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Minutes of Meeting 28 May, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Woummn at 8:08 p.m. Sharon Renshaw and Ed Kornegay were absent, and Tony Harvey arrived 30 minutes late; all other officers were present. 31 members signed the roster, but there were only three Panteras in the parking lot due to the continued inclement weather.

New Members/Guests: Larry Stock brought his webmaster, **Eric Neilson** along to meet us and get an idea of what his customers are like so he can tailor his website to our needs. Ted Stalkup also had a girlfriend named **Kim** who claimed to be exempt from the requirement to introduce herself!

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: There was only one change, a change to a change in fact. For the record, our overnight stop enroute to Las Vegas had been in Barstow, not Las Vegas!

Club Library Report: Although the librarian was absent, Howard acted as her stand-in. He asked the crowd for ideas to get some enthusiasm into the club library. He also promised to have a full inventory published in the next newsletter.

Club Treasury Report: Anita reported that between the track event and the club store sales, PCNC was well into the black! Track event expenses dropped substantially literally the day before the event (we secured less-expensive insurance coverage, and Larry Stock provided the tow truck for free), and as a result, what had the potential to be a money-losing event was quickly turned into a profit maker! All proceeds from the track event will be held separate from the club coffers and used as seed money for next year's event.

Anita also read a letter from PCNC member Greg Dahlen down in Santa Barbara (reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter.) Greg recently sold his Pantera with the help of Jack DeRyke and Mike Drew, and he wanted to make a contribution to the PCNC track fund in thanks for our help. He's committed to remaining a club member, however!

Club Store Report: Bill Santos was very pleased to report that our gross take was up more than 30% from last year, and despite a smaller overall turnout than in some previous years, we nevertheless saw record sales. The big sellers (to the tune of \$1700) were the new jackets.

Unfortunately, for the first time, the club was actually shorted by about \$350; that is, when the post-Vegas inventory was compared with the receipts for sales, there was \$350 worth of inventory missing. As we have erred in our favor for the past three or four years, the net result is probably a wash. We'll have to pay more attention to detail next year though.

Bill again offered a special thanks to Roger Sharp and Jim Kuehne for managing the store while in Las Vegas, and also to Larry Stock for schlepping all the merchandise there and back.

Past Events:

Las Vegas Fun Rally: There were many stories to be shared regarding fun and adventures on the way to Las Vegas. Ellis in particular had an eventful drive. He left home Friday morning just after midnight, and it wasn't long before he was Up Close and Personal with the CHP. He'd been running well in excess of 100 mph when he came across a CHP officer driving in front of a semi. Ellis slowed down in plenty of time, and when the officer pulled off the freeway, Ellis put the hammer down. He failed to realize that the officer then looped around and got back on the freeway behind Ellis! He had a friendly chat and received a ticket for 85 in a 65, although the actual speed was *considerably* higher!

Then, near the Nevada state line, his car suddenly started running very badly, and he pulled off and coasted into an abandoned gas station. He initially pulled the carb and intake, before realizing it was probably a distributor. Sure enough, he'd broken a distributor pin. He got a ride from a local Sheriff into the nearest town, and after much rummaging, found a replacement pin in with the tire repair supplies! There were no taxis available, and the only ride he could find was in a tow truck, to the tune of \$100! Instead, he literally hitchhiked on a Greyhound bus. Once he got the motor back together, he timed it by ear, ready to hit the road. That's when he noticed the big puddle of oil under the car.

Turns out his oil pan bolts had worked themselves loose. He drove up onto a curb, crawled underneath and tightened them down. He was still hoping to make the tail end of the track event, and while hauling along at triple-digit speeds, his A/C hose blew up! He eventually made it to Pahrump, only to find that the track event had ended already.

The track event itself was outstanding! There were only two or three spins, no contact, and the race was terrific. If Dennis Quella had driven any faster he would have lapped *himself*! The course was very technical, and Larry Stock's learning curve was steep indeed! On his initial foray onto the track, driving Shari's Pantera, Larry spun out entering the very first turn, and waved to the drivers of the following cars *while* still spinning! Although he had only driven her car about 30 miles in the past year, he entered the race and finished second in class after spinning *again* right in front of Ed Kornegay.

Michael Fertitta was drafted to be an instructor with a young female driver driving her boyfriend's Pantera. It wasn't until after he had strapped in that Michael realized that he was sitting in a full-race Pantera! It was quite a white-knuckle ride for him!

Larry said the track was hard on brake components, in fact he totally sold out on brake pads!

Friday evening, we again had a successful Miss Pantera dinner thanks to Pam Sharp's leg-work, so she was afforded a well-deserved round of applause.

On Saturday, Michael Fertitta went in Ellis' place to the President's breakfast. He reported it was an unnecessarily long, drawn-out meeting. The most important facts revealed there are that the POCA bylaws will be changed shortly, and next year the hotel will enforce their 30-day clause meaning that if reservations aren't confirmed at least 30 days prior, POCA loses all unsold rooms.

Larry Stock again committed Grand Theft Auto in the Plaza parking lot. Somebody made him an offer on a Pantera that he couldn't refuse, and now he's got a monster-motor show-car in his garage! Shari was initially furious, but now she likes it so much, she insists that he sell her red car so she can have the new one!

Silver State Challenge: Of the 10 Panteras entered in this year's Silver State, all 10 finished, an amazing performance. Of them, fully half were from PCNC. After Vegas, instead of coming home Ellis ventured to Utah for some R&R, and upon returning to Nevada he had another encounter with law enforcement. He got lit up late one night and as he pulled over, discovered that the police were actually chasing somebody else! Larry Stock also got jacked up, pulled over for not having plates on the car he'd just purchased the day before. The police very carefully scrutinized his bill of sale, and only allowed him to go when they saw that it was dated after 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

The reason for the extensive police harassment is that the Nevada County Sheriff's Department took over the administration of the Silver State event, which previously had been handled by the Nevada Highway Patrol. The NHP thus lost out on lots of overtime pay opportunity, and they decided to take their revenge by multiplying their law enforcement by a factor of four for the weekend, issuing tickets for anything and everything. They were stopping people left and

right, trying to make life miserable for the participants and spectators. They nailed Gary Hall for speeding enroute to the event, forcing him to turn around and return home (you are prohibited from running the event if you've received a ticket in Nevada within the previous 90 days.) Two San Diego Panteras members received tickets after the event as well.

Dave Crego trailered his Pantera to Las Vegas, since as a rookie he had to run the Las Vegas speedway under the Derek Daley school. His instructor took the wheel of Dave's Pantera and proceeded to beat the snot out of it, sliding the tires and standing on the gas and brakes, and generally having a blast! Dave lost his speedometer/odometer halfway through his Silver State run and thus had to guess on his timing.

Ellis completed the run in the 120 mph class, then had to turn around and drive the 100 miles back to Ely to retrieve his trunk which also had his clothes, tools, etc. Then he had to go back over the course *again* to drive to Las Vegas for the post-race banquet. He left Ely the second time at 5:30 and arrived in Las Vegas, 225 miles away, at 6:45! He ran the race course much faster on the way to the banquet than he did at the event!

Larry Stock and Pantera Parts Connection paid out \$1300 in contingency awards, and POCA had also sponsored the drivers as well. Already, more than 20 Panteras are signed up for the fall running of this event.

Feather River Tour: Although this event was covered in detail in last month's newsletter, Gary Kono announced to the crowd that his 500 hp Cleveland broke down on the way home, yet another victim of a sheared distributor pin. Everyone's cars came home covered with mud, and Jack DeRyke reported that Nancy Haney was just thrilled about driving the train!

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Tech Session — 11 July: Once again, we'll be descending upon Roger Sharp's house to tackle maintenance chores large and small. Several new members will be bringing their cars for the first time, and some out-of-town visitors will be present, looking to learn as much as they can about Panteras before they buy cars of their own. Standard PCNC party procedures (bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share) will be in effect. Check out the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Tour To The Stocks — 17-19 July: Once again, the Fertittas will be leading a PCNC caravan along some of the most spectacular roads in the world! We will meet at The Perfect Copy in Milpitas on Friday morning, and depart at 10:00 a.m. The caravan will then drive to the home of Marcus and Irene Smith in the Sierra foothills, where they will be hosting a catered lunch for us! Following lunch, we will then cross the Sierras and arrive at the home of Larry and Shari Stock for a party on Friday. On Saturday, we will drive to historic Virginia City, and then have a big ol' BBQ back at the Stock home. Sunday we will return to the Bay Area via equally sinewy back roads. Lodging will be available at a nearby hotel in Carson City. Check the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Monterey Historic Races — 13-16 August: Tony reported that all the PCNC hotel rooms are now gone, and a waiting list has formed. The price of the dinner was renegotiated down

from \$35 to a much more friendly \$26. Tony will be organizing a treasure hunt which will let drivers see some of the scenic views the Monterey peninsula has to offer.

Spirit Of America Tour And Bring-Your-Own-Chair BBQ — 29 August: Although details weren't announced at the club meeting, now is as good a time as any to let you all know that the long-promised tour of Craig Breedlove's Spirit of America shop and subsequent BBQ at Mike Drew's new house is coming together. We will meet at Mike's house on Saturday morning around 9:30 for coffee and donuts. We'll then drive as a group to Breedlove's shop for a full tour, and afterwards return to Mike's house for a BBQ. Mike will be providing the meat and drinks; attendees will be responsible for a side dish to share. This will be a joint event with the Sacramento Pantera and Shelby clubs, the Nor-Cal Shelby Club, and the NSX owner's club, so it promises to be HUGE! Parking is plentiful both at Mike's house and at Breedlove's shop, so be sure to bring your Pantera. Oh yes, as always, when going to Mike's house it's important to bring your own chair if you plan to sit down!

Raffle Results: Larry once again did the Raffle Thing with the following results:

ZEP hat — Brett Santos
Sunglasses — Gary Kono
1/4 inch socket set — Judy DeRyke
PCNC Mug — Gary Kono
Pantera Performance Center T-shirt — Craig Bercaw
Bumper Sticker — Tom Padula
Prolong Sticker — Tom Padula
Poster — Chuck Melton, Dave Crego

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dear PCNC,

I would like to present a donation to the club to assist with funding future track events. Although I've just sold my Pantera, I plan on continuing my involvement with this great group of people (I just sent in my annual POCA renewal.)

In particular, I appreciate Mike Drew's dissemination of information on the car, and Jack DeRyke's time. Both of these individuals contribute way beyond their share (i.e. way beyond what I've contributed.) Ultimately, they make it a pleasure to belong to the club even if one does *not* own a Pantera!

Best regards,

Greg Dahlen
Santa Barbara, CA

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1998
8:00 P.M.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July 11 ————— Summer Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

July 17-19 ————— High Sierras Tour To The Stocks (Michael Fertitta)

August 13-16 ————— Monterey Historic Races (Tony Harvey)

August 29 — Spirit Of America Tour and Bring Your Own Chair BBQ (Mike Drew)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Spirit Of America Tour and Bring-Your-Own-Chair BBQ Saturday, August 29

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to ???

LOCATION: Craig Breedlove's Shop
200 N. Front St, Rio Vista

Mike Drew's House
136 Lighthouse Way, Vacaville

INFO/RSVP: (707) 452-9284, MikeLDrew@aol.com

FOOD: Burgers, hot dogs, chicken and drinks will be provided. Everyone must bring a side dish to share.

COST: \$5 per person (contribution to the Spirit of America fund)

PARKING: Plenty of parking available, **BRING YOUR CLUB CAR!**

Multiple Land Speed Record holder Craig Breedlove has invited us all for a tour of his race shop, located in the town of Rio Vista on the Sacramento River. His grassroots effort has produced a car capable of travelling at over 800 mph! Come and see in detail how the car is constructed (it's completely dismantled, enabling a great understanding of the engineering behind it!) Breedlove will give a full tour, and will have autographed posters, t-shirts etc. for sale so have some cash handy!

We'll meet at Mike Drew's house in Vacaville on **Saturday, 29 August**, starting around 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. We'll depart at 10:30 for Rio Vista (about 30 miles away, via rolling two-lane roads.) Following the tour, we'll return back to Mike's house for a monster BBQ. Everyone will be required to bring a small side dish to share. Mike's house is on a large cul-de-sac with *plenty* of parking available, and Breedlove has a large parking lot across from his facility, so you are encouraged to **BRING YOUR CLUB CAR!** As this will be a joint event with the Nor-Cal Shelby Club, River City Shelby Club, Pantera Club of Northern California, Capitol Pantera Club *and* the NSX owners club (plus whoever else shows up), it should be quite a feast, not to mention a great car show!

If your side dish will require refrigeration, please bring an ice chest, as refrigerator space may be at a premium. If you want to sit down at any time during the day, you'll be responsible for that too, so **bring your lawn chairs!**

Because of the extensive scope of this BBQ, **PLEASE RSVP.**

DIRECTIONS: Take I-80 to I-505 (near the Nut Tree)
Take the first exit off I-505 (Vaca Valley Parkway)
Turn Left, drive across the freeway, through the stoplight.
Continue through the stop sign.
Take the next right onto Roscoe Marvic Drive
Drive around to the back side of the oval, to 136 Lighthouse Way