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Minutes of Meeting 27 January, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Garth Rodericks, shortly after 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Ron DeMaderios (tending to a sick Bobbie), and Mike Drew who was hanging out with POCA members in San Antonio while attending a class. There were six De Tomaso cars in the parking lot, and 37 members signed the roster.

New Members/Guests: Although they have been members for three years, and attended a few events, this was the first meeting for **Chuck and Lori Banks**, who drove down from Santa Rosa to attend and promote their spring Sonoma wine tour.

Valela Enno is going through a divorce from a former PCNC member, and is trying to establish the value for their Pantera; it's unclear who is going to keep the car, who is going to pay whom how

much, etc.

Finally, **Addison Lee** from Borelli Motorsports, and Club Autosport, was on-hand to promote his two businesses. Borelli Motorsports does repair work, performance tuning, and race car preparation, while Club Autosport is an automotive condo/clubhouse.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: There were no changes noted for the minutes either the November or December Newsletters. Russ Britschgi issued a mea culpa and said that Merry Dalcino was inadvertently referred to as Merry Dalton in the article he wrote on the Christmas party.

Club Treasury Report: The formal hand-off was made a few hours before the meeting, and Gary Kono now has his hands firmly on the checkbook! The club is still well in the black.

Club Store Report: Rich showed off new Port Authority waterproof windbreakers, which will sell for an even \$100 (plus \$10 shipping if necessary). They have a new round De Tomaso logo on the left chest area, and a large Pantera embroidered on the back side, which is significantly brighter and easier to see than our old design. They are hooded with drawstrings on the hood and waist, and Velcro and elastic on the cuffs, and have a cotton/poly lining on the inside for warmth. They are available in black, navy blue, hunter green, maroon, red, and royal blue. Contact Rich if you're interested in placing an order.

Rich also has some large and small duffel bags; because the embroider goofed up a bit and swapped the location for the large and small logos, the demos are available at a greatly reduced price. He also had laminated blue and white wheel center logo stickers, which can be stuck to your existing grotty-looking wheel centers; they will wear much better, and of course are much less expensive than replacing the centers themselves. He also has stickers with red replacing the blue.



Club Membership Report: Brent had no news to report, other than the three new members who were profiled in last month's newsletter.

Club Name Badges Report: Bob Lucas wasn't wearing his name badge! There was a problem with the outfit producing the badges, which will hopefully be resolved by the next meeting.

Club Website Report: Mark continues to work extremely hard, migrating both the POCA and PCNC websites over to a new server. There have been numerous technical glitches associated with the move. He has updated the PCNC website with all the information for the track event, but the POCA website is still a work-in-progress.

Club Motorsports Report: The track event is moving forward at full speed. We will again offer on-line registration, with discounted registration available for those who sign up before April 15th. There is also a deeply discounted registration available for those who campaign their Panteras for the first time. The track has experienced some pavement and infrastructure upgrades since we

last visited it in 2009.

Past Events:

Christmas Party: Garth discussed the party, which was covered in depth in last month's newsletter, and again issued thanks not only to the team of people who worked together to stage the party, but also to all the people who organized club events throughout 2010, such as the Canepa tour, the Reedyville tour, the San Simeon/lighthouse tour, and the numerous tech sessions.

Upcoming Events:

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — 1 May: This show, arguably the best car show in the S.F. Bay Area, will again be held at Half Moon Bay. The traditional end-of-April date has been changed to May 1st. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

Sonoma Wine Tour And North Bay Road Trip — 14 May: Chuck and Lori Banks want to host a club event so they can drive their Pantera! To that end, they have organized a tour of the Sonoma area, encompassing some 100-odd miles of back roads (to include some time on the epic Highway 1), with stops at a couple of wineries and a microbrewery. The tour will take in the back roads and end at a winery in Kenwood (where Chuck works). See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Pre-Reno Tech Session — 21 May: Roger and Pam Sharp will once again host their traditional tech session at their beautiful Morgan Hill home a couple of weeks prior to the POCA Fun Rally.

Belmont Concours d'Eleganza — 5 June: Based on the name, one would presume that the Belmont Concours would be held in Belmont, right? No! It's actually being held in Fresno, at the Belmont Country Club. Larry Finch said the organizers would be willing to have a special class for De Tomaso cars if they received enough entries.

Club Business:

Events Coordinator: At the time of the meeting, the event director was still TBD; it has since been announced that Diane Dean will step up once again, revisiting the position she held some years ago.

Charity Donations: Ballots were distributed and a vote taken to choose which charities would receive contributions from PCNC for 2010. The votes would be tallied and the amount of the contribution would be determined at the board meeting at the Super Bowl party.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Happy Valentine's Day: Larry Finch has a brand new Valentine One radar detector for sale, still in the original box.

Intake Manifolds: Steve Dalcino has a pair of 351C intake manifolds available—an

Offenhauser dual port, and a stock Ford '73 spreadbore cast iron monster.

Chuck's Corner: Chuck Melton had rubber-head key blanks, as well as a 'free to loan' 3-point roll bar. You're welcome to use his roll bar in your car, with the proviso that if you bend it, you buy it! (Although if you manage to wreck hard enough to bend the roll bar, chances are that's the least of your worries!)

News, Clues and Rumors:

Thanks From John Columbero: John thanked everyone for the get-well card and the well wishes expressed by everyone in PCNC.

Monterey Motorsports Reunion: Todd Rodericks announced that the organizers of the historic races at Monterey have chosen Jaguar to be the featured marque, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the legendary Jaguar E-type.

The Drivers: Producers are trying to launch a television series called *The Drivers*, which would tell the story of the legends of sports car racing in the 1960s, including the famed Ford/Ferrari wars. Various vintage race cars would be used to stage recreations of legendary races such as Le Mans, etc. Although the idea is in place, so far there are no concrete plans to go ahead and actually film anything, but the hope is that a buyer would appreciate the idea and fund production. Stay tuned....

Scottsdale Pantera Auction Results: Barrett-Jackson did a fantastic job marketing a pair of Panteras at their recent auction in Scottsdale. A beautifully modified car with steel Gr4 flares sold for \$83,600, and a very stock-looking silver '74 GTS with 17-inch Campagnolo wheels sold for an amazing \$90,000 (\$99,000 including commission). Across town, Gooding sold a very stock, original '73L for \$42,000, Arriva tires and original rotting steering wheel center and all! Russ and Doris were in town for the auctions, and reported that the GTS (which has been seen at the POCA fun rally, after its restoration/modification by the Byars Brothers a few years ago) was in very similar condition to Larry Finch's Pantera—high compliment indeed!

(At the same auction, a '56 Nash Rambler with a one-off Pinafarina body sold for \$480K, and a one-owner Ghia-bodied '53 Fiat 8V Supersonic sold for \$1,705,000!

Motor Trend Classic: This exquisite magazine is a high-end spinoff from the rather lowbrow Motor Trend magazine, appealing to automotive enthusiasts with discerning tastes. The editor is former POCA president and *Profiles* editor Matt Stone. The most recent issue has a beautiful spread on Dick Ruzzin's one-of-a-kind Chevrolet-powered De Tomaso Mangusta. Closer to home, Lori Albino and her Pantera are pictured in the "Reader's Rides" section (alongside Matt's own Porsche 911).



Wix Filter Goof: Larry Finch conducted a volume buy of Wix 5151R filters. The “R” stands for “Race”, and that *has* to be better, right? Well, John (JC) Christian informed him that the filter media in the “R” filters is optimized for higher flow, meaning less filtration—it only traps particles down to 60 microns. Fine for an engine you don’t own that only has to last 500 miles, but not so good for a street car. So Larry was able to exchange his case for a case of regular Wix 5151 filters, which filter down to 21 microns.

OBX Mufflers: Garth showed off the stainless steel OBX Tuning mufflers he bought on E-bay for \$50. The OBX DB1 is apparently the same muffler being sold by one of the Pantera vendors for \$150 each! It is roughly similar in appearance to the long-lamented Mind Train mufflers, featuring a 2.5 inch single inlet and 2.75 inch dual outlets. The seller lists numerous OBX mufflers on E-bay, and is located in Oakland.

He also paid high praise to Lupe at Meineke Mufflers in Redwood City. Lupe is a well-known member of the Nor-Cal Shelby Club and does fantastic exhaust work.



Driving For Dinner Raffle: And the winner was Forest Goodhart.

Raffle Results: We had several items left over from our Christmas Party raffle, so the meeting raffle was longer and more lucrative than normal. Trevor and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

Merlot Wine — Barry Hosier
Chardonnay wine — Mark McWhinney
Pantera Shirt — Jim Kuehne
Alejandro DeTomaso T-Shirt — Larry Finch
AFR T-shirt — Jim Kuehne
Tap and die set — Mark McWhinney
Sample pack of Liquid Wrench products — Rich Boschert
Odyssey free battery gift certificate — Forest Goodhart
See’s Chocolates — Chuck Banks
Mini pliers set — Jim Kuehne
Crescent wrench with cutter — Mark McWhinney
Pantera Matchbox car and pin — Patrick King
Soldering iron — Chuck Banks
Meguire’s detailing kit — Forest Goodhart
Borelli Motorsports Gift Cards — Steve Dalcino, Darryl Johnson (twice!), Brent Stewart,
Todd Rodericks

In addition, there were piles of stickers and catalogs from AFR, stickers and brochures from K&N, and stickers and T-shirts from Redline Oil, free for the taking.

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:18.

Membership News

New Members for February:

Sorry to say, we have no new members to report this month.

February Membership Anniversaries:

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

Kay Schwartz and Doug Abadie: twenty-one years

Lynn Murray and James Dursi: twenty-one years

Michael and Roxanne Fertitta: eighteen years

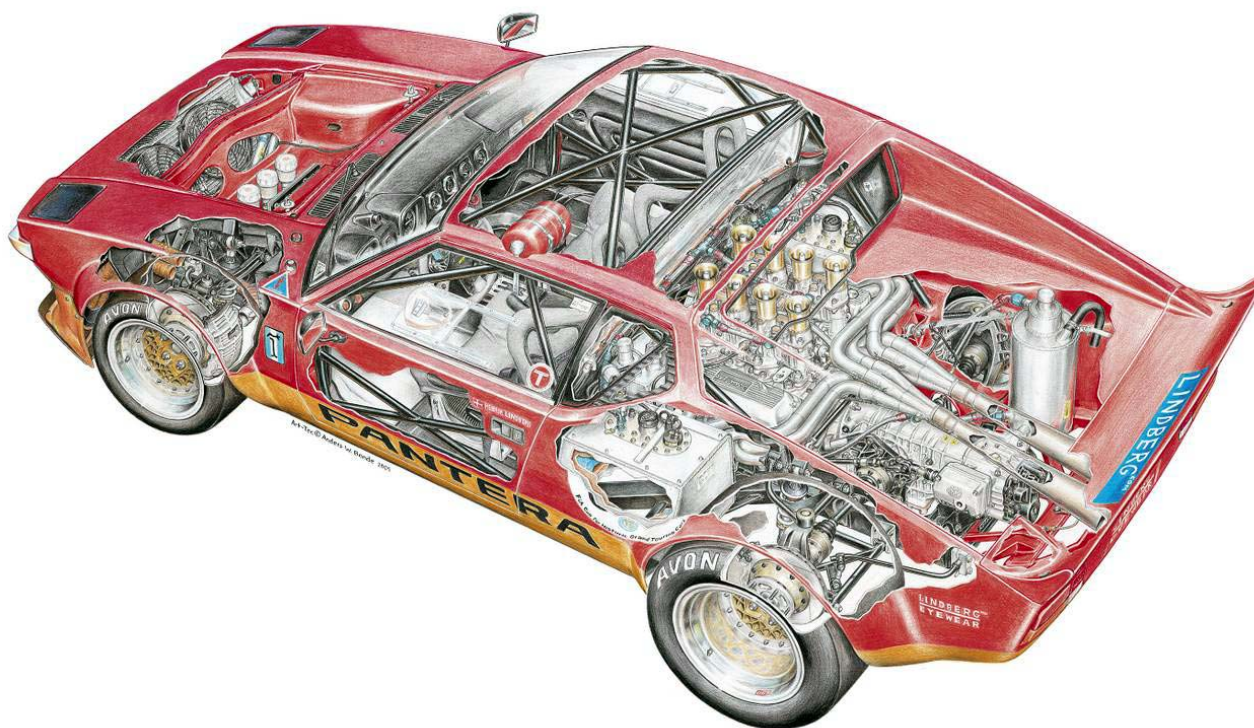
Larry and Dee Dee Laino: seventeen years

Lee Farrell: four years

New Membership Rosters:

The 2011 Membership Roster have been printed and mailed.

If you are a full club member and have not gotten your new roster, please let me know. Also, if you have received your copy and some or all of the information concerning you or your car is not correct or not listed, please let me know. I am Brent Stewart, your friendly Membership Coordinator, and can be reached by mail, phone or e-mail at 7232 Glenview Dr., San Jose, CA 95120 or 408-768-0649 or [<brent.stewart@yahoo.com>](mailto:brent.stewart@yahoo.com).



Super Bowl Party

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

The Super Bowl party is the traditional kickoff (hah!) for the PCNC events season, and this year it was held at a new venue, the majestic home of Brent and Bev Stewart in San Jose. For reasons that I can't quite recall at the moment, Lori and I elected to forgo taking one of our Panteras, and instead elected to travel by way of one of my trusty VW Sciroccos. We arrived quite early (the PCNC board held a meeting prior to the official start of the party) but found the driveway already filling up with Panteras.

Passing through the double doors, one had to follow the sounds of happy voices to find the party, which naturally enough was centered around the kitchen. Already there were innumerable plates of food spread out, and chili crockpots lined up in a row.

While sitting in the board meeting, periodically the house would rumble and I'd know another De Tomaso had arrived. By the end of the day, 11 Panteras and a Mangusta had established themselves, along with the supremely quirky Ford 5.0 V-8-powered Triumph TR4 of Guy Dellavecchia.

The weather was spectacular, and the Stewart's hillside home offered



The members of the PCNC board discussed the upcoming year

stunning views of the Silicon Valley. A telescope was set up in the kitchen, and one could easily see downtown San Francisco some 50 miles away.

People were soon



Shabby chic: Guy Dellavecchia's Triumph TR4 V8



The Stewart's home was open and inviting, and club members were scattered throughout the place

spread out in various places — a grille was going on the patio outside, many people were watching on the big-screen TV in the family room, or orbiting around the kitchen. Elsewhere in the house was a kid's entertainment room with its own big-screen TV, and this proved to be a popular spot as well. And of course the gearheads hung out in the garage and driveway; the garage was suitably equipped with a big TV too!

To me, this was simply a PCNC party, but apparently there was some sort of athletic competition taking place on TV, which created quite a lot of interest among many of the partygoers. I



Larry and Donna Finch, Deena Lucas and Mary Ann Kono admired the incredible view from the back patio

heard lots of people talking about being in ‘the pool’ although I never actually saw anybody wearing a bathing suit, or even appearing slightly damp.

At the end of the night, I learned that Diane Dean had won ‘the pool’; for the life of me I couldn’t imagine how one would get such a thing home in the back of a Pantera?

The 40-50 people who attended the

party all had a super time, which stands to reason—it was a Super Bowl party, after all! It was a special treat to see Joel and Shelly Gust, who have recently



The driveway and the street were both jam-packed with De Tomasos!



The kitchen was absolutely filled to overflowing with incredible food of every type and description, including several types of chili, cookies, pies and cakes!

marked the tenth year since they sold their Pantera. Despite this, they maintain their ship, and it’s a

treat to have them in our midst. Hopefully one day they will see the error of their ways and buy a Pantera again.... Thanks to the Stewarts for opening their beautiful home to us, and PCNC membership, and thanks to everyone who came and brought the delicious eats!



Diane Dean shows off her winning square, which apparently entitled her to take home a pool!

PCNC presents
Wine Country Tour
May 14, 2011

Come join us for an opportunity to drive your beautiful De Tomaso through the scenic byways of Sonoma County. The tour will include slightly over 100 miles of back roads with a stop for lunch midway at the Bear Republic Brewery in Healdsburg, home of "Racer 5 IPA". We will also stop at a Sonoma Coast beach for some photo opportunities. The tour will end at Chateau St. Jean Winery in Kenwood. At Chateau St. Jean we will enjoy a complimentary tasting followed by a tour of this lovely winery and gardens.

Where: Banks home, 5728 Los Alamos Court, Santa Rosa, CA

When: Tour begins at 10 am

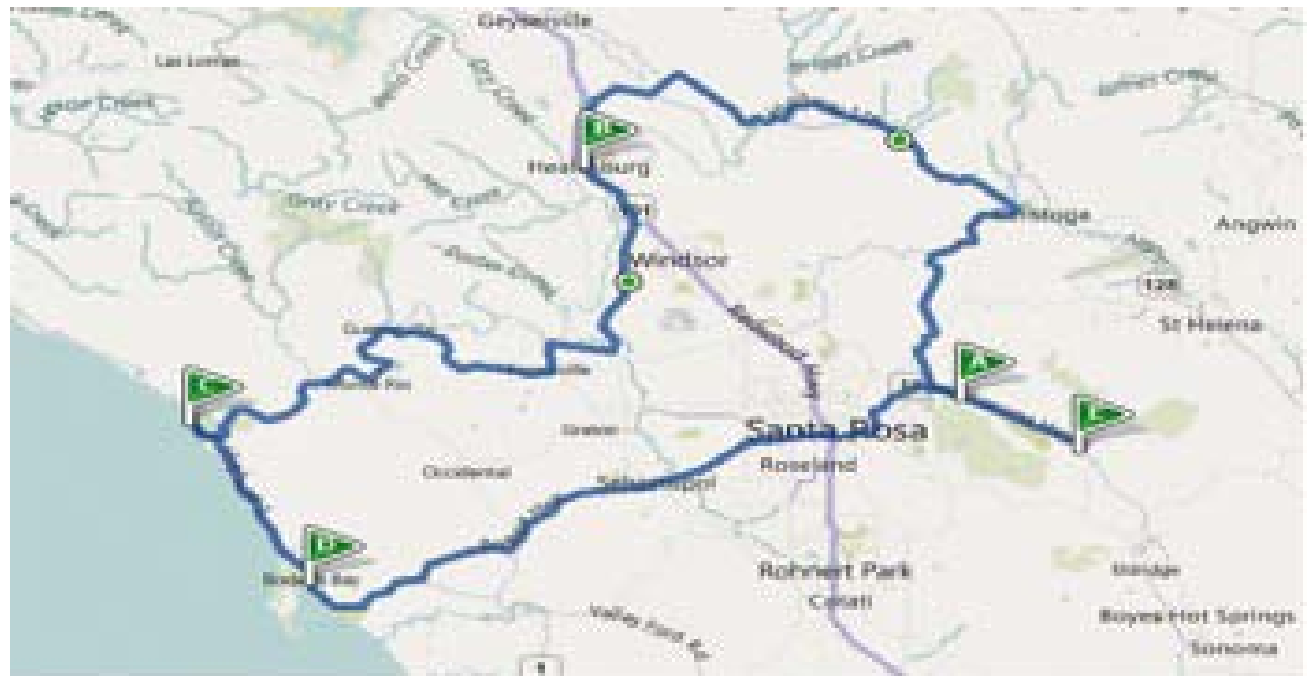
Driving time: Approximately 3 hr 10 min. (according to Bing.com)

Stops: Lunch, and two additional breaks to stretch your legs!

Get Out and Drive It!

RSVP or Questions: Chuck Banks 707-538-8652 or cebusa@sbcglobal.net

(If you require Hotel accommodations or restaurant suggestions please respond to the email address above)





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, February 24, 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 7 ----- Pacific Coast Dream Machines (Larry Finch)

May 14 ----- Sonoma County Wine Tour (Chuck Banks)

May 21 ----- Pre-Reno Tech Session (Roger Sharp)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH