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Minutes of Meeting 24 June, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the president. All officers were present except for Bob Lucas and Gary Kono. There were 41 members present, and six De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: There were none of either, unless you count Donna Finch on her annual visit to a PCNC meeting!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: The t-shirt display at the Sharp's house was contributed to by Brent Santos, Diane Dean, and a third person whose identity has slipped everyone's mind?

Club Treasury Report: The treasury is still healthy, despite the fact that we had almost \$4,000 in expenses this month, funding the upcoming Monterey event etc.

Club Store Report: Rich gave a summary of our club store sales in Reno. Credit card sales were down, cash sales were up, and we received no checks. Overall sales were within \$30 of last year, thanks in part to selling off some old inventory at blowout prices. The new shirts were very popular, selling out almost entirely. They are moisture-wicking polo shirts, either blue with white trim, or white with blue trim, for \$35. He is ordering another batch to sell at upcoming meetings, Monterey etc. Overall, store sales went reasonably well in everyone's estimation.

Club Membership Report: Brent had no significant news, other than the addition of Matt Kelleher as our newest member. Welcome aboard!

Club Motorsports Report: Larry stressed that the current management of the Monterey event do *not* want it referred to as the Monterey Historics Races. That was the name for the original event, which is now under new management, and is trying to distance itself from the past (if for no other reason than because Steve Earle owns the rights to the original name and is apparently touchy about it being used in any context not involving him). Our initial ticket/parking corral order went in, after Larry picked up five more orders and two more corral pass orders. The reservation cutoff was July 15th. Contact Larry if you haven't already made your ticket purchase order and would want to try to get a corral pass; they might not be available, but it doesn't hurt to ask?

Along the lines of motorsports, six PCNC members drove out to Reno-Fernley Raceway while in Reno, just to have a look-see. There they discovered a very friendly track management and a wide-open track. After signing a waiver, they were allowed onto the track for sample laps. Speeds were elevated, fun was had by all, and Rich Boschert got the Red Mist trying to catch up to Bob Benson and spun harmlessly.

Club Library Report: Forest Goodhart has the club store inventory, and has gone through about half of it. He is building a spreadsheet and should have a full listing available by the July meeting. This listing will then be published on the PCNC website and also in the club newsletter. If you want to check something out, he will bring it to the meeting and sign it out to you. There will be strict accountability of the contents of the store, so things don't walk off and never come back!

Club Website Report: Los Laureles dinner registration is now set up online. Also, both POCA and PCNC periodically send out e-mail blasts consisting of short-notice news, and reminders, once or twice a month. Go to the PCNC website and sign up and you'll receive them automatically.

Past Events:

Reno-Tahoe Fun Rally: The second Reno-Tahoe rally was a great success, although there were a few unfortunate fender-benders involving PCNC members, all of whom were innocent victims of other drivers. Fortunately there was no serious damage or injury.

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

Upcoming Events:

Monterey Motorsports Reunion Weekend — 12-15 August: The Monterey Historic Races have been renamed Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, after event founder Steve Earle

and Laguna Seca had a parting of ways. The featured marque is “50 Years of Formula 1” this year.

There is currently a waiting list for rooms at Las Laureles; contact Gary Kono if you’d like to put your name on it! Chances are that at least one or two rooms may become available, if history is any judge.

Sue Choate is collecting money for the dinner, for those people who will be attending the dinner but not staying at the lodge. The cost is \$46 a head, with a July 31st cutoff date to sign up.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December: The Christmas party will be held in the same location as in previous years, with the price TBA.

PCNC Drive To Reedyville — 25-26 September: Although not actually discussed at the meeting, it’s appropriate to include the information here and pretend that it was!

Greg Taylor has organized a weekend outing to Placerville, east of Sacramento on the way to Lake Tahoe. The group will depart from an east bay location (TBA) at 9:00 a.m., take mountain back roads and arrive at Reedyville at 1:00 p.m. There, Steve Reedy has built his own fantasy park, complete with live steam railroad, old west town, mineshaft, etc. There will be swimming available also. For those who want to make a weekend of it, an overnight stay then sets them up to participate in EuroSunday, a monthly car show in Sacramento of European-only cars.

A general information flyer is elsewhere in this newsletter; as the details are fleshed out, more information will be published both here and on the PCNC website.

Proposed Driving Event: Gary Kono had proposed an event to be held sometime in September, but the Reedyville event will probably push this event back to October. The plan would be to meet at the scenic overlook at the junction of Hwy 35 (Skyline Blvd) and Hwy 92 in San Mateo, then drive south on Hwy 35, and from there onto Hwy 9. The destination would be Canepa Design, the world-renowned restoration, vintage race preparation and exotic car sales shop in Scotts Valley. Following the tour, the Konos would host a BBQ at their home. The date should be finalized in the upcoming weeks; watch the newsletter and PCNC website for more information.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Exhausted: Brent Stewart is trying to find a bunch of horses that escaped from his Stroker Cleveland corral, and to that end, he has purchased a Mind Train exhaust system. This leaves his beautiful ceramic-coated ANSA GTS system up for grabs. Make him an offer he can’t refuse!

Duraspark Manual: Steve Liebenow has copies of a detailed care-and-feeding manual by Ford, for their Duraspark ignition systems. If you have one of these systems on your car, Steve can get a copy for you.

Antenna Needed: Brian Bernard is looking for a center roof-mounted antenna for his GT5-S. Please let him know if you have any leads on one.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Got Engine Yet?: Garth Rodericks slow-motion engine rebuild is now resulting in some much-deserved flak each month. His brother Todd brings an Airstream trailer and camps at Laguna Seca each year. Feeling that some additional motivation is called for, he announced that if Garth doesn't drive his Pantera to the track, he will have to sleep outside on the ground!

Depressing Mangusta Parts: Greg brought some depressing and expensive Mangusta parts to show off. He purchased some supposedly new parts, including the trim piece that goes around the headlights. Although clearly it had never been mounted on a car before, it was rather tweaked and hacked and will need a fair amount of fitting in order to work properly. Despite the innumerable setbacks, his car continues its slow but steady pace forward—keep the faith!

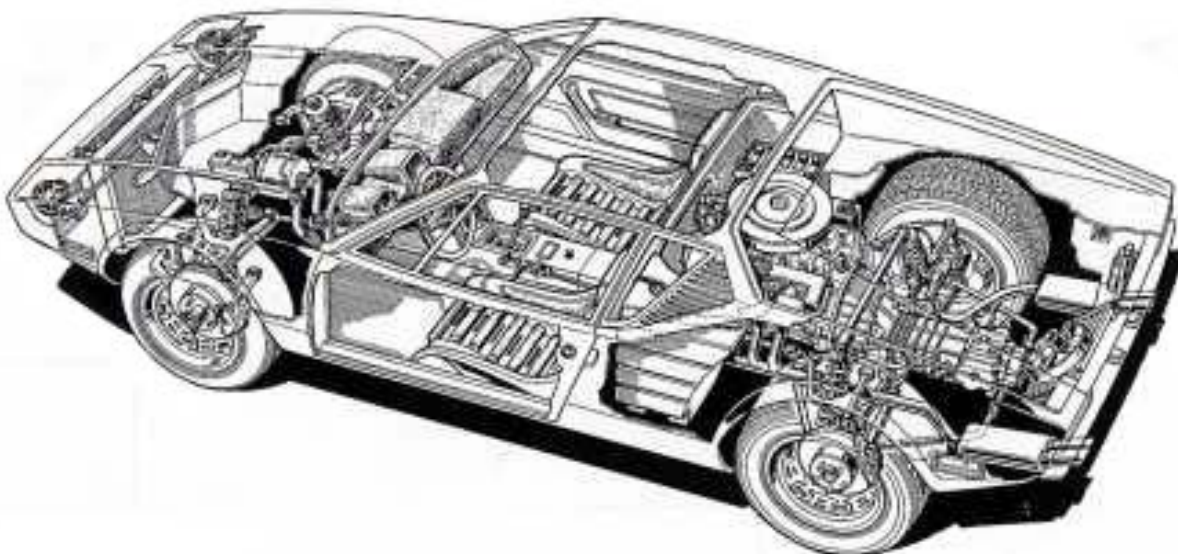
Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Ron Demaderios.

Raffle Results:

The hat was passed, money collected, tickets sold, with the following results:

Photo box — Brian Bernard
Hall \$100 gift certificate — Rich Boschert
Rendezvous DVD — Rich Boschert
Microfiber towels — Patty Arevalo
Scissors — Mark McWhinney
Armor-All Wipes — Brian Bernard
WD40 — Roger Sharp
Nutdriver set — Roger Sharp
Tire pressure gauge — Peter Kovacs
Wrench organizers — Jim Kuehne
San Jose Sharks puck/hand towel — Bob Benson

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot shortly after 9:00 p.m.



Membership News

New Members for July:

We have one new member:

Matthew Kelleher of El Cerrito, who was pictured in last month's newsletter, has been restoring his Pantera at a record pace thanks to a full-time body man/mechanic in his employ. Matthew found out about the club from fellow PCNC members Lee Farrell and Mark Savage.

July Membership Anniversaries:

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

Roger and Pam Sharp: twenty-two years

Clayton Engstrom: seventeen years

Art Mowry: ten years

Mark and Cindy Tumbarello: ten years

Barry Hosier: seven years

Mark and Bill Savage: five years

Jack Bartole: nineteen years

Gary Glenn: thirteen years

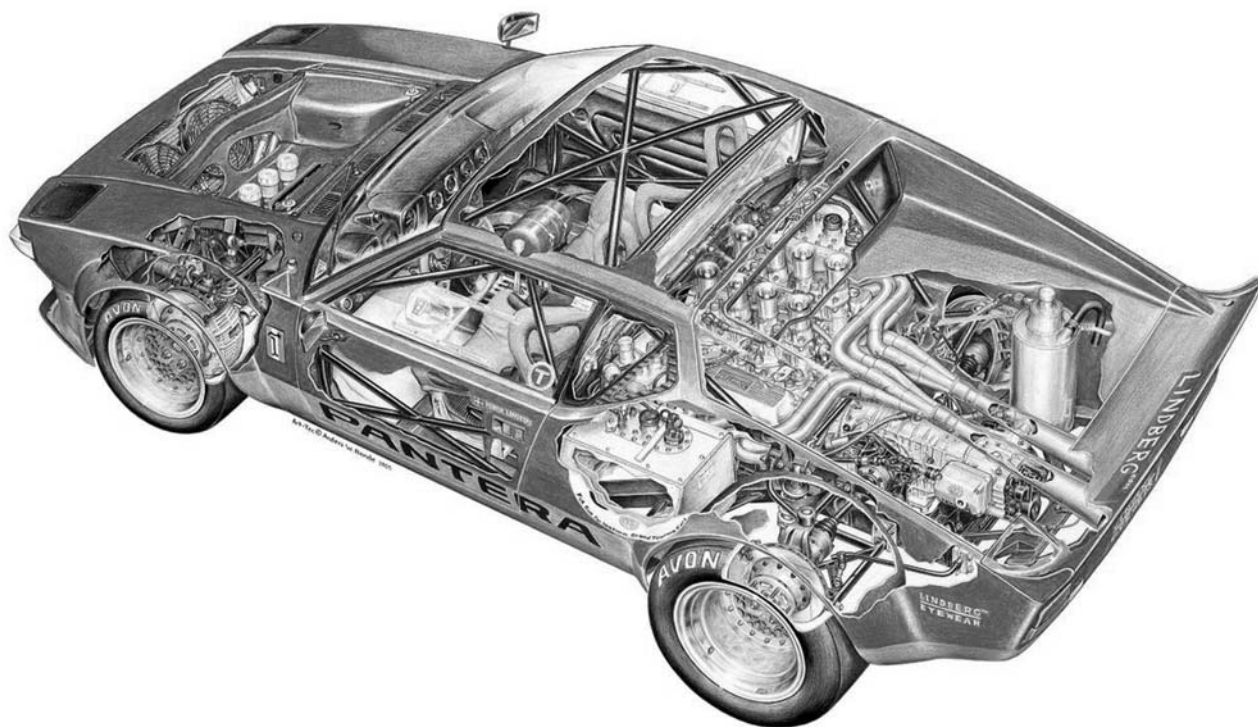
Ron and JoAnn Singley: ten years

Tom and Liz Hasenberg: nine years

Bob and Lori Paizs: six years

Ron and Bobby DeMaderios: four years

Brent Stewart



PCNC's Run To Reno

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

The annual POCA Fun Rally is, for many of us, the center of our social calendar, and with good reason. Where else can you expect to find so many Panteras, and Pantera friends, along with a host of great activities?

For the second year, the chosen location for the Fun Rally was Reno. Although there was great disappointment that the track event had to be canceled, that didn't stop PCNC members from coming out in force to participate in the event.

On the Wednesday morning, drivers came from several directions to converge on the beautiful mountain home of Marcus and Irene Smith. In what has become a PCNC tradition, they laid out a superlative luncheon buffet, this time featuring grilled skewers of beef, chicken and pork. The weather was perfect, the views spectacular, and the company couldn't be beat! Thanks



The trip started off with a rendezvous at the beautiful home of Marcus and Irene Smith. Eventually there were 13 Panteras present for the big drive over the Sierras

guys!

Early in the afternoon, a convoy of some 13 Panteras plus some brand X cars set off for Reno, up the deliciously fast and twisty Highway 88. Although the brief had been that those who wished to exercise their cars *con brio* would tend towards the front of the pack, and the cruisers would bring up the rear, some failed to heed and wound up serving as rolling roadblocks. Due to an unfortunate Caltrans work detail that was painting the roadway, the group therefore was split in two, with the go-fasters winding up many miles ahead of the rest.

Nevertheless, a fantastic time was had by all, and eventually everybody rolled into Reno. By now clouds had formed on the horizon and the weather appeared mildly threatening, but we held out hopes that the storms would

pass.

No such luck. The next morning, the group was greeted with leaden skies, as many set off for the two group drives on offer. Some people went south, past Carson City, to visit the Tahoe Ridge winery for wine-tasting. They were able to avoid inclement weather for the most part. The second group set off over Mt. Rose, to tour the Sierra Boat Company, and then either take part in a sail aboard a catamaran, a hike to Eagle Falls, or whatever.

I was in the latter group, behind the wheel of my freshly re-engined Pantera, and was disappointed when the rain began to fall. After we crested the summit, we approached a scenic overlook on the left side of the road, in the middle of a broad right-hand curve. I was shocked when the convoy leader pulled across the centerline to stop, as there was no view of the lake whatsoever due to the heavy cloud cover. Nevertheless, we all wound up stopping there and getting out to look at the clouds in the drizzle.

Sadly, leaving was going to be a big challenge. While we were sitting still, a brain-dead woman came up the hill in a beat-up old car, saw all the Panteras getting ready to take to the road, and panicked. She romped on the



Jack Bartole and Irene Smith manned the grill



The Panteras pulled up in front of the Sierra Boat Company, and the owners enjoyed a great tour

brakes (when there was plenty of room for her to just continue driving), and skidded right into the stopped Pantera of Jim and Anita Kuehne. Fortunately they were unhurt, but the Pantera suffered a mangled front fender, valance, headlight bucket, and air dam. Figure at least \$10K in damage. What's more, the ace driver of the other car was driving with a suspended license, with no insurance, and falsified registration on her car. Thankfully, she was taken away in handcuffs and her car (which suffered almost no damage) was impounded.

Reno-Tahoe Panteras member and all-around Good Guy Julian Kift was at the back of the pack in his GT5. He drove home, picked up his car trailer and truck, and came back to haul the stricken Pantera to Larry Stock's shop, where with a combination of brute force and profanity, they were able to bend the sheetmetal and re-align the steering to get the car to the point where it could



Garry Choate leads Steve Dalcino, John Taphorn and Larry Larsen

be driven home on Sunday.

The rest of the group, now in a somber mood, carried on and arrived at the Sierra Boat Company. This organization has a unique niche—they maintain and restore vintage wooden

powerboats. With over 400 boats either in storage or undergoing some kind of work, the place is jammed with them. The owner of the company led us on a fascinating tour, explaining to us the maintenance-intensive nature of a

wooden powerboat. Most of them are more than 50 years old,

and even basic maintenance costs thousands of dollars per year. Some boats were for sale for high six-figure sums, and others were undergoing six-figure restorations. Whew!

After a delightful lunch, most people decided to forgo the activities on offer for the afternoon due to the continuing unpleasant weather.

In the afternoon, *Pantera International* hosted a Go-Kart and Pizza event at a track in Reno. With the loss of the track event, most of the speed-addled crew signed up for this as a substitute. Although there was some skepticism among the truly hard-core, all were shocked to discover how incredibly fun and competitive the racing turned out to be! Driving on a slick track, it required cunning, skill and more than a bit of good luck to get around cleanly even once, much less lap after lap. A pile of pizzas and sodas made the night



The raffle prizes were amazing this year, and led to POCA's greatest-ever raffle ticket sales!



The roads started to dry out towards the end of the 'spirited drive'



Jim Nowlin is well-known for his lead foot, and was frustrated as the rain fell on the first part of the drive he was leading. Fortunately the skies cleared and we were able to enjoy some highly invigorating motoring in the afternoon, as evidenced by this photo from a GPS

truly memorable.

The next morning, there were two distinct activities on offer. Some would go to Carson City, and then ride the historic Virginia & Truckee Railroad line up to Virginia City for sightseeing and lunch. The others would set off on a 'spirited drive' led by Reno/Tahoe Panteras founder and president Jim Nowlin.

I was in the latter group, and was again disappointed to encounter rain as soon as we turned off the freeway. We were on a super road, but couldn't enjoy it except at a walking pace. I was surprised to discover that I had rain-



Brent Stewart organized the Pantera participation at the Summit Racing cruise



Judy McCartney, Santiago De Tomaso, Kent Snyder and Steve Wilkinson enjoy a walk down memory lane, viewing photos from Santiago's last visit to the POCA Fun Rally, back in 1991

sensing wipers. I could turn them on, but when I turned the switch off they continued to function on their own! Eventually as the roads dried out, they would turn off. Apparently water was getting into the electrical contact on the motor (my splash shield is missing for some reason) and would short it out, keeping the wipers powered until air-flow dried it off!

We eventually arrived at a remote mountain restaurant and enjoyed a great lunch. Afterwards we were joined by a film crew that was shooting background footage for the new De Tomaso firm (attempting to build on their historical legacy). Armed with incredible camera gear and a minivan, the film crew shot footage from various angles, and as the roads dried out, the drivers had the opportunity to stretch their cars legs a bit more.

Upon returning to Reno, as the weather cleared, more than 20 Panteras made their way to Summit Racing's warehouse, where they joined an existing cruise. Cheap eats, great cars, and the opportunity to buy parts directly from the source made for a great night out.

Brian Bernard, meanwhile, had an adventurous drive in his GT5-S. His shift linkage came loose so he could only get 2nd and 3rd gears. Rather than fixing it, he elected to drive all the way to Larry Stock's shop from home, in 3rd gear! Along the way he picked up a

rock which broke his windshield too! Fortunately Kirk Evans was in Larry's shop when he arrived. He fixed the shift linkage and installed a new windshield in no time flat, and soon Brian was parked with everyone else at Summit, enjoying the cruise.

