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Minutes of Meeting 18 November, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. sharp by the president. All officers were present except for Steve Liebenow and Trevor Fougere. There were ten Panteras in the parking lot, and 42 members signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Evan Matthews**, a fuel-injection tuning wizard who worked miracles on the fuel-injected Panteras of Peter Kovacs and Ron DeMaderios, and Darryl Johnson's carbureted Pantera too; Evan brought his friend **Seth** with him.

We also welcomed **Mark Savage**, who is a stealth member of PCNC. He joked that he hasn't been to a meeting in two years, but he pays his dues!

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were a few changes to note. Lee Scales received a

membership award for 20 years of PCNC membership, not 25. Mary Ann Kono's name was misspelled Mary Anne.

Also, new member Matt Kelleher's information was reported slightly inaccurately. It was actually his uncle, Jack Flaherty, who was a principal at British Motor Cars, not his father. His other uncle, Forrest Faulknor, was the general sales manager of BMC. BMC was (and is) run by Kjell Qvale, and was deeply involved in the 'new' sport of sports car racing in the 1950s and 1960s.

Club Treasury Report: Steve Liebenow was absent, but he phoned in his report prior to the meeting. There was little activity in the previous month, other than payment for miscellaneous Christmas party decorations, and name badges. We also received income in the form of payment from Christmas party attendees.

Club Store Report: Rich discussed several new items in development, including duffel bags (big gym bags), tote bags, and he also showed a sample jacket "which coincidentally happens to be my size!" he said. He has miscellaneous shirts in stock, and is receiving increasing pressure to produce a Mangusta shirt. He solicited sample Mangusta artwork for that endeavor.

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

Club Name Badges Report: Bob said he would distribute name badges at the Christmas party, and the remaining ones would go in the mail.

Club Website Report: Mark updated the website to reflect the fact that the POCA Fun Rally would be held in Reno again, and that PCNC will once again host a track event at Reno-Fernley raceway.

Past Events:

Canepa Design 'Rain or Shine' Tour: The club thanked Gary and Mary Ann (with no 'e'!) Kono for hosting what turned out to be a terrific event, despite the rain! The event was covered in an article in last month's newsletter.

Timing Chain Tech Session: Lori Albino hosted a tech session where the goal was to replace her floppy timing chain and weepy water pump. A few more things were accomplished along the way; see the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Capitol Panteras Delta Brunch Run: Capitol Panteras hosted a short drive in the Sacramento River Delta; all but two of the Panteras that were present were driven by PCNC members! See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Super Bowl Party — 6 February: Brent Stewart has volunteered to host the club's Super Bowl party and chili feed. Watch for a flyer in the January newsletter.

Club Business:

Charitable Donations: Normally we discuss various worthy charities at the November

meeting, and then vote to give funds to two of them. We're a little bit behind schedule this year, so the listing of proposed charities will be printed in the January newsletter, and the vote will take place at the January meeting.

Christmas Present: During a brief moment when we weren't being attended to by Tony, who has been our waiter for the better part of 20 years, a motion was quickly made and passed to give Tony a \$100 gift card as a gesture of our appreciation for all his hard work on our behalf.

Club Election: Ballots were passed out and then collected; the results of the election will be announced at the Christmas party. As all four elected officer candidates are running unopposed, you don't exactly have to be Nostradamus to predict how it will turn out!

Events Coordinator Needed!: Gary Kono's term as Events Coordinator ends at the end of this month, and as he will (presumably) be taking over as club Treasurer, we need somebody to take his place as Events Coordinator. Somebody, please step forward and answer the call!

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Chuck's Goodies: Chuck Melton had a small assortment of small items for sale, such as stainless steel door hinge bolts.

News, Clues and Rumors:

De Tomaso On The Skids Again?: Several people mentioned articles which appeared in the automotive and business press, regarding the fledgling 'new' De Tomaso company. Watch for the Autoweek article in next month's newsletter.

Greg Taylor Mangusta Update: Slowly but surely, Greg's Mangusta is taking shape. He passed around photos showing that the metalwork is all but complete, and the front half of the body is in primer. It won't be long before paint starts hitting the panels!

Garth Rodericks Motor Update: Todd pointedly asked his brother about progress on his motor build. Garth replied, "Ugh. What progress?" He's been building a 408 stroker Cleveland for several years now! He did say that his home-made stainless steel firewall is finally in the car, after several false starts.

Peter Kovacs' Back On The Road: Peter Kovacs had his black Pantera at the meeting; it had just that day returned to the road. The last time he drove it was almost four years ago to the day; he crashed on black ice driving home from the November 2006 meeting.

SEMA Show Review: Several PCNC members attended the SEMA show in Las Vegas, and a group of them even got together for dinner on the Wednesday evening.

Brunei Pantera Parts Exchange: Right after the SEMA show, Mike Drew flew to London to visit a London-based Pantera owner, and by coincidence, a Pantera owner from Brunei was going to be passing through at the same time. Mike therefore flew over with a whole suitcase filled with Pantera parts for him, effected a handoff, and he then flew them back home with him to Brunei!

Larry Finch Anniversary: Larry announced that he is celebrating his eighth year of Pantera ownership; in that time he has racked up an impressive 45,000 miles.

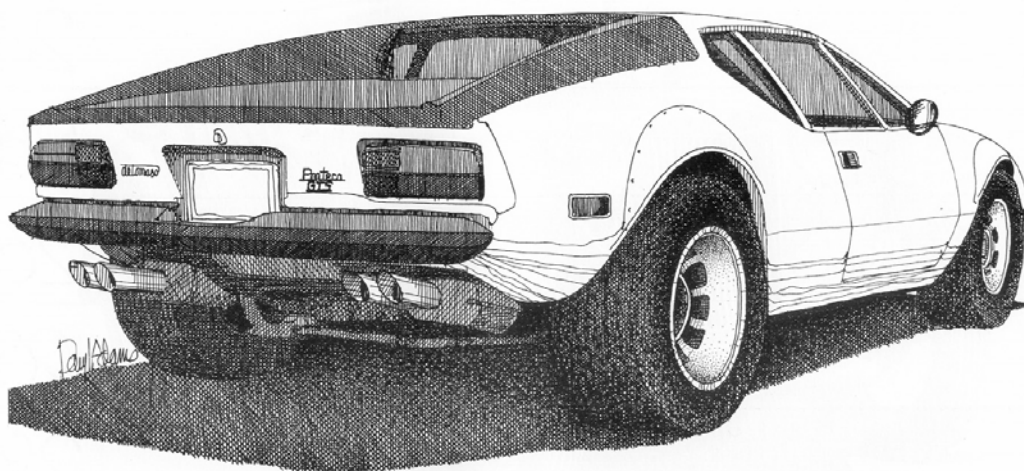
Spa Italia: Mike announced that the next iteration of Spa Italia (the largest Italian car event in Europe, held at the Spa-Francorchamps race track in Belgium's Ardennes forest) will be held the first weekend of June, 2011, and De Tomaso is the featured marque. Expatriate American and Pantera road-tripper *extraordinaire* Charlie McCall will be planning a 4-5 day scenic tour leading up to the event; the Swedish Pantera club will also see 20-30 De Tomasos heading south to attend. The organizers hope to get more than 100 De Tomaso cars, which would make it the largest De Tomaso assembly ever seen since the Panteras rolled out of the factory.

Driving For Dinner Raffle: And the winner was Mark Savage.

Raffle Results: Tom Galli gave special recognition to Brett Santos, who is an immense help running the raffle each month, collecting and counting the money etc. They once again did their thing, with the following results:

Clearseal detailer/Microfiber cloths — Bob Benson, Forest Goodhart
Digital calipers — Gary Kono
Batman comics — Diane Taylor (times two!)
Giants motorcycle cop bobblehead doll — Larry Finch (he gave it to Kevin Abbey!)
Tiny travel umbrellas — Bob Benson, Forest Goodhart
Ratcheting wrenches — Greg Taylor, Ron DeMaderios
Allen wrenches — Chuck Melton
Small screwdriver — Darryl Johnson
Tire gauge — Steve Dalcino
Tiedown strap — Lori Albino
Cosmoline lubricant — □Chuck Melton
Extendo magnet — Steve Dalcino
Quarter-inch ratchet set — Peter Kovacs
Recipe cards and holder — Brent Stewart
Utility drawer tool set — Patty (Brett Santos)
De Tomaso flag — Ron DeMaderios
McGuire's Quick Detailer — Russ Britschgi

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot around 9:20 p.m.



PCNC Board Meeting Minutes

18 November, 2010

The board meet was called to order at 7:15 p.m., immediately before the monthly PCNC meeting. All board members were present except for Mike Drew, Steve Liebenow, and Trevor Fougere, with Tom Galli standing in for the missing Trevor.

Reno/Tahoe Fun Rally: It was formally announced that the next POCA Fun Rally will again be in Reno at the Circus Circus hotel, from 8-12 June.

PCNC Speed Trials: Larry Finch presented his plan for the track event to the rest of the board. The Reno-Fernley Raceway is again open for business, better than ever with fresh pavement, and construction plans for better amenities (including real restrooms).

Once again, the focus for the track event will be new drivers. Although Brand X cars are always welcome, the ambition will be to have new Pantera drivers on track, and to that end, special discounted pricing (the same as last year) will be offered to those drivers taking to the track for the first time in their Panteras. Regular participants will have the opportunity to save money with discounted entry fees for those whose payment is received by April 15th. All fees will remain unchanged from 2009.

Sponsorship remains an open question, as the economy has put the hurt on our traditional sponsors. We are anticipating a slight reduction in sponsorship, hopefully offset by a slight increase in driver participation. The ultimate financial forecast is for expenses and income to roughly mirror those of 2009, when we almost exactly broke even.

The board, upon hearing the plan, unanimously voted to approve the funding necessary to stage the event.

Charity Donations: PCNC historically has donated a percentage of our club's treasury to worthy charities at the end of the year. We are a bit behind schedule, but a listing of candidate charities will appear in the January newsletter, and a vote will be taken at the January meeting.

Awards: Gary Kono has compiled the listing of awards for those who hosted events, and Todd Glycer has printed the certificates. Brent Steward has calculated the most active member points, and Ron DeMaderios will decide who gets the President's Award.

Christmas Party Raffle: Trevor Fougere is 99% sure he will be well enough to attend the party, but as he is still recuperating from his recent surgery, Tom Galli will step in to organize the raffle, with assistance from Garth Rodericks. Mike Drew has solicited donations from almost 100 companies. The goal is for everybody to win something, and everyone to have fun!

Club Records: All old club records in private hands need to be forwarded to Forest Goodhart (club librarian) for record-keeping purposes. He will store both physical and electronic records.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Timing Chain Tech Session

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

Lori Albino's Pantera has been improved greatly in the year and a half or so that she has been driving it, thanks to the efforts of numerous PCNC members who have kindly volunteered their time and labor to correct its many small deficiencies. The fact that Lori puts on one hell of a feed may have some additional motivational factor too!

During an oil pan change in the spring, it was noted that her original, stock timing chain was as flaccid and worn out as they come. Timing was probably advancing and retarding on its own, all over the place. When the original water pump started weeping, push finally met shove, and something had to be done.

The job would require perhaps two people to accomplish comfortably, but in traditional PCNC fashion, more than a dozen people showed up at her Benecia home on a sunny Halloween morning. Thankfully, as with virtually every Pantera, there was no shortage of small jobs that



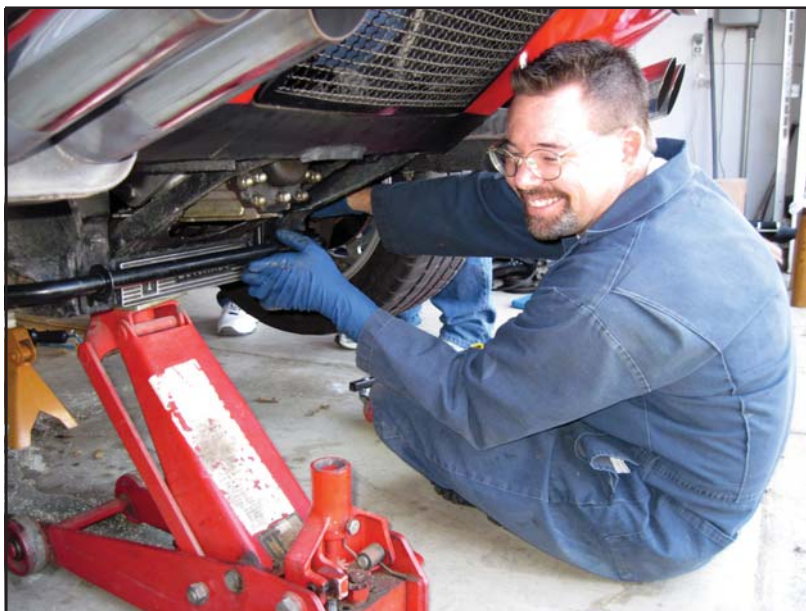
It didn't take long for all the guys to dive in and get to work!

needed attending to.

