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Minutes of Meeting 25 June, 1998

The meeting was called to order by president Ellis Woumm at 8:03. All officers were present except Doris Britschgi (Russ was playing Class B Bachelor) and Ed Kornegay. There were 11 Panteras in the parking lot, and 36 people signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: PCNC was pleased to welcome a pair of POCA members from Chicago way, visiting the S.F. area on vacation. **Dave and Dolores Cull** are the proud owners of a white 1985 GT5, and in fact were both sporting T-shirts with photos of their car! As this was their first exposure to a POCA chapter meeting, they didn't quite know what to expect, but appeared to have a great time!

Also making it into a meeting for the first time was **Ben Rich**, who made a brief appearance in

the parking lot of the April meeting. Ben purchased his black '74 GTS from Jim Ash. He's looking forward to the upcoming tech session to fix some stuff, and he also mentioned that he works at Frontier Ford and PCNC members can get no-BS pricing on new vehicles through him.

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Even though no changes were announced, Ted Stalcup's name had been misspelled. Duly noted, and corrected Ted!

Club Store Report: Bill was somewhat chagrined to report that the super-duper embroidered jackets have failed to materialize as of yet. The embroiderer has undergone some family problems recently which put our jobs behind schedule, and thus Bill had to tell several customers that they won't have them in time for Pocono.

Among the merchandise he *did* have on hand were a new shipment of two-tone polo shirts in new and different colors, as well as Team Pantera Racing t-shirts.

Club Library Report: Sharon simply stood up and said, "I'm here, it's here, thank you!" We've all got our fingers crossed in the hopes of seeing a full inventory in these pages, maybe even this month?

Treasurer's Report: Anita reported that more bills came in relating to the track event, which of course drove our profits down even further, but we're still comfortably in the black. As next year's event looks to be substantially more expensive than this year's was (because we'll be using the full track, among other things), this year's profit will likely be consumed by next year's event. Hopefully, interest (and thus revenue) will be greater next year and we can keep the ball rolling!

Upcoming Events:

Monterey Historic Races — 13-16 August: Tony announced that our rooms are *still* sold out. People planning on attending the dinner need to make their reservations soon, as we're committed to 50 plates minimum, and he'd sleep a lot better knowing people were planning on attending! Despite the fact that Porsche (yawn) is the featured marque, Tony reports that interest in the Monterey event is going *up* this year! There is a large flyer in the POCA newsletter discussing the various events PCNC will be staging, but Tony highlighted the stupid hat contest, the treasure hunt on Friday (get to drive around and see scenic Monterey, and the winner gets a free dinner on Saturday) and the hospitality suite (won't be open Thursday night, we'll have to crash Larry and Shari's room instead, but will be going full-blast on Friday and Saturday night.)

Spirit of America Tour and Bring-Your-Own-Chair BBQ — 29 August: Mike reported that after conferring with some Shelby club members, he feels this event has the potential to turn into a sports car Woodstock, with upwards of 200 (?) people descending on his house for a BBQ! Nevertheless, he's pressing on with the plan, he'll deal with the neighbors afterwards! After meeting at his house on Saturday morning, we'll convoy to Rio Vista to check out Craig Breedlove's Spirit of America operation, then come back to Mike's for a blowout BBQ and car show. Please RSVP so he can plan how much meat, etc. to buy. Check the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Mission City Classique Car Show — 12 September: Doris Britschgi wasn't present to push this event, but Russ stepped in on her behalf. This benefit car show in a park in Santa Clara

raises money for the Santa Clara school district. Several Panteras have appeared in the past and have been well-received by the crowd. Check for a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fun Ford Sunday — 13 September: Steve Liebenow spoke on behalf of the bunch seeking to emulate the famous Fabulous Fords Forever show down in L.A. The L.A. show traditionally has pretty strong support from the DeTomaso crowd, and Steve's hoping we can do the same. This year's Nor-Cal version will again be held at the Great Mall of Milpitas. Last year there were 350 cars entered; more are expected this time around. Hopefully Steve will have a flyer in this newsletter or the next; contact him for all the details.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Panteras For Sale In San Jose: Russ Britschgi found a consignment dealer in San Jose that has *three* Panteras on his floor. The outfit is called Showroom, 960 S. Bascom Ave, San Jose CA. Phone (408) 279-0944, e-mail showroom@aol.com; visit them at <http://www.showroomcars.com>. The cars they have are:

'72 Pre-L #2502, Petrol blue. Bare metal re-paint performed in 1986. Motor is stock internally, with an Edelbrock Performer, Carter carb and Hall headers. New clutch/master/slave. All new carpets, leather seats, brake master, stainless lines, pads, etc. etc. , most work performed in 1992-93 (1200 miles ago.) Zenith knock-off wire wheels. (Lincoln factory option when new, YECH! Real knock-offs though, NOT phony bolt-on. But still, YECH!) Owner is Paul Brown at (408) 378-3881. (This is the car which had a full-page ad in the March PCNC newsletter.)

Next is a red car, called a '73 but with #2788 obviously a '72. Russ don't know nuthin' about it. (Note: This car was sold one week later.)

The last is what is purported to be a very nice '73, #6679, but it's in Army Tank green, which most people feel is a major bummer (sorry Lee and Jack!)

Science In Action: Mike shared an anecdote with the crowd about some scientific tenets he proved to himself. After an alternator conked out, he loaded it onto his motorcycle to attempt to exchange it at the auto parts store. While bombing down the freeway he glanced in his mirror to see his alternator jettisoning itself and bouncing down the freeway. Newton was right, gravity works. He hit his brakes, only to be hit square in the back by the still-speeding alternator! Newton was right a second time; objects in motion tend to stay in motion!

After successfully collecting his now-smashed alternator from the side of the freeway, he then discovered that auto parts store managers are loathe to take in such parts on exchange with a story about 'internal failure.' Luckily he had a *spare* broken alternator back at home, and after a quick return (and a vehicle swap to a *car!*) he drove to the next town over and successfully exchanged it, which proved nothing except that there's nothing like a good scam to warm the heart!

Wheels of (Mis)fortune: Larry then told the crowd about his ongoing project to have a batch of Campy wheels restored. He just tossed a bunch onto his flat-bed truck, and witnessed one break free and launch itself down Hwy 101, bouncing eight feet in the air and cruising down the center lane at about 50 mph! He continued on regardless, then on a whim went back and

spotted it on the side of the road. He made a third pass and retrieved it, and it was amazingly unscathed but for a small chip. This wheel will live again!

Mike mentioned that Larry claimed to have started off with a dozen wheels, and saw *one* fall off; when Mike picked 'em up for him, there were only ten wheels present, leading most to believe that Larry has been heaving wheels hither and yon all the way down from Reno!

ShadeTree Tech Session: Jack drove to the event in Judy's Camaro, but was forgiven when he lifted his right rear hub carry assembly out of a box and proceeded to show the crowd some of the innovations he'd come up with. He has been running aluminum Porsche 911 calipers and Porsche vented discs for many years now; recently he invented his own tapered roller bearing conversion. But what he was proudest of on this day was the Wilwood spot brake he'd mounted onto the spare 'ears' on the upright. He now has a purely mechanical spot parking brake that weighs next to nothing and can utilize the stock Pantera hardware. He spent about three hours machining the necessary bracket, but hopes the other side will go much smoother now that he's gone to school. He hopes to have it finished in time for the tech session, but is making no promises!

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

Hot Wheel Pantera — Ted Stalcup

PCNC Mug — Dave Cull

PCNC Luggage Tags — Dianne Cull

Indy Racing League (a.k.a. amateur hour) T-Shirt — Shelly Gust

Brake Cleaner — Mike DeRyke

Stolen Bar Glass — Ted Stalcup

ZEP Flashlight — Ben Rich

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:30

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 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