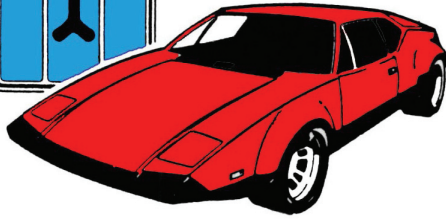


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Minutes of Meeting 30 September, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Mark McWhinney and Mike Drew. Steve Liebenow ably filled in to take the meeting minutes. There were ten De Tomaso cars in the parking lot and 43 members signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Doug Johnson**, who doesn't yet own a Pantera. He's got the bug though, and wisely joined the club in order to do his research and conduct due diligence before buying. He hopes to buy a Pantera in two years or so.

Also in the crowd was **Lisa Simmons**, who represents an organization called Pets In Need; she was soliciting donations from the club for their organization.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: The date for the upcoming meeting was incorrect (29th instead of 30th); fortunately nobody came on the wrong evening!

Also, in listing the PCNC trophy winners at Concorso Italiano, we overlooked the fact that Steve and Kim Griffin won the President's Award. Well-done!

Club Treasury Report: Steve reported, "Money in, money out...more money in!" So the treasury remains healthy.

Name Badges Report: Bob has a new form to fill out if anyone would like a replacement name badge. All club members are issued a name badge when they join the club, and a new one when a significant membership landmark is crossed (i.e. 20 years membership etc.)

Club Store Report: Rich plans to order some tool bags or canvas totes of sorts, and a duffel bag. He's soliciting inputs regarding colors, logos etc. Specifically, would it be better to put the PCNC logo, or a more generic Pantera or De Tomaso logo on the bags?

He is also investigating the prospects of generating calendars featuring members' cars.

Club Library Report: Forrest had nothing new to report.

Club Motorsports Report: Larry said the POCA board is mulling over the various alternatives for the 2011 Fun Rally. We are still working towards staging a track event in Reno, but if the Fun Rally moves to San Diego, there will be no track event. The Porsche club may be hired to stage an autocross for us however. We will know more in the upcoming months; in the meantime we are leaning forward and making our initial preparations for hosting a track event in Reno.

Events Coordinator Report: Gary Kono offered up some suggestions in light of the mechanical carnage that characterized our otherwise extremely successful Reedyville run. Specifically, he floated the idea of a dedicated support vehicle, perhaps including a trailer? The idea would be that somebody who is attending but is unable to bring their Pantera, could perhaps instead serve as a 'sag wagon'.

He also took the time to again recognize the members of the party committee, who did such a great job with the Monterey dinner, and are already hard at work on the Christmas party. He encouraged more involvement by members to assist with events. While the idea of organizing an entire event can be a bit daunting, many hands makes for a lighter load, so if you have the time, please consider helping the people who enjoy organizing our events!

Past Events:

Blessing of The Hot Rods: Rich reported that this event grew slightly over last year, with 64 cars total, including five Panteras. The group was driving up Summit Road in the Santa Cruz mountains when a car coming the other way spun around and chased them down. It turns out that fellow owns a GT5 that has been off the road for awhile. He blew his engine at a track event due to leaning the fuel injection too much. He then made the critical mistake of loading his car backwards on a trailer for the tow home, resulting in the need for a new decklid, roof and windshield! The group told him about the club meetings and invited him to come down and join the club!

Comedy Day In Golden Gate Park: There were eight or nine Panteras and one Mangusta

in attendance. The slightly inclement weather kept the locals off the cars! A few people decided to leave early under the threat of rain, and in so doing, they missed Robin Williams' performance!

Reedyville Tour: This event was a smash success, and also quite an adventure, as Panteras broke down and fell apart left and right! Greg gave a report, and said that he needs to buy both a CB radio and a GPS! He also learned a lot about coordinating a multi-day car club event—it's a lot like herding cats! There were about ten Panteras and a Mangusta participating, plus a few Brand X cars. It was the hottest weekend of the year so some people suffered a bit of overheating, but nothing terminal.

The back roads leading to the event were simply outstanding! Among the mechanical failures was one Pantera failure to start (resulting in the owner taking a backup car), a brake caliper falling off due to an adapter bolt backing out (no loc-tite—it was fixed in a parking lot thanks to a conveniently located Ace hardware store), a battery that decided to go all China Syndrome, and finally a fuel pump that didn't! That last one resulted in a flatbed ride home (a reminder that the AAA 100-mile recovery service is a great deal!)

The dinner that evening was excellent, and the music fair in old downtown Folsom was entertaining as well. In the morning the EuroSunday show featured a terrific assortment of exotic cars.

The crowd thanked Greg and Diane for all their hard work, and he said the hosts said they enjoyed having us and we have an open invitation to return!

Watch for a full report in next month's newsletter.

TPOC Swap Meet: Rich Boschert and Brent Stewart took some of the PCNC store contents down to Orange County, and unfortunately didn't sell very much. They did buy all sorts of stuff however!

Mojave Mile: Darryl Johnson gave a report on his latest effort to enter the 200 mph club. He said that Ford GTs were doing especially well, particularly those whose superchargers were replaced by twin turbos. Several of them were doing well over 200 mph, and even a 427 Cobra managed to break 190 mph. Darryl had been working on his Pantera to find and fix the fuel delivery problem which felled him last time. This time he was running well, making plenty of power, and the clutch gave out, resulting in a speed of 150-ish. He was forced to park the car and watch.

There were 45 cars on Saturday, and even more on Sunday. Big Red, the famous '69 Camaro, was clocked at 205 mph but couldn't keep up with the Ford GTs.

Hillsborough Concours: Todd Glycer reported that when he arrived, there was a nice blue Pantera already present (belonging to Kevin Abbey). There were lots of great race cars and street machines. Todd found a black 289 Cobra particularly fetching. Kevin added that there was a Mangusta in his class, whose owner (not a club member) also owns a Pantera with only 800 miles on it! He says he's not interested in driving it, and would prefer to just look at it in his garage!

Upcoming Events:

Canapa Design Tour — 30 October: The EuroSunday group is hosting a tour of Canapa Design, the world-renowned vintage race and restoration facility, on Saturday the 30th. Gary

Kono is organizing a small road trip (since he lives in Scotts Valley, home of Canapa Design). The plan would be to meet in the parking lot at the intersection of Hwy 92 and Hwy 35 (Skyline Blvd), then tour south on Skyline, turn onto Hwy 9 and end up at Canapa Design. Afterwards, he and Maryanne will host a lunch at their home. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter, with updated information on the PCNC website, and please RSVP so they can plan their food procurement accordingly!

PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December: The Christmas party will be held at Trader Vic's in Palo Alto (same place as last year). The cost is \$55 each, and the menu choices are beef, mahi mahi, prawns or chicken. Those that want to spend the night can call the hotel to get a special PCNC rate. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the information.

Other Event Ideas: Greg and Diane had a long drive home from Reedyville, and spent the time discussing ideas for potential events. Old Town Sacramento has a fantastic train museum, as well as a terrific car museum, which among other things has an incredible Lincoln that is sort of owned by Randy and Linda Welch inside (long story). There is a riverboat hotel and restaurant as well, and a steam train excursion from the museum as well, that runs along the levee.

Other ideas were a driving up to the telescope at the top of Mt. Hamilton, and the Ironstone Vineyards concours.

Club Business:

Club Officer Nominating Committee: Garth Rodericks heads up this committee, which is tasked for finding volunteers to hold club office next year. Anybody interested in holding a position, please contact Garth.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Bronze Distributor Gear: Todd Glycer had a bronze distributor gear for a 351C available, and sold it immediately!

Trunk and Door Weatherstripping: Steve Dalcino had several sets of American-made trunk and door weatherstripping, a near match to that in Panteras. A few pieces remain.

Water Temp Gauge Wanted: Gary Kono is looking for a Veglia 260-degree water temperature gauge to replace the 230-degree gauge in his car.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Goodwood Revival: Lori Albino talked of her recent trip to England with Mike Drew. They visited various POCA members and De Tomaso enthusiasts, and attended the Goodwood Revival, which is basically a head-on collision between a Renaissance Faire and a vintage race, with an airshow thrown in for good measure! Everyone dressed in period clothing, and no cars were admitted on the grounds made after 1966—and that went for the spectators as well!

Lori wasn't impressed with the food, but the racing was great, and the RAF Spitfires and Hurricanes flying overhead were an added bonus. The track was an airfield during the Battle of Britain, and they were celebrating the 70th anniversary of the victory.

The racing was great, although there was an unfortunate amount of contact; she saw Bobby Rahal lose a wheel in Adrian Newey's Jaguar E-type and smite the wall mightily, resulting in a

significantly bent car!

They were hosted by a Mangusta-owning couple who lived on a 500-acre estate, and later visited another friend whose house was originally a bakery, when it was built in the 1300s!

Name Badge Return: Gary Kono reported that when Ron had his battery problem in Plymouth, Gary lost his name badge in the parking lot. The guy that found it looked the club up on the internet, and found the Britschgi's number listed under "name badges" (memo to club webmaster—we need to update the site to reflect Bob Lucas as being in charge of name badges now). He phoned Russ, got Gary's address and mailed his badge back to him!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Trevor Fougere, slipping clutch and all!

Raffle Results: Trevor and Brett did their thing, with the following results:

Sephora Gift Cert — Brian Bernard
Spray gun: — Steve Liebenow
Matchbox Pantera — Darryl Johnson
Flashlight (small LED type) — Russ Britschgi
One-touch crescent-type wrench — Todd Glycer
Magnetic parts tray — Forest Goodhart
Knee pads — Brian Bernard
Craftsmen ratcheting wrench set — Darryl Johnson
Angle grinder — Steve Dalcino
Extended Reach Nose picker (self lighting) — Rich Boschert
Aviator DVD — Tom Galli
Ratcheting tie down — Brian Bernard

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:35 p.m.

Membership News

New Members for October:

George Altamura, Jr. of Napa. George joined through POCA so we don't know if he owns a Pantera, or is looking for one. Hopefully we'll see him at the upcoming PCNC meeting and find out!

October Membership Anniversaries:

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

Larry and Shari Stock: twenty-five years
Mike and Nancy Haney: nineteen years
Jim and Barbara Murch: eight years
Steve Griffin: four years

Brett Santos: twenty-three years
Gary and Mary Ann Kono: fourteen years
John and Cheryl Colombero: four years

PCNC Board Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2010

A special meeting of the PCNC board was held prior to the September club meeting; the board meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. In attendance were: Ron DeMaderios, Rich Boschert, Gary Kono, Brent Stewart, Bob Lucas, and Forest Goodhart

Club Treasury: The meeting began with a discussion about the club's treasury (although the treasurer, Steve Liebenow, couldn't be present at the meeting). PCNC has not filed any tax returns for the last three years; there is an outstanding question as to whether or not PCNC is/was required to file at all.

Steve had an action item to investigate financial software to standardize the club's financial record keeping.

Club Library: Forest Goodhart had no new information or documents provided from officers for inclusion in the club library.

Club Membership: Brent Stewart discussed the tri-fold "Join POCA" brochures that POCA periodically prints and distributes to the chapters. Judy McCartney only has about 150 brochures left. They were created by Mike Drew, who has the ability to change/modify them as necessary.

Brent is going to get a quote for printing additional brochures for PCNC usage with PCNC-specific information added. The board will vote on proposed changes, i.e. adding PCNC contact information, and will later discuss the printing quote via e-mail.

PCNC's membership database is kept by Russ Britschgi in a proprietary Mac format which is over ten years old. Brent and Russ are working to migrate the information over to a new membership database which will be MS Access-based

Club Store: Richard Boschert has a plan to purchase additional bags of different sizes. He will conduct a poll of the membership at the monthly meeting for preferred colors and logo options (PCNC, De Tomaso, etc.)

Club Elections: Garth Rodericks has issued invitations to several people to ask if they would consider being a part of the nominating committee. One person won't be able to participate because he is planning on running for an office. Garth plans to invite others to participate on the nominating committee at the club meeting.

Fun Rally Suggestions: The next topic of discussion involved the POCA Fun Rally events. Ron wants the PCNC board to provide collective ideas for 'alternative non-automotive events' for Mark to take back to the Fun Rally Board.

Forrest said he wants to make sure the boards (POCA and Fun Rally) are willing to listen to other ideas.

It was pointed out that the schedule of events for the last Fun Rally had multiple overlapping events scheduled throughout the rally, many of which were not car-related.

Anyone with ideas for alternate events was invited to take responsibility for planning and organizing such events.

Club Motorsports: Larry Finch gave a lengthy update on the state of the PCNC track event, starting with a brief history lesson. PCNC has hosted a two-day track event at the Fun Rally since 1998. The primary goal/focus of the Fun Rally track event has been on getting ‘newbies’ onto the track. Although we also accommodate A-group racers, they are not the primary motivator for staging the event.

There was a suggestion to organize other PCNC track events throughout the year. The group quickly concluded that additional track events were unfeasible at the present time. The only track event PCNC sponsors is the two-day event at the Fun Rally, which barely breaks even (we suffered a slight loss in 2009) even with massive support and sponsorship from POCA and the Pantera vendors, and certain POCA members.

PCNC does not have sufficient numbers to justify the cost and financial risk exposure of organizing a separate event

Exploring and organizing another track event takes a *tremendous* amount of time and effort, which neither Larry nor anybody else has the time for.

There are currently a lot of track days available to PCNC members through other clubs/organizations, such as Shelby Club track events, other open track days, the Mojave Mile, the Silver State Challenge, etc. etc.

An idea was raised to publish a list of Motorsports Events sponsored by other clubs/organizations. Also, MotorSportsReg.com publishes a list that is e-mailed to subscribers. Those who signed up and paid for the PCNC track event the last few years are already on the list.

Liability Waiver: Greg Taylor was concerned about the club’s liability exposure when staging events, and he proposed a new release and waiver of liability agreement for club members to sign which covers all club events, rather than the current waiver which is event-specific and required for each and every event members attend.

The proposed release was reviewed by an attorney (Gary Kono’s daughter) and found to have several deficiencies.

Discussion followed regarding whether a new release should be broad or specific. The primary concern with the proposed release is that it’s a general/broad release of liability. More work and discussion will be required on this issue

PCNC Awards: Historically the tracking of club points, as well as the generation of awards for event organizers has been done by Russ and Doris Britschgi. Brent is going to discuss the process with them with an aim to taking it over as part of his official duties.

Other Business: Gary Kono stated that he feels the PCNC board has let the group down by not proposing enough driving trips and events. Some board members have proposed trip/event ideas but have not been able to organize such events.

There is a general feeling that the members of the club would like to see more driving events. The Reedyville tour organized by Greg Taylor was one of the best PCNC events in anyone’s recent memory—thanks Greg and Diane! Hopefully this will help inspire other people to step forward and take on the challenge too!

The board meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The De Tomaso Ghepardo Concept

Story by www.worldcarfans.com
Photos by Frederik Tjellesen

Born in Denmark and schooled in Coventry, England, a designer named Frederik Tjellesen took it upon himself to create a new, clean-sheet design of a luxury supercar, perhaps in the hopes that the new owners of De Tomaso might take interest. His Ghepardo (Italian for *cheetah*) design concept is a modern interpretation of the classic De Tomaso Deauville, but with distinct Pantera and Mangusta styling traits. Following the design agenda of an Aston Martin Rapide or Porsche Panamera, the



Although De Tomaso had nothing to do with the creation of this concept, the designer apparently hopes they will like what they see and put it into production



Italian fashion played a role in the design of the Ghepardo. The car itself occupies the same philosophical space as the Deauville, but with Mangusta and Pantera styling licks

Ghepardo strives to set itself apart by portraying itself as a true supercar alternative, as opposed to a stretched design of an existing model quilted with luxury.

In real life the Ghepardo only exists in 1:4 proportions, however the full-size vehicle would measure in at 482 cm long, 195 cm wide and 125 cm high. The powertrain is projected to use a methanol fuel cell with four electric motors.

Alternatively, a 3.5-liter Ecoboost V6 with 400 horsepower from Ford might be a bit more realistic. Potentially, Tjell's design has a chance of becoming reality in light of the

recent purchase of the De Tomaso name and former Pininfarina factory by former Fiat executive Gianmarco Rossignolo. Various reports state he will start to build cars in 2011. So far there is no indication that the new De Tomaso company has noticed this concept, however.