New club member Doug Johnson was the first to arrive, eager to both learn as much as he could and help out at the same time.

Lori's Pantera was curiously

equipped with 7/8-inch Sphereballs and bushings at the rear, but a 3/4-inch swaybar, meaning that it was rattling loose and of dubious effectiveness. A new one had been procured, so the ever-cheerful Rich Boschert set to work with



Rich Boschert, looking as gloomy as he ever does, wrestling with the new rear swaybar



Garry Choate has himself a sit-down as he prepares the new water pump

Mike Drew on the task.

Unfortunately, the painted swaybar simply did not want to slide through the rather hard Sphereballs. Garry Choate to the rescue; with his 'use a bigger hammer' approach (literally), the bushings were pounded into position on the bar, and soon Rich had everything buttoned up again.

Meanwhile, Doug, Garry, Steve Dalcino, Bob Lucas and Randy Welch were all over, under and around the engine bay, draining the coolant, slightly lowering the oil pan, tearing the front of the motor apart and changing the timing chain.

Not all timing chains are created equal. Few manufacturers even make their own chain or sprockets; instead, most rely on outside suppliers and just piece the kits together. Some chain is of excellent quality, and some chain (Rolon, made in India) is just junk. Fortunately, 351C Guru Dan Jones was at the POCA Fun Rally; he went with Lori to the Summit Racing warehouse and eyeballed every single 351C timing chain set they had on offer. Half were condemned right away, leaving a bunch of more-or-less equal choices remaining. Prices varied a fair bit, and ultimately they chose the Ford Motor-sport offering.

As the front of the engine came back together, Mike Haney installed a battery cutoff switch on a beautiful aluminum mount he fabricated. Once that was done, the two Mikes tore the windshield wiper mechanism out of the car.



Far from the grease and the oil, Sue Choate, Linda Welch, Lori Albino and Merry Dalcino engaged in their favorite activity—talking!

Lori drives her Pantera in the rain, and on her last drive the wiper circuit blew the fuse. Bill Taylor had made a dedicated wiper circuit testing box, which proved invaluable in troubleshooting the problem.

Mike Drew has a fair bit of experience with the system, so he took it all apart, then the other Mike de-gunked it and greased it all up, and soon it was ready to go back into the car.

Meanwhile, throughout the day, monster chow was on offer inside the house, and everyone took a turn away from the action to load up on terrific Mexican food.

As the sun set, young trick-or-treat-

ers started to appear, and they were amply rewarded with lots of candy!

By 9:00 p.m., the car was all buttoned up again, right as rain. The next day, Lori took it for a spirited blast on a nearby abandoned twisty road, and the change in both engine and handling response was immediately discernible!

Thanks to everyone who came out to help. The list of tasks on Lori's Pantera is getting ever-smaller. A steering rack rebuild, A-arm bushing/ball joint/tie rod end change, and heater and A/C installation are about all that are on the horizon for this car.

And then she's going to just drive the hell out of it!



Mike Haney and Mike Drew used Bill Taylor's wiper motor testing tool to troubleshoot the inoperative wiper motor



The problem was caused by corrosion inside the case, and hardened, dried-out grease. Here it gets fresh lubricant

Capitol Panteras Grand Island Mansion Champagne Brunch

*Story by Emilia Seiferling
Photos by Mike Drew*

Every fall, Capitol Panteras plans a brunch run somewhere in the Sacramento River Delta region. This year, we chose the Grand Island Mansion for our destination. This is a beautiful place that was built in 1917, at an enormous cost. For those of you who missed the brunch this year you can read the history of the Mansion on their website www.grandislandmansion.com

Capitol Panteras member and honorary Pantera owner John Worsley made all the arrangements (John owns a Bricklin). By the time that the date of the Capitol Pantera Brunch arrived the number of people attending had risen to 13; ironically, most of the par-



Part of the PCNC group parked in front of the Seiferling's home



We had reserved parking right in front of the mansion

ticipants were from PCNC, due to scheduling conflicts with most of the Capitol Panteras members.

The Bay Area and Napa contingent met up in Rio Vista at the Seiferling home, where a bathroom, coffee and tea awaited them. It gave everyone a chance to stretch their legs before the final segment of the drive to the Grand Island Mansion.

