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Minutes of Meeting 25 October, 2007

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Bob Benson at 8:05 p.m., as Steve Liebenow had to wait a few minutes for his Windoze laptop to boot up. All officers were present except for Mark McWhinney, the Renshaws, Garry Kono, and Mike Drew. Steve filled in and took the minutes of the meeting for the absent secretary. There were 29 members present, and nine De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed back a long-ago member, Mike Defazio. He owns a '73 Pantera with fuel injection. His Pantera was in the garage, but he drove his '69 Boss 302 to the meeting. He hasn't been to a PCNC meeting for 15 years or so, due to various family commitments etc. We're glad to have him back with us!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Although there were no changes noted to the content of the newsletter, apparently a pack of wolverines set upon the newsletters at the post office, because numerous members reported that their newsletters arrived with the cover pages ripped and torn, etc. Some people only received the cover, with the rest of the newsletter missing entirely. If this continues, we will have to investigate alternate methods of mailing the newsletter out.

Club Treasury Report: Jim has been busy, writing checks to cover various expenses associated with the Monterey event, as well as making an initial deposit for the Christmas party. We also had some income from POCA in the form of membership renewals, as well as bonus payments for raffle ticket sales in Las Vegas by Mike Drew and Judy DeRyke.

Club Store Report: Rich Boschert reported that he left the club store items at home this month because he drove his truck to the meeting instead of his Pantera.

Club Motorsports Report: Larry reported that we have finalized arrangements for the Spring Mountain course for 2008. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the 'long' course as we had hoped. Club Spring Mountain, the 'country club' associated with the racetrack, retains exclusive rights to run the full course, and even our offer to share our event with their members failed to gain traction with the track management. Also, our costs will be rising next year, although we don't know how much, and they don't yet know when that determination will be made....

Club Website Report: Although Mark wasn't at the meeting, he did publish the club newsletter to the PCNC website a few days earlier.

Club Membership Report: Russ had nothing new to report this month.

Name Badges: Doris presented a 20-year membership pin to Brett Santos!

Past Events:

Comedy Day: PCNC had a fine turnout of cars for this year's comedy festival in Golden Gate Park. Unfortunately Mike Drew's Pantera cooked a wheel bearing on his Pantera just as he arrived to pick up his friend in Pacifica, so the Pantera was abandoned there for the day, and he came in a Brand X car instead. The festival was oddly lacking in any other cars besides the Panteras, but we all had a terrific time nonetheless. See the story elsewhere in this newsletter.

All-Italian Car Show In Alameda: Garry Choate reported on this show, which was featured in an article in last month's newsletter. We had a great turnout with 11 Panteras present. The weather was beautiful and there were quite a few Italian motorcycles as well.

Upcoming Events:

PI Motorsports Car Show — 1 December: PI Motorsports is hosting a car show and holiday party, complete with free food and music, at their shop in Orange. Go to www.pim.net to download the invitation flyer.

PCNC Christmas Party — 14 December: Diane is cooking up another terrific holiday party for us this year. Enree Smith, who was the Food and Entertainment Director at the Crowne

Plaza, has moved to the Embassy Suites, located in Milpitas at the intersection of Calaveras Blvd (Hwy 237) and Hwy 880. He has extended a number of incentives for us to follow him to his new venue. A flyer appears elsewhere in this newsletter; invitations will also be mailed to all club members.

PCNC Superbowl Party — 3 February: Roger and Pam Sharp have again graciously offered to host this event. Watch for details in the January newsletter.

Club Business:

Charities Donation: Each year, PCNC makes contributions from our club treasury to various worthy charities. Information on this year's candidate charities is located elsewhere in this newsletter. A vote will be taken at the upcoming meeting; members can also vote by contacting Russ Britischgi and letting him know their desires.

Club Elections: Elections for next year's club officers will be held at the upcoming meeting. Currently there is one candidate for each open office, but write-ins are allowed as well. Members who aren't going to be present can cast their ballots by mail. A ballot appeared in last month's newsletter (which can be downloaded from the PCNC website). The results of the elections will be announced at the Christmas party.

Christmas Card List: Larry Finch would like to send Christmas cards to those people and business who have so kindly sponsored the Las Vegas Speed Trials over the years. He made a motion to that effect which was passed unanimously. He is now working with Mike Drew to get some appropriate Pantera-themed Christmas artwork for the cards.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Trevor Back In The Saddle: Trevor Fougere discussed his Pantera, which is feeling much more healthy after an engine transplant. Members may recall that his motor more or less blew up the night before the Concours de la Garage, and many of us got to hear it make rather unhealthy noises in his driveway. He sought and received all sorts of conflicting opinions as to how to resolve the problem. Rebuild or replace? Cleveland or Windsor? Ultimately, rather than trying to diagnose and fix it, he instead elected to throw it over the hedge and start over, with a 392-inch stroker Windsor crate motor. Costs went through the roof, but now the car runs great! He noted that a 1980 Ford Econoline van dipstick and tube worked out fantastic!

Three Steps Forward...: Garry Choate's Pantera work hit a bit of a bump. He has welded new rocker panels on the car, and got a new motor, which unfortunately had a bad cam! The replacement cam seems to be holding up, and the car was in the parking lot.

Bob's Infamous Pump: Bob Benson had a bit of show-and-tell for the crowd. He brought in his water pump impeller, which broke and created all sorts of overheating havoc in Las Vegas. The sheet metal impeller sheared off where it was bent to attach to the main shaft—and this was a Ford Motorsports water pump!

Todd Glycer Back On The Trailer: Todd and Bob took Todd's Lola Can Am car down to Coronado for the vintage races, and had a great (albeit expensive!) weekend. The track is laid

out on the runways and taxiways of the Navy airfield, meaning that it is perfectly flat with lots of runoff room. Todd was running well, right up until the checkered flag was thrown, and he failed to appear at the finish. Bob watched as all the fire trucks took off, lights ablaze, and feared the worst. Todd and the race car finally came back on a tow truck. His quote was "I guess the 7500 rev limiter chip didn't work!" The whole back of the car was covered with oil. They couldn't find an obvious leak, but the motor went 'clunk' when they hit the switch. It turned out that the timing chain and gear had failed. Hopefully the damage to the 600+ hp Chevy small block is limited....

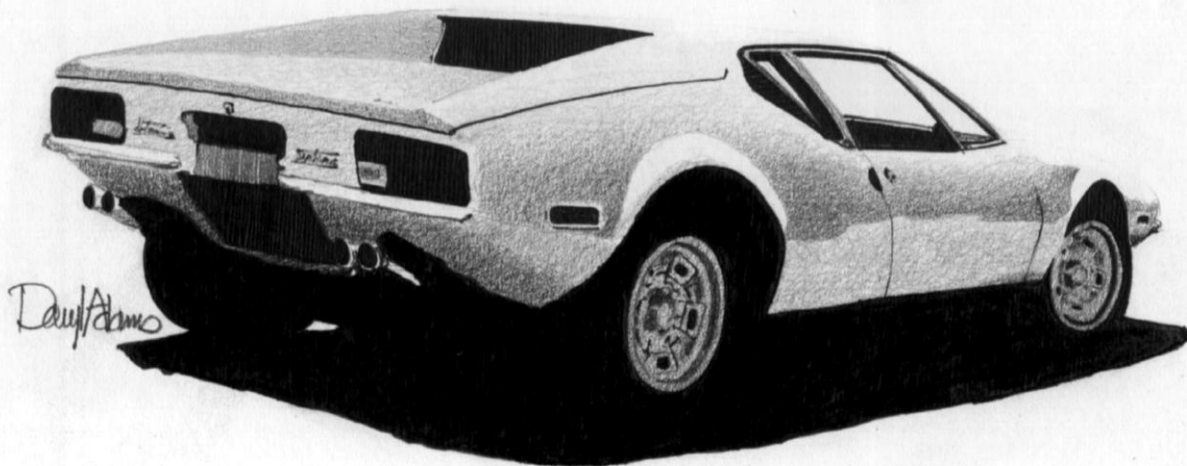
New Car In The Club: Dan Patterson just bought THPNMD03989, a July '72 Pre-L Pantera. Dan got the bug a few months ago when he came to his first PCNC meeting. He tracked down a car for sale in Danville, and drove up to take a look at it. He was impressed but asked for a second opinion, and Garth Rodericks went back a few days later and blessed it, so Dan bought it. He learned to drive it in the bank parking lot, and then took it back home to Morgan Hill. It's painted "Arrest me" red, and equipped with a fairly loud exhaust. The club meeting was his first-ever night outing in the car. He's obviously a pretty happy camper, and said he now finds himself just going out into the garage to look at it....

Driving For Dinner Raffle: And the winner was once again Nick Jenkins!

Raffle Results: Brett and Roger passed the hat and collected the money, with the following results:

McGuiar's Quick detailer — Diane Dean, Garry Choate
WD-40 — Tom Galli
Hand cleaner — Trevor Fougere
Armor All glass wipes — Wayne Akubo
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Plastic grease syringes — ?
Australian Polo Shirt — Dan Patterson
Shop light with tripod — Lee Scales
Pry Tools — Todd Glyer

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:10 p.m. to admire Dan's new car.



Membership News

New Members for November:

Robert Jones and Theresa Martinelli-Jones of Los Gatos. Robert was a PCNC member long before I joined the club. As a matter of fact, one of our 30 year members, who claims only to being 29, recognized him right away when Robert was at our September meeting. Robert and Theresa own a blue '72 Pantera. This is the same car which got them into the club many years ago. While getting involved with other high-end Italian sports cars over the years, Robert says he had never forgotten the Pantera. Glad to have you back.

Craig and Kim Kuenzinger of Walnut Creek. These folks don't own a Pantera, but being friends of Garry and Sue Choate, they spent a lot of time with PCNC and other Pantera owners at the Monterey Weekend event in August. They were driving an MG Midget. It seems we are such a friendly group of people, even to MG drivers, that they just felt they needed to join in on the fun. Already they are planning to be at the Christmas Party in December. See you soon, and we will be working on that Midget problem (Size does matter!).

November Membership Anniversaries:

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

Rod Pack: 26 years

Erik Belter: 15 years

Mike and Cheryl Harper: 13 years

Keith and Cindy Gilmore: 10 years

George and Rose Selby-Hele: 9 years

Jason Eaton: 8 years

Mike and Lisa Stauber: 6 years

John and Connie Hansen: 1 year

Byron and Jean Hight: 19 years

Roger and Elana Thomas: 14 years

Ken and Beth Ingels: 11 years

Steve and Linda Bogart: 9 years

Todd Glycer: 9 years

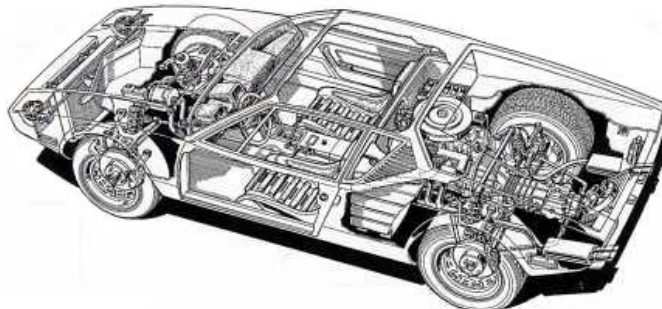
Bob Benson: 6 years

Paul Bowden: 1 year

Patrick King: 1 year

New Membership Rosters Will be Printed the Second Week of January:

- 1) If you do not wish to have your address, phone number(s), and/or car information listed, you must notify the PCNC Membership Coordinator.
- 2) If the data in the current Roster has changed, please be sure the Membership Coordinator has the correct info on file.
- 3) Your E-mail address can be included if you give it to the Membership Coordinator.
- 4) The Membership Coordinator is Russ Britschgi, 143 Carlyn Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. You may call and leave a message at (408) 866-1677, or send E-mail to: <RnDBrit@earthlink.net >.



Charities Vote

By Russ Britschgi

It is time again for you, the members of PCNC, to decide which charities should be the recipients of the chapter's benevolence funds. This year the benevolence fund has been set at \$1,000. The bulk of this fund comes from the club store sales at the Las Vegas Fun Rally. But additional funding comes from the club raffles and other activities.

A ballot will be available at our November meeting for you to make your selections. The benevolence funds will be divided equally between the two with the most votes.

Six of the following seven charities have been on the ballot in the past. There will also be a blank space for write-in charities.

The charities are:

New Horizon School for Homeless Children: (A donation was made in 2004 and '05.)

This charity is located in Santa Cruz and serves the needs of those kids whose parents may be out of work and out of a home in the areas of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. For children, homelessness is well beyond their control. They are the ones who suffer the most and understand the least.

Alzheimer's Association, Northern California & Nevada: (Placed on our list for the first time this year.)

Alzheimer's is a degenerative disease of the mind for which there is no known cure. It can easily take over ten years for it to run its course and end in death. Alzheimer's is often the subject of humor with jokes about forgetfulness and repetitive actions, etc., but for the victim and those family members and friends who support and care for the victim there is little humor at all.

The Alzheimer's Association serves as a support group for those bearing the burden of caring for and attending to the needs of the victim, and also as an advocate for fund-

ing for research into the cause and the finding of a cure.

Canine Companions: (A donation was made in 1996, '01 and '05.)

Based in Marin County, this organization provides dogs trained to assist people with what for most of us is just normal living.

These dogs may be used by paraplegics or quadriplegics for such tasks as opening doors or for retrieving items that have been dropped. They may serve as the ears for someone who cannot hear such things as doorbells and audible warning devices.

The American Cancer Society: (Donations were made in 1995, '97, '98, '99, '00 and '06.)

As a national organization, the Cancer Society has long been at the front in the fight against cancer. It is dedicated to the elimination of cancer through prevention, the saving of lives, and the diminishing of suffering through research, education and service. Cancer can be a slow and insidious disease which puts a great deal of stress on both the victim and the victim's family and friends. While our small donations may not appear that big when it comes to the funding of a research project, it can certainly help to pay for a support group or to supply someone with needed medical equipment. (The 1998 donation was actually made to the cancer research program at Stanford University Medical Center in honor of Ellis Woummn.)

Guide Dogs for the Blind: (Donations were made in 1990, '91, '93, '94, '96, '00, '01, '02, '04 and '06.)

This San Rafael based charity was incorporated over 55 years ago. It has been breeding, raising and training dogs to serve as the eyes for blind people ever since. Last year, over 1,000 puppies

started the process of learning to assist those without sight.

The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation: (A donation was made in 1998, '99 and '02.)

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded as a non-profit organization in 1980 in response to the wish of a terminally-ill boy who wanted to be a policeman. Officers of the Arizona Department of Public Safety granted Chris Greicius his wish with a custom-made uniform, a helmet, a badge, a ticket book and a helicopter ride. This one child's delight in having his wish come true provided the impetus for the creation of a national organization.

Since the Greater Bay Area Chapter was formed in 1984, well over 1,500 wishes have been granted to kids and children not expected to survive to age 18.

The Bay Area Chapter of the ALS Association: (A donation was made in 2002.)

A few years ago amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, ALS, claimed the life of former PCNC member, Chuck Brown. This cruel disease slowly takes away your ability to walk, stand, use your arms and hands till finally you can't talk or breathe. Its progress is slow and steady. Both the victim and the family members can see its progress week by week. The ALS Association is the only national not-for-profit voluntary health organization whose sole mission is to find a cure, and to bring hope and comfort to people living with ALS, as well as their families and care givers. It also provides referral services, support groups, and respite care, and lends equipment.

Summary:

Please give these few charities some thought and make your choices wisely.

Comedy Day Celebration

Story by Mark McWhinney

Photos by Mike Drew

Comedy Day has been a fantastic event for us for the last few years. It is a “battle of the bands” style event with 30 comedians from around the country doing 5 to 10 minute sets over the course of five hours. It is held in an open field in Sharon Meadows in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park. It is open to the public with thousands of people gathered around the main stage. Of course, what is comedy without a collection of exotic Italian cars? So

rectly into the park.

Along the way, we were to pick up Mike and his buddy Jason in Mike’s newly rolling Pantera, but unfortunately, Drewsaster struck. As he was about to meet us, one of his wheel bearings gave up and melted the rollers on to the spindle. Fortunately, his passenger lived nearby so they were able to dump off the Pantera and continue along with another car.

After a nice jaunt along the coast,

we entered the park and wound our way through to the staging area. The cars were arranged in a line alongside the audience, so everyone in the audience could get a good view of the cars as well



Mike’s wheel bearing literally melted the rollers on the way to the event!



The crowd seemed appreciative of the De Tomaso display alongside the stage. One or two people thought it was okay to hop in!

naturally, we have a car corral next to the stage with De Tomaso and other Italian rolling art.

On September 30th, as in the past years, we started a caravan to the event from a spot near the house of the late, great Bill Santos. Though Bill is no longer with us, we have continued that tradition.

The group departed at 9:30 and headed up highway 280 to the Father Junipero Serra rest stop to pick up more cars. From there, we tried a new route this year. In the past we have driven up 19th Ave, but thanks to good suggestions from Larry Finch and Mike Drew, we popped over to the coast to take the Great American Highway di-

as the performers.

Some years we have a good mix of Italian exotica. This year, it was all Panteras plus a Mangusta and a Ferrari. On the upside, the event was recognized as a Pantera event.

Once the cars were placed, we collected our backstage passes and our meal tickets and headed backstage to mingle with the performers. This year’s big draw was Jake Johansson, and other nationally known comedi-

ans such as Paula Poundstone were joined by local favorites Will Durst, Will Franken, Diane Amos, and, of course, Doug Ferrari and 30 other comedians.

We had a good, sunny day of comedy and a good day of fielding questions about Pantera.

The person who had prepared our food was a San Francisco cable car operator and bell ringer competitor. At the end of the day, I gave him a ride around the park as a reward. On any other day of the year, “four wheeling” through the park at speed in a Pantera would have gotten us ticketed, arrested, and Tasered, but on that festive day even a speedy round of bum slalom got cheers from the park’s local residents.



The members of PCNC were given special VIP seating in an enclosed area right in front of the stage, and also enjoyed a fantastic catered lunch and drinks, all free of charge. What a deal!

Pantera For Sale

History: Purchased by the current owner in 1974, and extensively modified by Jack DeRyke to make it extremely competitive in autocross, winning many SCCA regional events and championships. The car was parked about ten years ago with only 43,700 miles. Recently underwent \$20,000 in mechanical refurbishment and improvements to make it ready for sale.

Suspension & Brakes: Equipped with a complete factory upgraded brake and suspension system, consisting of heavy-duty GT5 hub carriers and spindles (which have stronger axles and bigger bearings than standard Panteras), GT5 vented brakes, new springs, shocks, and Gr4 sway bars.

Body: Older Ford blue paint is still holding up well, with some age-checking in the roof. Fitted with GT5 flares, "Boxer" decklid spoiler, Pete Revson front spoiler and a small rear wing. Muffler cutouts in the lower valance converted to lowered panels.

Interior: Steel seats (arguably the best seats ever available for the Pantera) are augmented by four-point harnesses, three-point roll bar and fire extinguisher.

Drivetrain: Extensively modified 351C has less than 1000 miles, and is equipped with a SCAT crank, Carillo rods, aluminum heads, 180-degree exhausts, oil cooler, accusump and many other improvements. ZF gearbox is polished, safety-wired and shifts smoothly. A fire suppression system is fitted for additional safety.

Cooling: Hall Pantera radiator is aided by dual sucker fans with shroud; stainless steel pipes and water tanks, and new hoses.



Price: \$45,000

For more information, contact Rich Agiorni.

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PCNC CHRISTMAS PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET



WHEN

*Friday, December 14, 2007, 7:00 till 11:00
Hors d'oeuvres available prior to dinner*

LOCATION

*Embassy Suites Hotel (Hilton Family)
901 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, CA 95035 (408) 942-0400*

DRESS

Holiday Dressy

COST

\$50/Per Person (Make checks payable to PCNC)

MENU CHOICES

- Chicken Wellington Duxelle, Mushroom & Lemon Caper Sauce*
- Grilled Pacific Salmon w/ Roasted Red Pepper Cream Coulis*
- Rock Salt & Pepper Crusted Prim Rib*



OVERNIGHT

Our rate is \$109; phone Jennifer Willman, (408) 876-3014, identify yourself using Group Code C-PEC for Pantera Club of Northern CA. Overnight guests Complimentary Mgr's Reception 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM & Fully cooked to order breakfast in Garden Atrium 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM

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RSVP'S BY DECEMBER 9, 2007

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, November 29, 2007
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

December 14 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH

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