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Minutes of Meeting 30 June, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Mike Drew, Brent Stewart and Forest Goodhart. 42 members signed the attendance sheet, and there were an amazing 13 De Tomaso cars in the parking lot!

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Bud Millard**, who recent purchased a dark metallic blue '72 Pantera and brought it to the meeting. He just purchased it from a friend, and is the 4th owner. It's in great shape, and has 33K miles on the clock.

Garth Rodericks brought his nephew **Paul Witterhome**, and Kevin Abbey brought his kids **Colleen** and **Andrew**.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: Gary Kono objected to the characterization of his opinion regarding the track event budget and his concern that the event was poised to lose a not-insubstantial amount of money. Although that turned out not to be the case, his belief was based upon the incomplete numbers that he had to work with at the time.

Doris noted several typos, most notably that Kevin Abbey was mistakenly referred to as 'Kevin Hubby'; the latter is a well-known POCA member and stalwart supporter of the track event, from the Arizona chapter.

The board misunderstood Diane Dean's proposal due to a miscommunication; she had proposed the idea of having a dinner for past PCNC presidents, but the idea presented to the board was for a dinner for past POCA presidents, which is why it was voted down (although Mark thought it was a good idea).

Club Treasury Report: The club treasury is a bit lower than normal at the moment, due to expenditures for the Reno and Monterey events; income is still flowing in and presumably the treasury will return to normal at the conclusion of the Monterey event. We have just reached the break-even point on the Monterey corral. Larry Finch is still conducting an analysis of all income and expenses associated with the track event and will give the exact numbers soon, but the preliminary indication is that we made a very small profit.

Club Store Report: Our Fun Rally sales were within \$100 of last year's total. The new jackets were quite popular and we took numerous orders. We also have a new patch available which can be sewn or ironed on. Most of the track shirts were sold although we have a few XL shirts left. Rich thanked all the volunteers that helped running the store; he said there was a small, dedicated group that put in a great deal of work to make it happen. Kevin Abbey's mom put out extra effort to run the store while Rich was delayed at the track, with no cash box etc. Yet she made the sales nonetheless!

Club Name Badges Report: Bob forgot his badge again!

Club Motorsports Report: As Larry was absent, there was no motorsports report.

Club Membership Report: Brent was also absent and thus there was no membership report.

Club Website Report: Mark reported that everything he knows about upcoming events etc. is on the website.

Past Events:

POCA Reno Fun Rally: Gary presented kudos to Larry Finch for the great job he did organizing the track event, getting sponsors, an excellent caterer, and all the myriad details that most people don't see. He also discussed the practice of POCA chapters purchasing raffle tickets. Several clubs chose not to participate this year, but those that did seemed to make out extremely well! Many PCNC members were quite successful also!

Lori Albino spoke more about the track event. It was her first time running her Pantera at a PCNC event and she really enjoyed it. She especially appreciated the coaching of Scott Griffith, who really helped her find the smooth and fast way around the rather technical track. The weather was fantastic and the facilities excellent, and everyone had lots of track time. Safety was a real emphasis, and she noticed that the entire event was much more laid-back and relaxed

than the other similar events she's participated in. The parade lap was rather faster than she was expecting, but it was a great opportunity for people to take their cars onto the track at reduced velocities and see what it's all about.

She also was forced to admit that it was her Pantera that was featured on the car show event T-shirt!

Diane Dean spoke about the fantastic lunch that the Smiths hosted for us on the way up. The food was excellent, equaled only by the views, and the company!

Bob Benson also complimented Larry Finch on his work with the track event. He said that Rich Taylor, the fellow who drove the Viper (and previously owned a Pantera and was a PCNC member) said it was one of the best track events he has ever been to. He's thinking of buying another Pantera now! (The open bar at the hotel probably didn't hurt his opinion of the event either!)

Doris Britschgi mentioned that she and several others had a great time on the Virginia City tour, and the Harrah's museum dinner was great, save for a notable cookie shortage!

Bobbie DeMaderios really liked the tour around the lake to visit the exclusive homes there.

Chuck Melton really enjoyed the track laps he received from various people. The karting event was a blast, with the top driver being Kjell Iseborn of Sweden. The car show was great, and he discovered that the most efficient way to exit the show was to follow Bob Benson, whose Pantera has a knack for clearing slow pedestrians!

Paul Bowden was one of only two Pantera owners that made it to the Summit Racing car show, and he said we didn't miss much. He had a blast giving people rides on the track. Kevin Abbey thanked him for giving his mom a 100 mph ride!

