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## Minutes of Meeting 28 March, 2002

The meeting was called to order a few minutes before the secretary arrived! All officers were present except for the Renshaws, John Hansen and Charlie Puckett. There were at least 40 members present, as well as 11 Panteras in the parking lot.

**New Members/Guests:** The club welcomed **Daryl and Connie Johnson**, who have just purchased a Pantera from Minnesota. This is a very unique car, with a widened body patterned after the Adler's Group 5 racecar. The Johnson's new car is finished to a very high standard, but has a checkered past as apparently it was built from a burned-out car, and the VIN has been altered. Still, it's a beautiful car with a clean title, so they're ready to go!

**Ron Hanner**, who attended the meeting last month after an absence from PCNC of almost 20

years, purchased a very stock yellow '71 Pantera in Fresno shortly thereafter. He describes it as a "good, basic all-original car", and it got him to the meeting in one piece, so he's a winner too!

**Corrections To Last Month's Minutes:** The back page featured a typo, listing the meeting as the year 2001 instead of 2002. With a near-record attendance anyway, imagine how many people would have come if the date had been right!

**Club Treasury Report:** Jim reported that some sponsorship money is coming in, although a few payments are still outstanding. He's getting ready to write some fat checks to the track so hopefully the income will, well, keep coming in!

**Club Store Report:** John was evidently off on another skiing adventure, so there was no club store report.

**Club Library Report:** Perhaps the Renshaws were skiing also, and thus there was no library report!

**Club Website Report:** Mark was pleased to report that PCNC's new and improved website is now fully up and running! As our old website address moved to Florida along with our old webmaster, we had to use a new one. <http://www.panteraclubnorcal.com> is the place to find out the latest club happenings, and Mark will spread this link far and wide to help potential new members find out about us. If you have any information to add to the website, please contact Mark at the phone number/e-mail address on the front of this newsletter.

### **Past Events:**

**Tech Session/Swap Meet At The Sharp's:** Roger and Pam hosted yet another successful event at their home in Morgan Hill. Every car that drove in, drove away under its own power, although there was one significant error in judgment which resulted in a two-piece rear brake rotor on Bill Santos' car. Fortunately Larry was there with complete, ready-to-bolt-on rear uprights and Bill was soon on his way, poorer but wiser.

Bob Benson tore into his car's steering system, while Mark McWhinney discovered that "this feels about right" wasn't *quite* tight enough when he secured his oil filter after an oil change.

(Mark later said that what he was really doing was "flushing" the oil system by putting five quarts in, dumping it all over Roger's driveway and then putting another five quarts in!)

Greg Jacobs  
super-ginchy  
Lokar oil dipstick  
proved to be a  
genuine  
Goodwrench  
(Chevy) part, and



didn't fit on the Cleveland at all. After much fussing, he managed to modify his stock dipstick tube to accommodate his super-duper tall valve covers.



Tony Harvey showed up in his Jaguar with his Pantera rear suspension in the trunk. He pressed out his axles, changed his bearings and drove back home to Salinas, only to appear a short time later with his Pantera, now back on the road!

In the meantime, a roaring swap meet was under way, with some great deals to be had, and lots of parts trading hands.

**ZF Party At Mike And Nancy's:** Nancy Haney's Pantera developed a bit of a growl in the throwout bearing, so Mike DeRyke put forth a plea for volunteers to help swap it out. Just the right amount of people (three) showed up, and the gear-box was removed, bearing changed and installed back in the car in *less than an hour*.

This has to be some sort of PCNC record, all the more amazing when you consider that they wrestled it out of the car with 2x4's and motorcycle tiedown straps instead of a proper hoist! The car was up and running after a further 45 minutes or so of reattaching driveshafts, shift linkage etc.



### **Upcoming Events:**

**Gold Country Panteras Tech Session — 6 April:** There will be a Tech Event on Saturday, April 6th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rick Carlile's Shop, 1800 27th Street in Sacramento. This will be a minor service tech session (no engine overhauls, please) for changing fluids and other small repairs. Rick will have the BBQ fired up, so bring your own meat, side dishes and drinks. Call Rick at (916) 736-6920 x107 by April 5th to confirm. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue for more information.

**AutoZotica "Tax Evasion" Rally — 13 April:** In celebration of tax time, the folks at AutoZotica are staging a rally through some of the scenic back roads of Marin County. Their first rally this year was highly praised by Guy Dellavecchia and Nancy Haney/Mike DeRyke, and they will be joined by Greg Jacobs on this event. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Go to [www.autozotica.com](http://www.autozotica.com) for all the details.

**Air Conditioning/Appraising Tech Session — 20 April:** The Sharps will again host us for a tech session focusing on preparing those cars making the drive to the Las Vegas fun rally (although other jobs can certainly be accommodated.) Julie Summerville has pledged to come out and perform appraisals on our cars, and give us a group discount. The cost would be about

\$200 for each car (slightly more for cars with extensive modifications.) If you are interested, contact the Events Coordinator, Diane Dean at (408) 683-4861 or at deand@inreach.com. Bring as much documentation as you can to help speed the process!

This event will feature a visit by members of a local street rod club, so Roger asks that the driveway be reserved strictly for cars undergoing repairs. Panteras and other nice club cars will be parked on the lawn alongside, while beaters will be parked in the back forty.

**Las Vegas Fun Rally — 24-28 April:** As of now, there are two convoys planned for the drive to the event; one leaving Tuesday and one leaving Wednesday. For those attending the April meetings there will be sign-up sheets so we know whom to expect when.

Scenic Route: Meet at Perfect Copy at 6839 Mowry Ave. in Newark (Note: this is a new location!) on **Tuesday** morning at 8:30 a.m. Departure will be at 9:00 a.m. Promptly. With or without the Fertittas! From there, the convoy will head north and west into the Sierras, stopping for lunch at Irene & Marcus Smith's home in Pine Grove. For others who live outside the South Bay area, proceed directly to the Smith's home and plan to rendezvous at 11:00 a.m. Irene & Marcus will be hosting a brunch/lunch for us, so please RSVP to them at (209) 257-0906 or ISmith9999@aol.com and let them know you're coming so they can plan the menu. (A flyer with a map to both places appears elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Around 1:00 p.m. we will continue over the hill and down to I-395 with Bishop as our evening's destination. We have the same hotel as last year; the Days Inn, (760) 872-1095. The address is 724 W. Line Street. When phoning for a room reservation be sure to specify you are with the Pantera Club of Northern California; they will give us a special rate starting at \$59 (two bed rooms)—you do need to make your own reservations for Tuesday evening, April 22nd. If you stayed with them last year, they still have all your address and credit card information so the process is very speedy. Wednesday morning we have to get an early start due to possible *hot* temperatures crossing the desert, and we need to get the Club's store set up by 1:00 p.m.

***Freeway Route:*** As of now, nobody has expressed interest in driving to Las Vegas via I-5 except Steve Liebenow, who plans to leave Wednesday morning. It's possible that another group may meet up at the McDonald's lot on Thursday morning and drive straight through to Las Vegas in one day.

On both routes, if possible, keep your CB radio tuned to channel 14, which is the PCNC standard traveling frequency.

If you intend to drive to Las Vegas, please contact the Events Coordinator, Diane Dean at (408) 683-4861 or at deand@inreach.com and let her know when you're leaving and what your desired routing is, so she can help you link up with others who may be thinking along the same lines.

Once again, the need for volunteers to man the club store was reiterated. The proceeds from our club store sales go into the club treasury and help pay for all the club's events and newsletters throughout the year, so please volunteer your time. It's a great way to help the club that has helped each of you in ways big or small, and it's a wonderful way to meet new people also. Michael and Roxanne Fertitta volunteered to manage and run the POCA store for the entire weekend. So if the PCNC store manning is adequate, please consider swinging over to the POCA store to lend a hand there. Either way your efforts will be appreciated!

Apparently a Dyno Day is in the works, to be held the same day as our track event. Details were unfortunately hammered out too late for inclusion in the POCA newsletter, but information should be available at the hotel.

**Las Vegas Speed Trials — 26 April:** Bill Santos showed off the artwork for the event t-

shirt, which is nearing completion. Fortunately for us, applications and fees are starting to roll in. Ironically, virtually no PCNC members are signed up to participate yet! The application form can be found in recent POCA newsletters.

**PCNC Karting Challenge — 11 May:** Greg Jacobs is organizing a group gathering at the Speedring indoor racing facility in Santa Clara. (The original date was 18 May, but unfortunately there was a scheduling conflict which made this impossible, so we are going with our fall-back date.) Our group will be issued full safety gear, then get launched in groups of 14 for fifteen minutes of pre-race practice and qualifying. Once that process is complete, we'll have 35-minute sprint races, with unlimited passing, on-board telemetry, and everything the Formula 1 guys get except the prize money! The cost will be \$70, and payment in advance will be required to secure a position. We may get a discount if we have 28 people sign up. For more information, see the flyer elsewhere in this issue.

**Hole-In-The-Ground Tour, Part II — 29-30 June:** Michael and Roxanne are pleased to announce the second in their Hole-In-The-Ground series of tours. This time the focus will be on the amazing cave formations (and equally amazing back roads) of California's Gold Country. The group will meet in Livermore, travel along exquisite roads and visit two natural caverns outside of the town of Murphys. We will also have a wine tasting/luncheon/car show at the Ironstone Vineyards. Our overnight accommodations will be in Angel's Camp at the Gold Country Inn. The cost will be \$56 with an AA discount; make your reservations at (209) 736-4611. On Sunday we will tour another cave, this one with a river flowing through it! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

**Monterey Historic Races — 15-18 August:** Since rooms in Monterey this year are *already* impossible to find (Corvette is the featured marque, and hairy-chested, gold chain- and mood ring-wearing posers are coming out of the woodwork), our rooms will likely go fast. Ferrari race cars are the featured attraction for the Concorso Italiano. Sacramento club members inquired last month about room availability elsewhere, and the nearest vacant room was in San Jose! So POCA members who are also in other clubs and have traditionally stayed elsewhere may be looking to PCNC for lodging this year. Don't be surprised if the entire hotel is booked solid in the next few months. So if *you* want a room, send a deposit to Tony pronto! The balance will be due once we figure out what the actual cost is going to be.

**Driving For Dinner Raffle:** The competition was stiff with all the Panteras in the parking lot this month, but the winner was Terry Morofsky.

**Raffle Results:** Larry and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

*Profiles* centerfold — Steve Dalcino, Pam Sharp  
Nurburgring golf shirt — Mark McWinney  
Cider/Vodka six-pack — Daryl Johnson, Guy Dellavecchia  
De Tomaso flag — Terry Morofsky  
Bonneville/El Mirage Posters — Daryl Johnson, Kaizer Albino  
Bonneville program — Bob Benson

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:50, where the two new Panteras were admired long into the night.

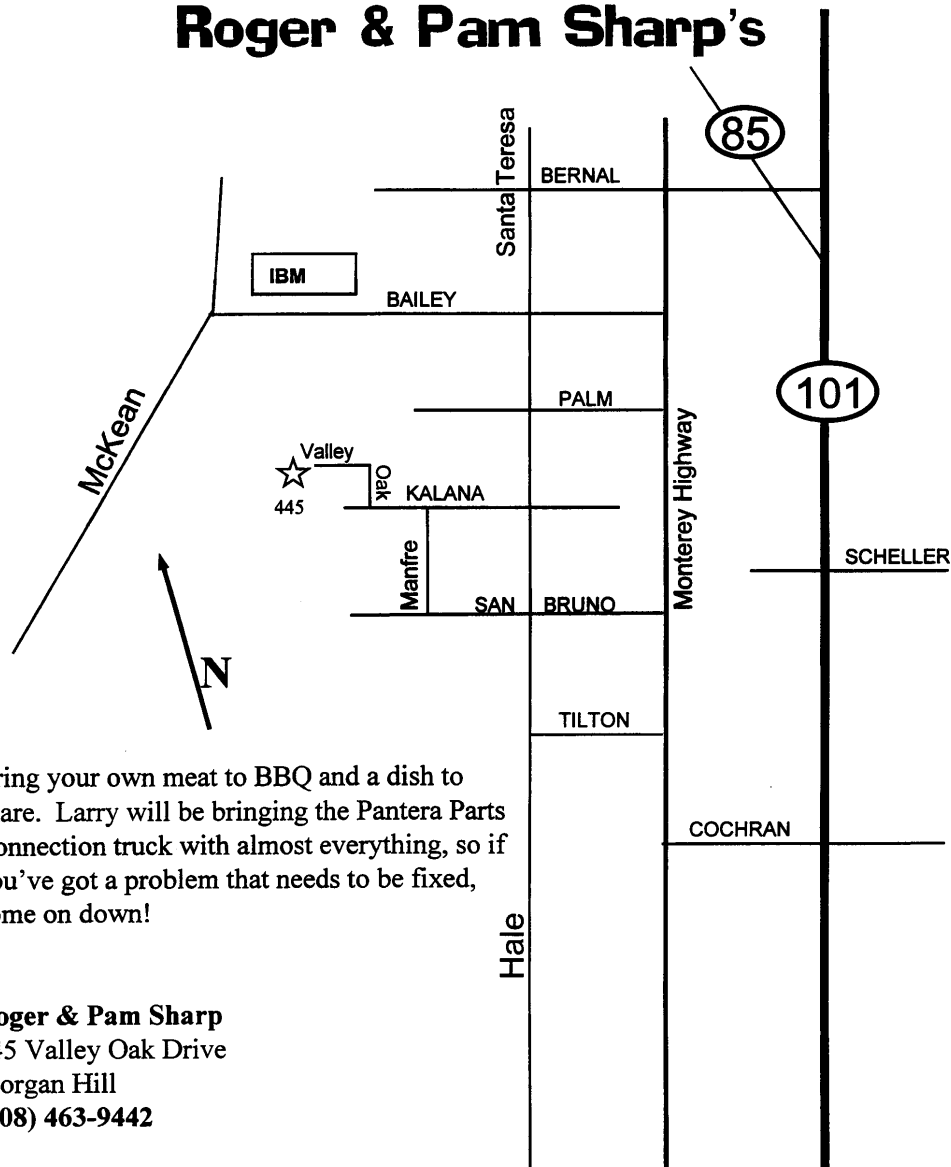
# Pantera Club of Northern California Air Conditioning Tech Session and Professional Appraisal

## Saturday, 20 April, 9:30 a.m. to midnight

*This is your last chance to get your Pantera ready for the trek to Las Vegas. Priority on the lifts and in the service bays will be provided to those planning on driving their Panteras to the POCA Fun Rally.*

*In addition, expert appraiser Julie Summerfield will be on-hand to perform professional appraisals. An appointment is required; please contact Diane Dean at (408) 683-4861 or [DeanD@inreach.com](mailto:DeanD@inreach.com) to schedule your appraisal.*

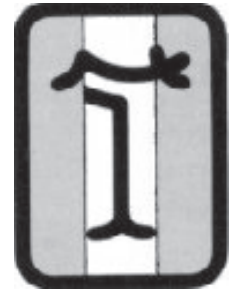
### Roger & Pam Sharp's



Bring your own meat to BBQ and a dish to share. Larry will be bringing the Pantera Parts Connection truck with almost everything, so if you've got a problem that needs to be fixed, come on down!

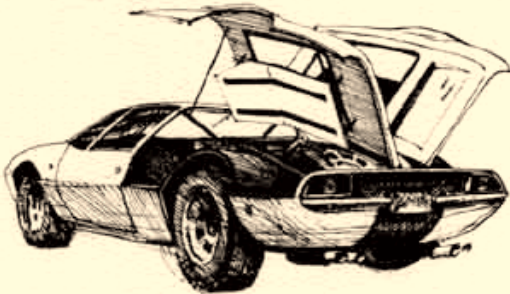
**Roger & Pam Sharp**  
445 Valley Oak Drive  
Morgan Hill  
(408) 463-9442

# ***Gold Country Panteras*** **Spring Tech Session**



**When: Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.**

**Where: Arktegraff (Rick Carlile's Architectural Firm)  
1800 27th Street, Sacramento  
(916) 736-6920**



**Bring your DeTomaso, for here's a chance to take care of repairs on your car and help out some friends.**

**Pantera owners, fans and wrenches (and good cooks) are welcome to join the members of Gold Country Panteras for a Saturday of fun, friends, wrenching and good food. Rick Carlile has donated the use of his warehouse for the day, so we'll be working rain or shine. The barbecue will be fired up in the afternoon, so bring a side dish to share, and something to grill. If you care to bring a dish with an international flavor, all the better.**

## **Directions:**

- Take I-80 east towards Sacramento.**
- Follow I-80 Business/US-50/Capitol City Freeway towards Sacramento/S. Lake Tahoe.**
- Take the 15th St. exit.**
- Exit at bottom of ramp onto X street, parallel to the freeway.**
- Turn left onto 21st st.**
- Turn right onto S St.**
- Turn left onto 27th St.**
- 1800 27th St. is the last building on the left before the railroad tracks.**

**For More Information – Rick Carlile (916) 736-6920**

# AutoZotica

**“Taxing” headaches got you stressed? Get away!**

**“Tax Evasion Rally”**

**Saturday, April 13, 2002**

**Backroads of Marin & Sonoma Counties**

This run we are set to do about 150~250 miles of driving. We will begin the day just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. From there we'll do what we do best, carve up and explore the hidden roads of Marin and Sonoma Counties. We'll see the coast, the rolling hills, valleys and forests of little known territories.

It will be a relaxing departure from those taxing mid-April blues. We will break for a lunch stop and then we will stop for some fun and games! We are going to play a little (miniature) golf and have some other gaming activities which will take you back to the days of youth (before the 1040 was due).



To finish off the day we will travel even more hidden roads to lead us back into the southern Marin area where the day began. As this is a driving event you will be required to drive your (qualifying) exotic car to participate.

The Participation cost will be \$40 dollars which includes all expenses with the exception of fuel, bridge toll if needed and any personal items. We look forward to seeing you then.

For registration information, go to [www.AutoZotica.com](http://www.AutoZotica.com)

***Creating Unique And Exciting Motoring Events For Owners Of Exotic Automobiles***



# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, April 18, 2002**

**8:00 P.M.**

*ONE WEEK EARLY!*

**COCO'S RESTAURANT**

**1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY**

**SUNNYVALE, CA**

**(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- April 6 ————— Gold Country Panteras Tech Session (Rick Carlile)
- April 13 ————— “Tax Evasion” Rally (AutoZotica.com)
- April 20 ————— A/C Tech Session/Appraisals (Roger Sharp/Diane Dean)
- April 24-28 ————— Las Vegas Fun Rally (Gary Roys/Kent Snyder)
- May 11 ————— Speedring Karting Challenge (Greg Jacobs)

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

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# **The Pantera Club of Northern California**

## ***Speedring Karting Challenge***

### **Saturday, May 11, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

PCNC is offering you the opportunity to experience the same racing that started the greatest drivers in the world! Imagine competition-prepped karts in wheel-to-wheel action on a challenging road course with the same technology of a modern Grand Prix to provide your race stats! The Formula 1 Champion of the World keeps his edge driving on his dad's kart track...this could be the place you start your racing career.

#### *Overview*

- \* Your personal introduction to the exciting world of motor racing.
- \* Real racing experience with hands on total control and passing.
- \* Maximum of 14 drivers per race—minimum age 18 years.

#### *Race Format*

15 minutes qualifying, followed by a 35-minute race

- \* Safety Briefing by Track Manager or Race Director.
- \* 15 minutes of pre-race practice and qualifying for start grid position.
- \* Grid formation.
- \* 35-minute Sprint Race from standing start to checkered flag.
- \* Driver completing most laps wins!
- \* Lap of Honor with checkered flag.
- \* Computer generated timing sheet at end with lapping summary provided to each driver.

### *Other Information*

- \* Drivers must check in no later than 12:00 noon for a MANDATORY safety training and race orientation meeting.
- \* Complete driver protection provided: full coverage helmet, race suit, balaclava, neck brace, and gloves. (Bring your own helmet if you have one.)
- \* Need to supply sensible shoes (running or trainers are best).
- \* Have shorts and a T-shirt to wear under the race suit, and a change of clothes for post-race socializing

### *Pricing*

- \* \$70.00 per driver

### *Directions*

SpeedRing Address:  
2900 Mead Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

From 101 North:

- \* Take the GREAT AMERICA PKWY exit towards BOWERS AVENUE. Drive 0.3 miles.
- \* Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp. Drive 0.1 miles.
- \* Merge onto BOWERS AVE. Drive 0.8 miles.
- \* Turn RIGHT onto MEAD AVE. Drive 0.1 miles.
- \* Speedring is located on the left.

From 101 South:

- \* Take the GREAT AMERICA PKWY exit. Drive 0.1 miles.
- \* Take a LEFT at the light onto Bowers Ave. Drive 0.9 miles.
- \* Turn RIGHT onto MEAD AVE. Drive 0.1 miles.
- \* Speedring is located on the left.

### *Registration Information*

Drivers should pre-register for this event, as space is limited. Payment in advance is required to secure a spot. Limited slots may be available on race day on a first come, first served basis. Make checks payable to PCNC and send to:

Greg Jacobs  
648 Fig Tree Lane  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 372-5968

For more information, go to <http://www.speedring-kartracing.com/>