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Minutes of Meeting 27 February, 1997

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8:00 p.m. by vice-president Michael Fertitta. President Ellis Woumnm was down in Southern California looking after his Pantera's repair, while Tony Harvey and Sharon Renshaw were simply MIA. 34 club members signed the roster, and three of them indicated they had driven their Panteras (although the actual number may have been higher.)

New Members/Guests: While there were no 'new' members in the crowd, several long-time members re-appeared after long absences. **John Columbero's** kids have grown up now, so he once again has time to do the Pantera thing. He's planning on attending the Las Vegas event for the first time in several years. Also, **Marcus Smith** is back in town for awhile, working on a variety of high-

tech projects, not the least of which is getting Mike Drew's Pantera on the road, a truly noble undertaking!

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Bill Santos announced that his e-mail address (published on the front page of the newsletter) was no longer working, because *Bill* is no longer working (!) Yes, Bill was suddenly 'downsized.' The timing is fortuitous, however, for Bill's Pantera needs a little attention before he can drive it to Las Vegas in comfort. Bill's taking advantage of all this free time, and has so far replaced both his clutch slave and master cylinders, completely overhauled his air conditioning system, and will soon be tackling the exhaust! Work on the Pantera will continue until the money runs out, and then (and *only* then!) he'll once again seek gainful employment. In the meantime, his new e-mail address is now listed.

Club Library Report: Even though Sharon was absent, she sent Howard to stand in for her. He announced Sharon is working on an inventory for the library, and once she's finished it will appear in an upcoming newsletter.

Club Store Report: Bill showed off the new "Now That's Italian" t-shirts, which now not only show the back of the Pantera on the back, but also the front of the car on the front of the shirt, with the exclamation, "Mama Mia!" They're available in ash with either Italian Green or Red trim. He's also still looking for folks to man the club store.

Past Events: There were no events in February.

Upcoming Events:

Air Conditioning Tech Session — 29 March: This perennial favorite event will again be held with the primary purpose of getting our A/C systems charged for the long drive through the desert to Las Vegas. The tech session will be held at the home of Roger and Pam Sharp in Morgan Hill. Standard PCNC party Rules Of Engagement apply; bring your own meat to barbecue and a side dish to share. Larry Stock will have gobs of Freon available for a nominal fee, and will recharge your system in no time flat. He had originally planned on using his newly-purchased portable hydraulic lift, but it hasn't arrived yet, so we may have to use more barbaric means to elevate the Panteras. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for directions, etc.

Las Vegas Fun Rally — 24-28 April: Various aspects of this event were discussed at length. Howard Renshaw traditionally manages the Miss Pantera selection and chaperoning, but this year sudden events on the home front may prevent Howard from going to Las Vegas, so he's asking for help. He can still administer the contest, but may not be able to handle any of the duties at the event himself.

The Miss Pantera dinner sort of evaporated; the hotel that had originally promised a package costing around \$35 each revealed the actual price would be more than \$50 each; too rich for our blood. We'll still probably go out for dinner as a group on Friday night, however.

There was lots of discussion regarding shade, corner workers, and other aspects of the open track event. All discussion was rendered moot by the fact that the track administration yanked

the rug out from under us, and despite nine months of faithful negotiations, suddenly refused to allow us to hold the event on Friday as originally planned, due to a conflict with the air show (the track rented their entire parking lot to the Air Force for air show parking, and didn't want to deal with small-fry like us.) They offered to let us use the track on Sunday for a greatly reduced fee, but virtually everyone agreed it would be impossible to adequately staff the event if it were held on Sunday.

There was still some faint hope that the track administration might be convinced to allow us to run Friday, but the day this was being written (21 Mar), after discussions with the various parties organizing the event (Ed Kornegay, Bill Hohnhorst, Monique Eriksen and Mike Drew), the POCA board had no choice but to formally cancel the open track. Almost 30 people had already signed up, and there was a good likelihood that another 20 or so would have joined them, so the event was already in the black. Money is being refunded to all those who signed up. What remains to be seen is who will lead the effort to put on an open track event *next* year.

An alternate event will be planned for this year, probably a 'spirited drive' to a scenic location along beautiful roads, hopefully with few if any cops.

Rally to the Stock's New Spread — 20-22 June: Shari announced that in celebration of their newly purchased mondo home near Carson City, they're throwing a three-day getaway event. Details will follow later, but will probably involve some sort of convoy up to their house on Friday, with a mountain rally followed by a big barbecue and party the next day. There's lots of room in their house, so bring sleeping bags!

Weekend at Monterey — 14-17 August: Bill announced all the regular rooms have been sold, and we only have two mondo suites available. Bill is starting a waiting list for rooms. Raffle tickets for the Monterey Weekend are available, one for \$5.00, five for \$20.00. This year we will be having three winners instead of just one. (*Okay, editorial time: Michael Harper brought up what I feel is an excellent point; namely, that last year PCNC was very aggressive in marking the raffle tickets, while this year most tickets remain unsold. He proposed that the tickets be handed out to the assembled members to sell on behalf of the club (as we did last year); inexplicably, this suggestion was largely ignored. Your Humble Editor feels that we're going to take a giant bath on this raffle unless we don't all make a Herculean effort to move these tickets! Okay, I'm done with the soapbox.*)

The dinner will be \$30.00 per person and will be similar to last year's dinner; it's unknown whether we'll hold it on Friday or Saturday. Ellis has been speaking with Dave and Linda Adler of Pantera International, and has learned that there will be a dinner in honor of the DeTomaso Marque sponsored by the Concours Italiana people on Saturday night, so we might move our dinner to Friday to avoid a conflict. There was much discussion about this, with some expressing favor with the idea, other wanting to just do our own thing. The issue will be further discussed at the upcoming PCNC board meeting.

Also, he's talking with the Adlers about having a DeTomaso luncheon at the Concours Italiana on Friday. What remains to be seen is exactly how much such an endeavor would cost. PCNC has agreed to sponsor a trophy in the DeTomaso concours as well.

Club Business:

Bylaws Change: Last month's newsletter contained proposed changes to the PCNC bylaws. The assembled members voted on the proposal, which passed unanimously.

Membership Slump?: Russ reported that PCNC lost 8 members in February, according to the POCA membership roster. He thinks there might be a problem, since some of these members have been members in good standing for many years; several were in the room and expressed surprise that their membership had lapsed. The following people have fallen off our rolls: Michael Harper, Leonard Heard, Carl Kaufmann, Joe Mendes, Bill Miller, Rich O'Brien, Tom Piantanida, Steve Underwood, and Oliver Washington. These folks are encouraged to contact Russ and/or Judy McCartney (POCA membership chairman) as soon as possible to clear this up.

Brian Bernard Gets Recognition (of a sort): Brian was one-third of the team that sponsored last year's Air Conditioning Tech Session, and Russ presented him with one-third of a certificate of appreciation, complete with one-third of a frame!

News, Clues and Rumors:

It's Alive!: Mike Drew told the audience that for the first time since 1990, he had climbed into his Pantera, turned the key, started the engine, drove the car around in a parking lot and then shut it off. Yes, folks, this loose collection of very expensive Pantera parts is slowly becoming an actual automobile!

ShadeTree Mechanic Tech Session: Jack DeRyke pulled out a few Pantera axles and a hub carrier, and spent about 15 minutes discussing the ins and out of rear axle wear. He showed a worn axle and described what causes the problem, and also showed a stock worn axle that had been repaired, and a heavy-duty aftermarket unit. At the upcoming meeting, he'll be discussing a heretofore unexplored aspect of the Pantera—the differential portion of the ZF transaxle. He'll have a disassembled ZF differential as a visual aid.

Raffle Results: Larry Stock once again handled raffle chores, with the following results:

Pantera Vest — Judy DeRyke
Lucas T-Shirt — John Columbero
Edelbrock \$25 Gift Certificate — John Columbero
Car Cookies — Don Gehrig
Squeaky Clean Post Card — Doris Britschgi

The meeting then adjourned to the parking lot for tire-kicking and telling of lies...

For Sale

1974 Pantera GTS, all original, 26K miles, Burgundy/Black — \$34,000

Bill Goodwin
(510) 462-5608

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