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## Minutes of Meeting 31 July, 1997

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Michael Fertitta at 8:03. Ellis Woumm was feeling a bit under the weather and thus wasn't able to attend the meeting. Additionally, rafflemaster Larry Stock was AWOL, but Tony Harvey filled in for him. According to the sign-in sheet, there were 32 club members present, and four Panteras in the parking lot.

**New Members/Guests:** A new face in the crowd was that of **Tom Lyons**. He's a friend of the Fertittas, and drives a 300ZX like they do. He came along on our Hearst Castle weekend, and Ellis let him drive his Pantera for awhile. Of course, now he's hooked, and is joining up to learn more, and probably buy one himself!

**Changes to Last Month's Minutes:** Only one typo was noted, new member Doug Kelm's name was misspelled.

**Club Library Report:** Sharon reported the full contents of the PCNC library were available in the trunk of their Pantera. A full inventory will be published in next month's newsletter. She promises.

**Club Store Report:** Bill showed off the new t-shirts commemorating the DeTomaso presence at the Monterey Historics weekend (with genuine Roxanne Fertitta artwork), on sale now for \$15, and wonderful sweatshirts for \$20. Bill announced a Special Deal: If you show your car in the Concours Italiano, you can get your first shirt for 1/2 off if you display it during the day (either by wearing it, or having it on display inside your car.) The shirts will be available in our hotel gift shop, and we're still investigating the prospects of selling them at the concours itself.

Bill also showed an 8x10 photo of the Fremont Street display, and asked if there was any interest in getting a poster-sized version. Unlike displays of old, the existing Fremont Street display doesn't photograph particularly well, and the photo was received with a resounding yawn. Bill also reminded the members present that he had a supply of 5-watt bulbs to replace the cheesy 3-watt bulbs in the Pantera's speedo and tach, these for \$3 each.

Finally, Bill proposed to have our generic logo design put into a computer so we can embroider our design in large size on the back of jackets, etc. The set-up fee would be \$350. We've done this before with the same logo in a smaller size, which is now widely used on our golf shirts, hats and patches, and we've long ago recouped our initial investment. A motion was made and passed.

### **Past Events:**

**"Fix Whatever Ails Ya" Tech Session:** PCNC once again gathered at the home of Pam and Roger Sharp for a day of fixing whatever was broken, and eating and drinking everything in sight. 14 Panteras were present at one point, while nine Panteras received repairs of one sort or another. Bill Santos replaced his steering rack by himself, simply taking a few pointers from time to time. Dianne Dean got new tires installed, Brian Gentry installed a new speedo cable, and Dave Crego got his air conditioning recharged. Shari Stock continued to soldier away at installing her A/C system (she'll have it working by wintertime, for sure!) Ellis was saddened to discover his chassis had been broken into three separate pieces by the tow truck (!), but Roger went to work with his MiG welder and eventually had it whole again. Lee Scales turned his car over to a crew of five who completely overhauled his brakes (they pulled his proportioning valve, gutted it, re-welded the cap back on, worked on the calipers and pads, and installed a new master cylinder) and also installed bronze window gears. Meanwhile, Lee went to work at the BBQ, where he had brought Tri-tips for everyone.

Furthermore, the overwhelming support displayed at the tech session encouraged new member Chuck Melton enough that he drove down to Santa Cruz and purchased a beautiful red Pantera that same day! Our thanks were again given to the Sharps, who announced their intention to hold one more tech session later in the fall!

**Hearst Castle Tour:** This event was a smash success. A total of seven Panteras hit the road, as well as two Nissans, a Camaro, a Shelby Mustang and a 427 Cobra replica, to drive down the

coast to visit Hearst Castle. After visiting the castle, we retired to our hotel, had a nice dinner, and then enjoyed a tech talk by expatriate PCNC member Dennis Antenucci. The next morning, we went shopping in Cambria (where Jack DeRyke purchased a rare matchbox Pantera in an antique shop), then we wandered on some secondary (and tertiary) roads, where a few people suffered minor paint scratches to the undersides of their cars. The roads lead to Paso Robles where we checked out several wineries, including a nice Dianne Dean-catered picnic at the Arciero place. From there, it was onto beautifully deserted back roads for a high-speed run to Tres Pinos, or at least until Jim Kuehne's ignition conked out. A 45-minute rest stop ensued, during which Mike did high-speed braking tests and modified the bias on both his Cobra and GT-350. Under way again, the group rolled into Tres Pinos and enjoyed a terrific meal. There was no mystery U-turn like the last Fertitta-led tour, although they almost missed a road once.

Look for the full story elsewhere in this newsletter.

**San Diego Swap Meet:** While this was a San Diego Panteras event, eight PCNC members made the trek to Alan Foster's house to check it out, and hopefully buy and sell parts. There were over 120 people there, with lots of great stuff for sale, including Mangusta wheels, a fuel cell from a race Pantera, two sets of Weber carbs (one plumbed for nitrous), and even a beautiful red '86 GT5-S. After the event, most of the PCNC folks had a fine Mexican dinner with some SDP and POCA luminaries. Larry sold some stuff, but (predictably) purchased more than he sold, including a Dash-1 ZF and a pristine front hood, which was nearly smashed when a 17-inch wheel and tire fell on top of it (!) during the drive home.

**Upcoming Events:** The next few months will be *very* busy for us!

**Monterey Historic Race Weekend — 14-17 August:** The drawing for the Monterey Historic Raffle was held at the San Diego Swap Meet. POCA raffle babe Freddie Peak pulled the tickets out of the box. Third prize was won by Howard Bourquin (who attended a few PCNC meetings a few months back while temporarily living in Larry's condo), second prize by an embarrassed Freddie Peak (pulled her own ticket!) and first prize was won by—Howard Bourquin again! Howard had only purchased five tickets at a PCNC meeting several months back, so he was really surprised! As he already had accommodations, his room is going to the first person on our waiting list. It was noted that Dave Adler of Pantera International purchased several raffle tickets, a very sporting gesture, greatly appreciated by us all. We just barely managed to pass the break-even point, due to the last-minute sales at the swap meet. Tony Harvey, Michael Harper and Larry Stock were the top three ticket-sellers.

The Hospitality Suite will be open from 9:00 a.m. Friday morning to 12:00 noon on Sunday, and will be looked after by the hotel staff. POCA members who are coming to the event only for the day still have access to the hotel facilities (swimming pool, etc.) and there's a changing room in the hospitality suite. At the swap meet, Gary Hall reached into his pocket and donated \$50 to the hospitality suite. Thanks Gary!

The Concours Italiana has over 100 DeTomasos registered, and is now closed to additional entries. However, there will be an Italian parking lot across the way where overflow Panteras will be shown. Participants displaying their cars can pre-position them on Thursday evening, and the area will be under the watchful eye of armed guards. Otherwise, participants need to position their cars between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning. Participants also get entry

and hors d'oeuvres for two people included with the price to display their cars. Spectator tickets to the concours can be ordered in advance by calling (206) 688-1903, while discount race tickets can be had by phoning (800) 327-7322, through August 8th. Pantera International will have Laguna Seca corral parking Saturday and Sunday, including shade and a catered luncheon on Saturday, available for \$30. Furthermore, they will be sponsoring the giant DeTomaso marque dinner on Saturday evening for \$40. For tickets, you can phone Linda Adler at (714) 848-6674.

Russ Britschgi mentioned that expatriate PCNC members Chris and Chandler Bupp will be staying with us, and celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary!

**Blast on the Grass Car Show — 24 August:** Mike Coffel will again honcho the Pantera contingent at this show in Petaluma, where we were well-received last year. He'll have refreshments, shade, and a goodie bag for all participants. Check elsewhere for a flyer, and phone Mike with any questions.

**Sports Car Olympics — 30 August-1 September:** This event at Boreal Ridge will again be held over Labor Day weekend. Several PCNC and Reno-Tahoe club members will be making the trek up there; see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

**Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show — 14 September:** Steve Liebenow is the point of contact for this huge show, which will be a counterpart to the festival at Knott's Berry Farm each year. It will be held at the Great Mall of Milpitas, which in a former life was the Ford plant where many vintage Mustangs were built. Only the first 650 entrants will be admitted, and there will be all sorts of goodies handed out. Time is growing short for entry, so hop to it! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

**2nd Annual Mission City Classique Car Show — 29 September:** Doris Britschgi is the point of contact for this car show, held in Santa Clara. The proceeds from the show benefit the Santa Clara school district and the local PAL. Although room is getting tight (!) the flyer will appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

**All-Italian Car Show — 5 October:** This show is a low-key benefit for the Alameda Special Olympics, and features great food and traditional Italian music. Doug Abadie already has his Pantera and super-trick Ducati entered, and Guy Dellavecchia will probably bring his Ferrari 308 GT4 Dino. Set the date aside on your calendar, and check out the flyer in this newsletter (if there's still room!)

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

**PCNC Pantera Wins Recognition and Awards:** PCNC's newest member is a fellow named Doug Kelm, who purchased his Pantera from Doug Morgan in Napa, who in turn had purchased it from still-member and past-president Gary Berger. Doug Kelm drove the Pantera all the way to his home in Minnesota (!), for sure the longest trip of its life, and the only mechanical problem he encountered was a headlight switch that flaked out, forcing him to drive only during the day. He later took the car to the national Shelby meet at Elkhart Lake, entered the car show and won first prize in the Pantera category! Furthermore, although he probably doesn't even know it yet, his car is featured in full color as the sole car on the Concours Italiana

publicity flyers, and in all likelihood will be on the cover of the program! It appears to be a photo shot during the Gary Berger ownership days.

**Larry Stock Announces New Pantera Products:** Bill Santos mentioned that after a six-month wait, Larry has original, OEM Pantera headliner kits in stock. Several club members had already ordered them, and were glad to hear they'd arrived.

**On A Related Note...:** Bill Santos announced that Larry has another new product in the pipeline, for Shari is pregnant! There were some minor complications at first, and some question as to whether she was or not, but she's now barfing her guts out and loving it!

**New Car In The Club:** New member Chuck Melton blasted down to Santa Cruz the day of our last tech session, and got a great deal on a Ferrari-red '72L Pantera with blacked-out trim. He's been tinkering with #4580 fixing a few minor things, but generally enjoying it, and adding to the 77K miles already on the clock.

**PCNC Longevity Pins:** Doris Britschgi announced that she'd had some name badges produced which celebrated continuous membership for five-year increments. The full list of presentees will appear elsewhere in this newsletter, but some people were in the room and were thus able to take delivery of their pins, namely Dianne Dean and Bill Santos for 20 years, Howard and Sharon Renshaw for 10 years, and Brian Bernard for 5 years.

**DeTomaso In The News:** Whether it's due to DeTomaso being the featured marque at the Concours is a point of speculation, but lately it seems you can't turn around without seeing mention of DeTomaso in the automotive media. The August issue of *European Car* featured a road test of the Guara written by POCA member Matt Stone, while the September issue featured a Matt Stone-penned profile of Tom Tjaarda, and a timeline of Italian car history (also by Matt) featuring DeTomasos heavily. Meanwhile, the Aug/Sep issue of *Sports Car International* had a small photo of the Guara on the cover, and an extremely favorable road test inside. Finally, the British magazine *Thoroughbred & Classic Cars* had a reprint of the Peter Dron article on DeTomaso (first published in a London newspaper, and reprinted in the last *POCA Profiles*) and a nice test of the only right-hand-drive Vallelunga ever produced. So hie thee on down to your local purveyor of automotive magazines and stock up!

**SB-42 Sidelined:** After steaming through the halls of government like a juggernaut, Senate Bill 42 (the one that would institute a rolling window on smog checks) was sidelined by the Assembly Appropriations Committee, on a minor technicality it turns out. The bill has been placed in the 'hold' file, which isn't as grim as it sounds—apparently it's a fairly routine stumbling block for legislation, especially legislation that potentially reduces state income. The names, phone numbers and (where available) e-mail addresses of *all* the members of the committee are listed elsewhere in this newsletter; take a few moments and write or call them, it's really important that this stalled legislation gets under way again!

**Mangusta Up For Grabs:** There's a green 1970 Mangusta for sale in the classified section of *AutoWeek* magazine that could probably be had for a very reasonable price. It's listed as being outstanding, unrestored, original with 27K miles. Call (310) 392-6945 if your checkbook will allow.

**Raffle Results:** With Larry Stock missing, Tony Harvey stepped in and did the raffle thing. And the winners were:

- Inflatable Turtle (?) — Pam Sharp
- St. Pauli Girl posters — Forest Goodhart (2), Russ Britschgi
- DeTomaso Logo Decal — Mike DeRyke
- ZEP Cleaner — Chuck Melton
- Computer Wrist Pad — Forest Goodhart
- PCNC Visor — Dave Grego

The meeting adjourned at 9:23, and a small group stuck around and checked out Chuck's new Pantera.

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## A Note From The Librarian...

*Sharon Renshaw has tabulated the club points for the most active member for the first half of 1997. Currently, Mike Drew is in 3rd position, Russ Britschgi in 2nd and Jack DeRyke is the leader. Final points calculations will take place in November, and awards will be presented at the Christmas Party in December.*

### *Last-minute Upcoming Event!*

*Steve Mooney has been looking for an excuse to throw a house-warming party for the club at his new home in Alameda. He's just finished detailing the garage to complement his beautiful GT5, and now he's blown his brand-new engine! The timing couldn't be better!*

*So plan on picking up your wrenches and coveralls, and making your way to Steve's home on Saturday, 20 September for an engine-pulling party. The standard PCNC party rules will be in effect— Steve will provide drinks and a BBQ, everyone else brings their own meat and a side dish to share. A flyer with a map will appear in next month's newsletter. For more details, give him a call at (510) 864-1962.*

# NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 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

- August 14-17 ————— Monterey Historics Weekend (Tony Harvey)
- August 24 ————— Blast On The Grass Car Show (Mike Coffel)
- August 30-September 1 ————— Sports Car Olympics (Russ Britschgi)
- September 14 ————— Fabulous Fords Forever Show (Steve Liebenow)
- September 20 ————— Engine Pulling Tech Session & BBQ (Steve Mooney)

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

## ***SB42 Held Up in Assembly Appropriations Committee***

The next hearing will be held near the end of August—the exact date will be set in the middle of August. The committee general phone number for questions and for registering your opinion: 916-322-4323. Note that they use caller ID to verify your location and keep multiple calls from the same number from having extra influence. So call from work, and keep moving from one phone to another!

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