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## Minutes of Meeting 21 November, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. All officers were present except Mike Drew who was still in Alabama attending a school. Either due to the drizzly weather or the fact that the meeting was held one week earlier than usual, there were only 18 members present (plus soon-to-be-member Steve Liebenow). One lone Pantera braved the elements and sat in the parking lot.

**New Members/Guests:** There were no new members or guests.

**Changes to Last Month's Minutes:** Judy DeRyke didn't have carpal tunnel syndrome, it was

osteoarthritis. She had surgery the morning after the meeting, and is doing fine.

**Club Library Report:** Dianne Dean contributed a copy of “In Style” magazine featuring an article on Matt LeBlanc, one of the stars of the hit TV show “Friends.” Matt has a ‘71 Pantera which is featured prominently in the article.

**Club Store Report:** Bill didn’t have much news to report this evening. He brought some sweatshirts to sell because the weather was so cold and rainy.

### **Past Events:**

**Centerpiece Making Party:** Jim and Anita Kuehne hosted a small group of club members who spent an afternoon making the centerpieces for our Christmas party. Anita was standing over the stove, and Jim was watching football, so they couldn’t report on much! The group made popcorn-ball Christmas trees, decorated with gumdrops. Sharon and Howard managed to get all 11 of them home in their Pantera!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**PCNC Superbowl Party — 26 January:** Rod Pack has once again volunteered his home for what has become an annual tradition. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Rod reports that his boat will not be ready, since he’s getting new engines installed!

**Events Proposal?** Ed Kornegay has issued an open request for input regarding the type of driving events club members would like to see. He’s more than happy to organize drag races, autocrosses, open tracks, or whatever the members want. He’d like to have a picnic for the club in conjunction with these events. He also suggested a club tour to go watch the next Shelby club track event.

### **Club Business:**

**Monterey Historic Races:** The Monterey Committee is gathering the information for this year’s flyer. We will be having a raffle again, with three prizes instead of just one, and we’ll have the barbecue and hospitality suite again as well. Bill has five rooms spoken for already. We’ll need to start promoting it soon since we have another deposit due in January.

Porsche was originally going to be the featured marque, but The Powers That Be decided to postpone them until 1998 to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Instead, next year’s marque will be Shelby, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of his team’s win at Le Mans (quick, name the two drivers and win a cookie!) Shelby as the featured marque should ensure a big crowd, and the Right Crowd at that, so sign up for your room soon!

**Honorary Members:** Larry and Shari Stock are officially members of Reno-Tahoe Panteras since they now live near Carson City, but they were voted in as Honorary Members of PCNC for the coming year.

**Las Vegas Open Track Event:** Our committee had a meeting at the centerpiece-making

party, where they heard that Joe Moore and EPA were interested in running the track event at Las Vegas. The committee was under the mistaken impression that EPA had both the experience and the budget to put on the event, when in fact they're a smaller club than PCNC, with members spread out over half the eastern states, and minimal experience actually staging track events (the annual Pocono event is partially staffed by EPA members, but the track event itself is run by the Ferrari club).

At the club meeting, Jim Kuehne raised some serious questions about our ability to afford to sponsor the Las Vegas track event and the Monterey Event, as well as our club store, etc. Based on the aforementioned erroneous assumptions, Jim Kuehne made a motion that if EPA and Joe Moore were seriously interested in running the track event, that we give it to them. The motion passed unanimously. PCNC members were still committed to helping out in any way possible.

After the club meeting, it became clear that EPA was in no position to take on the job, and once again PCNC is in the chute. Due to the financial concerns, several days later Mike Drew and Bill Hohnhorst (of San Diego Panteras) have made a motion before the POCA board that POCA underwrite all expenses associated with staging the track event. In a nutshell, POCA will provide the cash, and PCNC will provide the labor, with the profits split between the two organizations. If the event loses money, POCA alone will absorb the costs. Although the motion hasn't been formally voted on yet (the vote is expected within the next week or two), informal telephone campaigning by Mike and Bill have resulted in enough votes to pass the measure, so it's more or less a done deal.

Unfortunately, because we waited so long to formally commit to the track management, the hoped-for long track at the new speedway has been rented by another group. We have been given the 1.1 mile track to run on, with an option to upgrade to the bigger track if the other party bails out.

**CARB Campaign:** Bill has been battling the Smog monster for the past few months, trying to get his more-or-less stock Pantera to pass Smog testing. He found an internet address that covers this issue, and passed around copies of articles to share.

On a related note, see Mike's short story elsewhere in this newsletter.

**PCNC Charitable Donations:** Bill made a motion to allocate \$400 to charities, our usual amount. The motion passed unanimously. He also made a motion to choose two charities from the selection provided in the last newsletter. The winners were Guide Dogs for the Blind and Canine Companions.

**New PCNC Board Position?** Michael Fertitta proposed the club create another position called Newsletter Editor. The person in this position would create the newsletter, while the Secretary would actually attend the meetings and take the minutes. This would require a change to the club bylaws and constitution, so this must be done next year.

*(Editor's note: This proposal was actually passed several years ago, although I don't think the bylaws were changed to reflect it. If you look on the front page of this newsletter, you'll see that my title is actually "Newsletter Editor" and has been for several years now. I have also*

*been acting informally in the role of Club Secretary since we didn't elect anybody else to do it. As an aside, now that all these schools are behind me, I should once again be a more-or-less regular attendee at club meetings and functions starting in January!)*

**PCNC Motorsports Award:** The crowd briefly discussed those people eligible for the award, which will be given at the Christmas party.

**PCNC Elections:** Ellis Woumm was nominated for president, while Jim Kuehne declined his nomination. Ballots were passed out and the assembled members voted on officers and awards. The winners will be announced at the Christmas party.

### **News, Clues and Rumors:**

**Raffle Gaffe:** Everyone feel free to razz our Rafflemeister about his performance at this year's Christmas Party raffle. Mike Drew wrote letters to many parts suppliers and vendors, and Ellis Woumm made follow-up phone calls. Their efforts were rewarded with a large number of donations, but unfortunately Larry left more than half of them behind! They simply piled up in his office while he was gone and he didn't find them until the day *after* the Christmas party! The prizes will be featured at next month's meeting raffle, where the tickets will once again be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

**MORE Tow-truck woes!** Larry's Lemon had almost made its *first* successful round-trip between the Bay Area and Reno, but then it had a little, uh, *incident*. As usual, there's a funny story behind it (funny because *you're* not paying the repair bills!), this time involving the CHP, big rocks, tow trucks, fences, insurance companies, and kayaks! Come to the next meeting to hear the hysterical details! Larry's now 0-for-4, but he's not about to quit trying!

**Raffle Results:** In Larry's absence, Tony Harvey presided over the raffle, with the following results:

ZEP Big Orange cleaner — Jim Kuehne  
Guara T-shirt — Judy DeRyke  
ZEP Lemon Grime-X cleaner — Jim Kuehne  
Hot August Nights Air Freshener — Steve Liebenow

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

# *California Smog Laws*

## **Relief Is In Sight!**

*by Mike Drew*

You are probably aware of the tightening pollution emissions controls and testing, which threaten the hobby of classic-car ownership in California. In time, such controls could be enacted throughout the USA.

I recently learned that California Senator Quentin Kopp is behind a measure to return California smog laws to the way they were originally written, with a rolling 25-year window. The original smog testing bill first took effect in 1981, which is why cars 1966 and newer are tested (1966 was the first year that any pollution control standards had been set). The original intent was to only test cars 25 years and newer. However the rolling 25-year window was never implemented. Sen. Kopp is going to try to change it in '97, effective in '98. If his bill passes, this means that '72 and earlier cars will be *completely* exempt from smog inspections. '74 cars would become exempt in the year 2000.

The bill is currently labelled SB-42.

I urge all of you to write not only to Senator Kopp expressing your support, but also your own State Senator as well. Senator Kopp can be found at:

[http://www.sen.ca.gov/htbin/senator\\_profile/8](http://www.sen.ca.gov/htbin/senator_profile/8)

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As a suggestion, a letter such as the following would be appropriate:

Subject: SB-42 Exemption of vehicles over 25 years old

Senator,

I am a California resident. I support your effort to exempt vehicles over 25 years old from Smog II testing requirements. These vehicles are generally owned by enthusiasts with the intention of preserving classic automobiles, and they are driven infrequently, thereby contributing little to the total emissions in the State. It would be a shame if these classics after 1966 are forced out of California and to the scrap pile.

Thank you,

Sign it with your name, and classic-car-club affiliations.

Note: It would be a *bad* idea to write, "I support your effort to exempt vehicles over 25 years old because every time I turn my ignition key on, birds fall out of the sky, and it's a pain to have to keep bribing my way through smog inspections." Remember, do *not* say this!

# NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1997  
8:00 P.M.

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

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

January 26 ————— PCNC Superbowl Party (Rod Pack)

Anyone have any ideas for proposed events for next year? Contact the new president!

**REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

# *The Great PCNC Holiday Raffle, Part II*

Due to a slight oversight by our rafflemaster, about half the intended prizes for our Christmas Party Raffle were accidentally overlooked. Well, we've still got them, and we're going to raffle them off at the next club meeting. If for some reason you can't make it to the meeting but still want to buy tickets, contact Larry Stock or Ellis Woumm at least a week prior to the meeting, and they'll sell you tickets.