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Minutes of Meeting 30 October, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 by president Ellis Woummn. All officers were present except Larry Stock (on a business trip to Italy) and Sharon Renshaw (Howard was busy playing the Grim Reaper in a Halloween play!) As near as can be accounted for, there were 34 members present. (The sign-in sheet needs to be attended to more carefully!) Furthermore, there were a full 11 Panteras in the parking lot, a terrific cars-to-members ratio!

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Keith Gilmore**, who has dreamed of owning a Pantera for 25 years. He found out about PCNC while surfing the web. He discovered Russ

Britschgi's phone number on Shane Ingate's web page, they spoke for awhile, and then Keith came to the Mission City Classique car show, and totally fell in love with the Panteras there. He fully intended to join the club, find out as much information as he could, wait about a year or so, and then make a careful, reasoned purchase, but then, oops, he accidentally bought a Pantera instead! He's the proud new owner of \$4440, a '72 L in the original tomato red. He admits he doesn't know a lot about Panteras, to which Roger Sharp quipped, "Don't worry, you'll learn soon enough!" He purchased his 26K mile original car from a non-member in Mountain View who had owned two of them. The only noticeable deviation from stock is the fitment of period wire wheels! Keith joined the club at the meeting (which was his first.)

Also in the room was a young Mountain View firefighter named **Jason Allen**. He had stopped in for about 10 minutes at a club meeting several months ago. Like Keith, he had found us through the web, and had intended to join the club, 'go to school' on other member's cars and eventually purchase one. Instead, he found a nice car and just bought it! He arrived at the meeting driving #2833, a '72 Pre-L, in a nice charcoal color. He bought it from the previous owner (who lived in Aptos, another non-member) with 48K miles on the clock.

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted, not even a single typo!

Club Store Report: Bill showed his limited run of hooded sweatshirts with the PCNC logo, some regularly offered shirts, and his usual wide variety of club store goodies. He also announced that Larry had found two full boxes of 'Join PCNC' business cards; Bill said he'd distribute them at the upcoming tech session, and at the next meeting.

Club Business:

Change of Bylaws: Russ discussed the proposed separation of Bill Santos' two traditional duties of club store manager and club treasurer. Bill wants to keep running the store, but finds the double duty of treasurer to be a bit too much. Bill said that he only spends a few hours a month balancing the books and writing the checks. He further stated that his goal is to not only reduce his workload, but also to let somebody else become more involved in the club, to diversify the club bloodline if you will. Among other things, this can help generate new ideas. The proposed amended bylaws were discussed, and no changes offered; they will be reprinted in this newsletter, and voted on next month.

Nominations for Club Officers: There are currently four offices which will need to be filled by elections. As of this writing there are only four candidates! A ballot will be included in this newsletter; additionally, ballots will be distributed at the next meeting, with the results announced at the Christmas party. Nominations will be held open through the beginning of the upcoming meeting, in case anyone is interesting in becoming further involved in the club!

The current nominees are:

President: Ellis Woumm (seeking an unprecedented second term.)

Membership Chairman: Russ Britschgi

Newsletter Editor: Mike Drew

Treasurer (new office): Anita Kuehne

Don Gerig Report: Bill reported that he and Dianne Dean visited Don for three hours a few weeks ago, they all went out to lunch and had a great time. Don is in really great spirits, all things considered. He appreciates hearing from club members, and photos from club events would be especially nice.

Past Events:

Mission City Classique Car Show: Doris reported that six Panteras made it to this benefit car show, double last year's participation. At least one new member was recruited into the fold (Keith, mentioned above), and Roger and Elena Thomas' Pantera received the Entrant's Choice award.

All-Italian Car Show in Alameda: Three Panteras were on the grass at this benefit for the Alameda chapter of the Special Olympics, orchestrated by the Alfa Romeo club. Doug Abadie and Russ and Doris Britschgi had their repeat-attender Panteras there, as well as Steve Mooney, who chose this event to debut his recently-completed GT5 conversion. Guy Dellavecchia and Chrisanne Beebe were also there, in Guy's Ferrari 308 GT4 Dino.

The weather was beautiful, the cars showed well, but at the end of the day Russ suffered a minor mechanical problem when his car refused to start! The initial diagnosis was a flat battery, so Doug ambled his Pantera into position and tried to jump-start him. Not only did Russ' car not start, but Doug's car then promptly boiled over! Eventually the starter solenoid was diagnosed as the source of the problem.

The assembled gang all pitched in to push-start the car, but Russ repaid their kindness by booting the gas when the car caught, lurching away and dumping all the pushers face-first onto the pavement! Doris in particular wound up with some cuts and bruises; she managed to keep the blood off the interior, but the conversation must have been interesting on the ride home!

Checkered Flag Open Track: Only three Panteras made it onto the track for this year's Thunderhill event due to several people having mechanical and/or vendor problems. Several club members drove up to the track to spectate, however. Despite the lack of Pantera participation, the event still made money, and will happen again next year. The new section of Thunderhill will make the track 3.0 miles long, and is reported to be, quote, 'very cool.'

Upcoming Events:

PCNC November Meeting — 20 November: Just a reminder, due to Thanksgiving the PCNC meeting will be held one week early, at the same time and location.

PCNC Christmas Party — 6 December: There's only one more meeting left to sign up for the annual club bash, which will be held at the Acorn restaurant in Atherton. Anita Kuehne checked out motels in the area, and found them to be within staggering distance, but unfortunately somewhat expensive (over \$100 a night.) One will offer a discount for five or more

rooms rented, so contact Anita if you're interested. She also found one nearby motel that offered rooms by the hour!

PCNC Superbowl Party — 25 January: At the time of the meeting, no venue had been chosen for this annual tradition. Brian Bernard piped up and volunteered the use of his home, complete with 6x8 foot home theater TV screen! Watch for a flyer in an upcoming newsletter.

Silver State Challenge — May 1998: The challenge is being issued by Dennis Antenucci. The organizers of the event are willing to make DeTomaso the featured marque and offer a 10% discount if 10 or more cars will sign up to participate. So far, seven people have signed on and several others have expressed interest. If you're even remotely interested in going fast, you should consider running this event, even at a reduced speed in one of the junior classes. For your entry fee, you get one day of open track at the Las Vegas speedway, an awards banquet, car show, etc. etc. The feds have taken over ownership and maintenance of the road, and are doing repairs now; they may repave sections of it (particularly the whoops) sometime soon, maybe prior to May.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Shari Stock Update: The ladies reported that Shari has gained 15 lbs and is doing fine; the baby girl will be named Madison. Delivery should coincide neatly with another Tour to the Stocks party/baby shower!

Driven By Passion: Mike reported on an interesting incident that took place when he and Steve Mooney took Steve's car out for a photo shoot. See the story elsewhere in this newsletter...

Raffle Results: With Larry busy in Italy, the stand-in Larry (Tony Harvey) did his stuff, with the following results:

Gourmet Coffee — Chuck Melton
T-Shirt — Judy DeRyke
Zep Sunglasses — Pam Sharp
PCNC Insulated Mug — Kathy Hills
DeTomaso sticker — Kim Kuehe
Car Air Freshener — Anita Kuehne
Luggage Tags — Forest Goodhart, Judy DeRyke
Armor All wipers — Judy DeRyke, Mike DeRyke

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot to ogle the newly seen Panteras of Steve, Keith and Jason.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

8:00 P.M.

ONE WEEK EARLY!

COCO'S RESTAURANT

1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY

SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

December 6 ————— Christmas Party (Dianne Dean/Anita Kuehne)

January 25 ————— Super Bowl Party (Brian Bernard)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Pantera Lust

by Mike Drew

It started out as just another ordinary assignment for POCA. I was to meet up with the owner of a particularly noteworthy DeTomaso, and arrange for a photo shoot in order to create a feature article for PROFILES, the POCA quarterly magazine. Long ago I had decided that when Steve Mooney's GT5 Pantera was complete, it would be featured in the magazine, so upon hearing that it was up and running, I made arrangements to meet him and drive to a scenic spot, camera in hand.

Steve is a longtime resident of the East Bay, and said he knew some terrific back roads in the Oakland hills. After a bit of freeway droning, we found ourselves on a twisty mountain road with a 35 mph speed limit. Steve was 'exercising' the car a bit, but not more than about 15 mph over the limit. We came hustling around a corner, when we met a police car coming the other way. Steve glanced in the mirror and said, "Uh-oh, he's turning around. I'm not going to make him work for it, I'll pull over at the next opportunity."

Around the next bend we discovered a very large pull-off area, and Steve quickly pulled off the road and drove towards the far end. We happened to notice there was an old El Camino parked at the near end of this pullout, but didn't take any notice of it.

What we didn't know at the time was that inside this El Camino were two teenagers. And it happened that these teenagers were both *completely naked!* Furthermore, these teenagers were doing what all teenagers do when they're stark naked in an automobile in a secluded spot.

The thing is, when the Pantera went rumbling past and came to stop some 75 feet in front of them, the guy *stopped!* He looked out the windshield and said, "Hey, what kind of car is that?" To which his girlfriend undoubtedly replied, "Huh?" "Check it out, it's a bitchin' lookin' car, maybe a Lamborghini or somethin'!" So the guy was looking at the Pantera, while his frustrated girlfriend was scowling at him, and thus neither of them noticed the police car that silently glided to a halt behind them.

The officer started walking up the road, and as he passed the El Camino his keen powers of observation led him to a startling conclusion. "Hey! These people are *completely*

naked!" With instincts honed by over 20 years of law enforcement experience, he concluded, "This bears further investigation!"

He had his ticket book and pen in his hand, so he reached out and tapped on the window with the end of his pen.

Reaction inside the car was immediate. The guy looked over and saw a police officer standing alongside of him. He immediately knew he was in trouble, because he had been Doing Something Wrong. However, perhaps because seeing the Pantera had thrilled him to the point of distraction, or perhaps because most of his blood was currently located in an organ other than his brain, the guy apparently *forgot that he was naked!*

He casually rolled down the window, and in his best singsong "Who, me?" voice, calmly said, "Why, what seems to be the problem officer?"

His girlfriend, in the meantime, was having an apoplectic fit, frantically trying to conceal her obvious nudity, and began tapping her guy on the arm to get him to follow suit. He was initially irritated at her incessant interruptions, saying, "Honey, I'm talking to the officer here!" He finally glanced over at her, then noticed her state of undress. He then glanced down and saw his similar state, and the realization suddenly hit! DOOP!

The officer retreated to a discreet distance to allow them time to get dressed again, and while there, Steve went over and introduced himself, and issued the Secret Handshake which indicated he was a member of the brotherhood of officers. All talk of *Steve's* ticket was immediately dismissed. However, we stuck around chuckling while the teenagers were issued a citation for indecent exposure, etc. and after they left, as a second officer had arrived (this one on a motorcycle) we staged a nice photo shoot of Steve supposedly receiving a ticket from these two. It's a perfectly classic setup, and the resultant photos turned out great! Look for them in the next issue.

The lesson from all this is, if you should happen to find yourself being pulled over, do whatever you can to stop near people who are doing something worse (or at least more interesting) than you were!