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Minutes of Meeting 18 April, 1996

The meeting was called to order by president Michael Fertitta at 8:30 p.m. Unfortunately, he forgot the BIG gavel, so he had to bring the group to attention by pounding on the table with a ketchup bottle! Turnout was unusually small, with only 21 people and two Panteras in the parking lot. There were no guests or new members present. Tony Harvey showed up after the meeting adjourned but before the room cleared. He had been doing a lot of work on his Pantera and just got it finished and wanted to show it off a bit. The bright red paint was still sending off a few paint fumes!

PCNC Family Loses Another Member: Although most of the people in the room had been informed, Michael asked Judy to announce the sudden and untimely death of longtime PCNC mem-

ber Hal Harter, who had suffered a catastrophic heart attack while riding his motocross bike the previous afternoon. There was some discussion of possible ways we could help Kathy at this difficult time. It was suggested that we could make donations to help with the burial expenses; Sharon will check into the details and let interested club members know. Needless to say, this sad news cast quite a pall over the ordinarily jovial PCNC meeting.

Club Library Report: There was no librarian's report.

Club Store Report: Bill had purchased several new items to take to Vegas, so a few checks went out and there are a few other bills yet to be paid. POCA rebate and raffle ticket money has come in, so the treasury is looking quite healthy at this time. Raffle tickets are just about sold out. The newest club store flyer is in the last PCNC newsletter, and includes a new item, the mug with the blue PCNC logo, for \$5 each or four for \$18. Bill finally was able to order the ladies denim shirt (no men's available although the flyer advertises them), short sleeved for \$26. The shirts were being printed but were available at Vegas. Bill made one final request for help manning the club store, packing it up on Saturday night, etc.

Past Events:

Air Conditioning Tech Session: Jack gave a few details that were not covered by Russ' article in the last newsletter. He told of the Tri-Hawk (a three-wheeled vehicle with one rear wheel, powered by a motorcycle engine) that was there when the event first started; it was brought by a friend of Bill's. About 12 Panteras were in attendance, although only a couple of them were teched for the open-track event. Don Gerig is again to be thanked for charging up the cars. He reported that most of the cars had seemed to hold a charge from last year; the members suggested it was because he had done such a great job last year!

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Autocross at Sears Point — 1 June CANCELLED! Michael announced that Sears Point was able to rent out the track on the date our autocross was scheduled, and as a result we have lost the site. Ed is still working on another open track at Thunder Hill for the fall; he will need to get deposits from people up front to make sure enough people are interested.

PCNC Rally — June date TBA: Michael Harper said he had volunteered last year to organize a rally, and mid-June seems to be a good time frame. He suggested we might perhaps stop in at some of the member's homes if we haven't seen them for awhile (no surprise visits, though!). He will put something together and present a plan at the next meeting, and perhaps even have something for the newsletter (check and see!). Rosemarie Herke has also volunteered to help organize it if it's soon enough; they'd like to get their hands in one last event before they move to Florida in the fall.

POCA Weekend at Monterey — 15-18 August: Raffle ticket sales passed the break-even point quite awhile ago, and the additional tickets sold generated profits which will initially go towards stocking the hospitality suite, reserving the rooms, etc. Ultimately, the profits from this event will be put to work reserving more rooms for next year's historic weekend.

Ellis mentioned that the hospitality room at the Los Laureles Lodge will be open to day visitors, and they can also have use of the swimming pool. He wanted to know if there was some interest in a banquet of some sort on Saturday night—he'll need some input by next month so he can reserve a room at a suitable restaurant. He also asked for a volunteer to coordinate caravans for driving down to Monterey from the Bay Area.

Michael mentioned that the Concours Italiana is growing by leaps and bounds, and is proving to be one of the major attractions of the Monterey Weekend. This year it has literally doubled in size, and will now take up almost all of the Quail Lodge golf course.

Besides Tom Demund (who races his old Model T every year), Peter Herke will also be racing at Monterey. BMW is the featured marque this year, and even though it's not terribly old (at least not by Historics standards), Peter will be running his BMW 3.0 CSI race car since BMW is the featured marque this year.

PCNC Christmas Party — 6 December: The PCNC Christmas Party will be held at the Officer's Club at Alameda Naval Air Station; thanks to Ellis for setting things up. Sharon said he was planning on growing a white beard and handing out gifts at the party, a rumor he steadfastly denied! The cost will be about \$21 per person, and a deposit for the room has already been made. Watch for more details several months down the road.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Bill Gets A Hand: Russ mentioned to the crowd that Bill Santos was celebrating his 20th anniversary as a member of the Pantera Club of Northern California, which elicited a great and well-deserved ovation!

Unknown Pantera Spotted: Michael Harper said he'd seen a black Pantera sporting flares running around the San Jose area, and asked if anyone knew who it belonged to. If you spot this car, throw the driver a PCNC newsletter!

Classic Cars On The Web: Byron Hight quickly mentioned that if you type in My Classic Car on the World Wide Web, there is a very interesting home page available. Call him for more details.

Raffle Results: Kathy had volunteered to run the raffle since Larry was absent, but Hal's passing left the crowd in a somber mood and they decided to suspend the raffle this month.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:55.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1996
8:00 P.M.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Mid-June (Date TBA) ————— PCNC Rally (Michael Harper)

August 15-18 ————— POCA Weekend at Monterey (Ellis Woumm/Tony Harvey)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Sports Cars and All That Jazz '95

by Roxy Fertitta

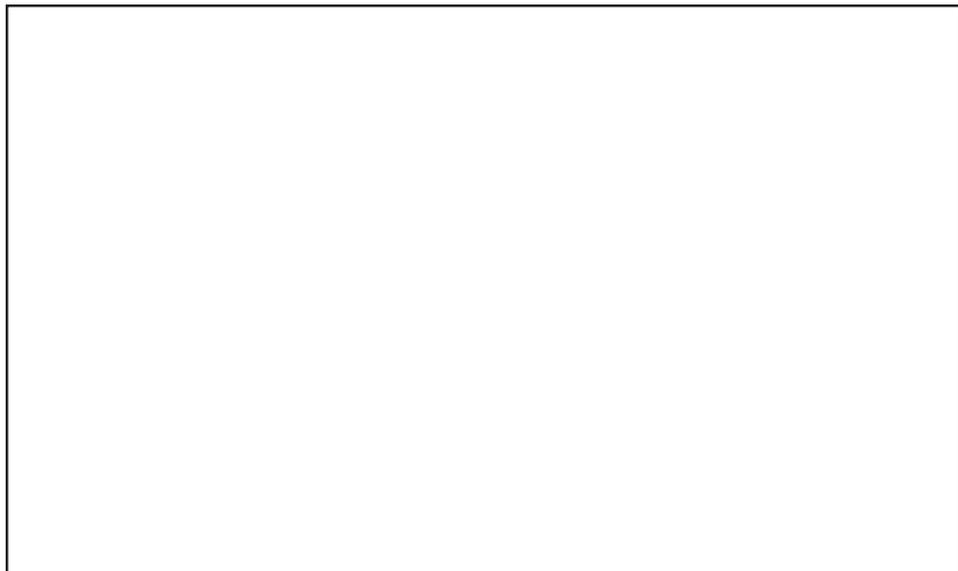
This year's SCAAT Jazz was held July 6-9 in Reno, Nevada. The weather was predicted to be warm and sunny throughout the weekend. Michael and I left from Milpitas, California about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. The traffic was fairly light, only slowing down through Sacramento. We reached Reno at about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

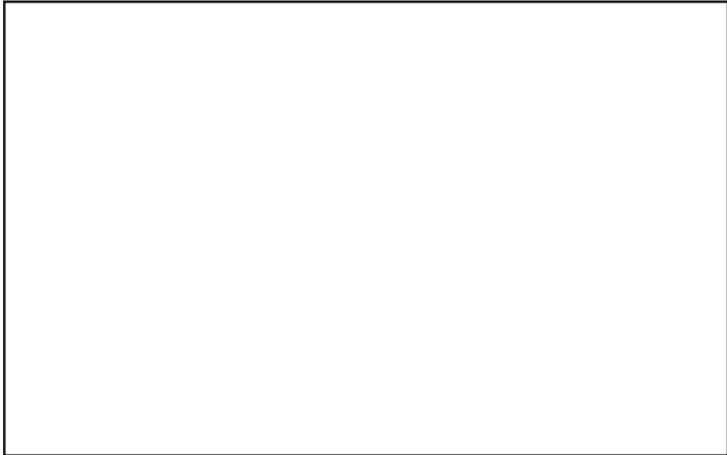


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Rally (with a perfect score!) was Reno/Tahoe Panteras president Jim Nowlin (whose residence in Incline Village perhaps gave him a bit of an advantage!). PCNC's Joe Perrucci of Santa Cruz was the Third Best Italian (the car, not him). L.A.-based POCA 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



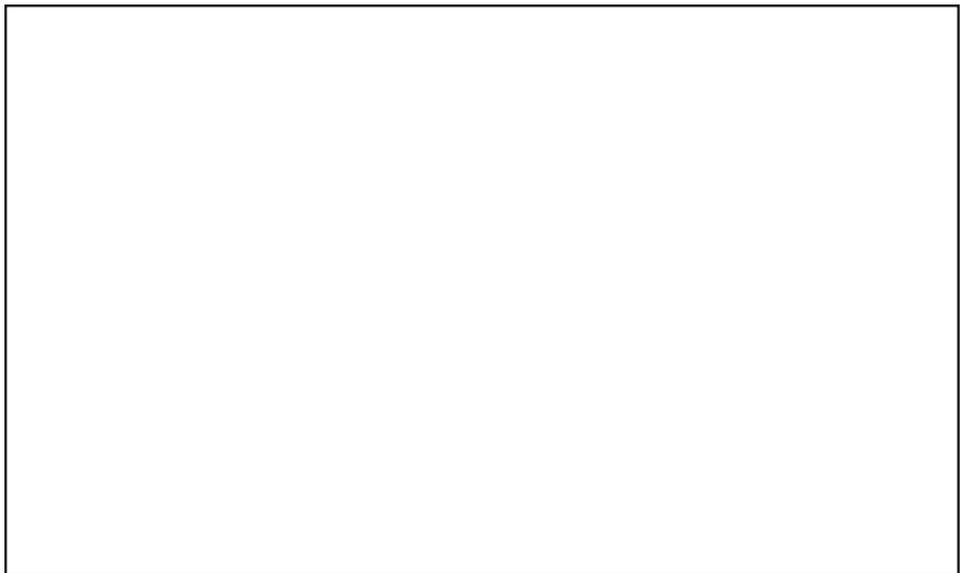
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afternoon, despite the constant sprinkling (with the top DOWN!) A beautiful 1957 Jaguar won Best of Show, and will be featured on next year's programs and posters. Other Categories were Best German, Best American (three Corvette clubs had made SCAAT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