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Minutes of Meeting 27 August, 1998

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Mike Fertitta at 8:07. All officers were present except for Ellis Woumm and Ed Kornegay. There were 36 members signed in, and eight Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were a couple of new faces in the crowd this time. **Tony Newell** ran into the Sharps who were eating breakfast in a restaurant, and noticing Roger's Pantera t-shirt, he struck up a conversation with them. To make a long story short, he has now decided to sell his old Porsche 356 and get a *real* sports car! He's joined the club and is actively looking for a Pantera.

Dick Losch has no such problems, as he recently purchased his first Pantera from Larry Stock. Actually, the car he bought is the black beater that Mike Drew drove to Las Vegas (and a rolling adventure it was, overheating, wouldn't start, window conked out, etc. etc.) The car is currently stripped to bare metal, and Dick will be painting it the proper Pantera color, yellow! Larry promises to install a new radiator and fix all the electrical gremlins before turning over the keys!

Changes to Last Month's Minutes: Well, the 'next meeting date' was screwed up on the back page, but the minutes themselves were okay...

Club Library Report: Sharon has been tabulating the 'most active member' points, and needs to know if any current members have sponsored new PCNC members this year. Currently, the overall points leader is Mike Drew, followed by Mike and then Roxanne Fertitta. She also reported that Richard Agiorni donated a PI tech sheet from 1975 on engine oil coolers.

Club Treasury Report: Anita reported the treasury is still healthy. She had allowed Tony to spend \$200 to stock the hospitality suite in Monterey. He just grabbed a bunch of random goodies, and they totalled \$200 and ten cents! Our hotel has essentially decided they like to have us around and has offered us many more rooms than last year, but they want a large deposit immediately. Part of the agreement is that we must hold a BBQ with at least 50 people on the grounds of the hotel; PCNC will plan on holding the BBQ on Friday night (hoping for PI involvement) with the understanding that PCNC members would reciprocate by attending the PI dinner on Saturday night.

Club Store Report: Bill showed off a new item, tote bags with the club logo, available in two sizes. He also had a Longchamp license plate frame, with the word Longchamp spelled correctly this time!

Past Events:

Monterey Historic Races: Once again, the Monterey event was a great success for PCNC. With Porsche as the featured marque, attendance at the track was much higher than ever before, rivalling if not surpassing attendance at big-ticket events like the Indy car race. The Concorso Italiano continues to grow, with perhaps 100 more cars than last year.

The treasure hunt proved to be incredibly unpopular, with hardly anyone participating. Anita Kuehne and Pam Sharp won the prize, dinner for two somewhere.

POCA President Joe Moore was in town to mediate a meeting between Kjell Qvale (the new head cheese at DeTomaso) and the various Pantera vendors. In an impressive show of statesmanship, Joe managed to get all sides talking and avert what may well have turned into an all-out war. Joe stayed with us on Friday evening, sharing a room with Brian Bernard, who joked that he should get 10 extra points for putting up with Joe's non-stop talking!

Jack reported that as he and Roger Sharp were entering the track in Roger's Pantera, Jay Leno pulled alongside in his Bentley and stopped to remark that while following Roger, he couldn't even hear his own car over the noise of Roger's motor!

The Pantera bunch managed to suffer no mechanical maladies, but the same couldn't be said of the Ferrari crew. On the way back from the Concorso Italiano, several PCNC members came

upon a broken-down Ferrari F-40 with a rather dejected young owner. With literally dozens of Ferraris passing without even slowing down, the driver's fortunes seemed fairly dim, until Roger and Jim Kuehne came along. They both stopped, and soon a standard PCNC tech session was under way. Larry Stock went and retrieved his tow truck and tool kit, and together they managed to re-attach the Ferrari's oil cooler line (which had fallen off and sprayed oil all over the road.) Plenty of good-natured ribbing was offered to the Ferrari crew (along with some free beer), and in no time he was back on the road!

Checkered Flag Racing: Ed Kornegay hosted both an open track and an autocross last month. Joel Gust turned in fine performances at both, setting the top time at Thunderhill, and the best time at the autocross. All the more impressive is the fact that he accomplished this driving his Pantera with bone-stock suspension and a virtually stock engine!

Upcoming Events:

Checkered Flag Racing At Thunderhill — 3 October: Wild Man Ed will again be hosting an open track on Saturday, 3 October. CFRA is comprised largely of Pantera owners, and they certainly offer the most bang for the buck in terms of track time. The 1.9 mile racetrack will be shared by only about 25 cars running in three groups, enabling drivers to drive right at the limit until they can't stand it anymore! Contact Ed for all the details (his number appears on the front page.)

PCNC Tech Session and BBQ — 10 October (NEW EVENT!): Although they failed to notify the PCNC board (ahem), Larry Stock and Roger Sharp have decided it's high time we have another tech session, so Roger and Pam will again open their homes to us on 10 October. The proposed dyno day will be postponed until the spring; this event will just concentrate on general fix-it stuff, as well as Lee Scales' famous BBQ talents. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 11 October: This show, sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Owners Ass'n, is a charity benefit for the Alameda Special Olympics. It's very low-key, but usually has over 100 Italian cars and motorcycles. A flyer should appear elsewhere in this newsletter, and Doris Britschgi will honcho the PCNC contingent.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Jack Bartole's Car Progresses: As you may recall, Jack's car was rear-ended in Reno after our Trip To The Stocks this summer. Larry reported that after some initial problems, the insurance adjustor has come through, and Jack's car is progressing nicely. Although the car had just undergone a very expensive paint job done by Some Other Vendor, the quality of the paint job was very poor, to the point where the shop doing the repairs said they couldn't paint badly enough to match the existing paint! So the entire car will be stripped and re-painted, again in the same Army Tank Green. Jack hopes to have the car back on the road before winter sets in.

Tiger Club Autocross Deal?: The Sunbeam Tiger Owners Ass'n (STOA) chapter is big-time into autocrossing, and they have approached us with an offer to host a joint autocross. The thing is, they want *us* to host it! They guarantee us they will support us with lots of participation (and thus guarantee a certain degree of income.) Although several members expressed interest in

participating in a joint event, the idea of PCNC actually going through the legwork to sponsor it went over like a lead balloon. Some expressed slight interest in taking it on in the spring; the idea is tabled for now.

Racer's Discount: Dave Crego reported that he was getting a 30% discount on parts and service from A&M Motorsports, and the proprietors have agreed to extend this discount to all PCNC members. Contact Dave for more details.

Raffle Results:

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

Sprint Car Poster — Pam Sharp

Turtle Wax — Dick Losch

Key Chain cars — Judy DeRyke, Dick Losch

Porsche model — Sharon Renshaw

History of the American Auto jigsaw puzzle — Jim Kuehne

POCA *Profiles* Centerfold — Chuck Melton

The meeting adjourned, uh, sometime around 9:30, the secretary forgot to check his watch!

A Note From The Editor

In the distant past, I collected all news, articles, announcements and flyers and physically constructed the entire newsletter, then presented it as a complete whole to a printer to get reproduced. When I was shipped off to Korea, it became easier to have the Fertittas collect most of the information, although I still had a hand in the creation of the newsletter.

Even though I've been back in California since 1996, it seems that many if not most contributions have been going not to me, but to the Fertittas. This has made it difficult for me to accurately compile the newsletter, and has resulted in lots of extra work for them. So I ask that from now on, *all* contributions to the PCNC newsletter be sent directly to me at:

136 Lighthouse Way,
Vacaville CA 95688-0102.

Thanks!

NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, September 24, 1997
8:00 P.M.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

October 3 ————— Checkered Flag Open Track (Ed Kornegay)

October 10 ————— PCNC Tech Session and BBQ (Roger Sharp)

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

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH