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## *No Meeting Minutes!*

Due to the fact that there was no monthly PCNC meeting in December, there are no minutes to report, and thus (hopefully!) no corrections that will have to be made in next month's newsletter!

The club's first event will be the annual Super Bowl party and tech session held at Brent and Bev Stewart's house in San Jose; see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Here's looking to a great 2011!

# Membership News

## New Members for December, 2010:

**Evan Matthews** of Hollister. Evan joined through POCA and is the owner of Ed's Speed Shop in Gilroy. Evan and his Dad specialize in Engine Management Systems and have done quite a bit of work on our own Ron D's Pantera.

**Doug Johnson** of San Jose. Doug does not own a Pantera yet, but he does have one in mind, and that is the one owned by Patrick and Becky Dolan. He doesn't know if the Dolans are planning to sell their beautiful silver '72, but that is the one he wants!

## New Members for January, 2011:

**David Downer and Sonia Aramburo** of Greenfield. David's car (4168) was in Carson City for 23 years, he purchased it six months ago and took it down to bare metal for restoration and paint. It is back to the original yellow. This is no trailer queen, David drives it weekly!

## Membership Anniversaries:

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

### ***December, 2010***

<b>David and Loretta DellaMora:</b> 11 years	<b>Jon and Olivia Linke:</b> 11 years
<b>Mark McWhinney:</b> 9 years	<b>Peter and Christine Kovacs:</b> 7 years
<b>Marcus and Irene Smith:</b> 5 years	<b>John Allen:</b> 4 years
<b>Roger and Thelma Brotton:</b> 4 years	<b>Trevor and Jill Lee Fougere:</b> 4 years
<b>Jerry and Ora Lee Meinecke:</b> 4 years	<b>Ken and Laura Painter:</b> 1 year
<b>Dennis Sellen:</b> 1 year	

### ***January, 2011***

<b>Philip Miller:</b> 18 years	<b>Barry and Kimberlee Muller:</b> 15 years
<b>Steve and Linda Liebenow:</b> 14 years	<b>Curt Hall:</b> 11 years
<b>Terry and Sheri Morofsky:</b> 11 years	<b>Lincoln Auperin:</b> 8 years
<b>Gerald and Carole McGinness:</b> 8 years	<b>Joel and Sheryl Montero:</b> 8 years
<b>Chris McAllister and John Dilena:</b> 7 years	<b>Jay Leone:</b> 6 years
<b>Greg Taylor and Diane Silven:</b> 4 years	<b>Richard and Beverly Traxler:</b> 4 years
<b>Chuck and Lori Banks:</b> 3 years	<b>Charles and Nancy Rosebrook:</b> 2 years

# Annual Membership Report

December 31, 2010

Number of Memberships December 31, 2009.....	145
Number of Memberships received in 2010.....	9
Number of Memberships removed in 2010.....	< 6 >
Number of Memberships December 31, 2010.....	148
Net Membership gain in 2010.....	3

## Annual Mailing List Status Report

December 31, 2010

Of the 154 mailings of our December newsletter, 148 were to members, one was to a supplier (who has supported our Annual Christmas Raffle and the Track Event), two went to POCA chapter presidents (or assignees), one was to paid subscriber, one was to a POCA officer, and one was "other".

Brent Stewart,  
PCNC Membership Coordinator



**Spaltalia**

**Wishes you a roaring 2011 !  
See you the 4th and 5th of June at Spa !**

# Charities Vote

*By Russ Britschgi*

A ballot will be available at our January 27th meeting for you to select the charities to which we wish to make a donation from our 2010 benevolence fund. The benevolence funds will be divided equally between the two with the most votes.

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

The charities are:

**Pets In Need:** (Since this is a new charity on our list, no donations have been made in the past.)

This Redwood City based charity is new on our list this year. Pets In Need is dedicated to rescuing animals, who are about to be euthanized because their adoption time limit has expired at public shelters. Each year Pets In Need rescues over 1,000 dogs & cats and finds them a home; there is no death policy for these adoptable pets. They have a home at Pets In Need till adopted.

**Alzheimer's Association, Northern California & Nevada:** (A donation was made in 2008, and '09.)

Alzheimer's is a very slow degenerative disease of the mind for which there is no known cure. It can easily take over 10 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 funding for research into the cause and the finding of a cure.

Alzheimer's is just one of the forms of premature senility that can

start as early as age 40. If you have not yet had experience with these diseases, you will. Perhaps an aunt, an uncle, a friend, a parent, a spouse, or even you.

**Canine Companions:** (A donation was made in 1996, 2001 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, 2000 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.

**Guide Dogs for the Blind:** (Donations were made in 1990, '91, '93, '94, '96, 2000, '01, '02, '04, '06, '07, '08 and '09.)

This San Rafael based charity was incorporated over 60 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, 2002 and '07.)

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.

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

# De Tomaso has big plans but a sad history

LUCA CIFERRI 8:08 am, November 24, 2010

Gianmario Rossignolo aims to revive the De Tomaso brand in mid-2011. If De Tomaso Automobili takes over Fiat's car plant in Sicily, the latest incarnation of the luxury brand will have control of three factories in Italy. That's a lot of capacity for a company that has yet to produce its first car.

The Italian government backs De Tomaso's plan for the Termini Imerese plant, which Fiat will close next year leaving 1,400 workers jobless in an area plagued by high unemployment.

To avoid layoffs at the plant, the Sicilian Regional government will provide 350 million Euros (about \$473 million) in subsidies to the new owner. The question is whether flamboyant De Tomaso boss Gianmario Rossignolo can deliver. Rossignolo, a 79-year-old former executive at Fiat and Swedish ball-bearings maker SKF, says he needs the Sicilian plant to add a small crossover and a premium city car to the De Tomaso lineup.

De Tomaso already has control of a former Delphi plant in Livorno and is renting a former Pininfarina plant in Grugliasco, near Turin. Salaries for the



plants' combined 1,100 workers currently are paid by public funds. De Tomaso plans to invest 120 million Euros (\$163.2 million) to build 3,000 units a year each of large crossover, a sedan and a coupe at the factories.

De Tomaso says its first model will be a crossover, which will be unveiled in March at the Geneva auto show and

go into production by July 2011.

Rossignolo's business plan looks ambitious and his track record is poor. The De Tomaso project is his second attempt to revive a defunct Italian brand. About 15 years ago, he tried to restart Isotta Fraschini. An Audi-based Isotta Fraschini T8 was unveiled at the 1996 Geneva show, but it never entered production.

De Tomaso also has a checkered past. Founded by Argentine racecar driver Alejandro De Tomaso in 1959 in Modena, De Tomaso Modena S.p.A. is best known for the 1963 Vallelunga, 1966 Mangusta and 1970 Pantera.

The company's financial struggles started in the late 1970s. Following several failed relaunches, De Tomaso Modena filed for bankruptcy June 2004, a year after its founder died.

Rossignolo bought the brand from a bankruptcy sale. Let's hope Rossignolo and De Tomaso's chance at a new beginning doesn't result in another sad ending.

*Postscript, a few days later:*

## De Tomaso Funding Shock

De Tomaso Automobili's plans are in turmoil since the European Commission has denied the expected funding to train 900 employees at the

company's Grugliasco plant. This has slowed Gian Mario Rossignolo's ambitious programme dramatically. Will there be a new De Tomaso at the 2011

Geneva motor show? That seems unlikely to happen now, with DeTomaso possibly forced to make many of its workers redundant.

# PCNC's Awards Banquet and Christmas Party

*Story by Russ Britschgi*

*Photos by Russ Britschgi and Mike Drew*

December 10th, 6:30 p.m., Trader Vic's in Palo Alto, California. This was the PCNC Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party, and so from all who attended:

"Happy Holidays and A Joyous 2011 !!!"

I was thinking of ending this article here, but there was just too much to report upon and too many people to thank that more had to be written.

The weather was dry this year. No rain, just a cool, clear, starry, starry night. Things were well under way by the time Doris and I arrived around 6:45. People were dressed in styles of clothing befitting the festivities of the day, not general tech session dress of worn-out jeans and grease-stained T-shirts. Trevor Fougere, with the assistance of Tom Galli and others, had a marvelous selection of raffle prizes laid

out for all to see. We had the same room as we did last year, nice and big and away from the rest of the parties and people visiting the restaurant. The folks at Trader Vic's had it nicely arranged with a no-host bar at one end dispensing holiday cheer for all who needed just a little more.

Sue Choate, Merry Dalton, Lori Albino, and their team of helpers had the tables all decorated with special



*Todd Glycer and Renee LoVette*



*Garth Rodericks*



*Larry and Donna Finch*



*Brent and Bev Stewart*



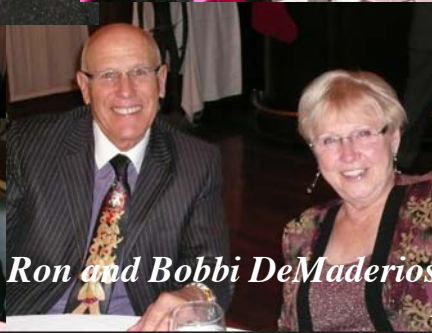
*Diane Dean and Tom Galli*



*Larry Stock*



*Gary and Mary Ann Kono*



*Ron and Bobbi DeMaderios*



*Diane Silven and Greg Taylor*



*Merry and Steve Dalcino*



*Valerie and Kevin Abbey*



*Lori Albino and Mike Drew*



*Mark McWhinney*



*Markus Woehler*



*Connie and Darryl Johnson*

little gifts for everyone and fancy centerpiece. We all had a little time for socializing before dinner was served. The choices this year were Barbecued Filet of Beef, Macadamia Crusted Mahi Mahi, Szechwan Butterfly Prawns, or

Corn-Fed Chicken Breasts. A vegetarian dish was also available. My filet was tender and cooked just right, and I heard no complaints from the others at our table regarding their selections.

After dessert was served, Ron

DeMaderios got us down to business and the distribution of awards and raffle prizes began. Plaques were given out to the hosts and event planners for the 11 different club activities PCNC had during the year, from the Super Bowl



*Trevor Fougere and Jill Lee*



*Suzie and Chuck Melton*



*Anna Lai and Tony Blevins*



*Mike and Nancy Haney*



*Judy and Forest Goodhart*



*Lillian and Dave Lukenbach*



*Sue and Garry Choate*



*Nancy and Charles Rosebrook*

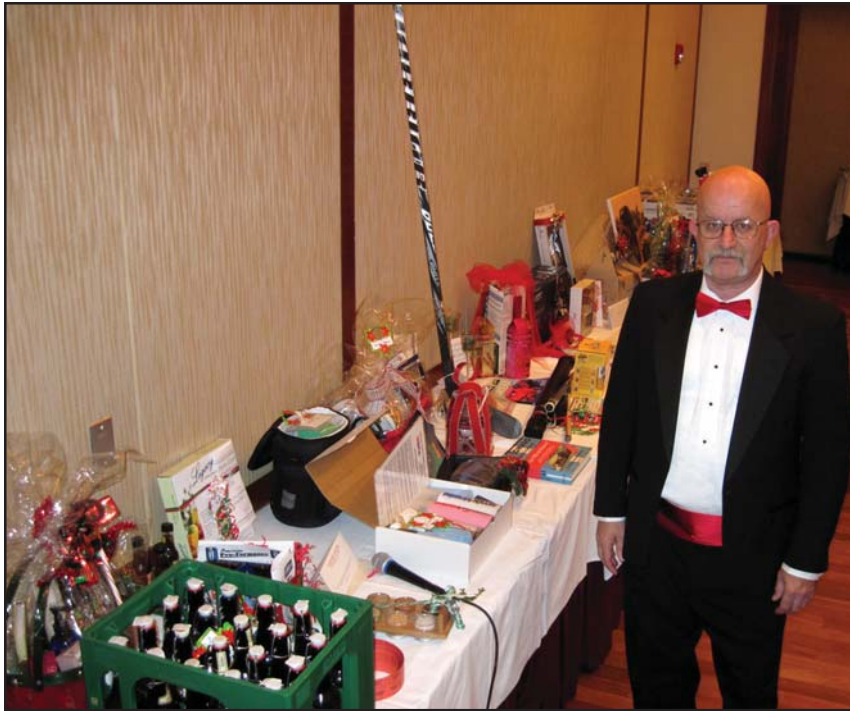


*Steve and Linda Liebenow*



*Bob and Dena Lucas*





*Rafflemaster Trevor Fougere did a great job presiding over a huge raffle!*



*Lori Albino hustled lots of tickets!*

Party in February to this Christmas party in December. Thanks to planners and hosts, and thanks to those who attended. Activities are the things that make this club what it is.

Awards were also given to Forest Goodhart, Gary Kono and Ron DeMaderios for being the three most active members during the past 12 months. Garry Choate was awarded the

President's Award for his "Superb Mechanical Help" during the year. Ron really felt Garry deserved this award because he was there right in the middle at every tech session no matter how deep and dirty the problem. If there was a breakdown on tour, Garry was there ready to lend a hand or take the lead in getting the car back on the road. Well deserved, Garry.

This year the raffle received almost 40 donated prizes from Pantera vendors, manufacturers and club members. The vendors were Pantera International, Hall Pantera, Panteras by Wilkinson, Pantera Performance Center, Pantera Parts Connection, and Precision Performance. Manufacturers who donated were Dynamat, Air Flow Research Inc., Odyssey Batteries, K & N Engineering,



*Gary Kono handed out certificates of thanks, recognizing each of the club members who staged a club event*



*President Ron DeMaderios recognized Garry Choate for his service to the club well above and beyond the call of duty, specifically with regards to helping people fix their broken Panteras*



*Jack presented the Antonio Bondo Award For Creative Metalwork to Jim Kuehne*



*The committee that put in all the hard work to stage the Christmas party; many other people volunteered on the day to help set up the room*



*Brian Bernard and Stella won raffle prizes again and again!*

fields? Whatever it was, Trevor had it working that night.

And now for the finale. The results of the election for the 2011 officers were Ron to continue as President, Garth to continue as Vice President, Gary Kono to serve as Treasurer, Brent to continue as Membership Coordinator and Mike Drew to continue as Secretary.

With that done the party was officially over. Except that with PCNC people, the party never re-

ally stops! Garry and Sue Choate invited everyone back to their room for an “after party” which went into the wee hours of the morning. Most managed to get up at decent hour in the morning and have breakfast together, but some stragglers elected to just sleep in and enjoy a relaxing Saturday morning instead.

Thanks to everyone who devoted their time and energy to helping make this year’s Christmas party one to remember!

Liquid Wrench, and Red Line Oil. Members who donated prizes were Larry and Donna Finch, Garry and Sue Choate, Tom Galli, Mike Drew, Kent Snyder, Jill Lee, Diane Dean, Ron and Bobbie DeMaderios, and Jack and Judy DeRyke. Though not a Pantera vendor nor a manufacturer, David Yamada, Ron’s wax guy, donated a couple of specialty liquid car wax kits also. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

With all of these prizes, just about everyone was a winner. Especially Trevor and Jill! Although Trevor was calling out the winners and handing out the prizes, Brett Santos was doing his usual job of pulling the tickets out of the box. I don’t know how Trevor engineered it, but the Fougere tickets kept flying to Brett’s fingers all night. Was it electrostatic cling? Magnetism? Force



*The Choates hosted a terrific after-party that stretched well into the night*

# 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!





Brent Stewart  
7232 Glenview Drive  
San Jose, CA 95120

## 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)**

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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

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