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Minutes of Meeting 29 February, 1996

The meeting was called to order by president Michael Fertitta at 8:03 p.m. (this despite the fact that still didn't have the Giant Gavel often needed to quiet this boisterous bunch!) There were 37 members in the room, but only two Panteras in the parking lot (due to threatening weather).

New Members/Guests: Without a doubt, the PCNC member who travelled furthest to the meeting this evening was **Frank Fernando**, who had come from his home in *Albuquerque, New Mexico!* There is no POCA chapter in his neighborhood, so he wisely decided to align himself with PCNC. After having been a member for some time, he finally managed to arrange a business trip to coincide with the meeting.

Also in attendance was **Tony Guinasso**, who had heard of our club from Michael Harper and Craig Bercaw. Tony runs a shop called Auto Scientific in Belmont, and is currently working on three Panteras, of which one is his own '73 which he's owned since 1974. His shop specializes in vintage and historic sports and racing cars, and in fact Tony vintage races an old OSCA.

The members were also told of PCNC's newest member, **Ryan Michael Coffel**, born three weeks early on February 13 to Mike and Karen Coffel. He had to spend some time in the hospital, but is now at home and doing fine. Mike really wanted to bring him home in the Pantera, but since it's currently undergoing restoration, he had to borrow a Lamborghini Countach instead. What an introduction to the sports car world!

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

Club Library Report: Sharon once again had the contents of the library in her car's trunk. She wanted it known that she had offered to lift the items and place them in the trunk herself, but Howard insisted on doing it for her. Chivalry lives!

Club Store Report: Although our traditional pre-Vegas purchases combined with our expenses associated with the Monterey Historics event have strained our budget, thanks to Bill's financial legerdemain we still have money in the bank! Bill showed off a new item, a hooded sweatshirt with our new club logo with is available for \$25. Sweatshirts without hoods are also available for \$25. Bill suggested getting drinking glasses in stock again, and passed around three samples for members to evaluate. He will also be ordering the double Old Fashioned-style glasses soon. Also, Richard Agiorni had shown him some colored sunglasses that can be worn over prescription glasses; Bill can get a reduced price if he orders at least a dozen, but they're still going to be about \$29 our price. No word yet as to whether or not we'll go for it.

Past Events:

PCNC Super Bowl Party: The full report on this event appeared in the last newsletter. 28 people attended, and a great time was had by all. Larry and Jim Kuehne managed to make a small profit on the pool, but this was after betting; the return was pretty small.

Upcoming Events:

Air Conditioning Tech Session and Barbecue — 30 March: Brian Bernard has again graciously volunteered the use of his home (and more importantly, his lift-equipped garage) for our annual pre-Vegas tech session. As usual, this event is pot-luck and guests are asked to bring their own meat to barbecue and a side dish or salad to share. Don Gerig is supposed to be bringing his A/C charging machine, and the Freon will be supplied by Larry Stock of the Pantera Parts Connection. Larry will also be conducting tech inspections for the Las Vegas open track event. He joked that only a small bribe would be necessary to pass your car. (This inspection is for real, however; he put two PCNC cars back on the trailer last year after discovering problems in the tech inspection). See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

POCA Fun Rally in Las Vegas — 25-28 April: Our chapter is sponsoring the Miss Pantera contest this year, but for some reason there haven't been any applications so far. Bill suggested that we beat the bushes to find some contestants, and this accidental *double entendre* caused a lot

of commotion! Larry also mentioned that he'd be hauling his car trailer empty, and would only charge \$500 to tow a Pantera back home if it somehow blew up at the event.

More information regarding convoy departure times, etc. will be discussed at the March meeting. Mike Coffel's car has been at Wilkinson's shop for the past year; it's just been painted and will be on display in the Ballroom!

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show in Half Moon Bay — 28 April: This outstanding event at the Half Moon Bay airport unfortunately conflicts with the Las Vegas event. However, if for some reason you can't make it to Vegas, this is the place to be! Watch for a flyer in an upcoming newsletter.

Monterey Historic Races — 18-18 August: 78 raffle tickets have been sold so far, and eight rooms have already been reserved. Tony suggested that everyone get involved in selling these raffle tickets, since the proceeds of the raffle are being used to pay the initial expenses associated with putting on the event.

"Blast In The Grass" Car Show in Petaluma — 25 August: Mike Coffel reported that the Sonoma County Mustang Club's annual car show in the fairgrounds in Petaluma would like the Pantera to be the featured model. Mike will be providing a hospitality tent for Pantera people, and there will be a Best of Show award. The show will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flyers will be distributed in mid-April. Felix reported that he took his Mustang to the show last year. There were about 150 cars, but it was very hot and there was no shade, meaning that the PCNC hospitality tent is a very good idea indeed. Michael suggested a club caravan to the event, an idea met with approval all around.

Travis AFB Air Show and "Bring Your Own Chair" BBQ — 26 October: Mike Drew once again has noble ambitions of throwing a Killer Party, and this time he's inviting the Sacramento Pantera club as well as the Sacramento and Nor-Cal Shelby clubs. The details are still a little fuzzy, since he has yet to actually move back to California (much less find a place to live), but he intends to rent a much larger house in order to facilitate the anticipated larger crowd. As before, the plan will be to meet at his house in the morning for coffee, then convoy to the base where reserved parking will be available, and after the air show return to his house for the Mother of All Barbecues. (A suggestion was offered that this time he *thaw* the meat before attempting to cook it!). Watch for more details late in the summer.

PCNC Christmas Party: Sharon and Kathy will again be the organizers. A few people have made suggestions which they're looking into, and they're always open to more. Mike Fertitta said we must firm up a plan pretty soon while reservations can still be made.

Club Business:

April Meeting One Week Early (18 April): As usual, the April PCNC meeting will be held **one week early** due to the conflict with the Las Vegas Fun Rally. Because our usual location is booked up already, we'll be meeting at our alternate facility, the Coco's restaurant in Sunnyvale at the corner of Fremont and Mary streets. A flyer with a map will be included in the next newsletter.

Stocks Made Honorary Members: Russ proposed that the Stocks (who are now affiliated with Reno/Tahoe Panteras) be made Honorary Members of PCNC so they will continue to receive our newsletter and be included in our phone list. The motion was seconded and passed. In the meantime, don't throw away last year's phone list until you've copied the Stock's info into your new one!

E-Mail Addresses Incorporated Into Phone List: Michael suggested that e-mail addresses be added to next year's phone list. Someone else suggested that a page be put in an upcoming newsletter with various club member's e-mail addresses. So if you're on-line, e-mail your address to Michael at 'Perfectcpy@aol.com'.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Tony Visits British Pantera Owners: Tony Harvey recently visited England, and had the opportunity to meet with several Pantera owners there, all of whom were *very* hospitable. He toured western England, Stonehenge, etc. and brought lots of photos. He had specs and brochures on the ADA Pantera, and some really neat photos of himself standing alongside the car. Watch for the complete story in an upcoming newsletter.

Larry Deal With Holley: Larry has made a deal with the Holley Carburetor people, and they're going to custom-build 700 cfm double-pumper carburetors to his specifications, with jetting optimized for Pantera applications. They'll probably retail for about \$600.

Mike Looking for Thunderhill Photos: Mike Drew is desperately looking for photos of the recent open track at Thunderhill to accompany an article written by Michael Harper for the quarterly. The story is great, but without photos he can't run it! If you have any photos, *please* forward them to Mike (his address is listed on the front page); all photos will be returned. Thanks! (*By the way, the first day of the Las Vegas Fun Rally coincides exactly with my last day in Korea, so I'll be flying directly from Osan AB to Las Vegas! ed.*)

Cougar For Sale: Steve Liebenow has a '69 Cougar Eliminator for sale, loaded with a 428CJ, Ram-Air, and a four-speed. It's complete and running but needs some restoration work. It comes with lots of NOS parts, \$10K. He also has a 351C 2-bolt main short block ('71 vintage') for only \$50 (*Hey, Harper, what's taking you so long to replace your trashed motor, anyway??!! Get with the program, dude! ed.*), a pair of '73 4v heads and cast intake for \$200, and a Mallory Unilite distributor for 351C for \$50. Call Steve at (408) 727-8678.

Raffle Results: Larry once again shook the hat and handed out the prizes, with the following results:

Tiny Calendar (donated by our silk-screening company) — Craig Bercaw
Pantera POGS — Nancy Haney
"Great Cars of the World" book — Frank Fernando
Hemmings Vintage Auto Almanac — Tony Guinasso
Keychain/flashlight — Brett Santos
Apple keyring — (After a complicated series of swaps), Judy DeRyke!

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot, time unknown...

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 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)

April 28 ————— (Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show)

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

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH