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Minutes of Meeting 26 September, 1996

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:05. All officers were present except Mike Drew (again!) and rafflemaster Larry Stock. Judy DeRyke again stepped in with her PowerBook and took minutes for Mike (although she's getting an operation on her hand soon—somebody else needs to fill in, since Mike will be gone for the rest of the year!). There were 24 members in the room, and six Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed back previous member **Gary Kono**. They dropped out of the club many years ago, but now that their kids have grown up, he and his wife **Mary Ann** are joining us once again. Welcome aboard!

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Doris Britschgi claimed that she wasn't at last month's meeting (even thought she was 'quoted' as having spoken???)

Club Library Report: Sharon reported, "It's here, in its usual spot!" (the trunk of their Pantera).

Club Store Report: Bill showed off new and improved artwork for the front side of the "Now That's Italian" shirts, showing the front view of a Pantera and the words "Mama Mia!" He also showed a sample DeTomaso patch made of leather; Jack thought it was a coaster, while Russ thought it looked like a belt buckle bra!

Past Events:

Woodside Car Show: Howard reported that the show was a success once again. There was a Ferrari F-50 present, which he fell in love with, this despite its rumored \$20-per-mile insurance cost! Besides cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, tanks, and helicopters, some of the more unique entries included a motorized couch and recliner! The club was fairly well represented with six Panteras present. The weather was perfect, and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Sports Car Olympics: Doris reported on their good results at this year's event. The Britschgis won Gold medals in three categories, and took a silver in the second rally. Doris took a 3rd place in one autocross and 3rd place overall. She showed off her terrific trophy, and although she admitted it was a *bit* gaudy, she wouldn't let Tony raffle it off!

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Christmas Party — 6 December: Sharon passed around a menu and asked attendees to vote for the dishes to accompany the entrees (either Prime Rib or Mahi Mahi). After a little debate, it was decided that the menu for the evening would consist of tossed salad, baked potato, a fresh vegetable medley, and peppermint ice cream. The cost will be \$22 per person, and we will have the room (at the Alameda NAS Officer's Club, remember) from 7 - 12 p.m. Coffee and tea are included with the meal, and booze of all kinds will be available for purchase. Designated motels in the area are the Executive and the Motel 6 (contact Michael Fertitta for more details). Entertainment is still being worked on, and more information will be available in the next newsletter.

Club Business:

Association for California Car Clubs: Tony Harvey went to investigate this organization, and gave a report to the club. Groups can join for \$3.00 per member; individuals can join for \$20 per year. This is a state lobbying organization, working to protect the interests of people like us against dumb legislation concerning our cars. Jack suggested that the individual registration form be put in the club newsletter.

PCNC Charitable Donation: Each year, PCNC donates a certain percentage of our club store's proceeds to a charitable organization. Past recipients have included the Ronald McDonald House and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Bill just brought up the subject to get people thinking about it; further discussion and a decision will be made at an upcoming meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING DATE CHANGE! Due to the conflict with Halloween, the members present voted to move this month's meeting date to one day earlier than normal. The October meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY the 30th** at our usual location. Furthermore, the *November* meeting will be one week early, and at the other Coco's in Sunnyvale (at the intersection of Fremont and Mary). A flyer with a map will be included in the next newsletter. Everybody got that?

Club Officer Nominations: Yes, it's election time of year again, and it's time to start thinking about filling those important offices with qualified candidates. No, not the White House and Congress, we're talking about *important* offices, specifically, PCNC offices! The coveted position of PCNC president will be up for grabs, among others. Nominations will be taken either in writing or in person at the next meeting, with elections to be held the following month. Candidates, polish up them smiles and get ready!

Monterey Historic After-Action Report: The PCNC Board of Directors met with Tony Harvey and Ellis Woumm to discuss the results of the club's first foray into putting on a national event. All agreed the event was a smashing success on all levels; everyone was impressed with our organization (well, *almost* everyone!), and the club netted a slight (\$340) profit, which will serve as 'seed money' for next year's event. All 12 rooms were sold early; next year we'll be booking 19 rooms, plus the hospitality suite and the BBQ area. Bill has already placed the initial deposit to reserve the rooms.

Las Vegas Time Trials: PCNC is now committed to putting on the track event at Las Vegas next year. Ed Kornegay will be the Head Honcho, with a support crew consisting of as-yet-unnamed PCNC members, perhaps with some help from other POCA chapter members. Debate still rages whether we should elect to use the shorter variation of the new track (at only 1.1 miles), or go for the gusto and opt for the longer (and more expensive) 1.9 mile course. Watch for more details in upcoming months...

Anniversary Pins: Awhile back, Russ had suggested add-on pins for the club name badges denoting how long one had been a club member. Jack had a jeweler look at the project, and he said the only way to get an estimate was to make a mold and a sample pin. The prototype (in silver) mounted on Judy's badge was much-admired, but the board felt that the cost (about \$20 each) was too high for them to be given away, and there was considerable doubt that enough club members would be willing to buy them to make it a worthwhile club store item. The board is researching cheaper alternatives (i.e. engraving the number of years membership onto the name badge itself). Meanwhile, Jack paid the jeweler's bill and will produce the pins in silver himself, in numerals 5, 7, 10, 15 and 20 with a threaded post and nut on the back, for \$20 each. The number fits nicely between the NorCal logo and the member's name on our standard name badges. Other clubs may be interested since the numbers are generic.

