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Minutes of Meeting 29 September, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Benson shortly before 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Terry Morofsky, Sharon Renshaw and Mike Drew; Steve Liebenow kindly took notes for the meeting minutes. There were 40 members present, with 12 De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club was pleased to welcome **Garry and Sue Choate** from San Ramon. They purchased their red 73 Pantera L about five months ago; it currently has about 34,000 miles on the clock.

Also in the crowd was **Mike Kearny**, a guest of Rich Boschert, who is on the hunt for a Pantera

of his own.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Todd Glycer is not in charge of the Christmas dinner; Diane Dean is still heading up that committee.

Club Treasury Report: Jim reported that after paying all of our (large) bills associated with the Monterey event, we still have plenty of money left in our treasury to fund next year's various activities.

Club Store Report: Gary reported that the club store director is somewhere out in the Mexican waters, and "hadn't been heard from for days." Thus there was no new activity to report.

Club Website Report: Mike Drew went back through his archives and retrieved all PCNC newsletters dating back to 1996, converted them to PDF format and sent them to Mark; they can now be viewed on the website. Mark also has been continually updating the site with news of upcoming events.

Club Membership Report: Russ wasted no time in signing up the guests present and turning them into new members!

Past Events:

Fun Ford Sunday: Steve Liebenow reported that there was only one club member there (him) with only one club car (his Mangusta). The weather was beautiful and the show was filled with Fords of every type and description. Everybody who wasn't there, really missed out.

Curt Hall Cam Change Tech Session: Roger described the multi-weekend camshaft changing tech session which took place at his house (and which was detailed in an article in last month's newsletter). Curt Hall's bone-stock '74L finally received a horsepower increase with the installation of a new camshaft, closed-chambered heads, a new intake manifold and a rebuilt carb. Naturally, all didn't go perfectly smoothly, and Roger described the project as both "interesting" and "colorful". During the course of the project, Roger learned how to run a milling machine. Roger's master mechanic Paul was ready to tear down the entire bottom end, much to Jim and Roger's dismay, but he was overruled. After several weeks the car left the driveway, leaving a big pile of old parts behind, and Curt is absolutely thrilled with the results. Note that due to work conflicts, Curt never actually was able to help with the project on his own car!

Eagle Ridge Golf Course Show: Roger was invited to show his Pantera at a small show held at a local golf course; among the other notable cars present was the white '56 Chevy built and formerly owned by Jim Kuehne. The show was a promotional event to expose the public to the restaurant, which is in a private gated community, so business suffers from the perception that outsiders aren't allowed in to it!

Nor-Cal Shelby Club Mini-Nats: Numerous members of PCNC were in attendance as spectators, including Steve Liebenow, Mike Drew, Barry Hosier, and Jim and Emilia Seiferling. Bob Benson had entered his Pantera in the open track sessions. He had a very 'challenging' weekend. For his first session, he lined up ready to take to the track, only to discover that he had brought two left gloves! So he had to drive back to the pits to root around and find a matching

pair. Back to the track, and then he noticed that he had left his digital camera sitting on the seat. Fearing what might happen should it turn ballistic on the track, he picked it up and simply threw it out the window!

He was finally back on track, and noticed squirrely handling attributed to a tire that had lost some air; the motor was also definitely off-song. On top of that, he was black-flagged for excessive noise, and had the noise meter location pointed out to him for future reference!

Back in the pits, he tore into the carburetor to change jets, but the car still didn't run right. After much consultation and head-scratching, he discovered that the carbon ball inside his distributor cap had badly worn; both his cap and rotor were trashed. He was done.

Upon getting the car home, further investigation revealed that one of the small wires leading to the distributor had fouled an engine pulley and was almost cut through! So a new distributor assembly is in the cards, and he will be trying again at the next Shelby club track event on October 15-16.

Upcoming Events:

Tour To The Gentry's Ranch — 22-23 October: Bob Lucas is organizing a group drive down to the Gentry's home in Paso Robles. The plan is to meet at the club's traditional southern meeting spot (the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant in Morgan Hill), then head south via scenic roads, stopping somewhere along the way for lunch, and then meeting at the Gentry's home late in the afternoon for a BBQ and pool party (so bring your swimsuit).

The event hotel is reserving ten rooms for PCNC; you are responsible for calling and making your own reservations.

Be advised that our event conflicts with some sort of California Highway Patrol convention that same weekend, so be on your best behavior!

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

PCNC Monthly Meeting — 17 November (ONE WEEK EARLY!): Due to the conflict with Thanksgiving, as usual the November meeting will be moved forward by one week, to be held at the same time and location.

PCNC Dyno Day — Date TBA: Apex Motorsports in Santa Clara has volunteered to host a dyno day for PCNC members, utilizing their Dynojet dyno. The cost would be approximately \$50 for each car (if ten cars signed up), and Apex will even throw in a free BBQ for all attendees! Stand by for further details.

PCNC Christmas Party — 9 December: This year's Christmas party will be held at a new venue, the Crowne Plaza Cabiana hotel, which is at the corner of San Antonio and El Camino Real in Palo Alto.

The night will start off with cocktails at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 8:00 p.m. We will have a private room but the event will be limited to 70 people. Costs for the dinner are still being worked out, but the hotel will be offering rooms to attendees at a special rate of \$99 (at present, subject to further negotiations, Dianne is looking for a better deal). Watch for a flyer with all the final details in next month's newsletter.

Club Business:

PCNC Nominating Committee: It is time once again for those members interested in

helping out with the administration of the club to step forward and volunteer their services. President Bob Benson was nominated by Diane Dean under duress, and he agreed to run only if Diane would herself volunteer to stay on for another year, which she did. Nevertheless, there is ample space for volunteers to help direct the club, so if you're interested, please contact Russ Britschgi, who will construct the slate of officer candidates for 2006.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Mini-Nats Marked By Tragedy: Several Sacramento Pantera club members were also present at the Nor-Cal Shelby Club Mini-Nats, with Carl Stein and Rick Carlile campaigning their non-Pantera track cars. The event was tinged with sadness for them, because Rick Moseley (he of the famed headlight/fan relay kits) received a telephone call while at the track that his wife had been found unconscious at their home; Rick raced back to Sacramento but his wife passed away later that morning of a brain aneurysm.

Bill Santos Pantera Restoration Update: Bill flew out to Ohio to meet up with Kirk Evans and inspect the progress on his Pantera. He met up with expatriate PCNC member Cal Eustaquio in Detroit (Cal is currently going to law school in Lansing), and the two of them drove down to rural Ohio to visit Kirk's shop.

As is typical with such operations, there have been a few setbacks, most notably a slightly pretzeled steering rack, which Bill brought along for show-and-tell. What had been a "Halloween" finish date has been moved back accordingly. The car will be finished near another major holiday—whether that is Thanksgiving, Christmas or the 4th of July remains to be seen! But hope is running high that the car will be back at home before year's end.



Roger Gets His Motorcycle License: Roger Sharp has been riding motorcycles for many years, without actually having a formal license, but an upcoming vacation in Hawaii where he wanted to rent a Harley required that he finally tackle that task. He rented a motorcycle locally (without a license?), then went to the DMV office, the examiner put out the cones, and Roger made a test run, managing to mess it up. Fortunately the examiner wasn't present at the time, but when he came back, Roger ran the course again, and messed it up again! The examiner says, "Okay, run it again!" so Roger pulled out of the parking lot to turn around, and re-entered the lot through a marked exit!

So the examiner's hands were tied at that point, and Roger failed his test.

Two weeks later, he rented a motorcycle again, where this time his examiner was a man wearing a large hat, who said he couldn't stand in the sun. He pointed down the lot where Xs are painted where the cones should be, and tells Roger to just negotiate the Xs, then run around the block and return. And so this time he passed!

Look out Hawaii!

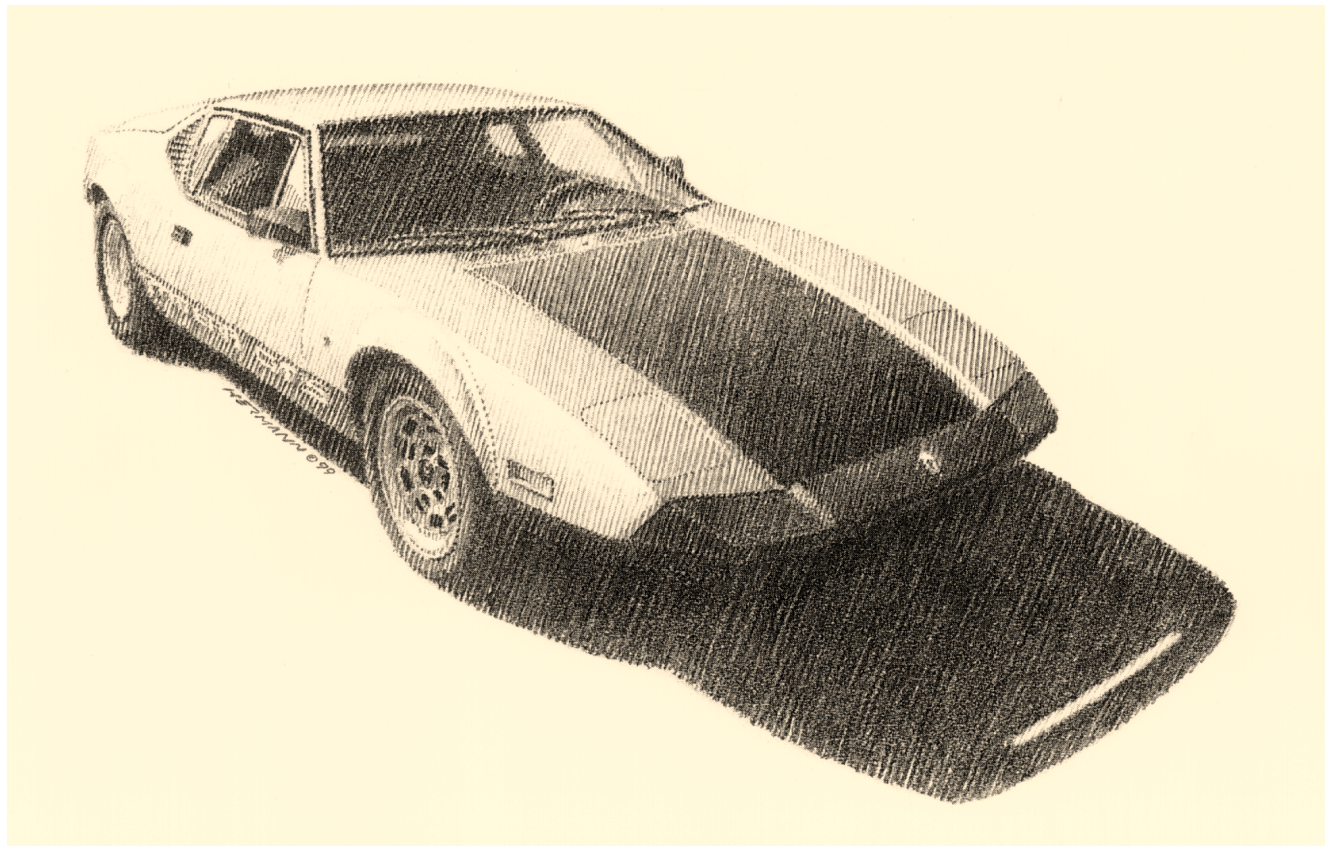
Pantera Picture: Thirty years ago when Jim Murch bought his house, his real estate agent was a stylist at Ford involved with concept cars. As a housewarming gift, he presented Jim with a painting of an 80's Pantera, signed and dated. Jim just found it sitting in his closet and brought it for all to see.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: And the winner was Tom Hasenberg, who had enjoyed a nice fat steak!

Raffle Results: Roger Sharp and Brett Santos passed the hat, with the following results:

Angle Grinder — Brian Bernard
FFA Pickles by Nickels — Mike Kearny
Pocket calculator — Mark McWhinney
Vice Grips (package of three) — Curt Hall
Hand Cleaner Towels — Steve Liebenow
'70 Mustang Model — Jim Cain
Wire crimping kit — Curt Hall

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:15 p.m.



Membership News

New Members for October:

Garry & Sue Choate of San Ramon own a red '73 L Pantera. Garry & Sue were at the Concorso Italiano in Monterey where they met Randy & Linda Welch. The Choates were only there for the show and did not get involved in any of the rest of the PCNC events during that great car weekend. However, they got enough of a feel for the club to join up at our very next club meeting. They checked off everything in their interest selections, but I recall that Social, Technical and Trips were their greatest interests. Also just after the meeting was over they were headed for Monterey again to celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary, so welcome to PCNC and happy anniversary to you both.

Markus Woehler of Monterey is back. He had dropped out for awhile when he was working for the government in Africa for a couple of years, but he is back home in Monterey again. Markus was even at the Monterey Weekend where his Pantera let him down after being parked while he was away. Cars are a lot like women: If you ignore them too long, they will make you pay. Oh well, at least the Pantera quit in his hometown. Nice to have you back, Markus.

October Membership Anniversaries:

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

Larry & Shari Stock: twenty years

Bret Santos: eighteen years

Mike & Nancy Haney: fourteen years

Gary & Mary Ann Kono: nine years

Dennis & Erik Garbacik: eight years

Dave Lindsay: three years

Jim & Barbara Murch: three years

Erik Sundblad: three years

Weldon Clark, Jr.: one year



JOURNEY TO THE GENTRY'S

WHEN: **Sat & Sun, October 22 & 23, 2005**

WHERE: Meet Sat, Oct 22nd, 9:00 am, McDonalds, 17025 Condit Rd,
Morgan Hill (this is the usual Las Vegas departure site).
EAST DUNNE AVE EXIT off HWY 101.

We will depart shortly after meeting time of 9:00. Please be on time. PLEASE arrive earlier if you plan to eat breakfast.

WHAT: We will arrive in the Paso Robles area mid-afternoon AFTER
stops at wineries & lunching along our travel path.

We will proceed to Gentry's Ranch for a BBQ dinner & tours of their ranch.

LODGING: A block of 10 rooms is reserved for PCNC members for Sat,
evening, Oct 22nd. You are responsible for phoning in your own
reservation at:

Town House Motel
2749 Spring Street
Paso Robles, CA

TELEPHONE: (805) 238-2080 (Identify yourself as being from the Pantera Club)

Make your reservations promptly as there are multiple events in Paso Robles on this weekend.

SUN, OCT 23: Sleep in or whatever; Wilson's Restaurant is across from
Town House Motel for breakfast.

Departure time is 10:00 am. We will visit Paso Robles wineries prior to lunching at a restaurant along the trip route home in the afternoon.

WHO: Participation is limited to PCNC members only.

THIS IS NOT A PCNC/POCA-SPONSORED EVENT

NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, October 27, 2005
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

October 22-23 ————— Tour To The Gentry's Ranch (Bob Lucas)

November 17 ————— PCNC Monthly Meeting (**ONE WEEK EARLY!**)

December 9 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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