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Minutes of Meeting 24 June, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 by vice-president Todd Glycer in Terry Morofsky's absence. All officers were present except for Larry Stock, the Pucketts, and John Hansen. 36 people signed the roster and there were nine De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcome several new faces. **Kevin Felt** recently moved to the Bay Area from Arizona. A long-time Shelby guy, he is currently building a Cobra replica, and found out about PCNC after joining the local Shelby club. He has always been intrigued by our cars and is interested in learning more—the first step towards ownership!

Peter and Catie Cajthaml took the giant plunge and recently purchased the radical 1972 Pan-

tera formerly owned by Jay Leone in Marin County. This car was one of the first cars to receive the full Hall Pantera treatment, including the fitment of a GT5 body kit. They were fortunate enough to buy a quality car and are now on-board to learn more about it!

Brian Bernard brought **Travis Sherman**, a local kid who has helped him work on his cars, to share the Pantera ownership experience.

And in terms of new cars in the parking lot, **Tom Hasenberg** sold his decidedly scruffy black '73 and picked up an absolutely beautiful and largely stock yellow '74 (number 7264, a 7/74 car) from a friend. His friend had purchased it back in 1990 with only 6,000 miles on the clock. It has been lovingly driven since then, and now still has only 16,000 miles. Tom worked out a deal whereby he sold his old car in southern California, and picked up his new car the same day and hauled it back home. The Campy wheels are in his garage, still shod with the original Arriva tires, and it is currently running on aftermarket wheels and tires. Well-done Tom!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were numerous objections and criticisms regarding last month's minutes, due to the rather abbreviated notes that were taken. Mike humbly apologized for the mistakes and promised to coach his stand-ins more thoroughly. In particular, the club store report and associated comments were made by Gary Kono, not John Hansen. Also, Doris was present even though she had been reported as being absent.

Club Treasury Report: Jim reported that the treasury is in fine fettle, and we should be able to cover our Monterey expenses with no problems.

Club Store Report: Gary Kono essentially repeated his report from the previous month regarding the personalized fake license plates. He can get fiberglass 'replicas' of original California plates embossed with the word "Pantera". These would of course be permitted for show car use only, as you'd have a heck of a time explaining them away to a police officer! He is still getting a sense for how many people are actually interested in buying some, as there are economies of scale if he buys in quantity, but he doesn't want to get stuck with a pile of plates nobody wants. If you're interested, please let him know.

Membership Report: Operations between PCNC and POCA continue to run smoothly, and our membership is holding steady.

Past Events:

Reno/Tahoe Pantera Rally: Roger Sharp gave a recounting of this event. There weren't very many PCNC members present this year, but overall there was a pretty good group of people. The event started with a BBQ lunch at Incline Village on the lake, which was unusually windy. But nobody overheated! Larry Stock lead a lunchtime track tour on the new Reno/Fernley track, which was supposed to be at a moderate pace, but apparently was rather closer to 10/10ths! Roger managed to hang back a bit to get some clear track and then put his foot in it.

This was followed by a tour of Garth Richard's local auto museum. he has something like 200-plus cars in his collection, mostly American convertibles, and mostly low-mileage originals, not super-restored. Sonja DeRyke catered a lunch at the track and dinner at Larry Stock's house. She even baked a birthday cake in the shape of a Pantera!

Roger was cooking along pretty well on the way home from the event, but four times his Little Voice told him to back out of it, and each time a CHP car appeared shortly after!

Russ Britschgi commented that he was a passenger in Larry's car on the track, and due to the

extremely low aftermarket floor pans, the car repeatedly bottomed out right under him!

Jay Curreri from Pennsylvania found out that when you push a Pantera on a race track with a stock oil pan, you starve your bearings of oil. Once the bearing spun, the motor threw a rod and bent/broke numerous other things. Whoops! It has since been trailered back to Pennsylvania, and is undergoing a motor transplant. He has ambitions of driving it back to Monterey and then back home again!

Ledson Winery Debacle: Three days prior to our scheduled event there, the winery cancelled our event because they had booked a Mustang club in our place (never mind that we probably could have both enjoyed the venue together). So Tom Galli crashed the event in his driver '65 Mustang convertible! Ironically, his car then won first prize in the car show, and he was presented with a bottle of wine. When asked by the winery representative which club he was representing, he replied "Pantera Club of Northern California!" which probably caused a few red faces....

You can scratch the Ledson Winery off your list for future event venues, of that you can be sure.

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Meeting — 22 July (ONE WEEK EARLY!): Due to planned remodeling of our meeting room, a motion was made and passed to move our meeting up one week, to Thursday, 22 July, which is why this newsletter is being printed and mailed a week early. If you show up at the end of the month, you'll be lonely!

Monterey Historics/Concorso Italiano — 12-15 August: On-line registration for the Concorso Italiano is available, at www.concorso.com. Our room and dinner package pricing is still in the negotiations phase, but final figures should be reached shortly. The dinner price will be dependent upon the cost of the dinner, which is not set yet. The theme of the dinner is Mardi Gras, and the original price was considered a bit high. Once we know what the costs will be we'll release the prices to those who have made their reservations.

There are only two room packages left, so if you're interested, Diane Dean will be accepting \$100 deposits, make sure you send your deposit in pronto!

PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December: The date of the Christmas party has been changed by popular demand. It will be held on the second Friday of the month, in the same place as last year—David's Conference & Banquet Center in Santa Clara. Diane will be booking a block of hotel rooms for people who don't wish to drive home afterwards, but these arrangements will wait until after the Monterey event.

News, Clues and Rumors:

John Bentley On The Mend: Mike reported on his visit earlier in the afternoon with John Bentley. John was involved in a low-speed motorcycle accident on a back road in the Santa Cruz mountains. He failed to see a warning sign for a sharp curve ahead, lowsided and slid across the pavement, whereupon the bike struck a curb, flipped and slammed him face-first into the ground. His stepdaughter escaped with a lightly broken arm, but John suffered severe facial injuries. His jaw was driven sharply back into his skull, resulting in tens or hundreds of tiny fractures. He also broke a collarbone and various other bits and bobs. He was flown by helicopter to Stanford

and was kept in a drug-induced coma for three days.

This all sounds quite grim, but surprisingly he looks quite good and is in excellent spirits. In fact he was scheduled to be released from the hospital the following day, and planned to use his 30 days or so of recovery time to try to make some headway with his various mechanical projects. His motorcycle escaped the crash with extremely minor damage, which he'll fix right away. He also wants to install his new engine in his Pantera, but can't due to his broken arm. A tech session may ensue shortly!

We're all glad that he was wearing a full-face helmet at the time of his accident, as obviously the situation would have been far different had he been wearing an open-face helmet....

Presentation To Roger Sharp And Jim Kuehne: On behalf of John Hansen, Gary Kono made a formal presentation to Roger and Jim of a pair of Pantera-embroidered tool bags, given in recognition of all the people they have helped on the side of the road over the years. They were then given a well-deserved round of applause.

Chris Wilson Visit: Jim spoke of a recent visit by Chris Wilson, the fellow from New Zealand who stumbled into our merry band on his way to the Las Vegas event. Chris was in town for business, and spent a day with Jim and Roger.

Edelbrock 351C Aluminum Heads On The Way: Bob Lucas was at a recent Shelby club meeting where a representative from Edelbrock spoke about upcoming products, including bolt-in aluminum replacement cylinder heads for the 351C in both 2v and 4v quench configurations! Historically Edelbrock heads have generated power gains of anywhere from 25-50 hp with no other modifications, so this comes as great news to Pantera owners who have historically had to rely on obsolete Ford racing heads if they wanted to go the lightweight route. These new Edelbrock heads are designed to utilize standard intake and exhaust configurations, and will be priced similarly to their other offerings, around \$900 for bare heads and \$1200 for completely assembled heads.

New Pantera Models Available: Chuck Melton had several goodies and gadgets for sale, including some new Tomy Pantera models. These cars are Hot Wheels-sized but offer terrific detail, and are painted in Euro GTS colors. He has them for sale for only \$12 each.

Larry Finch Update: Larry reported that his Pantera repairs are progressing, slowly but surely. Tom Dupart went and examined the car, and reported that the front end has been put back together. They have ambitions of painting the car sometime in July. Larry also passed around photos of the work in progress.

Paul DaCruz In Sports Car International: SCI magazine printed an article of the top 10 sports cars of the '70s in their July issue, as chosen by a host of automotive writers. The Pantera made several of their lists, and Paul and his white '72 Pre-L were chosen to represent the marque.

Bob Blows A Motor: Bob Benson's Shelby GT-350 replica with a 347 stroker motor gave a great performance at the Las Vegas Speed Trials, and he took it to Thunderhill to run a recent Shelby event. Running hard after lunch, on the front straight he heard a bang and thought he blew a tire, as there was smoke trailing from the right rear corner of the car, and coming out of the trunk. He pulled off the track and found all four tires looked fine, but looking back down the

track he spotted a wrist pin, a piece of connecting rod, another piece of connecting rod, another wrist pin, etc. Looking under the car he saw a monster hole through the bottom of his oil pan. This practically new engine had only 11 track days on it, probably no more than 20-30 hours of running. This is the 7th or 8th motor he's blown up over the years. He plans to return to a smaller stroke, about 331 inches.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Howard Renshaw III, who is obviously getting into the Pantera swing of things after taking possession of his Pantera from his parents several months ago.

Raffle Results: Jim Kuehne ran the raffle in Larry's absence, as he was in Nevada preparing for the Pony Express open road race. As he didn't have any of Larry's prizes to offer, Jim phoned some local club members and asked them to make donations, and at the meeting was flooded with prizes. The result was a longer-than-usual raffle draw, with a bigger-than-usual take for our treasury! And the results were:

Bottle of wine — Brian Bernard
Pantera Polish Cloths (tea towels) Chuck Melton
Supercars book — Brian Bernard
Road & Track keychain (18K gold) — Brian Bernard
De Tomaso Logo Patch from factory uniform — Peter Cajthaml
Factory parts tag — Chuck Melton
Pantera key blank — Anita Kuehne
Long-sleeve track T-shirt — Travis Sherman
Short-sleeve track T-shirt — Rich Walling, Bob Lucas
Framed POCA Centerfold Poster — Anita Kuehne
Centerpiece plastic plant — Howard Renshaw III
Jack Roush autographed poster — Forest Goodhart
Billet aluminum sway bar brackets — Larry Finch
Mechanics apron — Mark McWhinney
Tire cleaner — Brian Bernard
Strap wrenches — Larry Finch
Wash Mitt — Howard Renshaw III
PCNC tool bag — Rich Walling
Oven mitts — Larry Finch

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:20, where the crowd got a good look at the Cajthaml's new Pantera!

Membership News

May and June's New Members:

Howard Renshaw III of Concord. If you liked Howard Renshaw 2 you'll love Howard Renshaw 3. More action! Better special effects! Bigger explosions! Wilder car chase scenes! No, wait a minute, that's a movie promotion. This is Howard & Sharon's son, but the car is the same. Yes, Howard II sold the white Pantera to his son (some unknown number of easy payments) and now we welcome Howard III to our club. Some of us may remember Howard the younger from the PCNC tour to the Portola Railroad Museum a few years ago. At that time he was attending Chico State and he drove along with us as far as Oroville. When the mini tornado hit and the rains started, he, being a college man, headed away from the storm. The rest of us turned uphill following the rain and on to the forth coming snow. What a trip.

We congratulate the following persons for the indicated years of continuous membership in the Pantera Club of Northern California:

May Membership Anniversaries:

Bob & Bobby Crowell: thirteen years
Steve Anderson: seven years
Asa Jay & Shelley Laughton: six years
Kim & Tanya Buckley: four years
Joe & Glenda Perrucci: four years
Rich Walling: three years
Ernie & Katherine Gerloff: one year
Sue Loeffler & John Hutnick: one year
Lynn Berry & Oscar Jimenez: one year
Garth & Leslie Rodericks: one year
Randy & Linda Welch: one year

June Membership Anniversaries:

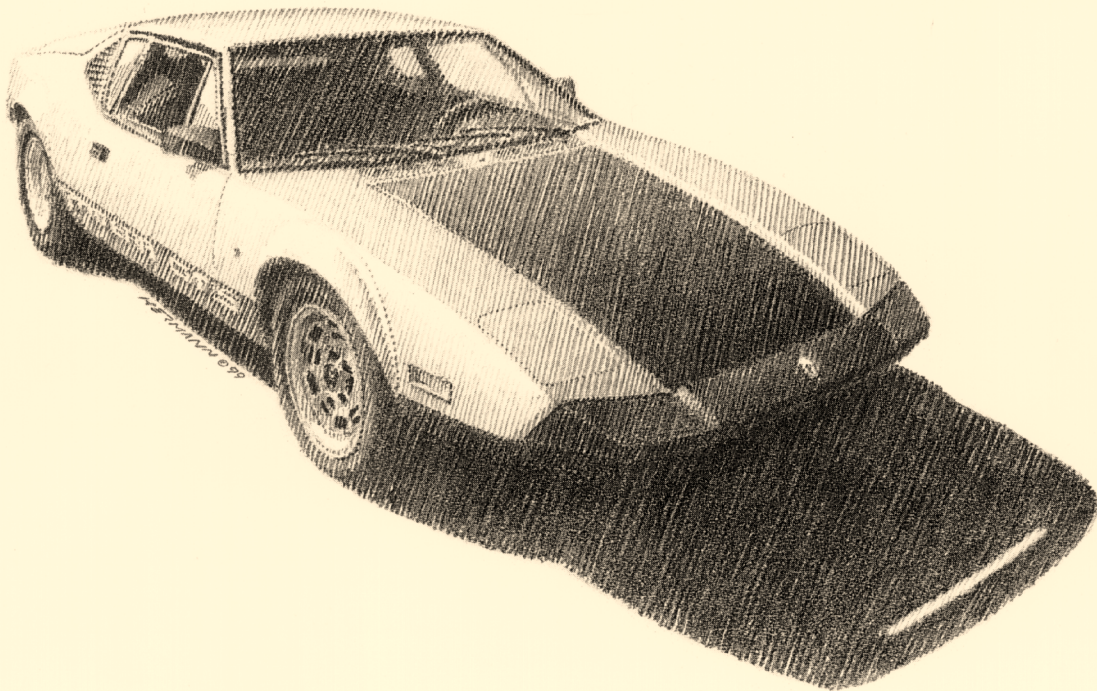
Eliot Kushner: seventeen years
Junior & Chris Wilson: fifteen years
Brian Bernard: twelve years
Richard & Beverly Traxler: twelve years
Cheryl Pastore & Les Morgan: ten years
Dave Crego: seven years
Chuck & Suzie Melton: seven years
Steve & Merry Dalcino: five years
Leroy Lacy: five years
Bill Milligan: five years
Howard Memmer: three years
Mike Paul: two years
Dan VanDusen: one year

Special Announcement

Due to construction at Coco's restaurant, this month's Pantera Club of Northern California meeting will be held *one week early*.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 22, at the normal time and location.

Don't miss it!



NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, July 22, 2004

8:00 P.M.

ONE WEEK EARLY!

COCO'S RESTAURANT

1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY

SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July 22 ————— PCNC Monthly Meeting (*One Week Early!*)

August 12-15 ——— Monterey Historics Weekend/Concorso Italiano (Diane Dean)

December 10 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

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