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Minutes of Meeting 30 July, 1998

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Michael Fertitta at 8:06 p.m. President Ellis Woumm was present as well; Tony Harvey, Ed Kornegay, and Sharon Renshaw were absent; Mike Drew was also missing (attending the Coy's Historic Races in England with the UK club) so Judy filled in and took notes. 31 members signed in, and there were 5 Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: Several new faces were visible in the crowd. **Kris Hearn** is a young guy with big Pantera-buying ambitions. He's driving a seriously pumped-up 5.0 Mustang, but his father used to own a '74 Pantera and Chris has developed a hankering for one of his own. He attended our tech session and hopes to start seriously shopping for a Pantera later in the year.

Dave Crego brought along a couple of buddies; Mike Stanley has been with us before, while

Dick Lesch was attending his first meeting. Dick has caught the bug from Dave and is now looking for a Pantera himself.

While some are shopping, others are enjoying the experience of driving their new Panteras already. **Walter Villere** managed to virtually steal a beautiful red '72 European GTS from an auction last month. Unfortunately for Walter, while the car ran fine when he bought it, he decided to change the fluids and didn't know the special techniques called for when changing a Pantera's coolant. He only got the system half-filled with water, then went for a triple-digit blast across the Richmond bridge. With more air than water in the system, the car quickly overheated and he toasted the motor! He's now shopping around to have the engine rebuilt, poorer but wiser!

Corrections to Last Month's Minutes: Mike goofed up and listed the time for the June meeting instead of July! This newsletter should have the correct August date and time listed!

Also, although it was stated (with hope) that a flyer for the Mission City Classique car show would be in the newsletter, the flyer has yet to materialize.

Club Store Report: Bill has finally received a shipment of our new club logo jackets and had several on display and available for purchase. Bill also displayed a custom-made licence plate for Lee Hinkley's Longchamp. The frame had the DeTomaso logo but the script was misspelled *Longcamp!*

Club Library Report: As the librarian was absent, there was no report; however, a full listing of the library's inventory was published in last month's newsletter.

Club Treasury Report: Anita received a bill from the Concours Italiano people for the trophies that PCNC sponsored last year, but we still have plenty of funds in the club account.

Past Events:

PCNC Tech Session And BBQ: This most recent tech session was another resounding success. The food was great (thanks to Dianne Dean for bringing a whole load of tri-tip steaks, and Lee Scales for doing the cooking), the weather was beautiful, and lots of cars were repaired. Among the attendees were PCNC members from L.A. (Dennis Antenucci) and Spokane (Asa Jay Laughton, who spent the entire day running from one car to the next, learning as much as he could about working on Panteras!) Many thanks to Roger and Pam Sharp for hosting the event, and to Larry Stock for bringing a comprehensive inventory of parts. We hope to have at least one more tech session later this fall, perhaps incorporating a dyno day as well.

Another Stock Tour: The Fertitta-led tour to the Stock's home in Carson City came off without a hitch (well, minor hitches only.) The group started off with pretty nice weather in Milpitas, with five cars departing from the Fertitta's shop. Upon arriving at the home of Marcus and Irene Smith in the Sierra foothills, three more cars joined the caravan. After a great lunch of deli sandwiches, the convoy set off to cross the foothills on Hwy 88. As the temperatures were in the 100's, most car's air conditioning systems were pressed to the max. We arrived at the Stock home around 6:30 p.m. and had a large pizza bash.

The next morning, the group went to Virginia City and toured a historic mansion and then

rode the steam train. After a rolling tour of the red-light district, the gang returned to the Stock home where a contingent from Reno-Tahoe Panteras was waiting, and a large BBQ ensued. Roger Sharp and Roxanne Fertitta took turns slaving over a hot grill as over 40 people enjoyed a variety of steaks and side dishes. The afternoon was dedicated to a tech session, where among other things Larry got his white Pantera running again (installed a new intake and carb) and Mike Drew got his extremely loose valves adjusted on his 427 Cobra.

The group departed around 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning and chose to return via Hwy 4, which is an extremely steep and narrow road, mostly with no center line. We stopped at the lakes at the top of the pass where it was discovered that Mike's aluminum radiator fan blades had self-destructed and were trying to eat his radiator. A quick tech session ensued and soon Mike was fixed. After a brief photo op by the lake and a nice lunch in a mountain resort, we set off for home. With temperatures soaring as high as 115 degrees, the drive through the valley was challenging for some, particularly Julie Nakamatsu who was slowly roasting in Mike's Cobra. After refusing several offers, when the convoy was stopped by a slow-moving train, she bailed out for a 15-minute drive in the DeRyke's air-conditioned Camaro!

After a brief stop at a Baskin-Robbins to cool off, the group split up and everyone made it home without further incident (except for Jack Bartole who had remained in Reno and was unfortunately rear-ended by an uninsured motorist!) Many thanks to Larry and Shari for hosting this terrific event.

San Diego Swap Meet: This event continues to grow, and several PCNC members made the trek to buy or sell (mostly buy) parts. Chuck Melton says he's interested in trying to organize a similar event here in Northern California.

Upcoming Events:

Spirit Of America Tour — 29 August: Although Mike wasn't present to discuss it, plans for the tour and subsequent BBQ are coming together. So far, only two PCNC members have announced their intention to attend. Since Mike has to buy all the meat for the BBQ, it's important to tell him if you're coming. **PLEASE RSVP** as soon as possible! A flyer appeared in the last newsletter and may be repeated in this one as well, space permitting.

Fun Ford Sunday — 13 September: Steve Liebenow passed out flyers for this all-Ford car show held at the Great Mall in Milpitas (the former Ford assembly plant.) The show is open to all Ford and Ford-related products. The organizers would like the various Ford-related clubs to help in parking duties and stuffing goodie bags. The event will be on a Sunday and the entry fee will be \$15 in advance, \$25 at the gate. A copy of the flyer should be in this newsletter.

Mission City Classique Car Show — 26 September: This show is a benefit for the Santa Clara school district, and although the flyer still hasn't appeared, Doris Britschgi has all the information. We'll try to get a flyer either in this newsletter or the next one.

All-Italian Car Show in Alameda — 11 October: This show is put on by the Alfa Romeo club and benefits the Alameda Special Olympics. Doris also has information on this event; we're hoping for a flyer in an upcoming newsletter.

PCNC Christmas Party — Date TBA? (The date has probably already been set; the notes just don't reflect it. *ed.*) Kathy and Brian Gentry are planning this event and asked for some input as to what we would like. We also need letters to potential raffle sponsors to be written and set out; Mike Drew was 'volunteered' for this duty since he wasn't there to defend himself!

News, Clues and Rumors:

Panteras For Sale: Michael Fertitta reported that there was a Pantera for sale in a 'secret location', interested parties should contact him for more information. Also, Steve Mooney has put his beautiful GT5 up for sale.

Silver State Video: Curt Toumanian put together a very professional video documenting the Pantera participation in the spring Silver State event; Larry brought in a TV and showed the video while selling raffle tickets.

Raffle Results: Larry did the raffle thing with the following results:

EnviroTech Dri Wash and cleaner — Pam Sharp

DeTomaso logo ball marker tee — Jim Kuehne

DeTomaso key fob — Brian Gentry

Cowboy bubble bath — Ken Levin

Italian trading cards — Dave Crego

Mini-tool kit — Russ Britschgi

Grand Prize (PCNC picks up one dinner tab) — Keith Gilmore

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 10:06 p.m.

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

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

September 13 ————— Ford Fun Day Car Show (Steve Liebenow)

September 26 ————— Mission City Classique Car Show (Doris Britschgi)

October 11 ————— All-Italian Car Show (Doris Britschgi)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH