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Minutes of Meeting 29 January, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Ellis Woumm shortly after 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for librarian Sharon Renshaw and Events Dude Tony Harvey. The room was completely packed; not everyone signed in but at one point the secretary counted 45 members and five guests! There were five Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: Several new faces could be found in the crowd. **Arnold and Virginia Peterson** are the proud owners of a late '71 Pantera, #1417 which has been in storage since 1978. They are the third owners of the car, and they recently brought it out of storage and are making it roadworthy once again. 1971 Panteras were available in many more hues than later years; theirs is a

beautiful Bronze Metallic. Arnold held up a laser-printed photo of the car, which Roger snatched and said, “We’ll have that and pass it around, thanks!”

Next up were **Gary Glenn and Mary Frey**, who purchased their immaculate ‘74 Pantera from Dick Allen in Brentwood. As many may recall, Dick had this orange car plus a yellow ‘73; when he purchased Rod Pack’s twin-supercharged ‘71, something had to go.

Finally we heard from **Mike Chaba**, who many of us met at the Superbowl party. He has a silver ‘72 Pre-L that he recently purchased with 120K miles on the clock. Everything is a bit worn as you might expect, but it runs great and everything works. He plans to slowly fix it up while continuing to enjoy driving it.

It was also announced that the very next day, Lee and Heide Hinckley would be having a baby, so that represents another new club member! Also, Lee recently added to his DeTomaso fleet by purchasing a Longchamp Spyder! Hopefully they’ll bring both of them to our next tech session and party!

Changes to Last Month’s Minutes: There were no changes noted.

Club Library Report: As the librarian was absent, there was no report.

Club Store Report: Bill Santos, now relieved of the burden of Club Treasurer, gave a quick store report, in which he announced that he had a large supply of ‘hybrid’ T-shirts and sweatshirts available at a bargain rate. Seems the shirt printer got confused, and printed 100 T-shirts with the Monterey logo on the back, but the Pantera Parts Connection logo on the front. These were first made available at the Superbowl party, and would be available at this meeting; following the meeting all remaining stock would be sold to Larry. The price was \$5.00 for t-shirts and \$10.00 for sweatshirts.

Club Treasury Report: For the first time, the newly-appointed Treasurer, Anita Kuehne, gave a report. The members long ago decided we would not publish specifics in the newsletter, but basically the treasury is healthy, although not ridiculously so.

New Business:

Don Gerig Tribute: Ellis briefly mentioned the passing of Don Gerig, which was announced in last month’s newsletter. He read a card we received from his wife Jane, thanking us for our continued support.

Shelby Club Newsletter Exchange: Mike Drew told the crowd that we had voted on and implemented an arrangement to mutually exchange newsletters with the Nor-Cal Shelby Club, but then several years back inexplicably stopped sending copies to them. They have been sending us newsletters this whole time. Mike presented Ellis with several years back issues of the Shelby newsletter and made a motion to once again include them on our mailing list. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Party Volunteers Needed—Oh Wait, Never Mind...: Ellis told the crowd we

needed somebody to head up this year's Christmas party, and before he finished speaking Kathy Gentry volunteered herself and Brian! When Roger asked if he knew anything about it, Brian said, "I do now!"

Miss Pantera Dinner Organizer Needed: Traditionally Shari Stock manages this event, held on Friday evening at the Las Vegas event, but this year, just because she'll have a four-week old baby, she's flaking out! So Ellis put forth the request for somebody else to step forward and take on the project. Roger suggested if nothing came together, he'd throw a barbecue in the parking lot! Nothing was decided, but if you're interested, let Ellis know pronto!

Track Event Hopeful: Ellis gave a quick summary of Ed Kornegay's activities in the past month. As of this writing, we still don't have a firm track reservation. Turns out there are two tracks available in the area, and we're negotiating with both tracks. The first one that comes through with a firm, written contract will get the deal. We're fairly optimistic that we'll have something in the next month or so.

Club Store Event: Bill has decided not to honcho the club store at Las Vegas this year; he'll procure all the merchandise but will turn over administration to somebody else. The PCNC board has decided to make managing the store into a club event, and was looking for somebody to organize the affair. Jim Kuehne volunteered himself and Roger Sharp; when asked if *he* knew anything about it, Roger replied, "I do now!"

Past Events:

Christmas Party Review: Anita Kuehne and Dianne Dean got a round of applause for their efforts in organizing our Christmas party. Not much was said, since there was a long article in the past newsletter.

World of Motorsports Show: This event wasn't as well-attended or well-liked as in years past. Nobody really felt like talking about it, other than to say the dinner afterwards was nice. See Russ' article in last month's newsletter for the details.

Superbowl Party: Brian Bernard would have received thanks from the crowd, except he missed the meeting. The party was a terrific success with 45 people and 11 Panteras present; see the story elsewhere in this newsletter for the details.

Upcoming Events:

Events Schedule Published: Since Tony was absent, Michael Fertitta announced that a full events schedule had been included in the January newsletter (which was mailed a little late and thus not everyone got it before the meeting.)

Blackhawk Tour and Mt. Diablo Drive — 15 February: Michael has quickly organized an event to be held in February, a tour of the Behring Auto Museum at Blackhawk. This is the first part of a Planes, Trains and Automobiles trilogy of events. A group will meet on Sunday, 15 February at 10:00 a.m. in the Baker's Square parking lot in Milpitas and convoy up to Blackhawk. Others can meet the group at the museum; our tour is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Weather permitting, a Mt. Diablo Hill Climb will follow. A late lunch/early dinner stop will round out the day. See the flyer in the last newsletter for all the details.

CFRA Autocross — 19 February: Ed Kornegay has organized an autocross to be held in the Sears Point parking lot on Thursday, 19 February. For more details, give Ed a call.

PCNC Swap Meet and Pre-Las Vegas Inspection — 7 March: The first of our two Pre-Las Vegas tech sessions will be held at Roger and Pam Sharp's place on Saturday, 7 March. Standard club party rules (bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share) will apply. Since Shari is due to give birth sometime in March, Larry may or may not be able to attend. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Air Conditioning Tech Session — 28 March: The second tech session of the month will again be held at the Sharp's place. Details of who will be doing the A/C work are still unresolved, as Shari announced she will have a death-grip on Larry and won't let him play with cars in March!

Craig Breedlove Shop Tour and Bring Your Own Chair Party — Date TBA: Mike Drew announced his intention to organize a tour of Craig Breedlove's shop in Rio Vista, enabling us to see the Spirit of America land-speed car and learn of Breedlove's efforts to be the first man to drive 800 mph. Following the tour and a spirited drive on some back roads, we'll return to Mike's house for a big ol' BBQ. This will be a joint event with the Nor-Cal Shelby Club, Sacramento Pantera Club and River City (Sacramento) Shelby Club, so the turnout of cars and people should be impressive. Since Craig Breedlove himself doesn't know anything of this plan, we'll have to wait for more details, but it will probably take place in May or June.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Powdercoater Plug: Frank Wissman told the crowd of his immense satisfaction with the folks at Spectrum Powder Coating in Redwood City. They did a terrific job on his parts, and several other club members nodded in agreement, happy customers themselves. The proprietor of the shop has agreed to come to an upcoming meeting and give a 15-minute tech talk on the powdercoating process.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Pantera Parts Connection Update: Larry briefed the crowd on some of the new products he has in stock, including 10-quart Aviad oil pans. He's working on getting duplicate GTS mufflers made entirely in stainless steel, which will sell for less than the factory plain steel units. He's also having a new run of headers made. Unfortunately, since these will be produced in 1998 instead of 1978, the price will double. He has two sets of headers left for sale at the old, bargain price. He's got more radiators on the way, and he's getting some Earl's braided stainless steel brake lines produced which are DOT legal (unlike virtually all the other braided steel lines currently on the market.)

Hall Pantera Stiffening Kit: Ellis took the floor and spent a few minutes showing off the two parts of Hall Pantera's new chassis stiffening kit, which were given away as Christmas party

raffle prizes. One is an adjustable tube which is designed to be welded in just over the transaxle, near the suspension pick-up points. The other is a triangular affair which is mounted in the front trunk compartment. Larry mentioned that he has chassis stiffeners which mount underneath the car, which stiffen the chassis dramatically. The front one must be welded in, while the rear bolts in using the motor mounts and lower control arm pickup points.

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

Italian Universal Fan Belt Repair Kit — Mary Frye
CART Poster — Forest Goodhart
Hemmings T-shirt — Forest Goodhart
Pantera Performance Center hat — Michael Fertitta
Exoticar Trading Cards — Linda Liebenow
Matchbox Pantera — Frank Wissman
Phenolic Carb Spacer/cupholder — Anita Kuehne
Braided Fuel Line — Chuck Melton

The meeting was fairly speedy and adjourned for socializing at 9:05.

PCNC Board Meeting Minutes

During the recent PCNC Superbowl party, the officers of the club gathered for our first formal meeting of the year. We discussed a variety of issues for about two hours. Some of the highlights are outlined below.

Approval Of Appointed Board Members: Only five club officers are elected to the board of directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator); the rest are appointed officers. The board members formally agreed to the members appointed to each of the positions.

Club Points Restructuring: The five board members each receive 50 points towards the ‘most active member’ award for their service. A proposal was put forth to also award points to the appointees. After some discussion, it was resolved that they would each receive 35 points. Individuals who sponsor a club event also get 50 points; the board agreed that individuals who organize a PCNC contingent at another organization’s event (i.e. Santa Clara car show) should get 25 points. The club librarian and events coordinator will determine which events will qualify for the awarding of points.

Track Event Update: Ellis gave an update on the current status of the track event. As of now, we’re still waiting for a contract. The old track which TPOC had used in the past has been reluctant to answer phone calls or issue us a contract. Meanwhile, there’s a new track under construction which seems much more friendly towards us; however their construction timetable is unknown, and they don’t want to issue us a contract until they’re sure the track will be completed in time. We will go with the first organization that presents us a formal contract. The event will essentially run by itself, with hired pros administering all aspects. Ellis agreed to handle registration.

PCNC Club Store In Las Vegas: Bill Santos gave an end-of-year report, detailing what we have in inventory and what he intends to do prior to Las Vegas. Unlike in years past, Bill doesn’t want to bear the responsibility of organizing and manning the club store. He will do all the legwork, procure all the merchandise, but then he wants to turn it over to somebody else who will ensure it is transported to Las Vegas, and who will ensure the store is manned. Whoever takes it on will receive credit for organizing a club event. Bill put out the call for a volunteer. (Subsequently, at the meeting Jim Kuehne and Roger Sharp volunteered.)

Miss Pantera Dinner Organizer Needed: Ellis mentioned that Shari Stock has traditionally organized our dinner in Las Vegas, but this year she will be too busy having a baby to handle the job. A request was put forth for a volunteer—this position is still open.

Tech Session and Swap Meet: Larry told everyone that he’d be on a tight leash as the baby approaches, and thus he probably wouldn’t be able to make it to the tech session. As of yet, it’s unknown if somebody else will be able to ferry all his parts, etc. down there.

Club Events: Michael announced a full schedule of club events had been posted in the January newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Anita Kuehne and Bill Santos explained how Bill’s old job (and single pot of money) has been divided in two. Bill has a certain amount of ‘seed’ money to ensure continued store inventory, while the remainder of the club’s funds are now managed by Anita. There was some discussion regarding the minimum amount of money that should be placed at Bill’s disposal, and it was resolved that this minimum amount would fluctuate, with a high dollar amount prior to Las Vegas, and then a much smaller amount afterwards (since the treasurer will need the funds to finance the Monterey event.) Overall, the club has shown a slight, reasonable profit over the past year.

Membership Report: Russ issued a handout with all the names of club members whose POCA/PCNC membership expired and was not renewed in 1997. Overall, we lost 21 members and gained 23, for a net gain of two members.

There was also considerable discussion regarding international members. For USA members, POCA refunds \$15 of the total POCA dues to PCNC; this basically covers the costs of printing and mailing a newsletter. For international member, however, our printing and mailing costs are considerably more than \$15 so we lose money. POCA has apparently been sending us \$15 for some of our international members, but not all. POCA has been losing money on international memberships. Mike will address the issue to the POCA board.

The meeting then adjourned to the Superbowl party.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998
8:00 P.M.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- February 15 ————— Behring Museum Tour (Michael Fertitta)
February 19 ————— CFRA/PCNC Autocross at Sears Point (Ed Kornegay)
March 1 ————— CFRA/PCNC Open Track School At Thunderhill (Ed Kornegay)
March 7 ————— Swap Meet and Pre-Las Vegas Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

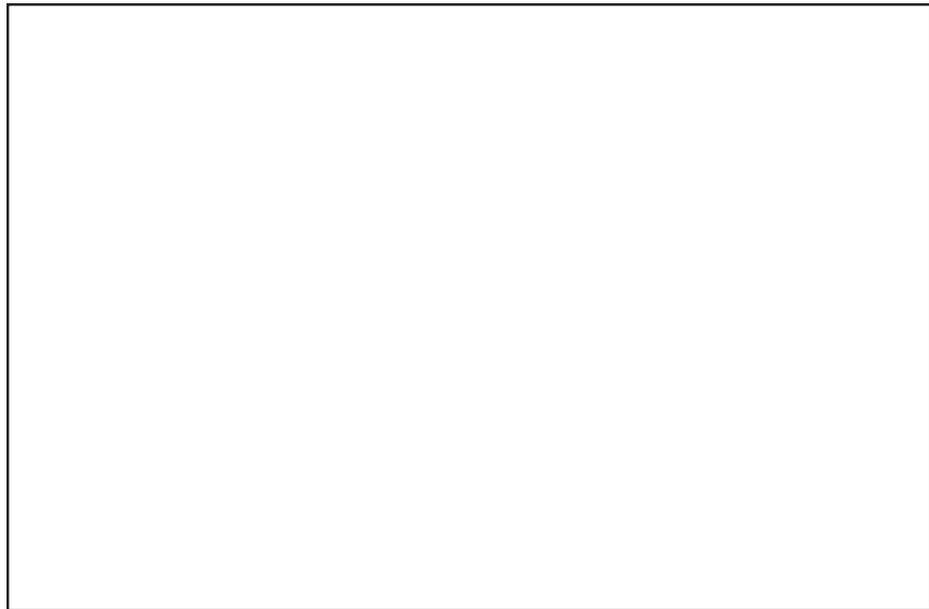
A Celebration of Testosterone PCNC Superbowl Party

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

At the end of every January, one of the greatest spectacles in sports captivates virtually everyone in the United States. I'm speaking, of course, about the Super Bowl. All across the country, people gather to cheer on their favorite team and watch what usually turns out to be a mediocre football game. Still, the party makes the event.

PCNC is willing to party under any pretense, and thus for the past few years we've gotten together every Superbowl Sunday for a big party, nominally centered around the football game. This year, we had an outstanding venue for the event in the form of Brian Bernard's spacious home in Saratoga. His house is certainly optimized for watching television—he has a full home theater on the ground floor of his house, plus a second projection TV in the family room alongside the kitchen upstairs. Furthermore, he had another *eleven* TV sets scattered throughout the house and garage. You literally couldn't go anywhere without watching the game.

Except the driveway, that is. This year we were blessed with spectacularly clear weather, and therefore the Panteras were out in force. A total of eleven Panteras were eventually clustered in Brian's large driveway. Several people had been busy working on their cars over the winter holidays, and thus the football game was largely ignored by most of the guys



Believe it or not, there's a big football game going on somewhere...



The tire-kicking and comparisons lasted well into the second half

who instead gathered in the driveway, oohing and aahing the latest trick exhaust system or chassis brace. Brian's car collection drew some admiring glances as well, particularly his '33 Vicky street rod under construction.

Many of the cars present were 'regulars', but there were a few fresh faces there too. Longtime member Terry Aultman had his Candy Blue rocket at his first club event for several years; he took a lot of grief for the dried leaves and mung accumulated atop his engine! Also, new club member Mike Chaba had his newly purchased, very original and never-before-seen (by us) silver Pre-L with him.



coolers were filled with drinks, so people could help themselves and eat throughout the afternoon. Nobody went away hungry, guaranteed!

People continued to trickle in throughout the afternoon, and by halftime there were 45 people enjoying the party!

It wasn't until well into the second half that most of the guys became aware that there was a real football game going on inside. There was a gentlemanly

What's a superbowl party without a kitchen overflowing with munchies?

Other club members drove their beaters, including Mike's famous Scirocco of Doom (complete with huge exhaust leak from a broken header), and Guy Dellavecchia left both his Pantera and Ferrari at home in lieu of his three-color camouflage Mustang II. When Guy painted this car (with a brush), he even went so far as to paint the wheels and tires. This is sort of a 'high maintenance' paint job, since every time he rotates the tires he has to repaint the tires and wheels to match the particular corner of the car!

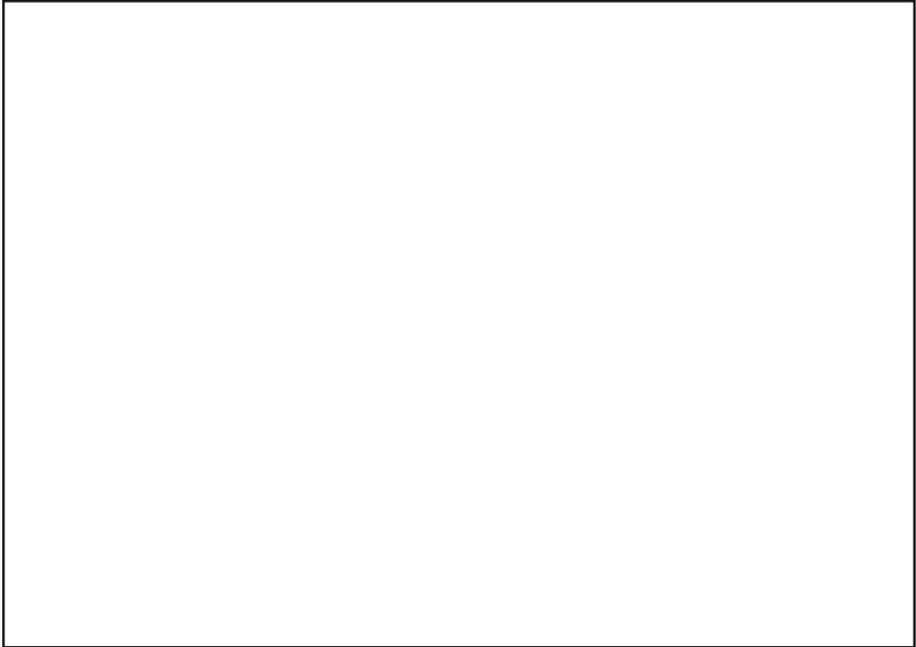
betting pool going on, and with every touchdown there would be elation from some quarters and dismay from others. By the end of the game virtually everyone was glued to a screen. Following Green Bay's somewhat surprising defeat, the crew pitched in to help clean up, and as the sun set we bade Brian a fond farewell.

Our thanks must go to Brian for being such a generous host. It was a terrific party and we all appreciate your hospitality!

The oddest car of the day had to be Byron and Jean Hight's hybrid Porsche 356. With foot-wide flares, slot mags and huge tires, it looked almost as wide as long. And Byron can't seem to leave a Porsche engine alone; in this case the car was powered by a Corvair motor!

Meanwhile, the die-hard football crazies were inside glued to the screens, and most of the female contingent were gathered on the porch, offering words of wisdom to the very pregnant Shari Stock.

Of course, no PCNC party would be complete without plenty of munchies. The dining room table was covered with food and



The home theater setup afforded a terrific way to watch the game