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Minutes of Meeting 26 June, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president Ellis Woumm, looking much better now that he's out of the hospital. All officers were present except the ever-absent Mike Drew, who was winging his way across the Pacific again. 31 members signed the sign-in sheet, and there were four Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: PCNC's newest member is a fellow by name of **Chuck Melton**, who joined the club at the meeting. He's been bitten by the Pantera bug and is currently looking for a car. Steve Anderson, at his second club meeting, brought his brother-in-law **Monty** to see what this whole Pantera fuss is all about. Also, longtime POCA member **Howard Bourquin** was in the

crowd. Howard is originally from L.A., then from Oregon, and now he's temporarily stranded at Larry's condo since his Pantera blew its engine. Al Leist is rebuilding the stricken engine.

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Well, we're trying department: Seems that Rod Diridon can't get his name spelled correctly in this newsletter to save his life. This time for sure! Also, the date for the next meeting was listed as being January 30 instead of June 26. Oops. Well, in spite of the mistake plenty of people still made it to the meeting.

Club Library Report: Hmm, all officers were present, including, presumably, the librarian, but according to the notes there was no library report. Well, if there was, must not have been earth-shattering news...

Club Store Report: It's been a quiet month in the club store. Bill has purchased some more Maize Yellow polo shirts to add to our stock. We're still working on getting the shirts for Monterey produced.

Past Events:

Road Trip, Open House and BBQ at the Stock's: This trip was a resounding success, with lots of participation. 23 club members made the trek up to Carson City, NV on Friday night to hang out at the Stock's new home. The next day, the club went and toured a piston factory and Mallory ignition plant, then returned for a giant BBQ. Reno-Tahoe members brought the total number of participants up to over 40. There were 15 Panteras gathered in the driveway, plus one hulk on the trailer. Jim and Anita Kuehne were driving their '55 and '56 Chevys, and Jim managed to find his way underneath several Panteras over the course of the weekend. One of Dianne Dean's bald rear tires finally developed a threadbare spot, and Larry had to dig through his stash to find a replacement tire that would match the remaining one.

Ellis reported that he had tried to make the trip, but he was rear-ended the night before. This caused much shock and consternation, as his Pantera had been hit last August, then hit *again* in the body shop while undergoing repair for the first accident. When Ellis reported that this most recent accident had taken place in his *rental* car, there was much throwing of napkins in his general direction!

Upcoming Events:

Hearst Castle Weekend Getaway Tour — 19-20 July: Michael passed around a sign-up sheet, and will be making group reservations for the castle tour. Expatriate PCNC member Dennis Antenucci will be our surprise guest speaker, driving up from L.A. to enthrall us with his tales from the recent Silver State Challenge, in which he won his class.

Monterey Historic Race Weekend — 14-17 August: We will be drawing the winning tickets on July 26th at the San Diego Panteras swap meet. So far, we have sold 225 tickets, not enough to break even, but getting close. Linda Adler still does not have a location for the group dinner, but she says the price will be \$40. Our hospitality suite will be open from Friday evening until Sunday morning.

Nor-Cal Fabulous Fords Forever Show — 14 September: Steve Liebenow is on the board

organizing this Nor-Cal counterpart to the huge bash held at Knotts Berry Farm each year. To be held at the Great Mall of Milpitas (formerly the Ford plant where literally millions of Mustangs were built), this show will be limited to 650 Fords. Steve will be providing more details in upcoming months.

Ronald McDonald House 'Rides for Kids' Day — 21 September: This event is being organized by the local Triumph club, and Tony Harvey is our point of contact. We'll be taking critically ill children for rides in our various cars. Information concerning the event is slow in coming. It seems at this time the Triumph club (Triumph Travelers) currently has about 18 cars signed up for the event. They are still welcoming us if we wish to participate. The details are still a little up in the air at this point, but it seems they will be taking kids and family for a ride up the coast, probably to the Golden Gate bridge and have a picnic there. It should also be noted that although they think the Panteras would be great, they are also looking for some sedans in case some of the family members chose to ride together. The proposed start time is 9:00 a.m., leaving from the Ronald MacDonald House in Palo Alto. Watch for more details soon.

Santa Clara Car Show — 27 September: Doris Britschgi reminded the crowd about this show, which benefits the Santa Clara school district. Not much is known at this point, but she'll keep us posted.

"Tom Sawyer" Tech Session — Date TBA: Apparently Howard and Sharon's Pantera is ailing (don't exactly know what's wrong with it), and Sharon volunteered to throw a big BBQ if the club tech gurus would come over and fix it! Date is still unknown.

News, Clues and Rumors:

SB-42 Approaching Final Hurdles: Senate Bill 42, the Quentin Kopp proposal that would give relieve to aching Pantera owners and change our state's smog laws, has crossed most of the hurdles in its path. It was approved by the Assembly Transportation Committee on June 16th, 17-0. It will head to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on July 16th, then to the Assembly Floor for a final vote, and then to the governor for signature. Apparently Senator Kopp has received over 8,000 letters in support of his bill, and this obviously has had great bearing on its success, so keep those cards and letters coming!

Raffle Results: Larry did the raffle thing, with the following results:

Cargo hooks — Michael Fertitta
Zep Lemon GrimeX — Pam Sharp and Forest Goodhart
T-Shirt — Chuck Melton
Aero Lube spray lubricant — Jim Kuehne
Key Chain with Tire Pressure Gauge — Steve Liebenow

Tech Talk: Jack brought a stock Cleveland harmonic balancer to the meeting, and discussed the importance of having a good balancer. He showed how they can de-bond from the inside, and appear externally to be fine when in fact they're ruined. Some balancers have a paint stripe across them to show where they are supposed to be aligned.

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

Running With The Pros

by Ed Kornegay

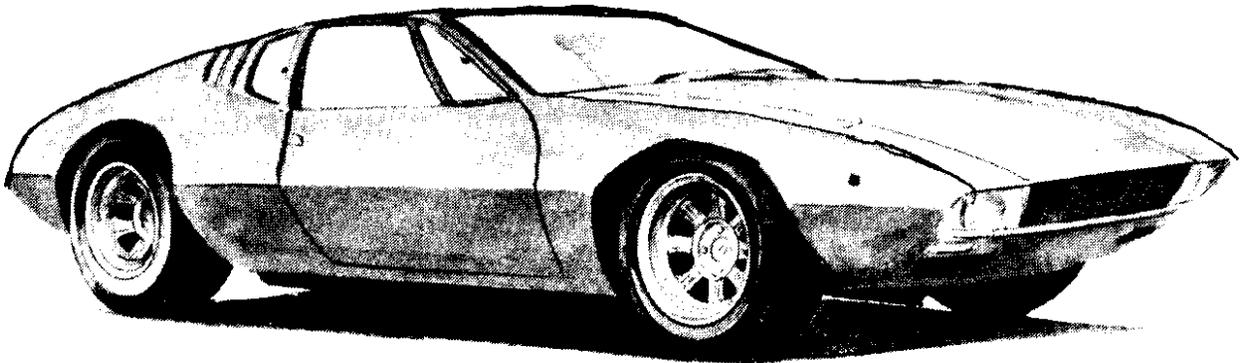
The pace car gave us the signal to fire our engines. I could hear the loud rumble from Rusty Wallace's Stock car directly behind me. The car directly in front of me was being driven by Ernie Ervan. Back behind Rusty was Rick Mast followed by Hut Stricklin. I fire my engine, hoping that my track experience with CFRA has prepared me for this.

The pace car moves out. Ernie Ervan seems unconcerned that I'll be right off his back bumper. Within a few minutes the pace car pulls to the side and we have the signal to go. I pull along the outside of Ervan trying for position. He stays with me for a moment or two and then falls back. I'm now in front with Wallace charging hard on my tail. Stricklin takes his Ford and thumps the rear bumper of the race car of Rick Mast. Not a whack to crack glass but enough that Mast gives Stricklin the one-fingered salute. I was hoping that Rusty wouldn't do the same to me. I had seen him pull up earlier in his rental Taurus and give one of his crew a bump as they pulled in. I hope he wasn't practicing for today.

As I moved for an inside position, Rusty blew by me on the outside. I was able to hold off Mast. I'm sure Rusty only got by me because I was distracted by the helicopters filming overhead and the cheering and waving fans. Soon I was back around Wallace but Ervan was again in front of me.

Going two wide through corners was a new experience. I was able to take the lead one or two more times but never able to hold it for long. I even let Mast and Stricklin get ahead of me a few times. By the end, I lost one position to Mast but held off Stricklin.

I'm sure you're thinking that I've made this all up. I can assure you that every word I've written is true. This experience didn't happen on the race track but on the Golden Gate Bridge and through down town San Francisco. The event was put on to promote the NASCAR race at Sears Point and the 45 mph speed limit on the bridge. I drove the Camera Car for Sears Point. And to say the least, I had a great time! So the next time you pass me on the track you should feel very good knowing that you just passed someone who has done the same to Ernie Ervin, Rusty Wallace, Rick Mast and Hut Stricklin!



NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1997
8:00 P.M.

COCO'S RESTAURANT
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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July 19-20 ————— Hearst Castle Weekend Getaway Tour (Michael Fertitta)

August 14-17 ————— Monterey Historics Weekend (Tony Harvey)

September 14 ————— Nor-Cal Fabulous Fords Forever Show (Steve Liebenow)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH