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## Minutes of Meeting 27 July, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:03 p.m. The meeting featured unusually strong turnout, particularly among club officers; virtually all officers were present, except for Larry Finch and John Hansen. 37 people signed the roster, and there were seven Panteras plus a Mangusta in the parking lot.

**New Members/Guests:** The club welcomed **Rick Cannon**, who purchased a '71 Pantera in a million pieces. As he is unusually large (approaching McWhinney-esque proportions), he is already planning on modifying the cabin so that he can fit into it! He's still undecided as to how he will finish it, as he is seduced by both the street/showcar and the open track aspects of the Pantera.

Also making their first appearance were **Ron and Bobbie Demaderios**. They just purchased a

1971 Pantera, No. 1683, from Texas. The car is equipped with a 5.4 liter modular motor, with carbon fiber everywhere. At the time of the meeting, the car was on a transporter bound for California. According to Ron, the car is leaking oil and has a few other minor issues. He said he bought it from a lawyer, and “like all lawyers, he lied to me!”

**Long-Lost Friends:** Besides our newest members, it was nice to see some long-lost members returning to the fold. **Jon Long** drove his immaculate orange L-model Pantera to his first meeting in at least ten years. And **Jack and Judy DeRyke** were in town visiting friends and joined the crowd as well.

**Changes To Last Month's Minutes:** Some members hadn't received their newsletter for some reason, but Judy DeRyke noted that the newsletter stated that the upcoming meeting was on 26 July 2005, not 2006.

**Club Treasury Report:** Jim confirmed that in fact he did not skip town with the club's treasury, and in fact it is substantially healthy, although he is getting ready to write some fat checks for the upcoming Monterey event.

**Club Store Report:** Gary Kono brought several boxes of club store merchandise, which drew quite a crowd to the back of the room. Wallets were opened, transactions were made and the club actually made a fair profit, with lots of happy customers driving home with new Pantera swag for their closets. Among the deals on offer were black T-shirts for \$15, and 35th anniversary commemorative T-shirts for \$20. Leftover track event T-shirts were a bargain at only \$10 each.

**Club Membership Report:** Russ had nothing significant to report.

**Club Website Report:** Mark hobbled into the meeting sporting a cast on his foot, a result of a minor miscalculation while negotiating a small step. This handicap has given him plenty of opportunity to remain seated, and he has taken advantage of it by making lots of updates to the upcoming events page of the club website. He also noted that for the first time, the PCNC newsletter is available for viewing/download in full color.

**Past Events:** There were no past events to report on.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Monterey Historics Races/Concorso Italiano — 17-20 August:** One of the themes of the Concorso Italiano is the 35th anniversary of the Pantera, so it stands to reason that there will be a higher-than-normal number of De Tomaso devotees present, so plan accordingly!

Contrary to what many may have hoped, the final cost of the rooms at the PCNC host lodge is not just \$100! Final payment will be due before the event, and different rooms come with slightly different costs. Diane will e-mail each guest to let them know their balance remaining. She also noted that the cost has remained unchanged for the past three years. Due to a reversal of fortune, the two-room British Porsche racing team surrendered their suites as they are not coming to the event this year, so they are now available (for a limited time).

The dinner this year will feature an Italian theme. The cost for those not staying at the hotel will be \$45 each. The inside lawn parking will be for De Tomaso cars only. This year she is establishing a cutoff of 80 people; previous years have seen 95 or so guests at the dinner.

**Fun Ford Sunday — 10 September:** The annual Fun Ford Sunday will again be held at the Solano County Fairgrounds, at the intersection of I-80 and Hwy 37 in Vallejo. This is the northern California counterpart to the Fabulous Fords Forever show at Knott's Berry Farm in April, and this fall event draws upwards of 1,000 cars. Steve Liebenow will be organizing the PCNC contingent, so please let him know if you plan to attend so he can save you a spot. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

**Nor-Cal Shelby Club Mini-Nats — 22-24 September:** The annual convention of the Nor-Cal Shelby Club (which welcomes De Tomaso cars with open arms) will be held at Sears Point. See the club's website ([www.norcal-saac.org](http://www.norcal-saac.org)) for all the information.

**Comedy Day In Golden Gate Park — 1 October:** The automotive portion of the event is staged by a local Ferrari owner, but all De Tomaso cars are invited. Those who display their cars alongside the stage are provided with free VIP tickets to the show, dinner, wine, and a backstage pass. In previous years, major-league comedy stars like Robin Williams, Dave Chappelle, Dave Attell and others have participated. A PCNC convoy will leave the south bay at 9:15 a.m.; the show starts at noon. More information can be found at [www.comedyday.com](http://www.comedyday.com); see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for the PCNC-specific information.

