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Minutes of Meeting 26 February, 1998

The meeting was called to order by the the Vice-president at 8:05. All officers were present except president Ellis Woumm and Rafflemaster Larry Stock (who had to rush to Carson City for the delivery of Shari's baby. There were 35 members in the room, and one solitary Pantera in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There was one new face in the crowd, that of **Rochelle Conwell**. Her husband Michael joined the club at a meeting several months ago, and Rochelle came with him to meet the gang. Welcome!

Also new to the club is **Madison Stock**, who was born the afternoon of the meeting to Larry and Shari. Although a bit premature, nevertheless she had ten fingers, ten toes, and is completely

healthy. Shari is doing fine, and Larry is tickled pink!

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Frank had reported that the owner of Spectrum Powdercoating would be our guest speaker at the March meeting; in fact, while *somebody* from Spectrum will be speaking, it may or may not be the owner.

Club Library Report: Sharon reported that she had the contents of the club library in the trunk of their car; she also had an addition to the library, consisting of a xeroxed wheel bolt pattern gauge.

Club Treasury Report: Anita gave a brief rundown of our finances, in which she told us that the second of our three deposits for our Monterey hotel had been sent out.

Club Store Report: Bill showed off the PCNC business cards, which members can give to prospective members, leave under windshield wipers, etc. He also has some Monterey commemorative t-shirts and sweatshirts available.

Bill also had a few new products to show off, including some more modern and stylish two-tone polo shirts. They are available in a wide variety of color combinations, and after some discussion Bill is going to pick three of them.

Bill is also marketing Team Pantera Racing shirts. These shirts were put together by Dennis Antenucci to commemorate the large Pantera contingent running in the Silver State race this spring. Boasting the slogan "Some Fear", the proceeds from the sale of these shirts will help the racers pay for incidentals during the running of the event.

Past Events:

Blackhawk Museum Tour: Michael reported that the tour had been a great success. Despite the fact it had rained heavily the day before, on the day of the tour the skies were bright and sunny. A small convoy formed in Milpitas and drove to Blackhawk, where a few others met them.

Although Pantera turnout was limited (only two cars), we made up for it with a variety of other cars, including a Corvette, two Ferrari Dinos (246 and 308), Shelby Mustang, and the tour-leading Nissan 300 ZX.

The docent giving the tour did a terrific job and went into great detail describing the various cars in the museum. Following the tour, the Panteras and then Ferraris posed in front of the museum for a photo shoot. On the way out of the museum, Dave Crego got a little excited and almost drove his Pantera off a cliff! Following that little drama, we then drove on a beautiful twisty road up to the top of Mt. Diablo, where the view was just spectacular. After a few minutes admiring the scenery, we drove down the other side of the mountain and had a nice dinner in Walnut Creek.

Upcoming Events:

Air Conditioning Tech Session — 28 March: Due to the cancellation of the first tech

session in March, this 28 March event will be your only chance to have the local Brain Trust look over your car prior to the drive to Las Vegas. We'll be meeting at the home of Roger and Pam Sharp in Morgan Hill, and standard club party rules (bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share) will apply. Since Larry and Shari had their baby, Larry will be able to attend and bring his treasure trove of parts should any repairs be necessary. Also, Larry will be re-charging A/C systems and will have an ample supply of both R-12 and R-134 Freon on-hand. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Las Vegas Fun Rally — 23-26 April: There will be at least two convoys leaving the Bay Area bound for Las Vegas; the times will be finalized at the April meeting. Traditionally, there is one group that leaves early on Wednesday morning and spends the night in Bakersfield or Barstow, while a second group leaves Wednesday afternoon. Sometimes hard-chargers will depart very early on Thursday morning. If you can't make the meeting but plan on driving to Las Vegas, make your plans known to Michael Fertitta and perhaps you can be matched up with others thinking along the same lines.

Pam Sharp volunteered to honcho the Miss Pantera dinner on Friday evening. She'll be contacting Shari Stock to find out what coordination needs to be made ahead of time. Details will be announced at the April meeting.

The track event seems to be coming together fine; the track was scheduled to hold their inaugural event on the weekend of 28 Feb/1 Mar.

We have a signed letter of intent, and should have a formal contract with the various agencies involved very soon. There is terrific interest among POCA members in southern California, and apparently some people will be trailering in cars from across the country. Since there are classes for beginners, in which you won't have to drive your car any harder than you do on the drive to and from Las Vegas, PCNC members are strongly urged to show their support by entering the event themselves.

So far only a handful of PCNC members have indicated an intent to run the event. Hopefully more will sign up soon, since it *is* our event, and we should make every effort to stand behind Ed Kornegay in recognition of all his efforts. Besides, it's *fun!*

Silver State Open Road Challenge — 2-3 May: Thanks to the efforts of Dennis Antenucci, DeTomaso is the featured marque at the spring running of the Silver State event. Four PCNC members (Dennis, Peter Beckham, Charlie Puckett and Eric Belter) are running the event, as well as at least seven other Panteras. Furthermore, a small group of well-wishers will be driving in 4x4's, planning on spectating, camping, and perhaps bring a bunch of guns and shooting up the desert.

There will be a car show in the town of Ely, NV on Saturday afternoon, the Pantera contingent will have a dinner on Saturday night, and the race will be run Sunday. There will be a post-event banquet in Las Vegas on Sunday evening as well.

Tech Talk — Rear Brakes: Jack DeRyke gave a short discussion on the ins and outs of the stock rear brake calipers. He had a caliper in his hands, and dismantled it to show how the piston

moves in and out, how the self-adjusting ratcheting mechanism works, and how the parking brake works. He then gave some advice on rebuilding and showed how the new dust seals are installed.

Raffle Results: With Larry's short-notice departure, Assistant Raffle Dude Tony Harvey stepped in, with the following results:

Emergency Light — Dave Crego
Acura Paperweight — Forest Goodhart
Armor All Tire Cleaner — Anita Kuehne
Jet-Hot Sticker — Pam Sharp
Hat Pin — Judy DeRyke
Amway Tire Cleaner — Rochelle Conwell
Luggage tags — Chuck Melton (twice!)

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

Pantera For Sale

(A non-member mailed the following flyer to PCNC)

I have owned this automobile since May of 1984, and it now has 40K miles. It has always had the best of care. As far as I know it has been in California for its entire life and since I have owned it, has always been garaged. During the last 13 years this car has been gone through from the ground up. In 1986, the exterior was taken to metal and repainted petrol blue. Although it does not have the original wheels it has Zenith knock-offs (real knock-offs). Tires are Goodyear Gatorbacks. Front-225 50 VR15. Rear-255 50 VR16. The color, wheels, tires and European taillights makes this one of the most attractive Panteras you will see.

The interior has a new off white headliner, black leather seats, black carpet finished off with black floor mats with the DeTomaso insignia. All instruments are original and working.

The suspension has been totally taken off the car and refinished. The A-arms have been powder coated, the springs painted with Imron and the sway bars have been chromed. Besides the cosmetic upgrades, I have installed Koni shocks and Polyurethane Bushings in the A-arms, Shocks and Sway bars. The A-arms have a hex sleeve and will not turn in bushing and are also greasable.

The motor itself is stock but features a "Top End Dress-Up Kit" similar to the one seen in the Hall-Pantera catalogs. It consists of De Tomaso aluminum valve covers, "Pantera" aluminum air cleaner, Carter Carb and Edelbrock aluminum Hi-Rise manifold. Motor also has headers and a "Brute Power Mega Torque Starter" also from Hall Pantera. The motor was removed from the car and repainted Ford Motor Blue. The timing gears and chain as well as the main bearings are also new. Ignition is a Stinger Electronic.

The pressure plate, clutch disk and throw out bearing are all new and the fly wheel has been turned. The transaxle has been blasted and clear coated, the slave cylinder chromed. New master clutch cylinder as well.

Other features of this automobile include: New carpet in front trunk, Hood and deck liner, Tonneau cover for trunk, Bra with carrying case, Car cover, New master brake Cylinder, Stainless steel brake lines, New brake pads, New left hub axle, New twin turbo cooling fans, Halogen headlights, removable cross member under the engine and other misc. items including owners and shop manual, technical updates and parts master catalog.

Most of this work was done in 1992-93 (1200 miles ago) and I have a lot of the parts I took off the car including the original shocks, cooling fans and the Becker Europa Stereo. I have dated receipts for all parts listed above plus more.

If you would like to talk to me about the car's history, contact Paul Brown at 408-378-3881. The car can be seen at the "Showroom", 960 S. Bascom Ave, San Jose, CA. Phone 408-279-0944.

CAR LOOKS AND RUNS GREAT

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 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

March 28 ————— Air Conditioning Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

April 23-26 ————— Las Vegas Fun Rally (Kent and Sandi Snyder)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH