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## Minutes of Meeting 28 August, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 sharp. All officers were present except for Forest Goodhart, Bob Lucas and Mike Drew. Attendance was down slightly, with only 29 members signing the roster and five De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

**New Members/Guests:** There were no new members or guests this month.

**Changes To Last Month's Minutes:** It was incorrectly reported that the Kirk Evans "Turbo" wings could be had for about \$100 in a group buy. The actual price with the light installed, in primer (ready for paint) is more like \$800! Contact Bud Millard for more information.

**Club Treasury Report:** Gary reported that we have money in the account, but also have bills to pay. The Laguna Seca corral was a break-even event (with a minuscule profit) and the Los Laureles dinner was on budget as well.

**Club Store Report:** Rich brought some Pantera 40th anniversary glasses, left over from the Los Laureles dinner. They are \$8 each, or \$7 each in quantities of ten or more. If you're interested, contact him for more information.

**Club Membership Report:** Bud attended his third meeting and formally joined PCNC. Our membership count is now up to 143.

**Club Name Badges Report:** Bob forgot to bring Bob to the meeting; no Bob means no badges (and no report...)

**Club Website Report:** Mark has updated the website with all information on our various upcoming events, and also posted the latest club newsletter.

**Club Motorsports Report:** Larry Finch is looking for a volunteer to mentor, who could eventually take over running the track event. Larry is willing to work with them this year, to make it a learning experience, and would then step into a support role for the next event. If you are interested, please let him know!

There has been discussion of moving the POCA Fun Rally to Phoenix at some point in the future, probably no earlier than 2013. If and when that happens, Jim Cozzolino and the Phoenix-area Pantera owners will be taking over the track event in its entirety. If it stays in Reno, or returns to Las Vegas, PCNC will probably continue to stage the track event.

The Laguna Seca corral apparently made a \$7 profit. The post office also lost a pair of two-day tickets, even with a tracking number. Unfortunately the envelope wasn't insured, so PCNC will likely eat another \$200. Next year, mailed tickets will be insured, so be ready for some very nominal additional charges to cover that cost.



### **Past Events:**

**Monterey Motorsport Reunion/Concorso Italiano Weekend:** Once again, the Monterey weekend was a rousing success. Concorso Italiano featured 53 De Tomaso cars, with three more that were shut out because they failed to arrive by the 9:30 a.m. deadline. Unusually, there were two Vallelungas! Tom Galli's Mangusta was the only one present this year.

Several PCNC members won awards in the *Pantera International* De Tomaso class judging; Darryl Johnson won Best of Show, Ron DeMaderios won first place in Modified and Custom class, and Gary Spratling won Best Engine.

The PCNC dinner was very well-attended, with a special featured guest—Pantera designer Tom Tjaarda! The following evening, another dinner was staged by Mangusta owner Jeff Cobb in Tom's honor.

Todd Rodericks also hosted another BBQ after the track event at his campsite; it was a nice way to kick back and wait for the traffic to die down.

Jaguar was the featured marque at the races, and Jaguar pulled out all the stops, with an incredible display of racing Jaguars in the Laguna Seca paddock. They were somewhat upstaged

by Ferrari however; Pebble Beach featured a special exhibition of the 250 GTO, and there was an all-Ferrari race class at Laguna Seca which was, for most, the highlight of the race weekend.

The events of the weekend formed the bulk of the stories told during the meeting—see below....

### **Upcoming Events:**

**All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 9 October:** This fantastic show is a benefit held each year for the Alameda Special Olympics. It is sort of a Concorso Italiano Lite, with all sorts of Italian cars and motorcycles on display on the lawn at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda. This is a very laid-back, low-key event, with great food and music, and a very low cost. There is a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and of course all the information will be available on the PCNC website. The deadline for pre-registration was September 16th, but it is likely they will happily accept signups after that date, especially in light of the fact that it is also possible to sign up at the event itself.

**PCNC Christmas Dinner:** Diane is scouting around for alternate venues to stage our Christmas party. We may go back to the same place as last year, but if so we will be hoping for some perks, as this will be our fourth year there. The club has lost money on the Christmas party each year so we are hoping to address that issue as well. We hope to have a date and location established by the September PCNC meeting.

### **Club Business:**

**Nominations For Club Officers:** It's never too early to start beating the bushes for candidates for next year's club officers. We are looking for candidates for President, and Treasurer, as well as a volunteer to serve as Events Coordinator, and a trainee to work as an assistant to the Motorsports Coordinator. Garth Rodericks is looking for two people to serve on the nominating committee, to help him to recruit and educate potential candidates. If you're interested in helping the club, please step forward now!

### **Buy, Sell And Swap:**

**Ah, Nuts!:** John Columbero thought he had a socket for the rear axle nut. He passed it around and there was considerable debate; it appears to be of the general style, but a different shape/size than the one required for the Pantera's axle nut.

**ZF Wrench:** Garth fabricated a special wrench to torque ZF ring gear bolts while the ring gear is still installed in the gearbox. Unfortunately you can't access the ring gear without removing the bottom cover, which requires removing the gearbox from the car. But at least you don't have to take the gearbox apart to torque the ring gear bolts, so you can now change the bolts yourself.

**Rear End Sheetmetal:** Chuck Melton has a decklid, left rear and right rear fender available.

### **News, Clues and Rumors:**

**Monterey Memories:** Seemingly everyone had a different anecdote to share, many of them

centered around their time spent with Tom Tjaarda. At the PCNC dinner, Tom said he has no intention of retiring; he is still busy doing design work for various companies in Japan, and India (much of his design work is outside the automotive field—after all, *somebody* has to figure out what your new vacuum cleaner is going to look like, right?)

Tom was present in Monterey thanks to a grassroots effort started just a couple of weeks before, by Jeff Cobb, a Mangusta owner and Tjaarda fan from Baton Rouge, LA. He took up a collection and many owners contributed various amounts towards the purchase of Tom's airline ticket (PCNC donated \$250 from the club treasury, and several club officers and members made further personal donations).

As a gesture of thanks, Tom generated a special lithograph of a Pre-L Pantera among ancient Roman statuary; he and Jeff decided to distribute them to the people who helped fund his trip. A few PCNC contributors didn't get them in Monterey, so he gave theirs to Ron to hand out to them at the meeting. Ron also managed to get one for inclusion in the PCNC Christmas raffle.

One of our guests at the PCNC dinner was San Diego Panteras member Kevin Ryniker; his father Bruce was with him, and is a retired automotive designer who worked for Chrysler and GM in the 60s and 70s, and ended up at Mattel, designing Hot Wheels. By total coincidence, we had another person present, name of Rob, who is now working for Mattel and running the Hot Wheels division! So there was much conversation among the three of them about design etc.

Larry Finch got to speak with Tom several times over the course of the weekend. Tom pointed out that he wanted to really draw attention to the mid-ship location of the engine, and so the lines of the car all focus attention towards the middle. He said that when people start messing with the gills on the side, it detracts from that intention and muddles the design.

He also spoke at length with Garry Choate about his Pantera, and discussed the reason that the rockers should be painted satin black; doing so tricks the eye and makes the Pantera look longer, and lower. When people repaint their cars and forget to paint the rockers black, it makes the car look shorter in length, and taller in height, "...like a fat old cat dragging its gut on the ground." Duly noted!

John Columbero said he found Tom to be a very interesting and intelligent man. He asked him, "Did you ever consider that your design would stand the test of time?" Tom answered, "When I was in school, some of the designs like the Roman architecture came to mind." He believes in proportion and many ways to achieve it, and that was what he tried to do with the car.

Mike Drew got Tom to pronounce his own name, since there is so much confusion about it. The video is posted on Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrPOIIYII50>

Chuck Melton asked him about the other-than-DeTomaso cars that he designed, and learned



that he has had his hand in over 70 different car projects! Many of them were one-off prototypes or stillborn design studies, but several of them made it into production, including the Fiat 124 Spyder, the original Ford Fiesta, the Ferrari 330 GT 2+2, and the Mercedes 230 SL.

Ron Spoke with Tom about the Pantera that he customized himself a couple of years ago. He bought a very tidy and highly original orange L-mode in Southern California for only \$28K, then designed a new front and rear bumper/valance package, finished in light gray, and also a custom interior. The resultant car then sold at auction for \$80K, and then it sold again for \$110K!

Garry and Sue Choate's Pantera was featured on the front page of the Monterey Herald newspaper, in color no less. The Ferraris wound up on the back page....

Tom Galli searched his hard drive for De Tomaso images and printed them out in large size to serve as placemats. Some of the photos were a bit gruesome in nature, featuring wrecked Panteras etc. Afterwards, they were collected up and made available to anybody who wanted them.

Chuck Melton discussed the dinner that Jeff Cobb staged for Tom at the villa that Jeff rented in Monterey, and expressed his thanks to everyone that helped put all aspects of this great weekend together!

See Jeff Cobb's reflections (and words from Tom Tjaarda) elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Start 'Em Off Young:** Bob Benson related a Jay Leno story. A kid in his neighborhood asked for a ride to school in Jay's Lamborghini Countach. He got the boy's phone number, and a few weeks later, surprised him and gave him his ride, to the amazement of all the other kids in his school. In a similar vein, Bob had a neighborhood kid show up in his driveway looking at his Pantera, and he later returned with his father in tow. Although he didn't give him a ride, he did give him a copy of the *POCA Profiles* featuring his car. And that ride will happen, sooner or later....

**Driving For Dinner Raffle** — The winner was Trevor Fougere.

**Raffle Results** — Trevor and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

MicroFiber Wash — Diane Dean  
Self-charging smoke alarm — Brett Santos  
Bolt cutters — Steve Liebenow  
Brush Set — Rich Boschert  
Oil filter wrench — John Columbero  
Bag o' rags — Garth Rodericks  
Knee pads — Diane Dean  
Rechargeable spot light — Brent Stewart  
Extendable 3/8" ratchet — Garth Rodericks  
Loooooong reach needle nose plier set — Denny Morse  
Meguier's Quick Detailer — Bob Benson  
Offset Wrenches—standard — Brett Santos  
Offset Wrenches—metric — Bud Millard  
Infineon Raceway ticket Aug 28 Indy Grand Prix (by Steve Dalcino) — No takers!  
Aluminum Brief Case — Barry Hosier

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:32 p.m.

# PCNC Board Meeting Minutes

## August 25, 2010

A special meeting of the PCNC board was convened immediately prior to the monthly chapter meeting. All board members and appointees were present except for Mike Drew; Brent graciously volunteered to take the meeting minutes in Mike's absence. Please let it be noted that Gary kindly lent Brent a pen so these minutes could be taken!

**Treasury Issues:** Gary Kono led off with a discussion about financial matters. He recently filed Form SI-100 with the Secretary of State. This is a statement of information about our tax-exempt organization. There was minimal previous information; the last document we have was from 1997.

Our treasury appeared unnaturally bloated due to the large amount of money collected for the hotel rooms, dinners etc. at Los Laureles. We were going to have to pay a \$14,000 bill, which will bring our treasury back to its normal level, which is slowly decreasing.

We receive about \$780 per quarter from POCA (a portion of each member's POCA dues is refunded to the chapter) which works out to \$260 per month to cover newsletter printing and mailing costs. Our actual costs are substantially higher than that, which is why our treasury is slowly being depleted.

**PCNC Brochure And Membership:** Brent had considered reprinting a PCNC-tailored version of the "Join POCA" brochure, but due to the costs, it was decided that we can continue to use the generic POCA version. Mark will look at trying to create something that will print on a standard 8.5 x 11 sheet, using text captured from the PCNC website.

They discussed the idea of creating business cards with a place to write in your name; Diane was going to see if she had an old version somewhere. (Note—a version was printed a few months ago in the PCNC newsletter).

Brent is slowly transitioning Russ out of the membership chairman position, and will begin maintaining the club's roster via an Excel file.

**PCNC Nominating Committee:** Garth is now recruiting two people to serve on a nominating committee, tasked with finding candidates for our elected positions, and volunteers for our appointed positions. We currently have no candidates for President and Treasurer, nor do we have volunteers to serve as Events Coordinator or Motorsports Coordinator apprentice.

**Newsletter Printing:** After discussions with Gary about the high cost of printing our newsletter, Mike solicited a competing bid from the company that is currently printing the POCA newsletter and Profiles, located in Reno, NV. Mark advised the board that POCA has been very happy with their performance, and their bid was substantially less than what we are currently paying. The board voted to switch PCNC's printing to the Reno printer.

Mike will engage the new printer and ensure they fully understand all their responsibilities, to ensure the accuracy of their bid; we will also allow our existing printer to attempt to match that bid. Expect resolution in the next month or two.

**Christmas Party:** Diane noted that the cost to stage the Christmas party was rather high last year, so she is looking at alternative venues to reduce our costs. The reality is that the party may

wind up costing the club in the neighborhood of \$1500, but most board members seemed to feel this was acceptable. Diane is going to try to reduce the invitation printing/ mailing costs by switching from the current letter-in-an-envelope to a postcard.

**“Club Event” Clarification:** Diane suggested that the criteria to be called a “PCNC Event” was that it had to be officially announced to the entire membership via our Newsletter and open to everyone. This would make impromptu “Tech Sessions” or other limited notification events fun, but not official PCNC business. This has ramifications for awards at the Christmas Party and some effect on our bylaws if we are audited.

**Other Business:** Larry Finch raised his concern with the hostile PCNC response to an invitation sent from the Capital Panteras Chapter for the Los Laureles dinner with Tom Tjaarda. The general take away, as presented by our POCA president, Mark, was that we (PCNC) should smooth over any hurt feelings with Jim and Emilia, as the long-term relationships with Pantera friends is the most important consideration.

No further agenda items were presented, and the board meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

## Membership News

### New Members for September:

We have three new members to welcome this month:

**Mike and Judy Morris** of Arroyo Grande. Mike is a serious car guy that has spent a lot of time with antique cars and motorcycles. He has recently become interested in the idea of owning a Pantera, and joined the club to get to know the people and cars better. If you live in his area, you may be getting a call!

**Dennis Morse** of San Jose. Dennis, an Engineer by profession, was attending Purdue University in the '70s when he saw his first Pantera. It was then that he knew someday he had to have one. Dennis is now in the market to fulfill that dream, and test-drove his first Pantera this month (#5645)!

### September Membership Anniversaries:

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

**Ken and Darlene Levin:** thirty-eight years  
**Lori Albino:** ten years  
**Larry and Donna Finch:** ten years  
**Garry and Sue Choate:** six years  
**Oyvind and Dagny Bakken:** four years  
**Anders Hellberg:** three years

**Debra Woumm:** thirteen years  
**Bill Charlton and David Charlton:** ten years  
**Peter and Katie Cajthaml:** seven years  
**Markus Woehler:** six years  
**Tony Blevins:** three years

# Tom Tjaarda's Monterey Trip

Story by Jeff Cobb

Photos by Jeff Cobb, Mike Drew, Chuck Melton, Matt Kelleher, and John Buckman

I still feel so honored to have had the chance to bring most if not all of you together with Tom Tjaarda, Pete Brock, Jacques Grelley and Robert Cumberford in a beautiful estate full of fine moments, great cars, tasty food, positive friends, great weather and of course exaggerated tall tales. Much happened in those six days. But the real deal as we all know and cared for was that Tom Tjaarda came over as he deserved to and our experiences intertwined. Just as planned. We all arrived as friends sharing space, time and fine moments with those whose contributions to our car world are sometimes taken for granted.

Tom (as we as many others) has written and thanked me for bringing him over from Turin to Monterey to celebrate his 40th anniversary of his Pantera creation and doing this Monterey Week Saturday night Tjaarda party at "Villa Pantera". It was my pleasure and honor to do so. I am planning on doing it again next year. My jaws still ache from all the smiling and I have not needed as much coffee lately. Next year we will have spicier food, more wine, more beautiful De Tomaso cars, more roof climbing photo moments and



*There was a large Pantera display at the Baja Cantina on Thursday night*

some historical video time so the Tjaarda and De Tomaso world can be recorded. Tom said he will exercise more now so when he is 86 on the 50th anniversary he can party down. We all have great stories so maybe this is what we are supposed to do for the common Tjaarda/De Tomaso/human good. Sure seems like it will be an enjoyable try.

Wednesday, Tom and I arrived in San Francisco and drove down in a Mustang convertible. Tom was able to have dinner with Pete and Gayle Brock

and five other interesting people at Tarp's. Colleen Lister and Rick Stevens helped me with Tarp's and by getting the handsome Panteras to park at the front door for Tom. We tried hard to get a Corvette Sting Ray for Pete but shamefully we could not. No reason for doing anything but listening as Tom and Pete spoke of the car world, which means that I was not talking, imagine that. When we speak like they did we could be labeled as name-dropping but these men were just recounting history. The difference is that these two men had and have many long relationships with the movers, shakers and the creators of our car world from the early sixties to today.

Thursday was a challenge as walking through the foggy Pebble Beach early morning tour crowd with Tom was impossible. I would get through a crowd quicker if I would have a young Sophia Loren, a twenty-something Bridget Bardot and Beyoncé all naked at my side. Fine thought for next year, maybe I can give them all a call?

I had to do to Tom what I despised my recent ex-wife would do to me while I was deep in conversation with someone, "Come on Jeff, others are



*John Buckman's amazingly stock '71 Pantera received the first-place award in the stock, unmodified class*





*Over 50 Panteras were present at Concorso Italiano to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the car's debut*

waiting on us". Well that is how I kept Tom moving on. Most years I take about eight hundred or so pictures but with Tom it seemed that all my time was spent shaking hands, crowd control, handing out cards, meeting very interesting people and listening to great stories galore. A fine trade-off.

If I would have sold "Meet Uncle Tom Tickets", I would be rich! Hanging out in Carmel is always special and even more so with friends.

We were late for our Lamborghini Club dinner because I went the wrong way. We wound up going over the Laureles Mountain road toward Laguna Seca from Carmel Valley road to save time and I made up lost time by really



*Jeff Cobb and Tom Tjaarda in the Pantera International hospitality tent*



*Everyone was surprised to see this green Vallengunga, previously unknown to the world*



*PCNC's dinner had a central table dedicated to Tom, where many club members had the opportunity to get to know him better*

hauling the Mustang down the curvy mountain road at very high speeds. Tom sat politely and we had easy conversation at high speeds with heavy g-loading tire squealing. Shame we were not in a fast Pantera. Though we were about 45 minutes late, we still arrived at the same time as an Italian crowd and I was worried we were late. Imagine a bunch of Italians being on time? Had dinner with the Lamborghini group at the Laguna Seca Club and Tom gave design views to a table of young men

and spent some time with Valentino Balboni, the Lamborghini test driver for forty or so years. Old home day.

Friday, of course was Concorso Italiano. We arrived early and parked up close. Owner Tom McDowell did take care of Tom by getting us into the show and a delightful lunch. A nice act also fol-



*Tom made a few brief comments and offered his thanks to everyone at the end of the dinner*



*Following the dinner, Tom joined everyone in the hospitality suite for hours*



*Tom admired the Pantera display at Laguna Seca*

lowed by Tom's interview which went well. You could see that Tom enjoyed seeing so many of his worldwide friends. All was well in paradise. We went to the PCNC dinner that evening and had a super time. Respect, consideration and true human generosity from all was so easy to see.

Saturday morning, out early to Laguna Seca. We were given pit passes from Gray Gregory so we were in high cotton again. Again crowd control measures were taken so we could be semi-incognito, no chance! Tom would

not wear the large nose and fake beard and sunglasses I bought for him. Tom compared Laguna Seca pits and viewed race cars to being at Le Mans. We walked about, and saw many friends and the grouping of Panteras. So pictures were taken and a sun visor signed.

I've spent 15 years at Laguna Seca viewing the mechanical nature of race cars with a secondary view of body design. Well this time was different as THE designer was with me and design viewing became the primary conversation. Plus with my two architect friends from Baton Rouge, Chris and Trula who Colleen called "the Hollywood

you have this visceral level of freedom and quasi-control over your surroundings and positive outcome. Very cool. This was an event that cured a problem, including mine. Thank you all for helping me to do what needed to be done.

Tom retired to Uncle Tom's cabin about midnight and I crashed a moment later with six or so people still outside talking. Then of course when the last Pantera fires up, it sounds like a low flying airplane outside the bedroom wall. A pretty good lullaby for a car guy.

Sunday morning we drove to Poppy Hills Golf course for a 8:00

couple", all views were about design elements.

That evening's party served its purpose. Almost 80 friends enjoyed each others moments. The De Tomaso clan and others stepped forth and helped create a relaxed evening space that allowed quality time for all in a wonderfully safe and unhurried world that belonged to us. Very hard to do something, outside a person's owned world, where



*Saturday night, Jeff hosted another dinner in Tom's honor at the villa he rented in the center of Monterey*

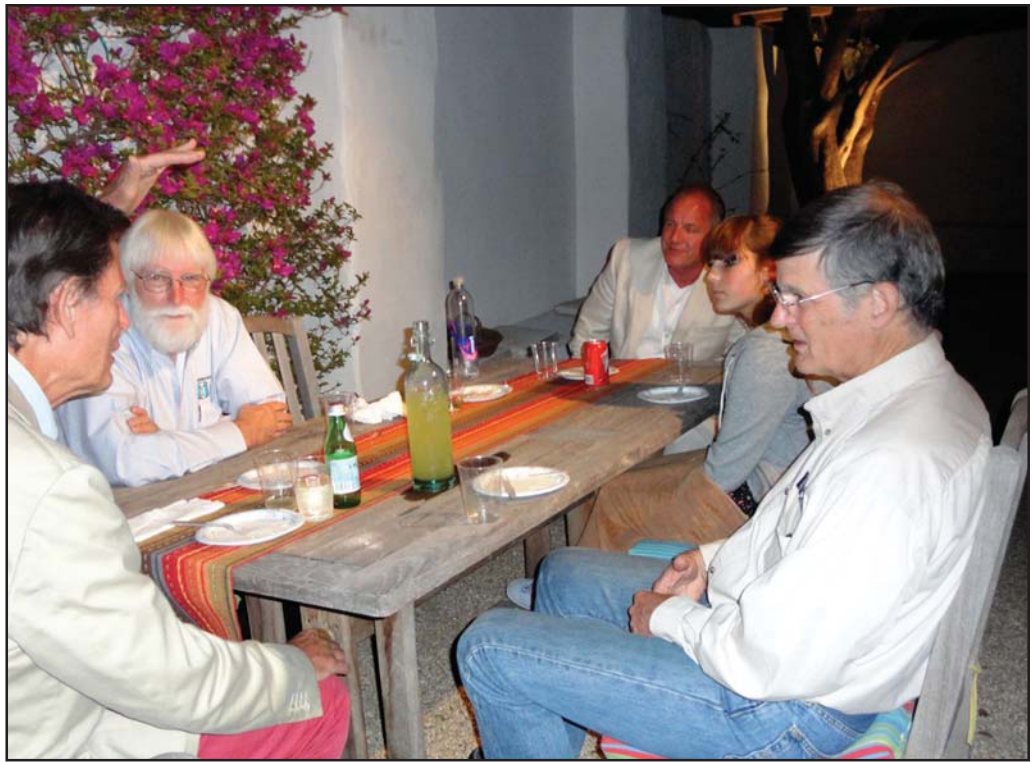
breakfast, parking and for the Lamborghini shuttle into Pebble Beach. Again, Tom and I must have different clock settings from everyone else, as we were finished eating breakfast when all others arrived. Tom enjoyed seeing his Euro Lambo friends, nice to see some car groupies crossing the line.

This Pebble week was Tom's first time in 21 years where he was a commoner in the crowds, viewing cars not as a judge. He was very at ease, content and curious. We saw my compassionate friend Andrew Reilly who runs the Mullin Museum with the over-the-top Voisin. Tom loved the Art Deco body shapes and we made guesses to the winner.

We were worn out and hungry so we retired early, 3:00, to a Carmel restaurant waiting for my Baton Rouge friends to come for dinner and they did with news that the Voisin won the show, my pick. Tom stated how good it was that a car finally won Pebble based on the wow factor and attention to fine design. Not just the same old type of cars winning over and over.

As an aside, about 11:15 p.m. Saturday party night, Andrew of Mullin called and said he and others were still busy getting the Voisin ready for show so he could not show for the party. Good thing as his/Peter Mullin's car won the show.

Monday morning we took a easy drive to San Francisco, enjoying the view and both telling great stories. My 2:00 p.m. and Tom's 4:00 p.m. planes were pushed back 'till around midnight. So we took BART to Powell street and Union Square for an early dinner at Scala, a wonderful Italian restaurant. Took BART back two hours later and got caught up in a union walkout lock-out. The police had locked the fence



**Tom enjoyed speaking with John Buckman and Richard Barkley, who have owned their Panteras since they were new!**

gates behind us as we entered the lower subway tunnel entrance. Not a warm feeling, this week just kept on giving.

Bottom line is that we/you made Tom Tjaarda feel at home in Monterey for the proud moment of his 40th anniversary of his great Pantera design.

This would not have happened correctly if you guys cared not. You did and all was well. Did you notice how much pride there was at the Saturday night dinner, that along with compassion painted our picture of composure. I owe so much of my fine memories of this weekend to the great new friends that I made from the FLY TOM OVER ADVENTURE.

I hope that I can count on you guys in the future to help me with another grand week for Tom.

This is Tom's thank-you note to me:

*From: "Tom Tjaarda"  
To: "Jeff Cobb"  
Subject: trip home*

*Hello Jeff,*

*Just a note to thank you for all you*

*did during the Monterey weekend. It was a great experience and I enjoyed every minute of it.*

*I hope that we can do this again in the future - which will no doubt be the 50th anniversary of the Pantera some very short ten years from now. I will try to keep in shape in anticipation of the occasion.*

*I got back at midnight to a very hot (38°) and humid Torino. Was back in my studio the next morning to complete some designs for the India project. It was in fact like being in the middle of India it was so hot and damp.*

*Also they lost my bag and it did not show up until two days later.*

*But these are but minor problems since the time spent in California was a very pleasant experience. A lot of great people we met.*

*Thanks again and keep in touch.  
With warm regards,*

*Tom*

Isn't that grand that we contributed to this week? The accompanying photos speak louder than I do about the time we all shared together.

Imagine that!

# *The Best Open-Track Deal In Town!*

Older club members will remember Ed Kornegay, the onetime PCNC member who used to be in charge of the PCNC track event in Las Vegas, many moons ago.

Several PCNC members formed their own open track club. Called Checkered Flag Racing Association (CFRA), the club has grown to be rather 'racy' and also rather 'clubby', with a small and exclusive membership.

Unfortunately, all of the club's Panteras have either gone by the wayside, or are terminally laid up as funds no longer allow them to be run. Ed is nostalgic for the days when Panteras roamed the tracks. To that end, today he sent us this:

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Members of PCNC,

It's been years since we have had a Pantera at a CFRA event. I'm going to take a shot at changing that. I'm willing to offer a 50% discount to anyone who is willing to drive a Pantera at either the Thunderhill event on Monday, Oct. 17th (\$98) or at our Infineon (Sears Point) event on Sunday, November 20th (\$137).

Owning a Pantera is not enough. It must be the car you drive on the track. Let me know if anyone is interested. This is the best deal in the world. Slots are limited (at that price). If the Panteras have passed into history as track cars, I'm willing to accept that as well.

The October 17th Thunderhill event is currently open for guest registration. Guests with more than 10 days of experience may run in Group "A" (unlimited passing). If you prefer point-by passing, you can register for "B". Individual car insurance is also available for Group "B" drivers if that's of interest. If you do want in "A", let me know and I'll notify our registration director Kevin.

To help you register for this event, just go to this link: [www.cfra.net/web/about/guest\\_info.html](http://www.cfra.net/web/about/guest_info.html), and follow directions from there. To create your account on our website, you will need the guest access password which is "l8apex" (as in "late apex").

The SPECIAL PANTERA fee for this event is \$98. There is a tech form online that you need to complete (self-tech). Payment should be done promptly once you register. As this is a special Pantera deal, you will need to pay by check and not on-line.

Please send a check to this address:

CFRA c/o Ed Kornegay  
1616 Iroquois Rd.  
Rocklin, CA 95765

Factory seat belts are fine. You need a SNELL 2000 or newer helmet. If you don't have one, they can be rented at Thunder Hill or I can see if I can find you a loaner but Thunder Hill will have more size selection.

It will be great to have a Pantera (or more) back on the track! Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Ed Kornegay

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We're pleased to announce the 2011

## All Italian Car and Motorcycle Show

Please join Italian Car and Motorcycle Enthusiasts in a benefit for

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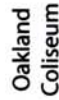
Thanks to your participation we are the primary sponsor of the Alameda Special Olympics program. Your continued support helps this important program exist.

**DATE**  
Sunday, October 9, 2011

**EXHIBITION TIME**  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**REGISTRATION**  
8:30 AM

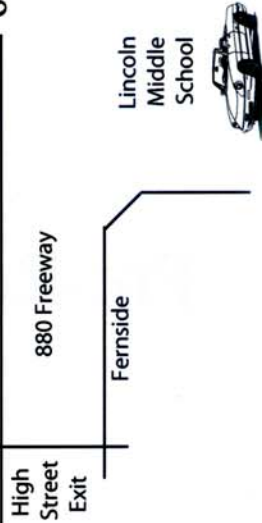
**LOCATION**  
Lincoln Middle School  
1250 Fernside Blvd  
Alameda, CA 94501



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880 Freeway

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ITALIAN FOOD  
AND DRINK AVAILABLE

For additional information contact:  
Scott Harding 510/521-1453  
Steve Gomes 510/523-2723  
Tom Sahines 408/262-6279

We are trying to update our mailing list. If you **do not** want to continue receiving notification of future events, please notify us at 510/523-2723.

## PRE-REGISTRATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

OWNER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

MAKE OF CAR OR MOTORCYCLE

MODEL

YEAR



Yes, I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Alameda Special Olympics. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make check payable to Special Olympics)



Yes, I have a new address - please update your records.

Please send your completed form to:

Patty Harding  
2910 Marina Drive  
Alameda, CA 94501-1636  
Or email to: pattyharding7@gmail.com



Brent Stewart  
7232 Glenview Drive  
San Jose, CA 95120

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, September 29, 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

- October 9 ————— All-Italian Car And Motorcycle Show In Alameda (TBA)  
October 17 ————— CFRA Pantera Track Event at Thunderhill (Ed Kornegay)  
November 20 ————— CFRA Pantera Track Event at Sears Point (Ed Kornegay)  
December Date TBA ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Diane Dean)

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