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Minutes of Meeting 30 October, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. All officers were present except the perennially absent Mike Drew (attending a school in Muntgummy, Alabama until 14 December) and Doris Britschgi, who was at home grading papers. Despite the pain in her wrist from carpal tunnel syndrome, Judy grit her teeth and took the minutes (she underwent surgery a few days later). She is indeed looking forward to Mike's return! There were 27 members present, but only two Panteras in the parking lot due to the inclement weather.

New Members/Guests: Kathy Hills Gentry introduced her new husband (and thus new club member), **Brian Gentry**. Howard announced he was expecting another guest, and a few minutes later **Ron Diridon Jr.** joined the crowd. Ron had recently acquired his grandfather's '71 Pantera.

After a quick huddle with Howard and Russ, Ron quickly joined the club!

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

Club Library Report: Sharon reported that the contents of the club library were in the trunk of their car, as usual.

Club Store Report: Bill had no new items to introduce, but he passed around a belated thank-you letter from Sandi Snyder for our donations to the Las Vegas raffle. He also reported that he received a phone call from a '74 Pantera owner (Kim and Tanja Buckley) in New Zealand who was interested in Pantera items. They knew nothing about POCA so we're not sure how they got Bill's phone number. Besides selling them some merchandise, he also passed on the name of the one and only POCA member in New Zealand. These same folks later joined POCA and PCNC!

Past Events:

Mission Valley Car Show: Russ briefly expanded on his article which appeared in last month's newsletter. Among the cars present was Bill Gates' very illegal Porsche 959!

Thunderhill Track Day: This event was a success, financially and otherwise, with 28 cars in attendance. Tony for some reason deflected inquiries about his driving performance, and mentioned that Peter Herke had his entire fleet of vehicles and whatever drivers he could round up (Peter's whole family took part, driving several of his vintage race cars). Michael Fertitta reported on the destruction of his high-buck carbon-fiber brake pads, which literally evaporated in a puff of smoke. Charlie Puckett advised Michael to simply not use his brakes as much to avoid smoking them anymore! Easy for him to say! Michael followed his advice and as a result ran smoother (and faster) laps, and he got a total of 109 track miles for the day. Eric Belter had very fast times in his Pantera shod with street tires. Happily, there were no mechanical failures the entire day!

Upcoming Events:

PCNC November Meeting ONE WEEK EARLY — 21 November: Due to the conflict with Thanksgiving, the November PCNC meeting will be held one week early, on Thursday, 21 November, at the usual location.

PCNC Christmas Party — 6 December: Sharon passed around a sign-up sheet for the club's Christmas dinner; if you haven't already paid, you can mail your check directly to her. After much discussion, it was decided to have the second bar open from 7-11 p.m. Sharon has chosen a DJ who a couple of members heard at a recent street rod gathering, and '50's tunes will be the order of the day. The DJ will play from 7-10 p.m., with the annual Christmas Party raffle concluding the evening. Mike Drew (who isn't quite the slacker some would have you believe) sent letters to a whole bunch of vendors soliciting donations and will be following up with phone calls; hopefully we'll have a pretty impressive array of prizes to offer.

PCNC Super Bowl Party: Although no mention was made of this event, traditionally the club gets together to watch the Super Bowl each year. Anyone out there volunteering to host the club at his home is encouraged to contact Michael Fertitta, pronto!

Club Business:

Charitable Donation: Traditionally, PCNC makes a charitable contribution each year to one or more worthy organizations. We normally give a percentage of our club store's profits. Russ will have a listing elsewhere in this newsletter of past and possible new recipients; we will decide on this year's donation at the November meeting.

PCNC Motor Sports Award: This new award will go to the member who has done the most to promote the performance image of the Pantera. Contact Michael Fertitta to cast your vote; hopefully Ed Kornegay's description of the award will appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Las Vegas Open Track: Ed Kornegay is working out all the details. Michael will be holding a meeting with members interested in helping to plan and execute this event. So far, Roger Sharp, Tony Harvey, Michael Harper, Jim Kuehne, Jack DeRyke and Howard Renshaw are on the committee.

Nominations for PCNC President: The coveted job of PCNC president is once again up for grabs; the other elected officers are currently running unopposed. The nominees for present are **Jim Kuehne, Howard Renshaw** and **Kathy Gentry**. Nominations will be open through the November meeting; voting will take place at the meeting. Voters who can't attend the meeting can mail or e-mail their votes to Michael Fertitta, the current president (who will assume the office of vice-president automatically upon the completion of his term). The winner will be announced at the Christmas party.

PCNC Treasurer and Club Store Positions to Split?: Bill accepted his nomination for PCNC Treasurer for yet another year, but he mentioned that the jobs of treasurer and club store magnate are starting to be a bit overwhelming; he is considering proposing that a second position be created to handle the club store as an entity separate and distinct from the treasurer's office. He's going to draft a proposal for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Larry's Lemon Continues to Fall Apart: Larry reported that his recently-purchased flatbed car hauler (which has never successfully made the weekly trip to and from Reno without breaking down) once again lived up to its reputation. Larry and Rich James were driving to the new Stock Estate outside Carson City, with Rich's Jeep on the flatbed and half of Larry's household goods in the enclosed car trailer, when on a steep uphill grade, the gear-shift lever broke off in his hand, leaving him stuck in neutral! He coasted to the side of the road, fortunately without incident, and studied the situation. After rooting around in his tool chest, he found a pair of vice-grip pliers and was able to use them in place of the shift lever to complete the journey! Since the transmission has been on its last legs for quite some time anyway, once he got to Reno, he pulled out the now-melted VISA and purchased a new transmission.

Now that virtually everything that could break or blow up (except the engine) has broken or blown up, Larry is quite sure that the rig will be as reliable as gravity.

Sure, Larry. I'd start pricing new motors if I were you...

Larry also took the time to mention that he's now a distributor for Interstate batteries. Good deals promised!

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

PCNC Can Cooler — Jim Kuehne
Hot August Nights Hat — Howard Renshaw
Sports Car Olympics Sport Bottle — Shari Stock
ZEP Coffee — Shari Stock
Amway Trim & Tire Protectant — Judy DeRyke
Luggage Tags — Rosemarie Herke

The meeting adjourned around 9:40 p.m.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1996

ONE WEEK EARLY!

8:00 P.M.

COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

November 21 ————— PCNC Meeting (One Week Early!)

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

January ?? ————— Super Bowl Party (Location TBA)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Sports Cars and All That Jazz '95

by *Roxy Fertitta*

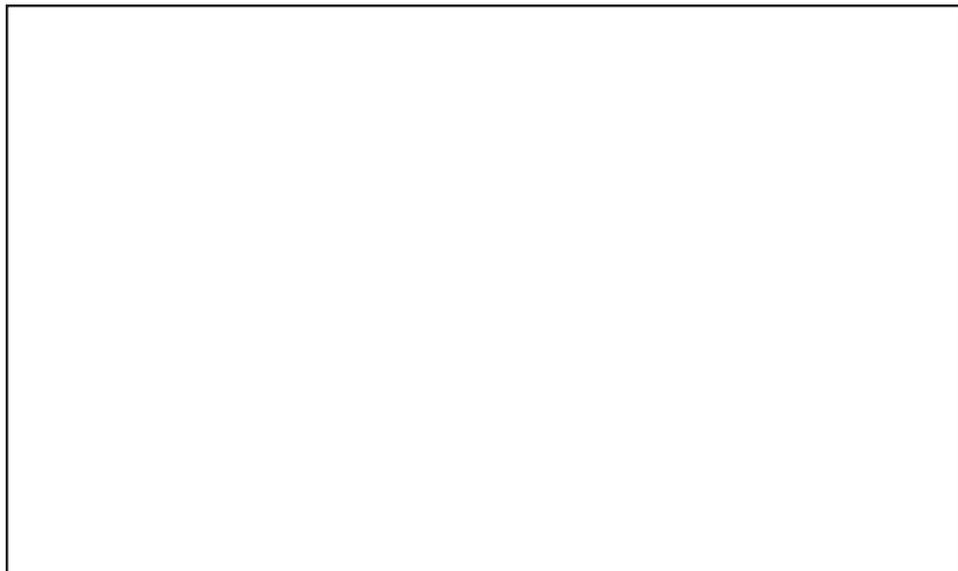
This year's SCAAT Jazz was held July 6-9 in Reno, Nevada. The weather was predicted to be warm and sunny throughout the weekend. Michael and I left from Milpitas, California about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. The traffic was fairly light, only slowing down through Sacramento. We reached Reno at about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

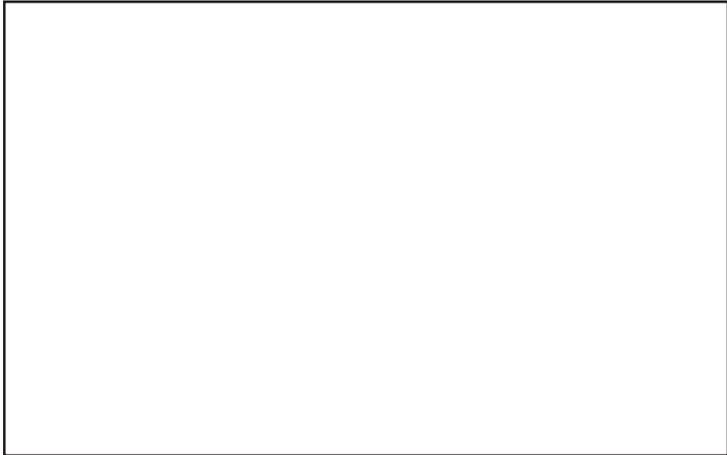


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Rally (with a perfect score!) was Reno/Tahoe Panteras president Jim Nowlin (whose residence in Incline Village perhaps gave him a bit of an advantage!). PCNC's Joe Perrucci of Santa Cruz was the Third Best Italian (the car, not him). L.A.-based POCA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



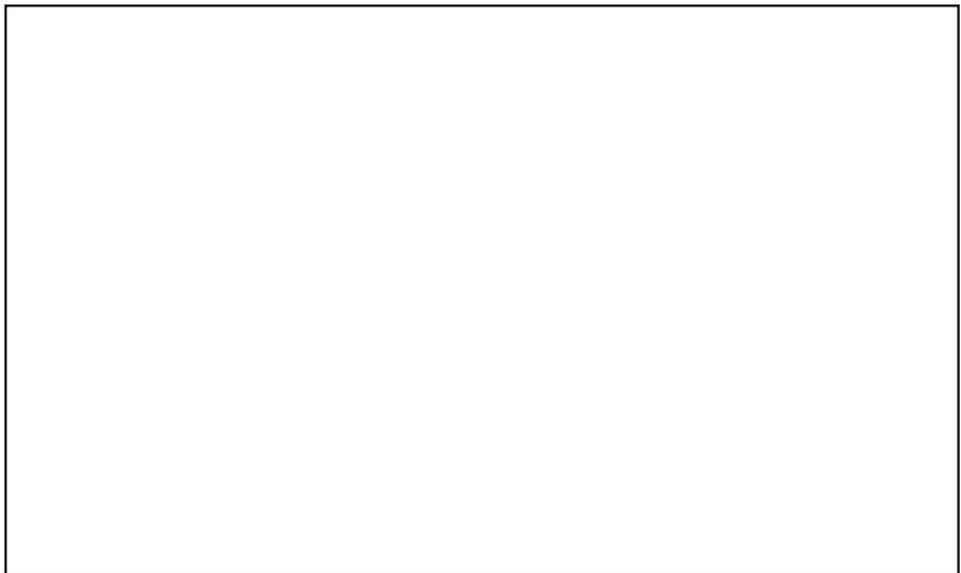
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afternoon, despite the constant sprinkling (with the top DOWN!) A beautiful 1957 Jaguar won Best of Show, and will be featured on next year's programs and posters. Other Categories were Best German, Best American (three Corvette clubs had made SCAAT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