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## Minutes of PCNC Track Committee Meeting 12 January, 2002

The members of the PCNC track committee gathered for a Las Vegas Speed Trials organizational meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Present were Mike Drew, Bill Santos, Charlie and Karen Puckett, Tracy Heald, and Ed Kornegay. Anita Kuehne was unable to attend.

The first topic of discussion was the budget for the event. Expenses have continued to climb, and there is considerable fear that sponsorship may be down. Despite the fact that the members of the committee decided to slightly raise the entrance fee, there was considerable fear regarding the potential for financial loss with our current plan. Bill Santos had a comprehensive budget spreadsheet and we considered items one by one.

Ed pointed out that the track was charging an outrageous amount for event insurance (about

\$3000 for one day.) CFRA pays only about \$1500 for their events, with (presumably) similar levels of coverage. We will be looking into securing independent insurance coverage with the hope of saving some money; however the track contract specifies high minimum coverage limits, so we may be stuck.

Ed agreed to contact the SCCA to secure the necessary six corner workers.

The track rents radios for a fairly reasonable cost; we agreed to rent four radios and headsets for the event staff.

The track has many hidden costs buried in their contract, including a mandatory fire/crash truck rental charge. Last year they provided nothing but a pickup truck with a tow rope and fire extinguishers, which we certainly could have provided on our own. We will attempt to strike this item. Last year, they failed to even tow any cars—Larry Stock was pressed into service to rescue stricken cars with his flatbed. Mike Drew will coordinate with Larry to ensure that he is again able to provide this service.

The cost of printing the T-shirts consumes a substantial portion of the event budget. Historically, the track budget has covered the purchase of 100 or more shirts, some of which were sold through the club store. For accounting purposes, we would like the club store to make the purchase this year, and sell the necessary 40 or 50 shirts to the track committee.

Given the size of the track, we decided to limit entries to no more than 20 cars in each run group.

We need to verify if there is any minimum age required for the lunchtime drive-around. Given that it's a non-competitive event run with just seat belts, one would think that anybody could participate. But last year we were under the impression that minors weren't allowed on the track under any circumstances. Bill will investigate.

The food vendor was a big problem last year—they provided poor service for only a fraction of the contracted time. Bill, as the designated Contract Cop, will insist that the track either provide a caterer that will fully service our needs, or allow us to arrange for catering on our own.

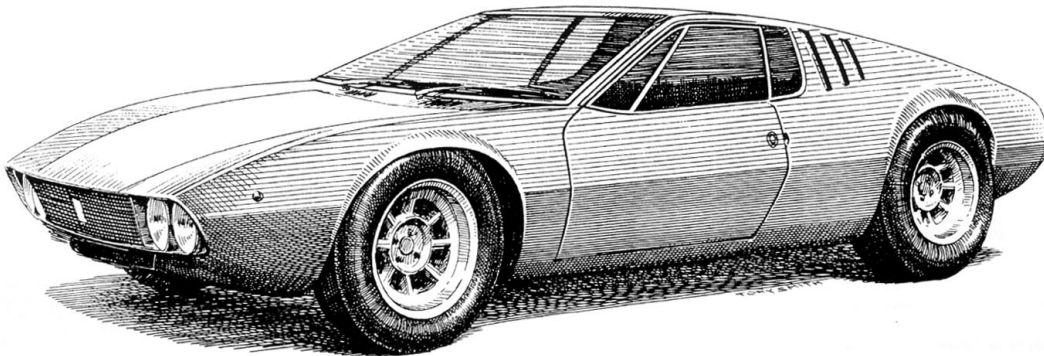
As heat casualties were a potential problem last year, and also because we are short on revenue, the track committee will buy a considerable amount of bottled water and have it for sale at the registration booth.

We must ensure than anybody who drives on the track signs the appropriate waiver.

In light of the potential dangers involved in this event, we will insist upon collecting basic medical information from each driver who goes on track, to be collected on file cards and left with the paramedics. Therefore if a car is involved in an incident, they can be armed with the knowledge that the driver has specific medical issues and can attend to those needs immediately. Mike will generate the necessary forms.

Finally, we would like to have one of the CHP Panteras serve as our pace car. There are two black Panteras in southern California which are decorated as CHP cars, complete with working light bars. Mike will coordinate with the owners and see if they are interested in helping out.

The meeting adjourned to pizza and sodas after about two and a half hours of discussion.



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# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, January 31, 2002  
8:00 P.M.**

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

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 3 ————— PCNC Superbowl Party (Brian Bernard)

Date TBA ————— Speedring Karting Challenge (Mike Drew)

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

# **January Meeting Date: *31 January***

**In the December 2001 issue of the PCNC newsletter, the date for the January meeting was mistakingly listed as 24 January in the body of the newsletter (although it was correctly listed as the 31st on the back page.) The meeting will, in fact, be held on 31 January.**

**We apologize for any confusion that may have resulted from Your Humble Editor's inability to read a calendar!**

