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Minutes of Meeting 31 May, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. For the first time in as long as anyone could remember, all officers were present. There were 44 members in the room, and ten De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

<u>New Members/Guests</u>: There were no new members in the meeting, but one notable absence— Tony, our faithful waiter, was gone on vacation. Significantly, it took two substitutes to fill in his shoes!

<u>Club Treasury Report</u>: The treasury remains in pretty good shape, and we just got some more income, in the form of the quarterly POCA rebate, and also \$160 in commission sales from PCNC

members who sold POCA raffle tickets in Phoenix. We also received funds from the sale of Monterey tickets and corral passes. Tom said that Larry Finch was doing a terrific job managing that project and keeping it in the black year after year.

Tom requested and received permission from the board to establish a specific Club Store checking account, one that will be shared with and accessible by the treasurer. It will be separate and distinct from the regular treasury account however.

<u>Club Store Report</u>: Rich thanked the hard-working volunteers who worked the club store while he was out having fun, and rightly said that without them, club store sales would not have happened. Our sales were down quite a bit versus prior years, probably due to the awkward location of he club store area. Normally, the hospitality suite revelers are in close proximity to the club stores,, but this year they had to make a special effort to find the stores, ad may simply didn't.

Rich had several new items on display, including De Tomaso baseball caps, small duffel bags, sports blankets, and beer glasses.

<u>Club Membership Report</u>: Greg reported that he has transferred the membership roster into a new database, and is working on getting it into a format that can be extracted so that our mailing list can be sent to the printer electronically. The process is ongoing, but he hopes to have it sorted out in the next few weeks.

Also, copies of our new 'Join PCNC' brochures will be included with the upcoming newsletter, for club members to share with prospective new members.

<u>Club Name Badge Report:</u> Lori had several name badges for members who were not present at the meeting; she will be mailing them out shortly.

<u>Club Website Report</u>: Mark McWhinney, who has been absent from club meetings and events for months, joked that he barely remembered what a Pantera looked like so he came by to see them! The website has been updated, the newsletter is online and information of upcoming events will be updated shortly. Mark is going to work with Greg to refine the E-blast process so that information can be electronically transmitted to all club members, not just those who have signed up for it via the PCNC website.

<u>Club Motorsports Report</u>: Larry said that we will be sharing our Monterey corral with the Maserati club, which will help ensure that we are able to keep our desirable location into the future. We need to sell a minimum of 25 passes/tickets, and thanks to the addition of the Maserati clan, we now have 27 sold, so we are already in the black.

Most of the tickets have been sold to Maserati drivers, but there is still time to rectify that; the cutoff to purchase tickets is the end of June because Larry needs to submit our list on 1 July. Tickets can be purchased for one, two or all three days, and the corral will be up and running all three days.

<u>Club Library Report:</u> Forrest said that after a year and a half as club librarian, he has yet to receive a single request to check anything out? Nevertheless, the library does maintain a listing of the available contents on the PCNC website.

Past Events:

POCA Fun Rally: The drive down to Phoenix featured a bit of mechanical misadventure, as Jim Kuehne's Pantera was running super-hot. A 911 call to Bobby Byars saw him loading a radiator

into his car and driving 100 miles out into the desert to meet the convoy so they could change it out on the side of the road! It completely cured the problem. What service!

The problems continued once we arrived in Phoenix; at the track event, Peter Kovacs' Pantera started making Expensive Noises towards the end of the day, and there is a lot of silver glitter in the oil, never a good sign. John Columbero's locking gas cap proved to be a formidable opponent, as he had lost the key and couldn't get it off! After some brutal but very necessary Percussive Engineering, he managed to get it off, and Dennis Quella came up with a replacement for the damaged fuel filler neck.

The convoy route down proved to be quite successful, as did the alternate back-roads route.

The event was staged by a new group of very enthusiastic volunteers, and Gil Mares is seeking feedback and suggestions. John Taphorn e-mailed a link to an online survey, which was supposed to go to all participants, but some didn't get it, apparently because they didn't supply their e-mail addresses when they registered?

Ron DeMaderios talked about the driving tours, and mentioned that the tour leaders drove at speeds up to eighty miles per hour! Scandalous!

Everyone seemed to agree that the rainfall on Thursday could be squarely blamed on Gary Kono! At the end, Lori announced that she and Mike had decided that their wedding will be held on the first day of the 2013 Fun Rally, and all are invited!

Marin/Sonoma Concours:

This up-and-coming event has gone from strength to strength in the short time that it has been around. Bud Millard had his dark blue Pantera on display, and the Spratling custom car built around a Mangusta chassis was also on the grass. The Vallelunga formerly owned by Tom Matano was selected for several awards, and deservedly so!



Upcoming Events:

Glen DeNay Tour — 14 July: John Columbero announced this short-notice event. Glen DeNay was a hot-rodder who passed away just over a year ago. He had lots of hot rods and unusual cars in his collection, including a belly-tank lakester that holds four speed records. John has arranged for a half-day tour which will start around 9:00 a.m., tour the collection, then return to John's house, then to a nearby restaurant for lunch. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Monterey Weekend — 18-22 August: Diane is now accepting checks for the dinner on Friday night, as all of our rooms are gone. The waiting list for rooms has ten people on it (!) so if you haven't already made arrangements, you had better get going on finding something. The featured marque at the races is the Cobra (celebrating the 50th anniversary) so the crowds will probably be substantially higher than in recent years.

The PCNC dinner will have a jungle theme, so plan accordingly!

Ironstone Vineyard Concours d'Elegance Weekend — 22-24 September: After the great success of last year, once again 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 is the Murphys Inn, and the overflow hotel is the Murphys Suites down the street. Make your reservation now, as rooms will likely sell out long before the event!

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

<u>All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 14 October</u>: Doug Abadie will be supervising PCNC participation in this terrific event. Watch for an event flyer later in the summer.

<u>PCNC Christmas Party — 7 December</u>: Negotiations are underway with two different restaurants. There has been a huge management change at the Crowne Plaza hotel, so 'our' room is now a restaurant. The tentative date for the party has been established, and the venue is TBA.

<u>More Events</u>: Several more events are simmering on the back burner; the Fertittas have wanted to host an overnight event in the Sierras since last year, but plans have yet to come together. Chuck and Lori Banks also have ambitions of another Santa Rosa-based event. Watch this space!

Club Business:

PCNC Event Reimbursement Policy: The members of the PCNC board decided to slightly amend the wording of the club's event reimbursement policy to clarify it somewhat. Henceforth, any club member who hosts a formal PCNC event on his property (whether it's his home, or an off-site location such as his office, workshop etc.) who incurs direct expenses associated with hosting the event (buying drinks, charcoal, paper plates etc.) will be eligible for reimbursement for up to \$100, provided that it has been coordinated in advance, and receipts are presented along with the request for reimbursement.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Decklid Stabilizer Kit: Brent Stewart showed off a neat innovation from Don Byars. He

combined two existing parts—billet aluminum sunvisor brackets, and the rubber decklid stops. The result is a pair of rubber bumpers which are affixed to the underside of the decklid with sheetmetal screws, and project outwards to the sides, positively locating the decklid side-to-side and preventing unwanted movement and paint damage. Brilliant! Best of all, they are quite inexpensive, at only \$28 for the pair.



Steering Rack Spacers: Chuck Melton brought a bunch of steering rack spacer kits, which are designed to be retrofitted to pre-L Panteras whose steering geometry was sub-optimal from the factory. (De Tomaso engineers rectified the problem and relocated the rack with 10mm spacers shortly after L-model production started). Mike Drew bought all of them! He and Lori have been on a steering rack rebuilding tear recently, and they install the spacer kits as a matter of course whenever working on a Pre-L car.

Steve Liebenow Clearout: Steve Liebenow has a pile of stuff for sale. See his ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

<u>Mufflers Needed:</u> Bud Millard needs a pair of mufflers for his '72 Pre-L Pantera. Contact him if you have some available?

<u>Monterey Poster</u>: Larry Finch offered up a miniature event poster from last year's Monterey event for free, and it was quickly snapped up!

News, Clues and Rumors:

<u>Clutch Mastery</u>: Ron DeMaderios has had a real bad run of luck with clutch master cylinders, and brought some of the losers in for a bit of show-and-tell. Some of the vendors are selling master

cylinders that have "DETOMASO" cast into the side, and they are junk. Their country of origin is unknown, but they are clearly nowhere near the quality of the Italian originals, which were made by (and marked by) Bonaldi. They are failing because the seals are disintegrating; the new reservoir bowls are leaky too because they're not manufactured properly.

Some vendors are claiming that the fault lies with the owners because



they didn't run DOT 4 fluid; that is patently untrue, because DOT 3 and DOT 4 are interchangeable and are the same except that DOT 4 has a higher boiling point. Since there is no heat associated with clutch operation, either fluid should work well.

Ron has already invested over \$500 trying to get a good clutch in his car, and still is struggling. He did report that since he has had five failures in the past few months (!) he can now change one out in 30 minutes, which is only slight consolation!

Matt Kelleher reported that the bores in these new master cylinders are not bored properly; they are rough and tear up the seals leading to failure. He found a shop that will sleeve the inside with a stainless steel sleeve and fit new seals for only \$70.

Ron will probably get the info from Matt and soon have quite a stock of guaranteed-good clutch master cylinders available for purchase!

Mike Drew said that Roland Jackel told him that while the Pantera clutch master externally is identical to that used on period Alfa Romeos, Ferraris, Fiats, etc. etc., internally they have a different bore diameter, and are only used on Panteras, and period Fiat 18-wheeler trucks!

Roland has a source in Italy that gets proper units from the original manufacturer, and Pantera East carries them as well. Lori Albino's "DETOMASO" master failed just before the Fun Rally; she procured a proper Italian replacement from Marino at Pantera East and it worked perfectly.

Dodging Tickets: Lori drove Mike's Pantera for the first time, part of the way home from the POCA Fun Rally, and was amazed at the difference between her mostly-stock car, and his highly modified (but stock-looking) example. She found it impossible to resist temptation, and soon was cruising at triple-digit speeds north on Hwy 395 out of Bishop. Fortunately, Julian Kift (who had been left far behind, being a more prudent sort of fellow) phoned Mike to warn him that a CHP car was in hot pursuit! She slowed down to 63 mph in a 65 zone, good citizen that she is, and when the CHP caught up, he shadowed them for a few miles before turning off. Whew!

Later in the same drive, Lori and Julian approached a blind corner, at lower-but-still-elevated speeds, and received a big-time flashing headlight warning from an oncoming motorist. They rounded the corner and found a CHP car pointed right at them, radar humming away! Fortunately they were, once again, slightly below the legal limit at the time, so no ticket once again!

Lysianne Doute Goodbye: Lysianne Doute came to say goodbye to everyone, as she and her kids are moving back to France. The spectacular Pantera owned by her late husband Denis is still for sale at Specialty Sales. She thanked all the members of PCNC for their friendship and support during this most difficult time in her life.

Raffle Report: Before the raffle started, Greg Taylor reminded everyone present that the raffle is there to support the club's finances and encouraged everyone to buy tickets. Kevin and Brett then passed the hat, with the following results:

K&N filter — Bob Lucas Tommy Hodges De Tomaso logo magnet — Bud Millard Tuning Made Easy book — Garth Rodericks Pantera T-shirts — Steve Dalcino, Tony Blevins, Classic Motorsports T-shirt — Doug Johnson Pantera pillow — Lysianne Doute Matchbox Panteras — Lysianne Doute, John Columbero Mechanics stethoscope — Greg Taylor Hall Super Pantera brochure — Ron DeMaderios 1977 POCA Profiles — Greg Taylor License plate frame (My Other Car is Italian) — Peter Kovacs Jackstands — Diane Dean Needle file set — Matthew Kelleher Liquid Wrench assortment — Larry Finch De Tomaso grille emblem — Lysianne Doute Grabber tool — Ken Levin Orbital polisher — Peter Kovacs

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 10:00 p.m.

Membership News

New Members for June:

Sorry to say we have no new memberships to report this month.

June Membership Anniversaries:

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

Brian Bernard: twenty years Cheryl Pastone and Les Morgan: eighteen years **Chuck and Suzie Melton:** fifteen years **Steve and Merry Dalcino:** thirteen years Rob and Amy McMullen: five years Randy and Cindy McAyeal: three years Lysianne Doute: one year

Matthew Kelleher: two years

Richard and Lisa Taylor: one year

Parts For Sale

Man cave bookshelf: 6'x4'x1' steel (tin) book shelf unit from auto dealer. 4-5 adjustable steel shelves, bottom is wood. \$40

Std Bore 351C block. \$150 Casting will accept four-bolt mains, but not currently drilled. 1971-72 dated. Also have four-bolt main caps if desired. \$150 with block purchase, \$175 without.

Std and .10-.10 351C crankshaft \$50.

Boss 351 water pump with cast iron closed vane impeller- rebuilt original unit. \$90

Ignition switch (electrical section only) \$75.

Have some tumbler/key assemblies available-\$45

New unused Clay Smith Cams reinforced 351C distributor drive shaft. \$25 Artwork and packaging is a vintage speed equipment display even if you never use it!

Mangusta rubber motor mounts \$95 shipped per pair.

Steve Liebenow: 408-727-8678 or steven.liebenow@att.net

PCNC Board Meeting Minutes 31 May 2012

The elected and appointed officers of the PCNC board met in an open meeting prior to the monthly chapter meeting to discuss various issues. All board members except for Mark McWhinney and Larry Finch. The meeting began at 6:40 p.m. The minutes of the previous board meeting were briefly discussed, then approved.

The first item of discussion was to reiterate and clarify the current policy towards dual chapter membership. Many years ago, PCNC established a policy to allow anybody to subscribe to the PCNC newsletter, initially for \$20 a year, and later \$25 per year, but they were not considered members of the club. Later, a policy was established that effectively did away with newsletter subscription, and replaced it with full membership in PCNC for \$20 per year. The caveat is that only active POCA members (presumably already affiliated with another chapter) are eligible. These members are then entitled to all the benefits of PCNC membership, including the right to hold elected office.

The next topic of discussion was the club's corporate data/ There currently isn't a formal process for storing the club's data (bylaws, articles of incorporation, policies/amendments, etc.), although Russ Britschgi has been informally taking care of It for many years. We will develop a comprehensive archive policy for approval at a future meeting.

Officer duties and responsibilities need to be analyzed and modified, as some officer duties are, in practice, being handled by other officers, or even non-officers. The officer duties are spelled out in a handbook that was last revised by Russ in 210, but it needs to be reviewed and tweaked. Each officer was to receive a copy of the handbook and will offer suggestions for possible amendments. Mike will then generate a new officer's handbook factoring in those changes, as agreed to by the board.

It was decided that henceforth, all open board meetings will have minutes published in the newsletter and archived in the library; while closed board meeting minutes won't be published, but will be archived and be available for viewing upon request.

There are numerous club policies and appointed officer positions that were established by popular vote at a chapter meeting, or by the board during a board meeting, but were never formalized. Mike volunteered to go back through every PCNC newsletter for the past 23 years and extract all possible information pertaining to such policies, and will incorporate them into the officer's handbook.

Talk then turned to financial matters. Financial records currently reside with the treasurer, and we will leave them there. The club's Fiscal Year runs from 1 January to 31 December, and the treasurer will provide an annual accounting for the club's library records no later than 31 January each year.

Rich Boschert has announced his intention to step down as club store manager at the end of the year, unless a volunteer appears sooner. Although historically, the store was a very active enterprise throughout the year, for the past ten years or so, activity has been confined largely to the Fun Rally,

and sales and profits vs. expenses have reflected that. The board wants to revisit the entire program, and establish clear and achievable goals, to include making the inventory available and visible to club members, and putting it on the website.

The club store used to contribute greatly to the club treasury each year, but lately profits have been miniscule, and may not have kept up with expenses. We need to aggressively generate income to put the club on a sound financial footing. Fun Rally sales were down 30% from last year, and are probably 60% less than our best-ever year.

Previous store managers used to bring a dozen or more new items to the store each year, but for the past few years, we have had a glut of old merchandise, and few new products. This year, Lori Albino was asked to develop some new products, and we had five new items available, but more work is needed, and we need to aggressively recruit a new store manager. (Lori volunteered for the position, but the item was tabled pending the solicitation of other volunteers).

Tom Galli brought up the need to establish a separate PCNC bank account for the club store. While the store currently has its own account, it is a personal account controlled by Rich. If something were to happen to him, there would be no way for PCNC to gain control of the account or access the funds. Tom brought paperwork that will enable us to open a new account, owned by the club, that both of them can access.

Kevin Abbey gave a report on club raffle financials; income is outstripping expenses so it is generating much-needed profit for the club.

Greg Taylor issued an update on the process of updating and modernizing our membership database. It is still a work-in-progress; he has transferred the list to a new program, and while not all the data fields are working properly, he hopes to have it sorted soon. One goal is to be able to send address information to the printer electronically and do away with paper labels. One problem is that despite repeated requests, monthly updates from POCA are not going to Greg; instead they keep getting sent to Russ. That needs to get resolved.

Although Mark McWhinney was no present, there was some discussion of website issues. Monthly E-blasts with reminders of upcoming meetings, events etc. are only going to those members who took the time to sign up for them via the club website. It was resolved that since Greg has access to virtually everyone's e-mail address, that he take over that responsibility and send them to everyone. This will be reflected in the revision of the officer duties in the club officer's handbook.

There was some discussion about our event reimbursement policy. As written originally, members who host events at their home are entitled to seek reimbursement for up to \$100 in costs for expenses directly associated with hosting the event. It was proposed to change the word 'home' to 'property' to broaden the policy slightly, reflecting the fact that we have also enjoyed events at a club member's business or secondary location. The change was voted on and approved.

Finally, Panteras Northwest approached us requesting the right to use the artwork from our new 'Join PCNC' brochure, and simply insert their own text. Considering that PCNC paid \$400 to have them designed and printed, it was decided that we would agree to their request if they paid \$100 to help offset a small part of the cost.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Glen Denee Museum Tour

Saturday, July 14th

We will be meeting at the home of John Columbero, then driving a short distance to tour the collection of Glen Denee. The collection includes many hot rods, street machines, and even a belly-tank lakester that currently holds four land speed records!

After the tour, we will return to John's house, then take a short walk to the Sonoma Chicken Coop for lunch.

Those who wish to challenge their skills can return to the house for some X-box 360 racing!

Please <u>RSVP</u> as John needs to make lunch reservations for the group at the restaurant.

When: Saturday, July 14th, 9:30 a.m.

Where: 1054 Cross Springs Court, San Jose

RSVP: John Columbero,

(408) 268-7422 (home) (408) 888-3386 (cell)



Saratoga Classic Car Show



Registration Form

Sunday July 22, 2012 - 10 am to 5 pm



Registration fee \$35 - Space is limited to the first 100 cars. Entries are subject to committee approval.

Please register by July, 9, 2012

No refunds-Rain or Shine

Your registration fee includes 2 lunches and registration packet with discount coupons from local merchants.

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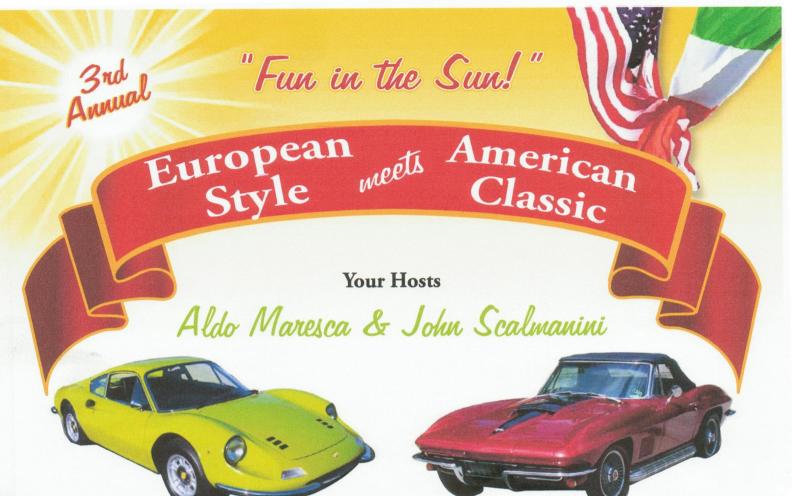
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- Orchid Cleaners
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July 22, 2012

Car entry donation: \$40

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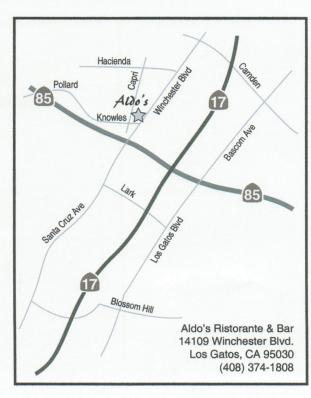
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, June 28, 2012 8:00 P.M.

COCO'S RESTAURANT 1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY SUNNYVALE, CA

(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

July 14 ————————	——— Glen DeNav Tour (John Columbero)
August 18-22 ——————	Monterey Weekend (Diane Dean/Larry Finch)
September 22-24 ——————	- Ironstone Concours Weekend (Kevin Abbey)
October 14 ——————— Al	ll-Italian Car Show In Alameda (Doug Abadie)