Here is the press release that Tjellesen issued:

De Tomaso: Designer introduces new

De Tomaso concept (SEPTEMBER 2010) The four-door sports car, Ghepardo, suggests the new concept for future De Tomaso. As the sportiest alternative to the growing number of exotic



The freelance designer of the Ghepardo is a Dane named Fredrick Tjellesen. All the images here were taken using this 1/4 scale model and photographic tricks

four-door super coupes, the Ghepardo challenges indeed the Aston Martin Rapide, Fisker Karma and the Porsche Panamera. With a modern interpretation, the Ghepardo concept takes inspiration from

a tailor-made Italian suit visible in its purple surfaces.

Design

Ghepardo is designed with great respect for the De Tomaso history and design language, and several elements are inspired by the surface treatments of the Pantera and Mangusta. It is designed to match the future trends within the automotive industry both in design and functionality.

- Through ecoboost technology and methanol fuel cells, the car takes in demand for sustainable, green energy and technology. This is represented by the absence of big air intakes which normally indicate power.

- It represents speed, aggression yet elegance through its surface treatment, stands, volume and details such as tensioned lines and integrated spoilers creating active down force.



The ties to the Pantera design are subtle. Oddly, one of the strongest connections is the wheels, yet while the concept uses early Pantera-styled wheels, the Pantera in the background is equipped with aftermarket Gr4 Pantera wheels?

- In the question of usability, the Ghepardo serves as both a sports car as well as a saloon; giving it the versatility to suit different user needs.

- The bottom windows are designed to increase the rear passengers' perception of speed.

- With inspiration from the Mangusta, the large rear gull wings function as both rear doors as well as boot lid.



The gull-wing engine hatches double as the rear doors, and are the strongest Mangusta design element appearing in the Ghepardo

Technology

The De Tomaso Ghepardo uses technology based on both the latest production cars as well as the concepts cars currently being tested.

- Ghepardo may be powered either by a Ford twin-turbo ecoboost 3.5 V6 producing 465 bhp or by four elec-

tric in-hub fuel cells each producing 85 Kw (combined an equivalent of 440 bhp). Electricity is produced by a methanol fuel cell stack located beneath the 500 litre boot.

- It features aerodynamic design creating 0.25 Cd drag.

- Active aerofoils are incorporated in the 'c-pillar/rear wing' giving the car optimal down force at any speed.

- The Ghepardo measures a length of 4820 mm, a width of 1970 mm, height of 1300 mm and a wheel base of 2990 mm.



It never hurts to have a power-babe incorporated into your marketing strategy! This drawing shows how the gullwing doors would open, and allow access to not only the engine compartment, but also the back seats

De Tomaso was considered the entry level to the holy grail of Italian super cars in the 1960s and 1970s. The cars were as fast and as beautiful, however, more inexpensive than the ones of Ferrari and Lamborghini. In 1971, De Tomaso introduced the Deauville which was the fastest saloon car at the time. It was referred to as a super saloon by founder Alejandro De Tomaso.

Inspired by the spirit of the Deauville, the De Tomaso Ghepardo is a modern four door fuel cell super car with a surface treatment inspired by the legendary De Tomasos of the 60s and 70s and designed for the nigh future.



2010 PCNC Christmas Party and Awards Banquet

**When: Friday December 10th 6:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 P.M.**

**Location: Trader Vic's / Dinah's Garden Hotel
4261 El Camino Real
Palo Alto, Ca. 94306**

Dress: Holiday dressy

Cost: \$55.00 per person, make checks payable to PCNC.

RSVP: Menu choice and Payment by Dec. 5, 2009.

**Send to: Gary Kono
131 Lunar Ct
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

**Menu Choice: Barbecued Filet of Beef, Macadamia Crusted Mahi Mahi,
Szechwan Butterfly Prawns or Corn-Fed chicken breast**

No Host Bar

**Overnight: Those wanting to stay overnight at Diana's Garden Hotel can call
800-227-8220 to make reservations. Ask for the Pantera Club room block.**

**Special room rates per night are: Garden Room \$95.00
Deluxe Room \$120.00**

Suites are available

Breakfast not included

Questions: Email Sue Choate at garryc14@comcast.net or call 925-366-3623





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, October 28th, 2010
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

October 30 ----- Canepa Design Tour/Picnic (Gary Kono)
December 10 ----- PCNC Christmas Party (Sue Choate)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH