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## Minutes of Meeting 30 January, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 by new PCNC president Todd Glycer, who used a massive inflatable air gavel to whack the table. All officers were present except for John Hansen. The mood in the room was unusually somber, as a formal announcement was made (for those not already aware) that long-time PCNC member Tony Harvey had been killed in an auto accident in his Jaguar a few days before. There were 37 members and seven De Tomaso automobiles present.

**New Members/Guests:** **Larry Henley** from Watsonville introduced himself to the crowd. He has a 1972 Pantera L project car, which is currently in primer and scattered around his shop. He also has a couple of primo hot rods. He owns a hot rod shop in Watsonville, and he found out about the club from Forest Goodhart.

**Changes To Last Month's Minutes:** There were no changes noted.

**Club Treasury Report:** Our account is thankfully looking very healthy right now, but we have some very big expenses coming up....

**Club Library Report:** Howard would like to list the contents of the library on the PCNC website. That way, members could determine what items they'd like to check out, and then arrange to pick them up at the meeting. Also, he recently received a few more contributions.

**Club Membership Report:** Russ handed out the 2003 address/phone/e-mail rosters to those present, and those who were absent will receive theirs along with this newsletter.

### **Past Events:**

**Christmas Party:** As reported in a previous newsletter, the club's Christmas party was a rousing success, thanks in no small part to the efforts of Diane Dean, who once again pulled it all together for us.

**Super Bowl Party:** The Super Bowl party at Rod Pack's house was well-attended, although the mood was decidedly mixed. It was here that many people first learned of Tony's passing. Still, all made an attempt at enjoying the day, helped in no small part by boat rides given by Rod. His boat has twin blown 502-inch motors, and is ridiculously fast. Six people clambered aboard, and with not a bit of safety gear in sight, Rod ramped it up to 5000 rpm. Besides the ungodly roar of the engines, passengers noted that they were travelling at about 105 mph!!!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Air Conditioning Tech Session — 12 April:** Once again, Roger and Pam Sharp will host our tradition pre-Las Vegas tech session. Besides recharging air conditioning systems, any Pantera going to Las Vegas will be given priority for fixing whatever's broken! Watch for a flyer in upcoming editions of this newsletter.

**Las Vegas Speed Trials — 24-25 April:** Bill announced that he is still beating the streets looking for sponsorship, especially in light of the fact that our costs have doubled, but sponsorship is sluggish so far. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$2000. He's expecting it may be much more difficult than last year, so we may try to expand our search to include corporate sponsorship.

Charlie announced that although a bunch of people from CFRA are committed to attending, so far only two Pantera owners have signed up for the event.

**Napa Valley Wine Tour/Car Show — 14-15 June:** Terry Morofsky is organizing this two-day event, which will be held over the Father's day weekend. He is searching for a bed-and-breakfast to provide lodging for us; one winery in particular would like us to have a car show in their parking lot on Sunday. Watch for the particulars later in the spring.

**Monterey Historics Weekend — 20-24 August:** By virtue of the fact that they had both worked with the hotel owners in supporting past events, Diane Dean and Anita Kuehne will

together take on the responsibility of staging the Monterey event.

### **Club Business:**

**Passing Out Awards:** There were several awards and trophies left over from the Christmas party, and Diane Dean handed them out to those people who were present at the meeting.

**Nametag Order:** Doris Britschgi is about to place another nametag order with our engraver, so anybody interested in obtaining a nametag should contact her.

**Tony Harvey Memorial Long Distance Driven Award:** Tony Harvey was proud to be a contender each year for the longest distance driven to the Las Vegas event. Despite the disadvantage associated with living relatively close to Las Vegas, he sought to overcome this liability by driving hundreds if not thousands of miles out of his way before arriving at the hotel.

In light of his passion for this award (which he won several times), the members and officers of PCNC are petitioning the event organizers to name this particular award in Tony's memory. A formal request has been made; hopefully we'll have an answer before the February meeting.

**PanteraPlace.com Support:** A motion was made to donate some funds to Mike Dailey to support his ongoing PanteraPlace.com website, which has become by far the largest and most useful Pantera website extant. Recently he had to change hosts, and his costs increased dramatically. However, he has already received enough private donations to keep the site going for some time, and in response to a query he actually asked that PCNC *not* contribute anything at this time, so the motion was tabled until he's broke again!

### **News, Clues & Rumors:**

**Texas Tech Session And Ferrari Drive-Off:** Mike had the opportunity to fly to Houston and participate in a small tech session at Gray Gregory's ranch. After all the Panteras were fixed and sent home, Mike and Gray jumped into his dad's cars (including a million-dollar 1961 Ferrari 250 SWB competition berlinetta) and proceeded to tear around the rural Texas back roads, having them a good ol' time!

**Ford GT Engine Coming Together:** Mike then flew to Detroit, where he got another private tour of the Roush Racing facilities. While there, he got the opportunity to see prototype engines for the new Ford GT being thrashed on the dyno. The new motor easily meets Ford's 500 hp/500 ft/lbs requirement, although it is physically *huge*, bigger by far than a 429 Boss or 460. It would be a really tight squeeze getting one into a Pantera, but the dry sump system will enable it to sit quite low, so perhaps.....

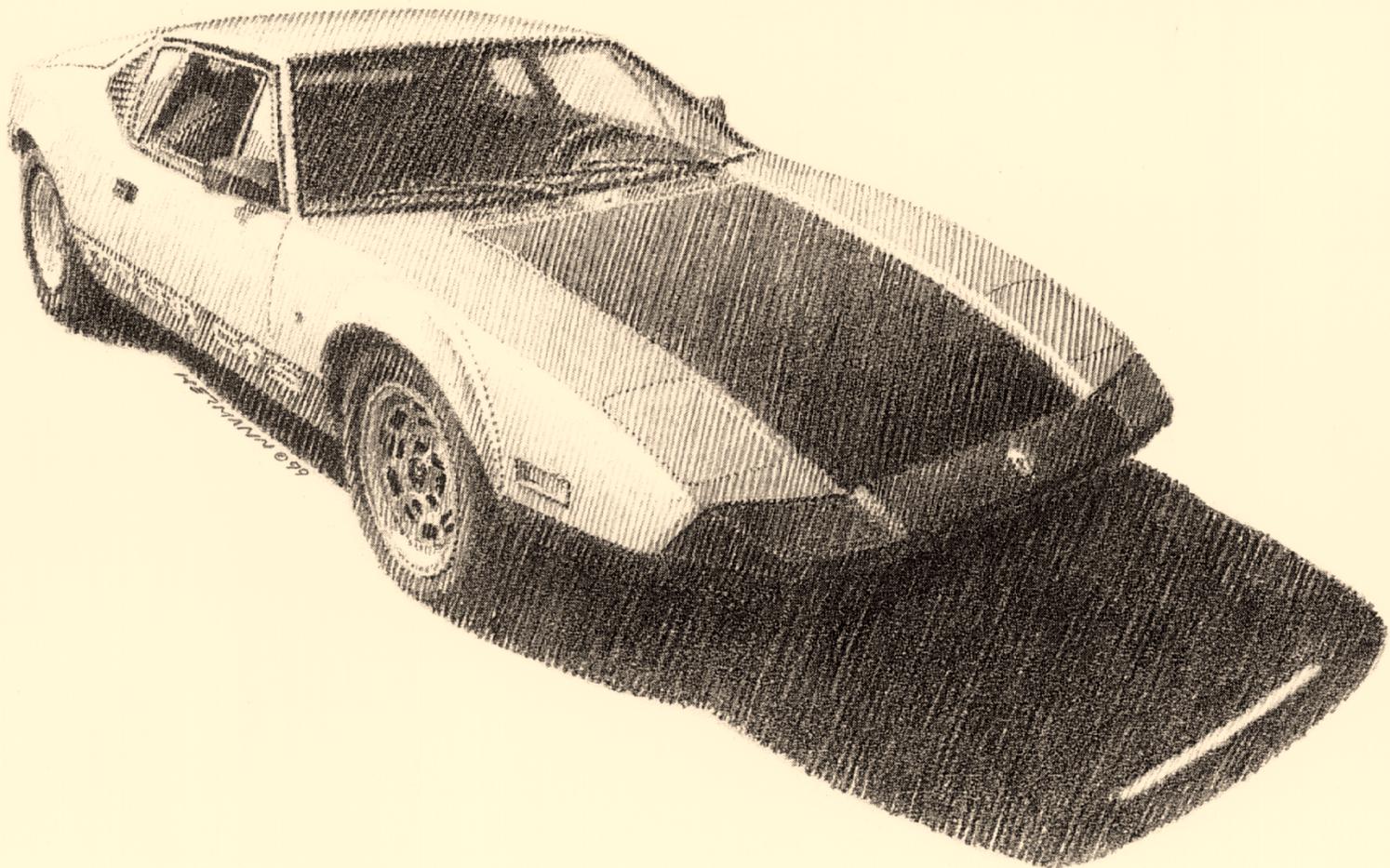
**Anything's Possible — Not Smart, But Possible:** Mike reported that he had purchased a chassis lift and ramps from Larry Stock. Lacking a pickup truck, he elected to stuff the whole affair into the back of his hapless VW Scirocco! The car was in the parking lot, grossly overloaded, with the rear suspension fully compressed! Thankfully sanity prevailed, and Greg Jacobs' father volunteered to take the (very heavy) ramps in the back of his station wagon and follow Mike home, ensuring that the poor car survived unscathed. Mike promised that the addition of a lift to his garage would ensure he'd start working on his Pantera soon. Yeah, sure!

**Driving For Dinner Raffle:** And the winner was Chuck Melton.

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

Pantera Parts Connection Hat — Bob Benson  
Pantera Performance Center \$100 gift certificate — Russ Britschgi  
Pantera Performance Center \$50 gift certificate — Mark McWhinney  
Pantera Performance Center T-shirts — Greg Jacobs, Bob Lucas  
Pantera Performance Center hat — Russ Britschgi, Tom Hasenberg  
De Tomaso Logo Pen — Bob Benson  
POCA Profiles centerfold poster — Dennis Turrin  
Free lunch certificate (From Kurt Hall) — Bill Santos

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:40.



# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, February 27, 2003  
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

April 12 ————— Air Conditioning Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

April 24-25 ————— PCNC Las Vegas Speed Trials (Charlie Puckett)

June 14-15 ————— Napa Valley Wine Tour/Car Show (Terry Morofsky)

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

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# Tony Harvey Memorial Cruise

*Story and Photos by Mike Drew*

On Saturday, February 3rd, I joined many others in celebrating the life of Tony Harvey.

The day began with questionable weather—alternating sunshine and dark clouds. I hopped into my GT-350 (sure, I could have taken my Scirocco and spent half as much on gas, but in keeping with Tony's belief in *driving* your club cars, that would have been unthinkable today...) and headed down the road. As soon as I turned onto I-680 I saw a red Pantera out in front of me, so I punched it to catch up.

Nancy and Mike Haney had just driven over from Napa, so we joined up and drove another hour and a half or so to the designated PCNC meeting point in Morgan Hill. The weather had spit down some light drizzle in spots, and the sun was shining in others. I wondered what the day would have in store for us on the Monterey coast.

One other car was already there, and soon two more



*After a drive in intermittent mist, we arrived in Pacific Grove to find clear skies and a blustery wind...*

arrived. Diane Dean and Steve Liebenow were MIA, and after a few phone calls we found out they were running late, but would be on the road shortly. We hopped in our cars and drove to the next exit, and linked up with them and headed on down.

Diane was driving her Pantera in the lead, with the late Ellis Woumm's sister Debra (and now owner/driver of Ellis' Pantera) seated alongside; they had flown in from Atlanta. Meanwhile, Steve had Ellis' mom in his Mangusta. Another few exits and suddenly a silver Pantera leapt from the shoulder to



*A group of people was already gathered on the bluff overlooking the beach--Tony and Linda's favorite spot...*



*Tony's friends crossed all societal boundaries--age, sex, race, class, income--as evidenced by the crowd present*



*Steve Liebenow read quotes from testimonials made by many people on the De Tomaso e-mail forum*

join us—Larry and Donna Finch had made the drive over from Fresno.

Upon arriving at the beach in Pacific Grove, we were relieved to find clear skies, accompanied by strong, blustery winds. A group of people had gathered on the bluff overlooking the beach; apparently this was Linda and Tony's favorite spot to sit and watch the sunset....

Quite a few other club members were there, including Cal Eustaquio who had driven up from San Luis Obispo, and Markus Woehler, nominally a resident of Monterey (and a close buddy of Tony's in recent years), who flew in from his temporary station in Washington D.C. especially for this event.

The group (probably 100-120 people or so) moved down to the beach to get out of the wind, and one of Linda's relatives made a short presentation. Then on behalf of the Pantera owners present, Steve Liebenow shared some reflec-



*In Tony's honor, a line of De Tomaso cars led a long group of other cars on the drive back to Linda's house*



*At Linda's house, the gathering was exactly as Tony would have liked it—some folks were inside eating, while others were hanging out and talking Panteras....*

tions, mostly gleaned from the De Tomaso e-mail forum. Many people had written to share their thoughts on Tony's passing, and Steve culled some of their comments and shared them with the crowd.

Then we returned to our cars for the 20-minute drive to Linda's home in Prunedale, inland from Monterey. It was a bit of a gaggle at first, as the De Tomaso cars were all mixed up with civilian autos, but soon things sorted themselves out, and a convoy of 14 Panteras and a Mangusta headed north on Hwy 1, followed by the rest of us.

We arrived at Linda's beautiful home to find that the sun had come out for good and the wind had died down—the weather was simply spectacular! Linda's family had set up refreshments inside, and for the next several hours people circulated through the house, the front yard with its expansive curved driveway, and the large and scenic backyard, with its multiple decks and zillion-dollar views.

I heard somebody remark that the event



*Tony's mother read some of the cards that Tony had sent her in the past few years*



*This tribute to Tony included his trademark snap-brim cap, Ellis Woumm's old Navy flight jacket, and some of his many awards*

was exactly as Tony would have liked it—some people were gathered outside, talkin’ ‘bout cars (and even fixing one), others were in the house attending to the food, while others were on the deck, enjoying refreshments and good conversation.

On a table inside the door, a display had been set up, featuring numerous photos of Tony (including some from his distant past, when he not only had hair, but an afro!) In virtually all the photos, he wore the same distinctive, and ever-present smile. You have *never* seen somebody smile as frequently as Tony did, and the photos clearly showed this to be true. Also on the table were some of his most prized awards, including the longest distance driven award from the 2000 Las Vegas event, and a PCNC most active member award for 2002. Hanging on the side was Ellis Woumm’s old Navy flight jacket; after Ellis died, Tony took to wearing it all the time, and if it was cold outside you *never* saw him wearing anything else.

Late in the afternoon, everyone gathered on the deck, and several people addressed the crowd, including Tony’s mother. As a final gesture, each of us was handed a helium balloon (in Pantera yellow of course, to match his car), and all together we released them to the heavens, sending our good wishes to him.

It was a touching, moving day. While initially upon hearing the news of his death, the feeling was one of tragedy, with the passing of a week each of us had the opportunity to reflect upon the positive ways he had touched each of our lives. So the atmosphere at this event was far from grim or somber (most of the time anyway). Mostly it was a celebration—a celebration of the joy that he brought to each and every person who met him.

I know I can safely speak for everyone present when I say that those of us that knew him felt profoundly lucky to have done so, and although he will be sorely missed, the memories of Tony we each have will be treasured forever....

