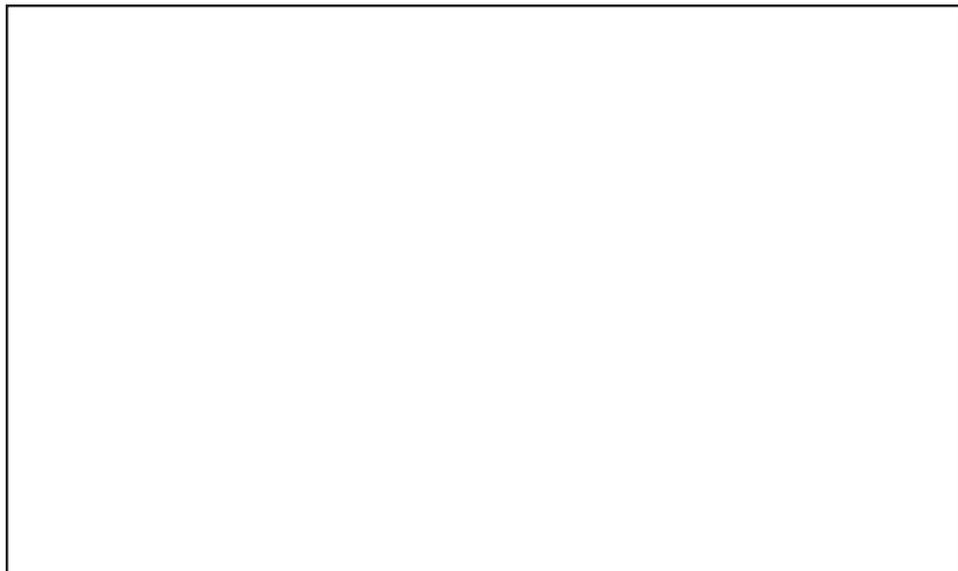
This year's SCAAT Jazz was held July 6-9 in Reno, Nevada. The weather was predicted to be warm and sunny throughout the weekend. Michael and I left from Milpitas, California about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. The traffic was fairly light, only slowing down through Sacramento. We reached Reno at about 7:00 p.m. We rolled onto Virginia Street (where all the action is for this event), and proceeded to pick up our registration materials. These came in a small suitcase-like box, complete with handle. This contained a white Participant's golf shirt, embroidered with the SCAAT Jazz logo, a poster of the event, a visor and coupons from local casinos, and Participant's handbook, and an all-important shammy cloth. (Some of the cars with less trunk space could have a problem!) After meeting with Byron and Jean Hight, who got in the previous night, we drove over to Circus Circus to check in. Most of the other Pantera owners were registered there as well. We were able to park in a reserved area for Panteras, Datsun Z's, several Cobra kit cars, a couple of Ferraris, a Porsche, and a Lamborghini Silhouette. Quite a collection of exotics! After hauling all of our luggage up to our room (which was located in the South Tower, fortunately!), we grabbed our participant badges and walked back down to the street. There were only a few cars on display that night, but the weather was very nice and warm. We went to the VIP party, held at Dick Clark's Bandstand, where a jazz group played live, and most of the early participants were gathered. We had a beer, and waited for the hors d'oeuvres to arrive. Eventually, a package of sandwiches showed up, and the people who had waited it out got to have a little snack before going out to eat. (We all think that the scheduled caterer bailed out with no notice, and the sandwiches were brought over in a hurry from the local deli). We then went out to one of the casinos for dinner.

Friday dawned nice and clear, warming up to about 88 degrees. The Poker Rally had a route leading over Mt. Rose (summit of 890 feet), and then down to Incline Village, with a lunch stop at a North Shore Lake Tahoe stateline casino. We didn't enter, but we heard that it was much easier and more fun this year. That evening, we all went to the Harrah's Automobile Museum for "A Taste of Reno", which fea-

tures cuisine from several of the Casino restaurants. It is really wonderful to be able to wander through this museum, eating absolutely fantastic food, and admiring the beautiful cars on display while live jazz music echoes in the halls.

That evening, we wend down to the park next to the river for the evening concert. We enjoyed the music for about forty minutes, then we wandered back down to the street. Many of the cars had come back out. Several cars lined up to get their picture taken "Under the Reno Arch". The organizers had arranged for bleachers for spectators to watch, since the make of car, owner's name and hometown, and other information on the car is announced as the cars are driven up the ramp to get their picture taken. After all the cars had gotten their pictures, we went back to the hotel to bed.

On Saturday morning, the sky was overcast with thick clouds, and things looked grim. After a late breakfast, we drove the car down onto the street into our designated area. SCAAT Jazz cordons off several streets in downtown Reno for the entire weekend, and during the Show 'N Shine, cars are separated by country of origin. There was a good turnout this year, with about 213 total entries. I counted 14 Panteras in the Italian section, along with some Fiats, Alfa Romeos, and the above-mentioned Ferraris and Lamborghini, as well as a Siata. Unfortunately, the skies decided to open up with a constant sprinkle during the entire afternoon, turning the event into a Show 'N Squeegee! Most of the participants were real troupers, and kept their cars on the street the entire time. After 2:00 p.m., several of the more skittish car owners got into their cars and departed for drier climes. We stuck it out for another hour after that, then went to a late lunch.



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Rally (with a perfect score!) was Reno/Tahoe Panteras president Jim Nowlin (whose residence in Incline Village perhaps gave him a bit of an advantage!). PCNC's Joe Perrucci of Santa Cruz was the Third Best Italian (the car, not him). L.A.-based POCA member Gary Wilson received Second Best Italian car, and the Siata took top honors. Joe Perrucci was also Third Best of Show (the car, not him). A beautiful 1947 MG TC won Best British Car. It really was a stunning restoration, and the owner kept the car out on the street during the entire



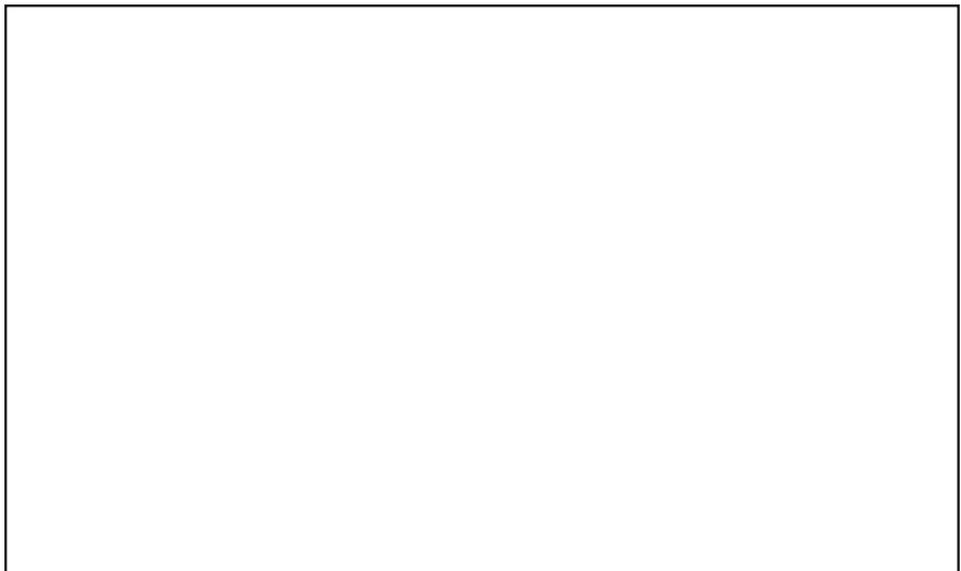
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afternoon, despite the constant sprinkling (with the top DOWN!) A beautiful 1957 Jaguar won Best of Show, and will be featured on next year's programs and posters. Other Categories were Best German, Best American (three Corvette clubs had made SCAAT Jazz a mini-Corvette convention), and Best Japanese or Other.

The weekend was very pleasant, despite the slight dampness, with jazz played throughout the weekend both on the street and in the River park. We would highly recommend it under any circumstances as both a relaxing weekend and a chance to show your car, but when the incredibly inexpensive cost is factored in, it becomes a must-do event for California sports car and jazz lovers!

When we came out of the casino the clouds had disappeared, the sun was shining, and it was beautiful again. Unfortunately, most of the cars were gone! We took our car back to the garage and rubbed off most of the water spots, then covered it up. Meantime, more participants had their cars photographed under the arch.

On Sunday morning, we drove the car back down onto the street near the Riverboat Casino, where we were provided with a buffet breakfast. The winners of all the categories were announced after we ate. The winner of the Poker



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