Capitol Panteras was happy to have so many PCNC members decide to accept our invitation to join us on our Fall Brunch Run. All Capitol

Panteras events are open to other POCA members. We only ask that you RSVP so that we know you are coming.

There were five Panteras that caravanned to the Grand Island Mansion, 20 miles from our home. I only regret that I forgot to take a photo of all the Panteras parked next to the house! A local friend, who saw the gathering that day, remarked to me later how great all the cars looked! (Lucky for me that Mike Drew did take a picture of our house with three of the four visiting Panteras parked next to it.)

The weather was wonderful, with temperatures in the 70's! The skies were blue, there was no wind, and the Sacramento River was like glass as we drove north on Highway 160. We enjoyed very light traffic on the entire drive. There was even some fall foliage to enjoy; the grape vines were spotted with red and yellow leaves as were the numerous pear trees that line the levee.



The owners of the mansion own a 1937 Jaguar SS, which they use for weddings

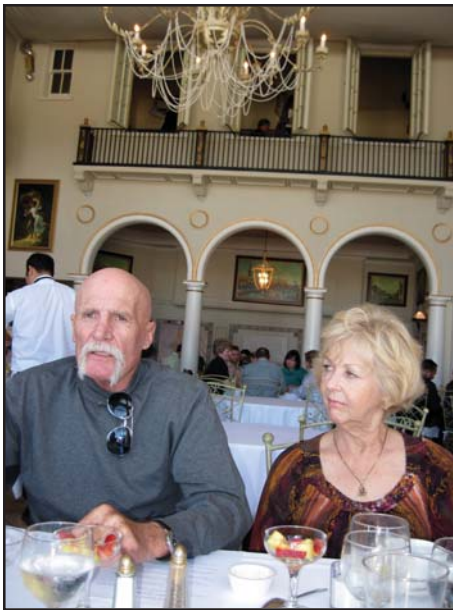
When all was said and done, there were six Panteras and a Bricklin parked at the Grand Island Mansion. Those attending were: Don and Kathy Gagnon, Jim and Emilia Seiferling, John

Worsley, Judy and Forrest Goodhart, Dena and Bob Lucas, Mike and Nancy Haney, Lori Albino and Mike Drew.

The brunch was very good, as was the conversion at the table. The entrees



A very attentive waiter staff looked after us and attended to our every need



Don and Kathy Gagnon purchased their 1973 Pantera just over a year ago

ranged from New York steak, quiche de jour, to "Italian Toast" (which was basically fancy French toast). There were seven entrees to select from. After we finished our meals, most of the group opted to do the self-guided tour of the mansion before going outside to view Panteras and enjoy the great 75-degree weather in mid-November! Several people took advantage of having John take photos of their Pantera in this beautiful location. John is a retired professional photographer and has done this many times. Thank you John for making all the arrangements for this years Fall brunch drive.

It takes a day like this for Jim and

me to remember what a beautiful area we live in. We had a short 20 mile drive compared to the 130 miles Forest and Judy drove from Watsonville to get to our house. Don and Kathy Gagnon also



John Worsley, Forrest and Judy Goodhart, and Jim Seiferling



On the way home, Lori and Mike took a ferry ride across one of the many delta channels

had a 65-mile drive to the Grand Island Mansion. We hope that they felt it was worth the effort to join us in the California Delta. Jim and I enjoyed yet another great day because we drive a Pantera.

Next year we think we might go to the Ryde Hotel, in the town of Ryde for brunch in the Fall. The Capitol Panteras have not gone there for several years. It is another of those hidden gems in the California Delta. I hope to see even more people and Panteras there!

Super Bowl Party, BBQ and Chili Feed

When: Sunday, 6 February
2:00 p.m. to ??????

Where: Brent and Bev Stewart
7232 Glenview Drive
San Jose, CA 95120
(408) 927-9272

Bring: Drinks, a side dish to share.



The game starts late in the afternoon, but guests are welcome to come early. We may have a friendly wagering session, so come early to get your favorite spots in the pool!



There will be several different types of chili available. Please bring a side dish to share, and bring your own drinks.

The BBQ grill will be ready if you want to grill your own meat.

There will be reserved parking available for those who bring their Panteras!





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, January 27, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 6 ----- Super Bowl Party (Brent Stewart)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH