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## Minutes of Meeting 29 October, 1998

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Michael Fertitta at 8:09 p.m. All officers were present except for Mike Drew and Larry Stock. There were 33 club members in the room, and 5 Panteras in the parking lot.

Sadly missing was PCNC's president Ellis Woumm, who lost his long battle with cancer and passed away on 21 October. Ellis' parents and sister were guests at the meeting.

Michael opened the evening by briefly discussing the memorial ceremony that had been held the previous Sunday at the home of Dianne Dean. Ellis had quite a few friends assembled in his honor that day, both from PCNC and from the Navy. Michael had printed up booklets that were handed

out at the memorial, and he had a few extras to share at the meeting. He also thanked all the people who worked behind the scenes to help bring the memorial together—Dianne, Pam Sharp and Anita Kuehne arranged the food, and Russ Britschgi served as the ‘M.C.’ and ‘minister’ at the service.

Excerpts from the booklet and other remembrances of Ellis will be published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bill brought up the charitable contributions which we decided on at the last meeting. We had agreed to make a donation to the American Cancer Society, but Bill suggested that we instead allocate that money closer to home, to the Stanford Oncology Research Center for Colon Cancer. The motion was made and carried.

**New Members/Guests:** There were a few new faces in the crowd. **Jim West** came all the way down from his home in Folsom. He’s a member of POCA only (no chapter affiliation) and came down to check us out. Also joining us for the first time was **Todd Glycer**, who just joined PCNC. Todd is actively looking for a Pantera.

He didn’t have to look far; **Bob Grove** is a non-member who came to the meeting in an effort to sell his Pantera.

Also in attendance were **William and Debra King** from Austin, Texas. They purchased the green 1971 Pantera that was previously owned by PCNC member John Wehrheim, and have driven it from Texas to Monterey and back, and also Texas to Las Vegas and back in the same year! They’re thinking of relocating to the Bay Area and made a recon trip out to check out the local Pantera situation before moving!

**Changes to Last Month’s Minutes:** There were no changes noted.

**Club Library Report:** As promised, Sharon left the contents of the library back at home, although Chuck Melton returned one binder to her at the meeting.

**Club Treasury Report:** Ed Kornegay and Anita Kuehne are working on a budget for next year’s track event. Tony Harvey mentioned that he went to Los Laureles and spoke with the owner about our arrangements for Monterey ‘99, and found out that the hotel is in escrow (has been sold), but the present owner feels confident that we will still have it for next year. Although we don’t currently have a signed contract, we should have it hammered out by this time next month. Anita asked how many people would be willing to put in a deposit for their rooms, so we can have the cash to pay the deposit, and five hands went up (*six including the missing secretary!*)

**Club Store Report:** Bill produced quite a few new items for the winter season! He passed around a sample fleece vest with a zippered front, embroidered with the word *Pantera* on the left breast, and the PCNC logo on the back. The selling price will be about \$50 each. Another new item is a windbreaker with a similar motif, also for \$50.

He also brought the embroidered jackets, and announced the letterman-style jacket has gone up to \$80, and the nylon one to \$70. He also brought some limited-edition belt buckles.

Attention K-Mart Shoppers: Bill is running a blowout on Monterey ‘97 T-shirts and sweatshirts;

the t-shirts are available for only \$5 each and the sweatshirts are \$10!

### **Past Events:**

**Checkered Flag Track Event:** The weather was fantastic and the track action unsurpassed, all thanks to Ed Kornegay. Ellis' doctor had ferried his Pantera up there while Michael Harper drove Ellis up in his Jag. Ellis strapped on his helmet and proceeded to drive the wheels off the thing all day long, making his last drive of his Pantera one of his best ones!

**PCNC Tech Session:** About 17 Panteras showed up, including several new club members/owners, and several people interested in buying a Pantera. Again Bill Santos performed a major task, swapping in a completely new radiator and cooling fan setup. We figure Bill will have an entirely new car in about three years if he continues at this rate! Keith Gilmore got a new steering rack, and there were so many people looking for Panteras to work on that Keith didn't even get to work on his own car!

**All-Italian Car Show:** This low-key benefit for the Alameda Special Olympics was attended by three Panteras; those of Guy Dellavecchia, Doug Abadie, and Russ and Doris Britschgi.

**Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Part 2:** Doris spoke briefly about this tour, the second of the trilogy of tours arranged by the Fertittas. About 20 club members met up in Fremont for breakfast, then went to the town of Niles where we saw the train museum and model railroad at the Niles Depot. From there it was a short drive to Sunol where we rode the Niles Canyon Railway, an original steam locomotive pulling us on open flatcars. Afterwards we drove on a beautiful mountain road to a small winery for some tasting, then continued via back roads all the way to Tilden Park in the Oakland Hills, where we rode the miniature steam train and checked out the live steam model trains in operation. From there it was a short drive down to Jack London Square where we enjoyed a terrific Afghanistani dinner. Look for the story elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Trilogy Tour, Part 3 — 7 November:** A last-minute addition to our schedule is the third and final installment of the Fertitta-led tours. We will drive to San Martin where Byron Hight will be our docent for a tour of the Antique Airplane Association's Museum, and we'll then travel via back roads to the ex-Castle Air Force Base where Lee Scales will be our guide at their museum. Check the back of this newsletter for a flyer.

**PCNC Meeting — 19 November (ONE WEEK EARLY):** Due to the conflict with Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be held one week early, probably at our alternate location, the Coco's restaurant at Fremont and Mary in Sunnyvale. Check the back of the newsletter for a flyer and map.

**PCNC Christmas Party — 4 December:** All the information for the Christmas Party is contained in a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Call Kathy and Brian Gentry for information if it's not there!

**Superbowl Party — Superbowl Sunday:** Brian Bernard has again graciously volunteered the use of his Saratoga home for our annual Superbowl party. A flyer with a map will appear in the December newsletter.

**Club Business:**

**Nominations Continue:** The nomination committee has been doing a great job, and we now have a full slate of candidates for next year's offices. Nominations are still open, so it's not too late to throw your name in the hat! Elections will be held at the November meeting.

**Track Committee Meeting:** The track committee will hold their first formal meeting in San Francisco at Mike Drew's mother's house on Sunday, November 8th (the day after the Airplane Museum tour.) Anyone interested in helping stage the event is welcome to attend. For details and directions, give Mike a call.

**Honorary Membership:** Russ again made a motion to continue keeping Larry and Shari Stock as honorary members of PCNC (since they formally belong to Reno-Tahoe Panteras); the motion was made and carried.

**Raffle Results:** Ken Levin staged the raffle in Larry's absence, with the following results:

Luggage Tags — Mary Anne Kono

"I" Country Sticker — Brian Bernard

PCNC Insulated Mug — Diane Dean

Micro Machines Car Key Chain — Roger Sharp

Silver State T-shirts — Forrest Goodhart, Chuck Melton

Silver State hat — Brian Bernard

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

# NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1998

8:00 P.M.

*ONE WEEK EARLY!*  
*ALTERNATE LOCATION!*

COCO'S RESTAURANT  
FREMONT AND MARY STREETS  
SUNNYVALE, CA  
(See the map inside!)

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

November 7 ————— Airplane Museums Tour (Michael Fertitta)

December 4 ————— Christmas Party (Dianne Dean/Anita Kuehne)

January TBA ————— Super Bowl Party (Brian Bernard)

**REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15TH OF EACH MONTH**