Rich Boschert talked about Mike Drew's breakdown; his was the only Pantera that conked out all weekend (of all the Panteras at the event, not just PCNC cars). What initially seemed to be a distributor shear pin problem turned into something much more serious, as both the distributor and cam gears were destroyed—it's engine-out time again!

He was proud to report that Mike drove his Pantera back to Vacaville while he towed Mike's car, and had absolutely no problems whatsoever!

There were no speeding tickets or damaged sheetmetal this year either!

Upcoming Events:

Engine Install Tech Session — 13 (or 14) August: Garth Rodericks has been getting grief for years about his engine rebuild, which he has been doing himself, a process that has taken forever. He announced there's light at the end of the tunnel, and will be hosting an engine install tech session. He's available on either day, depending on when others might be available to help out.

Monterey Weekend — 18-21 August: The Monterey weekend is right around the corner, and the club is once again hosting a dinner at the Los Laureles Inn. The theme is "Italian", with four or five different main courses on offer; cost is \$46 per person. Make your dinner reservations with Diane Dean. We have 17 rooms which are all filled, but contact Diane if you would like to be placed on a waiting list.

Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance Weekend — 23-25 September: Kevin and Valerie Abbey are organizing a club weekend around the Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance, in Murphys. The group will depart the Bay Area Friday morning and work their way up to Murphys. A dinner has been orchestrated for Friday night. The concours will be on

Saturday, and pre-registration is required. (Go to <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org> for concours registration).

Following the concours, we will have another group dinner at the Blue Lake Springs Snowflake Lodge.

The chosen event hotel, the Murphys Inn, has already filled up, but rooms are still available at the Murphys Suites down the street. Go to <http://www.murphyssuites.com/> and make your reservation now, as rooms will likely sell out long before the event!

So far, 20 people (and 10 Panteras) have signed up for the event, with more promised in the near future.

Watch the newsletter and the PCNC website for more information later in the summer.

Hole In The Ground Tour — Date TBA: Mike Fertitta is working to put together the third installment of his Hole In The Ground tours. This would be an overnight trip sometime in the Spring, with the stop in Jackson. Saturday, we would visit two caverns, have a luncheon, and tour a winery. On Sunday, we'd tour another cavern, have lunch, and visit another winery. The date was initially going to be in the fall sometime, but has been pushed out to 2012.

Berkeley/Napa Tour — Date TBA: Matt Kelleher is working on putting together a tour which would first take in some spectacular, off-the-beaten-path high-end restoration shops (think Pebble Beach class-winners!), and the exotic car emporium Fantasy Junction. Anticipate a date towards the end of the summer or the fall.

Garage Tour? Another tour of various club members' garages is in the works—stay tuned!

Club Business:

News From Reno: Ron discussed some of the items on the agenda at the POCA President's breakfast. Raffle donations were down a fair bit from last year, but Steve Wilkinson still came through with a large number of prizes. Overall there was a greater trend towards actual merchandise, rather than coupons good for X percent or Y dollars off a purchase.

Attendance at the Fun Rally was up almost 25%, a good thing! The car count was down slightly however. The parking lot was empty much of the time, because people were out driving or showing their cars!

There was a large discussion about possibly moving the event to Phoenix. Although initially the proposal was to move it in 2012, it quickly became apparent that it would take an enormous amount of work and research, and the new target is 2013. The hotel would probably be a resort facility near Phoenix, and the cost would be slightly higher. The race track is across the street however! The Arizona chapter would take over much of the organization, including staging the track event.

The greater distance would mean that it would probably be a two-day caravan each way for PCNC members.

Ron took a poll and asked how many people present would still attend the Fun Rally if it was moved to Phoenix, and 15 people indicated they would. (If you are reading this and were not present at the meeting, please contact Ron if you would be willing to go to Phoenix, as he's taking a poll on behalf of POCA).

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Bracket Needed: Gary Kono needs the Pantera-specific mounting bracket for the A/C compressor and the alternator and idler pulley. He's also looking for a water temperature gauge.

Pantera For Sale: A very, very original yellow Pantera L #39 is for sale at an outfit called VIP Motors. It is painfully original, except for the ancient Michelin XWX tires which were probably fitted sometime in the 1970s.

News, Clues and Rumors:

The Best-Laid Plans...: Doug Johnson attended his first meeting about six months ago, and announced he was on a two-year plan to buy a Pantera. That plan didn't work out the way he thought it would; he ran into some great financing and decided to ramp up the Pantera procurement program! He saw a car at auction and spoke with the seller, then came home and forgot about it. He later spotted the same car for sale on Craigslist, so he bought it! He flew with his wife to Phoenix, and they drove it straight home with no problems. He drove it to Reno (where he said he "stayed out of Lori's way!" on the track!) and overall he's extremely happy with it!

De Tomaso Dodge: Todd Glycer showed off an old magazine advertisement for the little-known De Tomaso Dodge Charger! When Lee Iacocca was running Chrysler, he authorized a De Tomaso-badged version of the turbocharged 2.2 liter hatchback, with uprated interior etc. Todd mentioned that he didn't see any in the parking lot! On a separate note, he proudly announced that he got his Pantera running again, and it was in the parking lot!

More Track Action: Lori can't get enough of this open track stuff; she announced she's going to be renting a race-prepared Miata from Borelli Motorsports and running at Sears Point on August 8th; she'll also be driving her Pantera there during the Nor-Cal Shelby Club Mini-Nats weekend on August 6th and 7th!

Maybe She's Not The Only One?:

Ron reported that he gave Bobbie a ride around the track during the lunchtime touring session in Reno and they both had a ball! Thanks to the fuel injection, the car ran great at altitude, and he found the whole thing very addictive!



Maybe next year we'll see Ron taking part in the full track event?

Bob's Benzina Bath: Bob Benson's fuel pump conked out at the track, and he left his spare one at home! Rich Boschert blasted to the Summit warehouse in Sparks and got him a replacement, but when Bob went to replace it Friday morning, he wound up getting a complete shower of race gas, soaking him to the skin from the waist up.

Larry decided that maybe he didn't want him attending the driver's meeting, especially if

somebody was smoking!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Roger Sharp.

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

Armor All car care kit — Todd Glycer
Car Calendar (donated by Tom Hasenberg) — Todd Glycer
Air pressure gauge — Brett Santos
Craftsman Metric and SAE sockets — Dan Lem
LED task light — Mark McWhinney
Stone Barn Vineyards wine — Bud Millard
Craftsman Tool Bag — Curt Hall
Sephora.com Gift certificate — Kevin Abbey

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:17.

Membership News

New Members for July:

We have one new member and one returning member:

Denis and Lysianne Doute of Atherton. They own the yellow GT4 clone #3988 that belonged to Greg Jacobs a few years ago. They are both citizens of France and Denis is currently on loan from the French national railway (SNCF) to the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

Richard and Lisa Taylor of San Jose. The Taylors are returning after a four-year absence. Some of you may have seen Richard in his blue Viper at the Reno-Fernley Raceway during this year's Fun Rally. Richard used to own a '72 Pantera, and is back in the market for another.

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-three years

Clayton Engstrom: eighteen years

Art Mowry: eleven years

Mark and Cindy Tumbarello: eleven years

Barry Hosier: eight years

Mark and Bill Savage: six years

Jack and Jane Bartole: twenty years

Gary Glenn: fourteen years

Ron and JoAnn Singley: eleven years

Tom and Liz Hasenberg: ten years

Bob and Lori Paizs: seven years

Ron and Bobby DeMaderios: five years

Fun Rally Tech Session

Story and Photos by Mike Drew

The tech sessions at the home of Roger and Pam Sharp have become fixtures deeply ingrained in the annual PCNC events calendar, and with good reason. These events invariably provide great weather, fantastic food, and best of all, terrific company as the members of the club gather to wrench on cars, splash in the pool, or just socialize and catch up.

The tech session held before the POCA Fun Rally was no different. Lori and I drove down in her Pantera, and as we pulled in, the verdant lawn was basked in sunshine and covered in Panteras. Meanwhile, other cars were being attended to in the service area.

Lee Scales' Pantera has been seldom seen until recently, when it started appearing at club meetings. It looks spectacular but has been plagued with a persistent miss. The electron gurus pledged to help sort it out, and eventually tracked the problem down to some worn plug wires that were shorting out against the engine screen. That plus a few new spark plugs transformed the car!

The plastic blocks that capture the screws that secure the armrests to the doors had failed, so Lee's armrest was a bit floppy. Bobby Byars sells ready-to-go plates which feature Nutserts,



Over a dozen Panteras (and a Mangusta) graced the Sharp's lawn

which are riveted to the inside of the door. Gary Kono set to fixing that problem and had it sorted in no time!

Lori had a number of small jobs to attend to on her Pantera, and came armed with a bunch of spare parts, in the hopes of finding people interested in helping out. There was never a shortage of volunteers, but she was right in the thick of it herself. Her '71 Pantera used a rather unusual throttle cable system, only seen on the earliest cars. Instead of a full-length cable in a flexible sheath, the early cars used a metal pipe



Diane Dean passed around a signup sheet while distributing hors d'oeuvres



Gary Kono worked on Lee Scales' door armrest mounts, while Rich Boschert and Bob Benson tracked down and fixed his persistent ignition system miss



Forest Goodhart and Kevin Abbey tackled an issue with Kevin's clutch disengagement mechanism

attached to the center console, and only a short flexible section at the end. Over time the steel cable wears a groove on the inside of the pipe, creating a very sticky throttle.

Removing this pipe was easier said than done, and required a bunch of time spent with a die grinder, drills etc. but she managed to get it out with some assistance from Gregg Taylor. Then Bob Benson agreed to locate the new cable mounting tab, so she moved to the front of the car and changed her headlights for new high-powered halogen lamps, assisted by Curt Hall.

Brent Stewart had a bit of a nasty

surprise, in the form of a screw right through the center of his rear tire. Fortunately the gang was able to pull it out, and plug the hole (he had already purchased replacement tires and planned to have them installed the next week).

There was lots going on inside the



Roger Sharp was everywhere, using his machinist skills to keep projects moving



Todd and Renee cooked a variety of sausages for us



The kitchen was packed with food, and people!



Howard Renshaw in fine form!

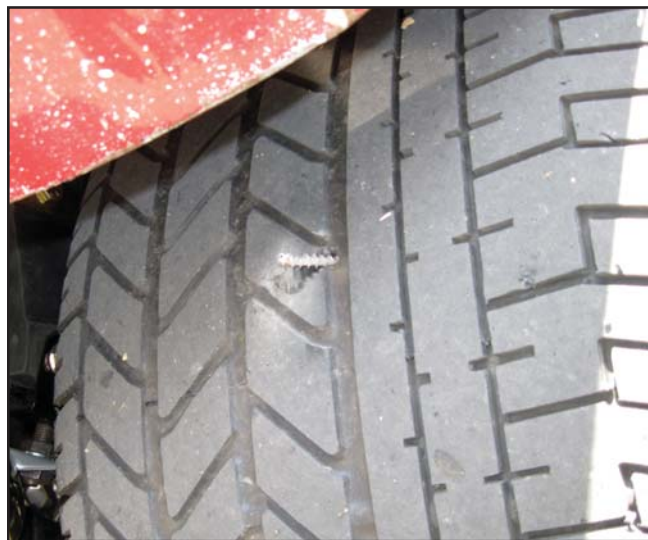
house as well. As always, an incredible smörgåsbord was laid on in the kitchen, with delicious food covering every flat surface larger than your hand. Todd Glycer and Renee manned the grill, serving up several different styles of sausages and hot links—thanks guys!

Denis Doute premiered his 'new' Pantera, which was formerly owned by Greg Jacobs and hadn't been seen in years. He brought his wife and two little kids, and they had a blast splashing around in the pool together.

A special treat came in the form of a visit from Howard Renshaw. Since the Renshaws picked up and moved to the plains of Omaha, we haven't seen them for years, but Howard is still working in the Bay Area and commuting. He dropped by for a visit with us,



Denis Doute equipped his Pantera with a child seat to share the ride!



Brent Stewart picked up a screw in the center of his very expensive rear tire. The crew managed to remove it and plug the hole from the outside so he could drive it home



Lori's car received a new throttle cable, halogen headlights, and an air horn; she worked on it all day long!

and it was certainly great to see him!

One by one, the various projects were resolved, appetites sated, and people started drifting off for home. Lori tackled one final job; she pulled her front wheel and splash shield, and installed some very Italian-sounding air horns, replacing

the cheesy American-sounding horns that Panteras originally came with.

All too soon the day drew to a close. People helped clear the tables, empty the trash, put away the tools and sweep the floors, and as darkness fell upon the Sharp estate, Lori and I jumped in her Pantera and headed for home.

We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude towards the Sharps for hosting these fantastic events on our behalf. But what truly makes them great is the willingness of people to come, not just to receive help, but also to offer it freely. The spirit of mutual cooperation is what makes PCNC the truly great organization that it is.

Here's looking forward to many more such events in the future!





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, July 28, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

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SUNNYVALE, CA**

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

August 18-21 ————— Monterey Weekend (Larry Finch/Diane Dean)

September 23-25 ————— Ironstone Vineyard Concours Weekend (Kevin Abbey)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH