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Minutes of Meeting 28 March, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. While Michael managed to get the attention of the crowd with Judy's old gavel (a replica medieval battle mace), he still received a fair amount of guff from the rowdy group. There were 32 members in the room and only three Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: While there was a guest in the room, he didn't sign in and Judy didn't get his name! Regardless, he has a '74 GTS Pantera for sale, asking \$34,000. If you're interested, contact Russ Britschgi who might have picked up his name and address. Michael Harper's sister was also in the crowd, although they had to duck out early and had only 30 minutes to get her to the S.F. airport when they left! (Yes, they made it).

Corrections to Last Month's Minutes: Bill noted a typo in the announcement for the Monterey Historics, which will be held from 16 to 18 August, not 18 to 18 August.

Club Library Report: Sharon reported that the entire contents of the library were at the meeting, while manly-man Hanz Howard flexed his impressive pulchritude in the background.

Club Store Report: Bill reported that Ken Snyder has sold 140 raffle tickets in Southern California, and Larry sold 20 to Reno/Tahoe club members. Bill passed around a sign-up sheet to man the store in Vegas, and reportedly Judy signed Mike Drew up for several shifts! (*Sorry about the Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Judy—I'll be home as soon as I can! ed.*) Larry is transporting the club store items to and from Vegas, and is again loaning the use of his credit card machine, for VISA and MasterCard only. Thanks, Larry!

After Cheryl Harper had checked out a catalog and made decisions on colors and sizes for ladies wear for Vegas, Bill found out when trying to order them that they were not available (and perhaps never were). However, Bill did find 12 1/2 oz. beer steins that will be available with a blue club logo at the next meeting, and at Vegas. Finally, Bill made a motion to donate \$200 worth of club merchandise to the Vegas raffle, which was passed.

Past Events:

Checked Flag Autocross at Sears Point: All members present reiterated the fact that they had a great time at this event, which was reported in the last newsletter. The next autocross will be held on 1 June, again at Sears Point. Ed is also checking into some other dates for an open track at Thunderhill in the fall.

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Meeting — 18 April (ONE WEEK EARLY!): Due to the conflict with the Las Vegas Fun Rally, the April PCNC meeting will be held one week early, at the Coco's at the intersection of Mary and Fremont streets in Sunnyvale. A map and flyer are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

POCA Fun Rally in Las Vegas — 25-28 April: The majority of the people present at the meeting will be leaving on Wednesday for a two-day drive to Vegas. Howard Renshaw is heading up this convoy, so contact him for details regarding the meeting location and time. Presumably a Thursday convoy will depart as well, but you'll have to find out for sure at the PCNC meeting! Larry reported that another group is leaving from Reno with five cars signed up so far. Call Jim Nowlin at (702) 831-1730 for the details.

The Miss Pantera committee selected two candidates (huh?) for Miss Pantera, deciding to give one the original title, and the other one the title of Miss 25th Anniversary, or Miss Silver Anniversary, or something (*Personally, I think they just wanted to see more babes in bikinis! ed.*) Presuming that these lovely ladies will be travelling to Vegas solo, two escorts will be needed to escort them to the various events (*Ah, I believe that is where I come in! ed.*) The Miss Pantera and Miss 25th Anniversary or Miss Silver Anniversary, or something dinner will be held at King Arthur's Tournament Dinner Show at the Excalibur. Check the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — 28 April: Although this event conflicts with the Vegas Fun Rally, several people who can't go to Vegas will be going here instead. Gary Berger and Lee Scales are already signed up, bringing their NSX and Pantera respectively. See the flyer in the last newsletter (and maybe this one, depending on space available) for the details.

International Gathering of DeTomaso Clubs — 13-20 May: Several people from PCNC are leaving a few days early to do some sightseeing in Rome and Florence before joining up with the group in Modena.

San Mateo Fair Car Show — 9-18 August: Michael asked Russ Britschgi if he'd be interested in rustling up some cars to show at this fair. That's all we know for now; watch for more details in a few months.

Monterey Historic Races — 16-18 August: Ellis reported that about 300 raffle tickets have been sold so far, and sales are still going strong, so we've reached the break-even point and the raffle is a go! There will be parties on both the 16th and 17th in the hospitality suite. Only one room has been sold so far; people are probably waiting to see how the raffle turns out before committing to buying a room.

PCNC Christmas Party, Date TBA: Sharon wanted some input regarding how much people were willing to spend; it looks like \$45 per person is about tops. She also got some suggestions for various places which she will check out. Michael requested that everyone make an effort and pass on suggestions to Sharon as we need to get this nailed down soon while there is still time to make reservations. Unless you want your Christmas party to be held in a Burger King parking lot, pass those suggestions to Sharon soon!

News, Clues and Rumors:

Reno-Tahoe Panteras Events: Larry reported that there are Vintage Races held in the parking lot of the Hilton Hotel in Reno on either 1 June or 15 June, or perhaps both. Reno-Tahoe is interested in doing a combined event with PCNC on the 29th and 30th of June, the Carson Cruiser's Car Show. There will be no Sports Cars and All That Jazz this year; apparently all events except Hot August Nites have been cancelled because the casino owners balked at paying for the police overtime.

New Freon Substitute? Axel reported that there will be a new product on the market this spring that will go directly into R-12-based air conditioning systems. It's called Frezone, and only a few fittings will need to be changed. This is apparently an alternative to completely replacing your A/C system with an R-134 system. Larry thought this product still contained potentially explosive propane in the mix, but Axel insisted it did not. We'll see!

Future PCNC Road Trips? While discussing the finer points of cleavage and Buns of Steel, the Miss Pantera committee also discussed some ideas for car tours, road trips etc. for later in the summer. Watch this space for details.

Panteras Available: Guy Dellavecchia reported that Al Burtoni of Milano Imports in Gilroy had taken a Pantera as part of a trade. Ken Levin also announced that his car is still for sale.

Cobras at CostCo? Michael Harper reported that buried deep in the CostCo catalog is listed a replica 1966 427 Cobra, ready to go for only \$47,650. Could this mean he's interested? (*Although this particular replica is a pretty poor copy of the real thing, unlike Mike's excellent Contemporary, it's likely that all four wheels will stay on the car most of the time! ed.*)

Casey's Movin' On: Robb announced that he and Claudia were leaving that weekend for their new home outside Albuquerque. They were a charming couple and will be sorely missed, although hopefully we'll still see them from time to time at POCA events.

Everyone Rags on Harper: Larry reported that he had a professionally-built engine for sale, and wondered if *someone* in the room was interested, hint hint. Michael wisely declined to rise to the bait!

Raffle Results: Larry reached deep into the hat this time, and pulled out the following winners:

Fast Orange hand cleaner and Vanilla freshener — Russ Britschgi
Bosch Grand Prix poster — Ken Levin
Bosch Indy Poster — Judy DeRyke
Accutire gauge and Vanilla freshener — Axel Rolf
Squeaky Clean postcard and spice freshener — Don Gerig
Grand Prize: Permatex anti-freeze, Fast Orange hand cleaner, Road film remover,
Slick 50 "One Lube" and Jasmine air freshener — Forest Goodhart (who else?)

The meeting then adjourned to the parking lot.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1996

8:00 P.M.

ONE WEEK EARLY!!!

COCO'S RESTAURANT

1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY

SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April 25-28 ————— Las Vegas Fun Rally (Howard Renshaw)

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

June 1 ————— Checkered Flag Autocross at Sears Point (Ed Kornegay)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Sports Cars and All That Jazz '95

by *Roxy Fertitta*

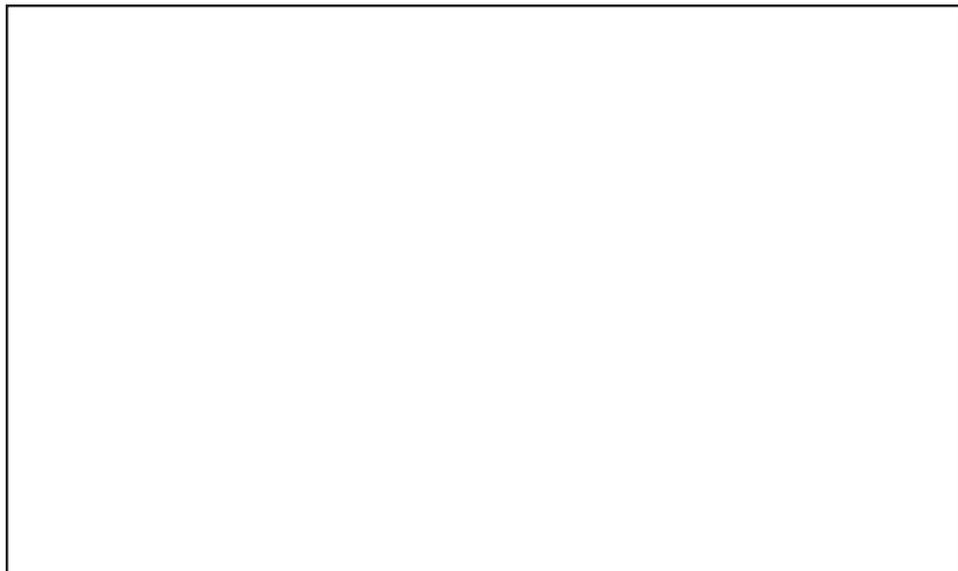
This year's SCAAT Jazz was held July 6-9 in Reno, Nevada. The weather was predicted to be warm and sunny throughout the weekend. Michael and I left from Milpitas, California about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. The traffic was fairly light, only slowing down through Sacramento. We reached Reno at about 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



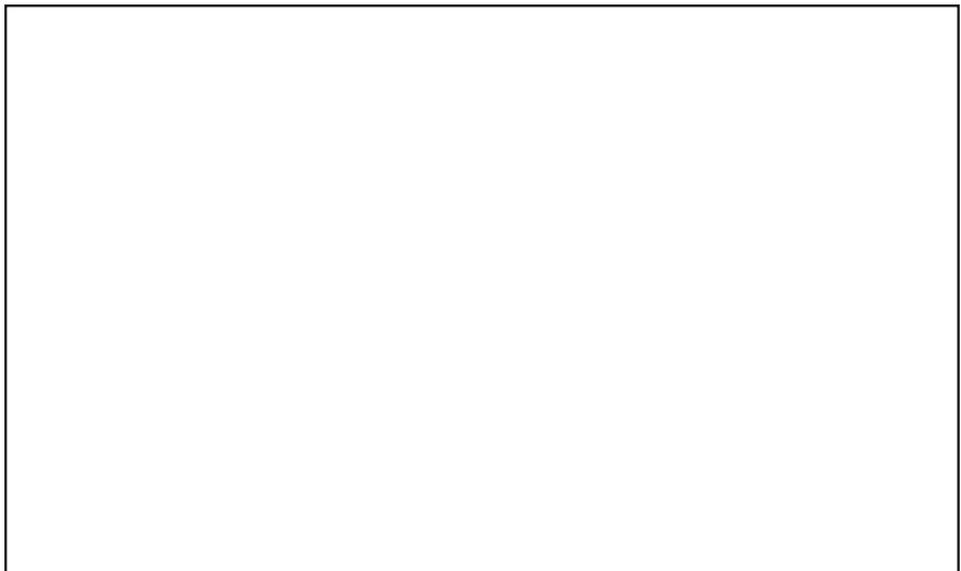
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afternoon, despite the constant sprinkling (with the top DOWN!) A beautiful 1957 Jaguar won Best of Show, and will be featured on next year's programs and posters. Other Categories were Best German, Best American (three Corvette clubs had made SCAAT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