**All-Italian Car And Motorcycle Show — 8 October:** This show is hosted by the Alfa Romeo club and is a benefit for the Alameda Special Olympics. Basically a Concorso Italiano Lite, this low-key car show has been supported to varying degrees by PCNC in the past, with as many as a dozen Panteras appearing one year, and only one appearing other years. Typically there are between 100 and 200 cars present. The event is free for exhibitors, and only costs \$5 for spectators. Italian music and excellent food are on tap as well. Doug Abadie has agreed to be the club's point of contact; see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

**Washington Square Columbus Day Car Show — 8 October:** Once again sadly conflicting with the above event, this car show is for Italian exotics only. The cars are displayed in a cordoned-off area of Washington Square in San Francisco, along the route of the annual Columbus Day parade. Those who display their cars are given a free bottle of wine and lunch.

**Thunderhill Track Day — 19 October:** Although not, strictly speaking, a PCNC event, a number of PCNC members have decided to run their cars at Thunderhill on 19 October. Because it's a midweek date, the number of participants is low, which means track time is unusually high. Bob Benson is corralling the Pantera participants, so if you're interested, let him know! All the information can be found on the "Events" page of the PCNC website.

### **Buy/Sell/Swap:**

**Mangusta Clutch/Brake Fluid Reservoirs:** Steve Liebenow put out a plea to anybody who might know a source for these rare animals. By happy coincidence, Tom Galli had just replaced the ones on his Mangusta, and had done the legwork to find OEM replacements. A happy ending!

**Pantera Carpet Kit:** Mark Tumbarello has a complete carpet kit for an L-model available for \$175.

**Chrome Shiny Bits:** Darryl Johnson has a chromed high-torque mini-starter, and chromed driveshafts for sale. When asked about price, he replied, “I dunno what I want for them?”

**Wheels Wanted:** Gary Choate is looking for a set of 17-inch wheels and tires to fit onto his Pantera, which is nearing the end of a lightening-fast restoration. He’s not all that particular about style, so if you have some to get rid of, let him know!

**Campys Needed:** For some reason, Chuck Melton is unable to fit 8-inch Campy wheels onto the front of his Pantera, because they scrape the inside of the upper A-arms, and the 17-inch tires on his aftermarket Campy replicas are literally worn through the cord. So, he needs to borrow a set of 7-inch Campys, with tires, so he can make the drive to Monterey.

**Wiper Blades:** Garth Rodericks has a pair of original, OEM wiper blades and wipers. He bought them for his car, not realizing they had been blacked out. With chrome ones now fitted on his car, the black ones are ready to go. He also has some trendy 1980s dual wiper blades that were on the car when he bought it!

### **News, Clues And Rumors:**

**Pantera Owners To The Rescue:** Mike related the story of his latest parts-chasing endeavor on behalf of a European Pantera owner. Sebastian Exenberger, who lives in Kufstein, Austria, needed a clutch throwout bearing, and called Mike at 1:00 a.m. to ask him to source one for him. Mike put a question on the De Tomaso e-mail forum asking if a standard Mustang bearing would do, and upon hearing of the plight of the Eurodude, Joel Montero called him and said he had a complete throwout bearing, carrier, spring and pilot bushing, and that not only would he donate the parts for free, but he’d jump in his Pantera and drive almost an hour to deliver them! What a guy!

Upon learning of this gesture (via e-mail), Sebastian was so overwhelmed with emotion that he felt compelled to call Mike again (once again, at 1:00 a.m.!) to say, “God Bless America, God Bless Pantera Owners, Panteras Forever!”

**International De Tomaso Meeting/Le Mans Classic:** Mike told of his recent trip to Europe, where he participated in the International De Tomaso meeting. This gathering is staged every two years by the Swedish Pantera Club. The event began in a little village in Germany, conveniently close to the Nürburgring. On the first full day, the group enjoyed a great luncheon, followed by a tour of the museum, and finally two and a half hours of open track time on the legendary mountain circuit.

The next day, the group ambled several hundred miles across Belgium and France to arrive at Le Mans, where the Le Mans Classic 24-hour vintage race was held. Mike and Gray



Gregory were the designated cheerleaders for Patrick Hals, who many of us met in Las Vegas this year. Patrick now owns the former Bill Hohnhorst/Alan Foster Gr4 Pantera, and had entered it for the event.

Unfortunately the charging system quit on his first lap (at 11:00 p.m.) and Mike and Gray pulled an all-nighter to get the car repaired. The car ran faultlessly after that, although due to the small fuel tank the previous owner had curiously fitted to the car, Patrick ran out of gas on the last lap of his last race!

The next day, the entire group drove to Stephane Bergeron's house outside of Paris (Stephane has hosted several POCA and PCNC members at his home over the years), where they joined up with a local contingent of French owners for an all-day De Tomaso pool party and BBQ.

**Flaky Panteras, Flaky Sellers:** Garth Rodericks reported on his escapades trying to help a friend buy a Pantera. Together they looked at two local Panteras for sale in the past week (neither owned by a club member, and neither known to the community). Both cars (and their owners) were rather dodgy, including one that had fairly comprehensive (and heretofore undiscovered) chassis rust in the traditional places.

Horrifyingly, one of the owners had lost the ignition key and had been starting the car with a screwdriver and driving it around, totally unaware that there was an ignition lock! On Garth's test-drive, the lock finally engaged as they were pulling out of the driveway! One can only imagine what would have happened had it engaged in traffic!

Complete reviews of both cars can be found on Garth's website, but suffice it to say that any prospective owner is well-advised to look elsewhere!

**Howdy (hic) Officer:** Jack DeRyke related a quick anecdote; historically the leftover booze from the Las Vegas event is donated to PCNC for use in the Monterey hospitality suite, but for some reason it was forgotten this year. As they were some of the last people to leave, it was thrust upon them, and they had to carry 14 open containers of booze home with them! Some of the containers didn't even have caps, and instead were equipped with pouring dispensers! They were therefore quite cautious on the drive home to avoid arousing the ire of law enforcement authorities, and as a result their fuel economy improved measurably!

**Driving For Dinner Raffle:** And the winner was Garth Rodericks.

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

Angle Grinder — Mark McWhinney  
Electric drill — Gary Choate  
Wine — Gary Choate  
Fram filter keychains — Jim Cain, Curt Hall, Bob Lucas  
Zip ties — Curt Hall  
Safety goggles w/built-in work light — Darryl Johnson  
Pop rivet gun — Jon Long  
T-handle allen wrenches — Mark Tumbarello, Judy DeRyke

The meeting was called at 9:32, whereupon everyone adjourned to the parking lot for tire-kicking and story-telling, with the last folks not actually leaving until sometime after midnight....

## Membership News

### New Members for August:

**Ronald & Roberta DeMaderios** of Redwood City. Ron and Bobbie were at our last meeting, and having just purchased a Pantera from Texas, felt the need to be PCNC/POCA members. This black '71 is sporting a license plate that proudly proclaims HI HP 4 ME. Now that just about says it all, doesn't it? Ron and Bobbie listed their key interests as social and trips, so we can expect to see them at things such as Las Vegas and the Weekend in Monterey. I hope you are signed up for at least the Friday night dinner on the 18th. If not, then contact Diane Dean right away.

### August Membership Anniversaries:

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

**Jack & Judy DeRyke:** twenty-six years

**Forest & Judy Goodhart:** eighteen years

**Jim Kuehne:** seventeen years

**Charlie & Karen Puckett:** fourteen years

**Guy Dellavecchia:** seven years

**Cal Eustaquio:** seven years

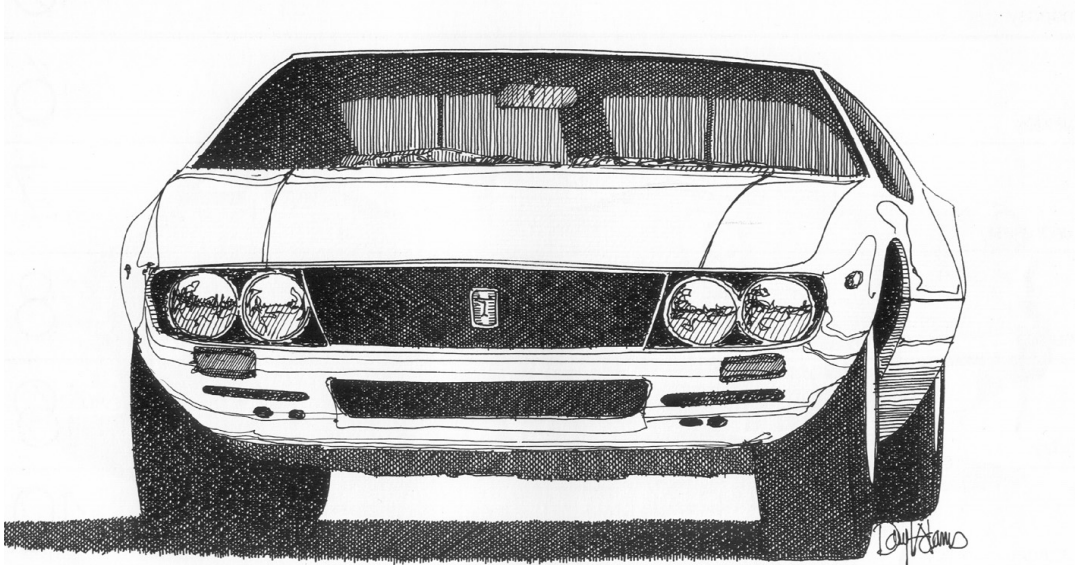
**Tom Galli:** six years

**Rich Mathews:** six years

**Ken Roberts:** six years

**Paul DaCruz:** three years

**Berry & Violeta Seib:** one year



**Fun Ford Sunday Flyer (PDF file)**

# Comedy Day

Sunday October 1, 2005 at  
Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park

*Comedy Day is a free outdoor comedy "concert" featuring nearly 30 of today's top performers. It was founded 24 years ago as a way for Bay Area comics to say thank you to comedy fans for their support and to The City that has nurtured so many comedians. Since 1981, more than 500 of the world's funniest performers have given the gift of laughter to over a half-million people at Comedy Day.*

Of course, no comedy celebration is complete without an Italian car show. The last few years several Panteras and a Mangusta have attended along with about 30 Maseratis, Lamborghinis, and Ferraris.

Everyone who displays their car on the grass in Sharon Meadows next to the stage will be seated in the VIP section at center stage and be treated to 30 comedians from around the country. We will also get backstage passes to mingle with the comedians and partake of the sumptuous buffet and open bar.

This year's list of comedians has not been announced, but in the past the show has had talent such as Robin Williams, Dave Chappelle, Rob Schneider, Father Guido Sarducci, Janeane Garafalo, Whoopi Goldberg, Dave Attell, Mark Curry, Patton Oswalt, Will Durst, Margaret Cho, Bobby Slayton, and Eddie Izzard.

The cost? \$0, zilch, nada, nil, squat. For that, you get lunch, open bar, VIP seating, and backstage passes. It is hard to beat this deal.

We will have a caravan from the South Bay leaving at 9:15. The meeting point is the Trader Joe's parking lot (2310 Homestead Road, Los Altos) near 85 & 280. We will head up 280 and make a quick stop at the Father Serra rest stop to pick up drivers from the peninsula. The cars will be in place at 10:30. The show starts at noon. Please let Mark McWhinney know if you plan to attend.

See [www.comedyday.com](http://www.comedyday.com) info for more information.



The Alfa Romeo Association of California is pleased to announce the  
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# **All-Italian Car and Motorcycle Show**

**(Italian food and drink available too!)**

Please join Italian car and motorcycle enthusiasts in a benefit for  
Alameda Special Olympics

**Sunday, October 8, 2006**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Exhibitor registration opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Lincoln Middle School  
1250 Fernside Blvd.  
Alameda, CA 94501

Please join us with your Italian car or motorcycle in Alameda, California on Sunday, October 8, 2006. All Italian vehicles are welcome, whether a concours-ready Ferrari or a grocery-fetching FIAT wagon, new Ducati Multistrada or campus-worn Vespa. This year marks the 19th consecutive year of this event, the All-Italian Car and Motorcycle Show. All proceeds provide the primary sponsorship of the Alameda Special Olympics program. The cars will be exhibited on the green at Lincoln Middle School, 1250 Fernside Blvd. between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Italian food and drink will be available.

Entrance donation for non-exhibitors is \$5.00 per person; fee payable at the gate on the day of the event. Children (under 18) are admitted free. There is no entry fee for exhibitors.

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# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, August 31, 2006  
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

- August 17-20 ————— Monterey Historic Races/Concorso Italiano (Diane Dean)
- September 10 ————— Fun Ford Sunday(Steve Liebenow)
- September 22-24 ————— Nor-Cal Shelby Club Mini-Nats (Bob Benson)
- 1 October ————— Comedy Day In Golden Gate Park (Mark McWhinney)
- 8 October ————— All-Italian Car And Motorcycle Show (Doug Abadie)
- 8 October ————— Washington Square Columbus Day Car Show (Mark McWhinney)

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