Stuff For Sale: Russ mentioned that there was a complete Boss 351 engine for sale at the Woodside car show; Don had information on it but had left it at home. Rod Pack's twin-super-charged car was in the parking lot, and is still for sale as it has been for, seemingly, well, for-freaking-ever (he can't buy new engines (plural) for his speedboat until it goes). He said he just spent \$11,000 on maintenance, new hoses, belts, and lots of other stuff.

Raffle Results: For the first time in several years, Larry Stock was unable to attend the PCNC

meeting. Tony Harvey stepped in and ably filled his shoes, with the following results:

Mini-Flashlight — Judy DeRyke

Bag of Coffee — Judy DeRyke

Magnetic Pick-Up — Russ Britschgi

Bag of Coffee with Zep Bag — Forest Goodhart

Small Pantera (red, of course) — Jim Kuehne

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at around 9:30.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1996

NOTE: ONE DAY EARLY!

8:00 P.M.

COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

December 6 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Sharon Renshaw)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Sports Cars and All That Jazz '95

by *Roxy Fertitta*

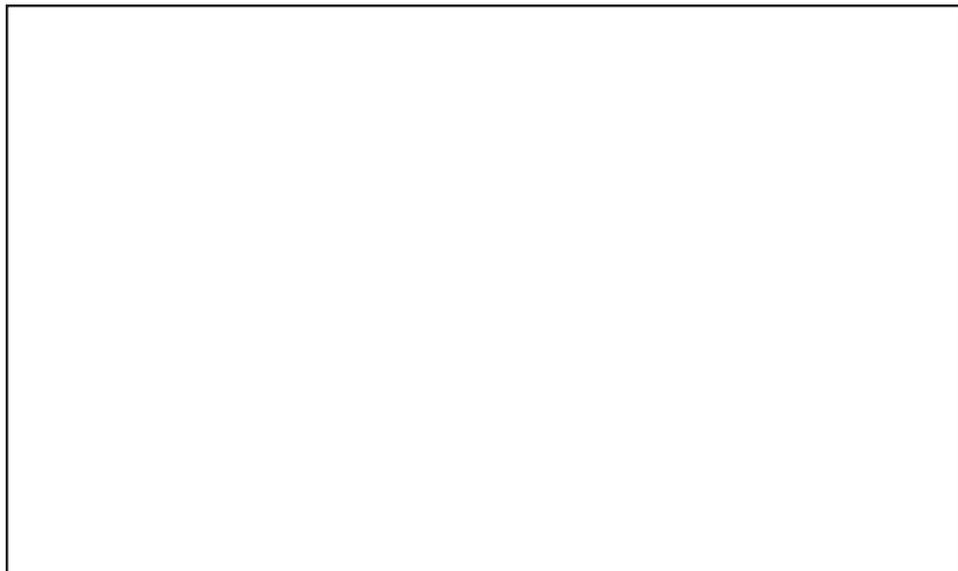
This year's SCAAT Jazz was held July 6-9 in Reno, Nevada. The weather was predicted to be warm and sunny throughout the weekend. Michael and I left from Milpitas, California about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. The traffic was fairly light, only slowing down through Sacramento. We reached Reno at about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



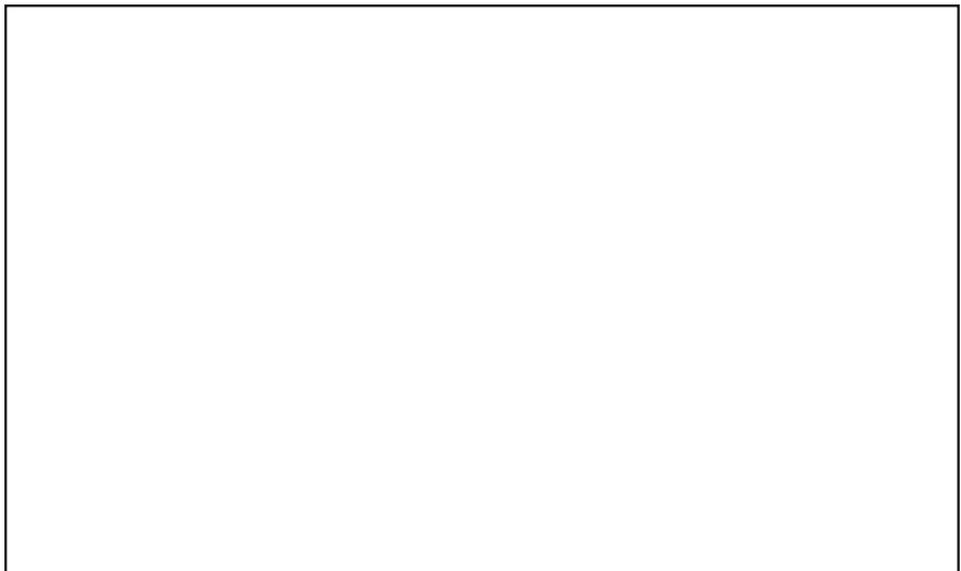
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afternoon, despite the constant sprinkling (with the top DOWN!) A beautiful 1957 Jaguar won Best of Show, and will be featured on next year's programs and posters. Other Categories were Best German, Best American (three Corvette clubs had made SCAAT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