Saturday the weather held clear, and people got up early to clean off their cars, using a water truck provided by the hotel for just that purpose. Unfor-



Tony Blevins proudly stands besides his European GTS, with its 'PODTERA' license plate

tunately an errant Pantera driver backed into Forest Goodhart, thankfully doing only a little bit of damage. A wonderful Pantera display was held out on the Virginia Street mall, where yet another Pantera took a bit of a beating, when Jim Murch backed up into a metal pole that jumped out alongside of him! That's another ding (a rather long one, as it turns out) that fortunately won't be too difficult or expensive to fix.

The raffle was spectacular, as Steve and Sandy Wilkinson were enormously generous with donations this year. Santiago De Tomaso was also present, and was asked to speak about the new De Tomaso company. He very honestly and forthrightly told us that he doesn't know anything about it!

Sunday saw different people taking a different approach to going home. Some chose to take a leisurely drive back along the scenic route, some opted for the freeway, and I chose the totally committed (certifiable?) route, leaving at 6:00 a.m. to blast down to Sears Point and watch the vintage races there!

I have to say that the organization and administration of the Fun Rally is just flawless. People like Judy McCartney, John Taphorn, Bob Reid and Mark McWhinney devote an enormous amount of time to ensuring that the event goes off without a hitch, and we all owe them an enormous debt of gratitude for their continued service on our behalf.

Next year the track should be up and running, and hopefully attendance will increase as the word gets out on what a fantastic time we had this year!



Roger Sharp won a gift bag of marital aids and 'motion lotion' in the POCA raffle

Several owners (including Ron DeMaderios) were interviewed by the film crew, and lots of spectators came to enjoy the display.

The afternoon tech session was well-attended, and then in the evening, the group gathered for the wrap-up banquet and

PCNC Los Laureles Dinner

Friday August 13th, 2010

Social hour: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Los Laureles Lodge garden patio

313 West Carmel Valley Rd

Carmel Valley, CA 93924



This year's theme:

"The Finish Line!"

wear your favorite black & white attire

Dinner is \$46.00 per person

(PCNC Los Laureles Lodge guests will receive two
Dinner tickets, included with their room)

Reservations are required

Payment due no later than July 31st

You can pay online or by check
Make online payment via the PCNC
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PCNC CRUISE TO “REEDYVILLE”
IN THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS NEAR PLACERVILLE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2010



We’re going on a cruise to fantasyland. PCNC Member Greg Taylor has arranged with his long time friend, Steve Reedy, to visit Steve and Robin’s property outside Placerville. Although there is a lot to finalize, here’s what we know so far.....

We will leave our departure point in the east bay at 9 AM on Saturday, September 25th for a leisurely back roads cruise up to Reedyville, arriving at 1 PM. We’ll have a catered lunch of sandwiches, salads and soft drinks (bring your own bottle of wine and a picnic blanket). Then you can explore the park-like grounds and period style buildings, go for a swim if you wish and visit the “cave bar”. And, of course, ride the hand built 1890’s style train amongst the trees, by the lake, over the 20’ high trestle, through the tunnel and Disney-like mine shaft.

This event will be limited to 50 people so sign up at the July 29th meeting or by calling Greg Taylor at (650) 348-5877 – leave him your name and phone number. We anticipate a \$20 to \$25 charge per person to cover lunch costs. There is also the possibility of an optional overnight stay near Sacramento to join the Euro-Sunday event. There will be more details and discussion on the 29th.



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, July 29, 2010
8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA**

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 12-15 — — — Monterey Motorsports Reunion/Concorso Italiano (Sue Choate)

September 19 — — — — — Comedy Day in Golden Gate Park (Mark McWhinney)

September 25 — — — — — — — — — — — Tour To Reedyville/EuroSunday (Greg Taylor)

October TBA — — — — — South Coast Back Roads/Canepa Design Tour (Gary Kono)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH