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Minutes of Meeting 29 November, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:01. All officers were present except for Mike Drew, Lori Albino and Larry Finch. There were 34 people in attendance, but zero De Tomaso automobiles due to the inclement weather.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Greg Hiebert**, who is the proud new owner of a green '73 Pantera #5017, formerly owned by former PCNC member Mike Gianakis. Mike rarely drove the car so it needs some gentle TLC, but in general the mostly stock car is in terrific shape. Greg brought his friend **Mario Sousa** with him, who works at a performance car center.

John Colombero introduced his lovely guests, **Kim Colombero** (John's daughter-in-law), along with daughter **Genee** and his wife **Cheryl**. Kim has been working hard to help John out in the trying

weeks after his stroke, and Genee is an occupational therapist so she has been a tremendous help too. While introducing his family, John emotionally expressed his thanks for the support that has been shown to him by the members of the club, and he said he was working to 'not let the club down'. He said he misses working on and driving his Pantera, and that is the goal he is working towards!

Changes To Last Month's Newsletter: There were no changes noted. (However, the editor later noted that the date for the Super Bowl party was printed incorrectly on the back page, and although the minutes stated a flyer would be included, space limitations forced it to be held back until this month).

Club Treasury Report: Tom reported that we received our quarterly reimbursement from POCA, and Barry Hosier kindly donated \$20, the proceeds of the sale of a water tank to Ron DeMaderios at a previous meeting to the club's treasury. Expenses continue to outstrip income unfortunately, with the club's newsletter being the primary expense. We are looking at ways to raise additional funds in the new year.

Club Store Report: Along those lines, Bud had a nice rack displaying samples of new jackets, and had new design T-shirts laid out on the table. A zippered sweatshirt is now available, with new polo shirts in the works. He's still trying to decide if we want to have them embroidered or stenciled? He is also looking for feedback on a slightly new logo, a combination of the De Tomaso emblem and a running panther. He also wants to produce coffee mugs, but unfortunately he didn't have a sample available for viewing. The members in attendance showed a preference for the original PCNC logo versus the proposed new logo.

Club Membership Report: Greg had no new members to report. He said that five members were not receiving their period E-blasts, but he's working on it.

Club Name Badge Report: Lori wasn't present, but Forest brought up a proposal that had been discussed by the board, to consolidate some positions and functions. Returning the name badge duties to the Membership Coordinator is under consideration; Lori would then take over as Motor-sports Coordinator, while Larry would continue to manage the Monterey Corral event.

This is still in the discussion phase, and no formal action has been taken yet. It will be up to the 2013 PCNC board to decide how to proceed.

Club Library Report: Forest had no new items to report.

Club Website Report: There was a great deal of discussion about the club website, and what is or is not being accomplished there, and how it can be a more useful tool to the club. Mark has been so busy at work that he hasn't had the time necessary to devote to the website. He's willing to work with somebody to help take on some of the responsibilities of running the website. Greg Taylor is soliciting *specific* input from members on what we need or don't need on the website, so please send him your feedback. We definitely need somebody to help maintain the site, especially updating information on upcoming events, so if you have some web skills and a few minutes a month to contribute to the cause, please step forward and volunteer!

Past Events: We had no events since the previous meeting.

Upcoming Events:

PCNC Super Bowl Party — 3 February: The Super Bowl party will once again be held at the Stewarts' lovely hillside home in San Jose. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Club Business:

Officer Elections: Ron DeMaderios, the head of the nominating committee, passed out ballots to everyone present who had not previously mailed their ballots in. Gary Kono had the responsibility of keeping the ballot count. He commented that there were only seven ballots received in the mail prior to the meeting.

Honorary Memberships: Historically, PCNC has maintained club membership for both the Stocks and the Fertittas, and each year a motion has been made to renew them for the upcoming year. However, the declining state of the club's treasury meant that this year, the motion failed to carry.

Thanks To PCNC: Leslie Rodericks took a moment to formally thank the members of PCNC for their support over the last year, when the Rodericks family was rocked with the loss of both Garth's father and brother within a few weeks of each other. She said our support was really appreciated and welcomed.

Buy, Sell and Swap:

Stuff From Steve: Steve Liebenow has a small number of brand new left-side US-market (red/red lens) Pantera taillights available, as well as Pantera ignition switches. He also has a pile of 351C engines, and miscellaneous parts. Contact him for more information.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Over To The Dark Side: Gary Kono says he went over to the Dark Side and bought a 2006 Corvette ZO6, with a modified LS7 engine. It has some wider wheels and tires which prevented it from fitting on his lift and a ZR1 front splitter which prevents him from going up his driveway at his house! He says the car is too quiet; he installed electric exhaust cutouts and surprisingly picked up 40 horsepower, but it's still not nearly as loud as his Pantera.

Mangusta Update: Greg continues to roll along with his Mangusta basket case restoration project; he's now welding up holes which were liberally drilled all over the engine compartment to hold this and that. He's welding up all holes and then starting over, drilling new ones only where needed.

Banzai Runner Pantera: Garth continues inching forwards towards roadworthiness; he has the stainless steel firewall cover and gas tank installed, but is cleaning up a few engine bay details before he slots the engine in. Hopefully it will go in over the holidays.

Raffle Results: Kevin and Brett passed the hat, with the following results:

Magnetic parts bowl — Kevin Abbey
Heavy-duty pry bar set — Denny Morse
Long needle nose plier set — Darryl Johnson
Universal holder for small parts — Forrest Goodhart
Flashlight — Brent Santos
Universal work holder — Brian Bernard
Digital sheetmetal gauge thickness tool — Greg Taylor
Matchbox Panteras — Bud Millard, Tom Galli
Small pliers assorted set — Brian Bernard
Balancer puller/gear puller set — Brian Bernard
Inspection mirror — Bud Millard
Air compressor air tool and fittings — Connie Johnson
Classic Motorsports T-Shirt — Ken Levin
Goop hand cleaner — Garth
Meguier's Polish samples — Freebies for any takers....

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.



PCNC Board Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2012

The elected and a few appointed officers of the PCNC Board met prior to the monthly chapter meeting to discuss various issues. Four elected and two appointed members were present.

The first item was approval of the previous Board meeting minutes. Since the July Board meeting failed to have enough members to provide a quorum the previous board meeting was on May 31, 2012. The minutes were approved as written.

The next item on the agenda was whether the added funds for purchasing items for the Christmas party raffle had been received by Kevin. Tom advised that the check had been sent and that Kevin had notified him that it had been received.

The question of who would be taking over as events coordinator was quickly resolved when Diane informed us that John Colombero had discussed it with her and he was sure that he would be able to continue on for next year.

We discussed the motorsports coordinator position and whether it was still a viable position. The perception is that Larry Finch does not desire to push for any other motorsports events than the fun rally track event and the Monterey historics corral. Mike Drew had emailed a suggestion that we move the name badge duties from Lori and include them as part of the membership coordinator's duties. Lori would then be willing to take on the position of motorsports coordinator and leave Larry as the event sponsor for the events he wants to do. Greg agreed to the ownership of name badges and it was noted that we need to get confirmation from Lori that she is willing to take on the responsibilities of motorsports coordinator.

This will require a revision to the PCNC bylaws and Officer's Handbook.

Ron noted that he had tried to get our waiter, Tony's , boss to let him off work so he and his wife could attend the Christmas Party as guests of PCNC in appreciation for how well he has served at our meetings through the years. Since this appears to not be possible Ron moved that the club purchase a jacket from the club store and present it to him. This was approved and the jacket purchased and given to Diane to present. If things change and he is able to attend the party the jacket will not be given.

Mark arrived late but just in time for a discussion of the PCNC website. There have been comments throughout the year that the site is not user friendly but no details or specifics that can be addressed. Mark has given the access codes to someone that Greg has asked to look into the site and make any comments on what might be changed to make the site more attractive to users. It was decided to ask the membership at the general meeting to pass on their desires of what the site should be so that we will have a basis to start making any changes needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

All-Italian Car and Motorcycle Show

Story by Steven Dalcino

Photos by Mike Drew and Matt Kelleher

I look forward to Columbus Day weekend each year because it signals the Alameda Special Olympics' "All Italian Car and Motorcycle Show," sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Association of California. This year the event was on Sunday, October 7, at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda.

The day began for Merry and me with a PCNC breakfast rendezvous at Elio's in San Leandro with Lori Albino, Mike Drew, Steve and Linda Liebenow, Kevin Abbey and his mom Angie. After a leisurely breakfast we took the scenic route to Alameda: down Doolittle Drive, past the old Oakland Airport (of Amelia Earhart fame) along San Leandro Bay past Otis Spunkmeyer Field, Bay Farm Island, and the Aeolian Yacht Club to Lincoln Middle School, which is on the southern tip of Alameda Island. A fence separates the cars from San Leandro Bay.

The Alfa Club arranges the cars in concentric circles in the order they arrive, so the cars of any specific marque may be scattered over an area of several acres. You park next to who knows what. The homogeneous atmosphere



Matthew Kelleher

Matt Kelleher and his beautifully restored Alfa Romeo GTV

relaxes the "marque specific" intensity that you sometimes see at other shows. You get to know other marques and the people who own them. For some reason, this show draws more gear-heads like us rather than investors who hire their work done (I really like these people). I learned that those "cheap, poor quality, outsourced parts" that De Tomaso used to "nickel and dime" our

cars are the very same, very expensive, very high quality, outsourced parts (right down to the part numbers) that Ferrari and Maserati used on their cars. In some cases, De Tomaso engineering makes Ferrari engineering look rather shabby (308 fans and radiators or 365 GTB/4 headlight mechanisms, for example).

As you might expect (since the



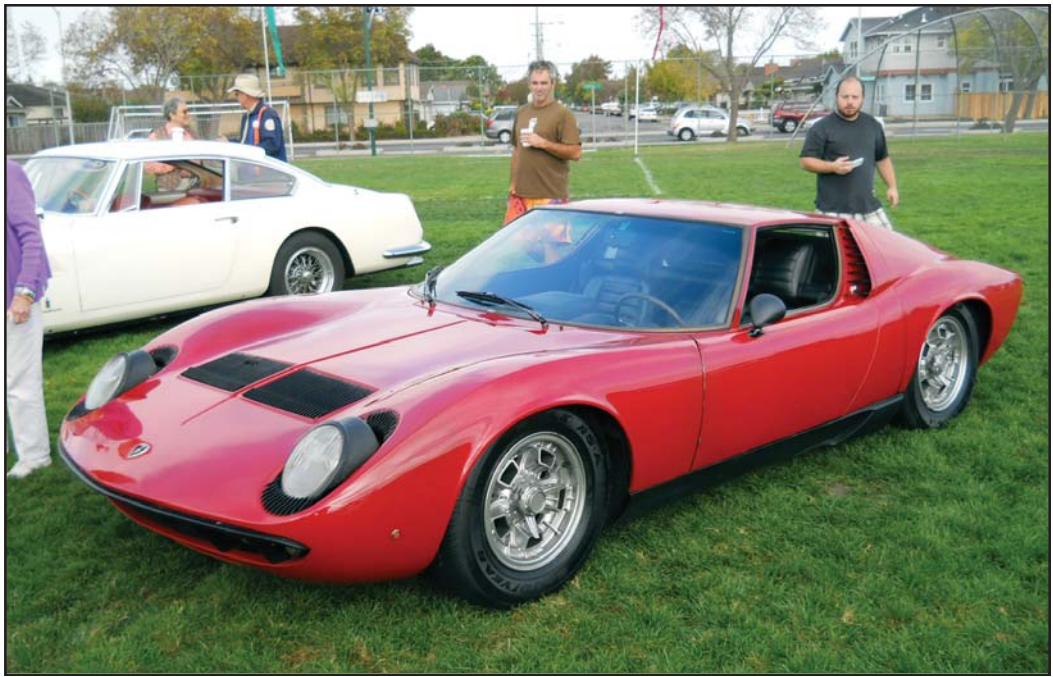
Mike Drew

The De Tomasos of Steve and Merry Dalcino, Lori Albino, Steve and Linda Liebenow, and Kevin and Valerie Abbey

Alfa Club sponsored this event) over 40% of the 138 cars and 32 motorcycles present were Alfa Romeos. There were 28 Fiats, seven pre-Fiat Ferraris, five post-Fiat Ferraris and Dinos, eight Maseratis from the 1950's to the present, a spattering of Abarths, Isos, Lamborghinis, Lancias, and even a Moretti. De Tomaso was well represented with ten cars. They were the Mangustas of Tom Galli and Steve and Linda Liebenow, the Panteras of Doug

Abadie, Kevin Abbey, Lori Albino, Garry and Sue Choate, Steve and Merry Dalcino, Guy Dellavecchia, Bud Millard, and the non-PCNC Pantera of Carl Schackelford. Barry Hosier was there with his mom, but sadly without his Pantera. Matt Kelleher drove his freshly restored Alfa Romeo GTV, but he had to leave early because he had tickets for *both* the Giants and the 49ers games!

I have a soft spot in my heart for Alfas, so I was in hog heaven walking through the field. The one car that stopped me in my shoes was a 1967



Matthew Kelleher

A beautiful driver Lamborghini LP400 Miura, shared with love and regularly driven by the widow and daughters of the original owner

Lamborghini Miura P400. This was a high-dollar car in 1967, and it is a very high dollar car now. While many of these cars have been restored and restored again and are never driven, this one has been used properly since new—the



Matthew Kelleher

Another example of Tom Tjaarda design on display was this Ferrari 330 GT 2+2 Pininfarina Series 1 from 1964



Mike Drew

Doug Abadie proudly showed off his aluminum Donovan Chevy-powered Pantera; he had a fantastic photo board to fill in when he wasn't around to describe it himself



Mike Drew



Mike Drew

This show draws incredibly rare cars, such as this Lancia Flaminia Sport Zagato 2.5 Second Series



Mike Drew

Another rarely seen car was Guy Dellavecchia's fantastic 1974 Pantera L

owner loved it and drove it all the time. The body has never been restored, although the engine has recently been completely overhauled. Sadly, the owner passed away, leaving the car to his wife and daughters, but rather than selling it, they decided to keep it, and each of them takes turns driving it today. It is therefore blessed with a terrific history, and the patina that comes with years of faithful service, in the hands of sympathetic owners who see a sports car for what it should be.

The Alfa people served coffee, soft drinks and donuts all day, and a nice

lunch of green salad, two pastas, grilled meats, rolls, and desserts at noon. There was a raffle with some big-buck prizes at 2:00 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics. C. Obert & Company was there with their parts truck. Chris specializes in Fiat and Alfa parts, but since many Italian OEM parts are outsourced and generic, he has stuff for everyone.

After an enjoyable day of meeting new people and hearing new car stories, we packed it in at 3:00 p.m. Most of the PCNC people caravanned back to our home in Pleasanton, where we

were joined by Russ and Doris Britschgi, Jim and Emilia Seiferling, and several other friends. Merry had a wonderful array of *hors d'oeuvres* and beverages waiting. We told everyone who RSVP'd not to bring anything: "All the food and drinks were prepared and waiting. Nothing was needed. It's too hard to travel in a De Tomaso with food." Merry and I overlooked the fact that this was PCNC. *Everybody* brought something. From premium wines to desserts and flowers, our guests filled the tables with goodies. We ate and talked on the patio until the sun went down, then we lit the fire pit, roasted marshmallows, and talked for several hours more.

The highlight of the day was the fact that "Guido" (Lori's Pantera) made his first appearance since last year's Alameda show, and performed flawlessly all day. It was also great seeing Guy Dellavecchia's Pantera back on the road again, after having been parked for far too long.

The low point of the day was something that sounded like a failed lifter in Tom's motor. Thankfully, Tom found that one lifter was simply stuck, and the repair was easy.

Mark your 2013 calendar to attend this event next year on October 13, and help support the Alameda Special Olympics while having a great time with some very nice people.



Mike Drew

The show was capped off with a fine after-party at the Dalcino's lovely home

Super Bowl Party, BBQ and Chili Feed

When: Sunday, 3 February
2:00 p.m. to ??????

Where: Brent and Bev Stewart
7232 Glenview Drive
San Jose, CA 95120
(408) 927-9272

Bring: Drinks, a side dish to share.



The game starts late in the afternoon, but guests are welcome to come early. We may have a friendly wagering session, so come early to get your favorite spots in the pool!



There will be several different types of chili available. Please bring a side dish to share, and bring your own drinks.

The BBQ grill will be ready if you want to grill your own meat.

There will be reserved parking available for those who bring their Panteras!





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NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY, January 31, 2012
8:00 P.M.

COCO'S RESTAURANT
1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CA
(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 3 ----- PCNC Super Bowl Party (Brent Stewart)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH