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## Minutes of Meeting 20 Nov, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president at 8:03. All officers were present except for Bob Benson, Denny Morse and Russ Britschgi. Darryl announced that Russ abruptly resigned from both POCA and PCNC, for reasons he wishes to keep to himself. It is an unfortunate decision, and he and Doris will both be much-missed, but his reasons are his own, and Darryl asked that we respect their privacy in this matter. Greg made a statement sharing how much the board and members of the club appreciate all the work that Russ and Doris have done for the club over their 29 years of membership.

There were 21 members present, and no De Tomaso cars in the parking lot due to the dire weather.

**New Members/Guests:** There were no new faces in the crowd. Mark and Linda Bailey (new club members) were scheduled to be present, but presumably the bad weather kept them away.

**Changes to Last Month's Minutes:** There were no changes noted.

**Club Treasury Report:** Tom said there was little activity this month; we did receive our third quarter payment from POCA, and are still in the black, with the treasury balance growing slowly.

Darryl mentioned that Tom has taken us from a simple checkbook to a comprehensive and simple-to-maintain accounting system that will make the treasurer's job much easier, and keep the club in compliance with state regulations.

**Club Membership Report:** There were no new members this month.

**Club Store Report:** Bud brought a few items for sale, including mugs, sweatshirts and jackets in anticipation of the coming winter.

Since no new volunteer has stepped forward to take over the store, after a search for more than one year, the decision has been made to put the store into a state of suspended animation. We will take a complete inventory of all merchandise on-hand, and assets in the store checking account, to meet state board of equalization requirements for compliance for our resale license. In a statement, Russ issued kudos to Bud for all the work he had put into managing the store. We hate to see the store go dormant, but we really need somebody else to step up to manage it, as Bud transitions to his new role as Events Coordinator.

**Club Library Report:** A listing of the entire contents of the club store can be found on the PCNC website. We also have information on technical matters, old technical articles from the 1970s, featuring forgotten solutions to problems, and more are being added to the website routinely. In terms of hard copy, in the past 2-3 years, Bud is the only person who has actually checked anything out, and yes, he returned it!

**Club Motorsports Report:** Brent Stewart said that while it's not terribly relevant to most of us, it was worth noting that the super-fast Texas World Speedway track would be closing next year, and the POCA Fun Rally track event will be the last opportunity for club members to run at elevated speeds (the faster track-oriented Panteras will see 170+ mph on the front straight). Brent is struggling with the logistics necessary to get his car out there; shipping costs would be in excess of \$1800 each way, and driving would have its own set of expenses including gas, hotels, and time off from work.

### **Past Events:**

**Mini-Tech Session:** Garry and Sue Choate were kind enough to host a small tech session to help a Capitol Panteras club member, Duane Harlan, whose Pantera is painfully stock. Boasting only 14,000 miles, the only modification it has is a new radiator; all the original smog equipment is even in place. It suffered from a blown-out steering rack, a stuck thermostat, and poor brakes which were determined to be caused by the original (!) brake fluid in the lines. Three of the four lines were completely plugged and allowed no braking action!

The Drews and Dalcinos were present to help with the various jobs. While the rack rebuild went like clockwork, and the thermostat swap and subsequent coolant refill/bleed were similarly smooth, the brakes proved problematic, as the original rubber hoses were seriously perished. A

one-hour attempt to (temporarily) un-plug one line with a piece of wire just so the car could be limped home, met with abject failure as the brake line was internally compromised, and during bleeding, subsequently swelled up and looked like a snake that had eaten a goat! The car had to remain in place while new brake lines were ordered; they were installed and the car was driven home a couple of days later.

It's worth noting that at the start of the day, the owner was fixing the car with the intent of selling it, but he had so much fun with it and it drove so much better after the work was performed that he has since decided to keep it! He has only driven the car 1000 miles or so in the ten years he has owned it, but has pledged to use it properly now!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**June In January Party — 17 January:** Todd Glycer and Renee are hosting a party at their stunning home in Soquel (just south of Santa Cruz), with a summertime theme. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and please RSVP!

**PCNC Super Bowl Party — 1 February:** Bob Benson has agreed to host our traditional Super Bowl party at his workshop in Campbell. A minor sticking point is that he currently doesn't have TV reception, which would make watching the game problematic at best! Brent said he is 'relatively confident' the issue will be resolved before the big day. Steve Liebenow had some insights and will assist with technical matters. We are still two months away so there is plenty of time to get it sorted.

Watch for a flyer in next month's newsletter.

**Hearst Castle Tour — 28-29 March:** A long-anticipated weekend outing to Hearst Castle is now coming together. We will rendezvous at the Del Mar shopping center in Aptos, with a second rendezvous spot further down the coast, then will remain overnight in San Simeon. After



an early dinner, at 7:00 p.m. we will enjoy a rare nighttime tour of the fascinating home and stately grounds. This represents a unique opportunity and enables us to see much more than the daytime tours offer. The cost will be \$36 per person. Accomodations are still being lined up. Look for a flyer in next month's newsletter.

**Candy Store Tour — Date TBA:** Bud is still working on a date for a tour of an exclusive car collection at a large home in the Woodside area, followed by a tour of the Candy Store car collection in Burlingame. Stay tuned!

**Monterey Weekend:** After some dissatisfaction with the scheme used to distribute rooms this year, Steve Dalcino said that all reservations for our 17 rooms will be taken by snail-mail only, and only requests postmarked on or after 2 February will be considered. Steve is still working on an algorithm to distribute the rooms fairly. Although his plan is to give priority to those people who stayed with us this year, he is seeking inputs from people for alternate schemes in face there are more requests for reservations than rooms available.

### **Club Business:**

**501(c)7 Update:** The board had to consider the unlikely scenario of PCNC dissolving, and how the club's assets were to be distributed. It was decided that all assets would be turned over to POCA, including the contents of the treasury and club store. While there is no danger of this situation coming to pass, the state required us to formulate a plan for this doomsday scenario..

**Stepping Forward:** Greg Taylor made a statement and said that he would like to ask everyone to think hard about the future of the club, and put their name forth as a potential candidate for club office. Darryl, as head of the nominating committee, said that the committee ran into terrible apathy among club members, with nobody wanting to step forward to help manage the club. At the time of the meeting, we were in need of nominees for president, although single candidates had volunteered for the treasurer and membership chairman jobs.

We are the largest, most active chapter in POCA and thus should have the deepest talent pool. We are reaching a point where the club's older members are stepping back after years of service. The club really needs the younger generation to step forward and take on the leadership roles if the club is to continue to prosper.

Traditionally the club election takes place at the November meeting, but due to a lack of candidates, it had to be postponed. Ballots will be distributed via e-mail and the new board members will be announced at the January meeting.

**2015 Budget:** The first item of business for the 2015 board should be establishing a budget. Russ created a draft which will need to be refined and adjusted as necessary. To do so, he took a look back at our income and expenses for the past four years, then based on those figures, projected the same for 2015, divided into quarters. The general premise is that we can't know where we're going if we don't know where we've been. The proposed budget contains economic targets and guidelines for the future.

### **Buy/Sell/Swap:**

**PCNC Calendars Are Here!:** Mike announced that the 2015 De Tomaso calendar is now available for purchase from Zazzle.com. Simply go to the PCNC website where you will find a

direct link to our store presence at Zazzle.com. Calendars are available in three sizes, and all profits go directly to the club. While the full retail price is rather expensive, there is always some sort of discount code listed at the top of the calendar page, and applying that code reduces the cost considerably (unfortunately it also reduces our profits).



Note that Zazzle's description of the size of the calendars is somewhat misleading; their "11x17" calendar is in fact only 8.5 x 11 inches in size; it measures 11x17 when it is opened up to display both pages, but who would presume that? The largest size is naturally the most desirable choice.

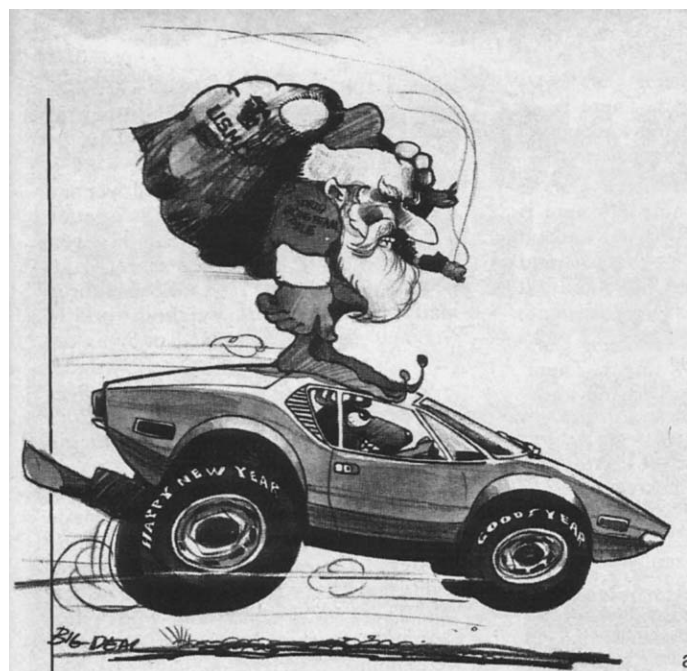
### **News, Clues and Rumors:**

**Small World Department:** Brent and Bev Stewart went for a romantic getaway at Sutter Creek; while there, they met a couple and started chatting, and naturally talk eventually was steered towards Panteras. They learned that this couple used to work with a fellow PCNC member—the somewhat famous Jay Leone!

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

- 1910 Blitzen Benz print 1910 — Diane Silven
- Vanderbilt Cup Locomobile print — Diane Silven
- AFR T-shirt/hat — Steve Dalcino
- 50-piece tool bag set — Lori Drew
- Dash dust mop — Darryl Johnson
- Detailing kit — Brian Bernard
- Man cave snacks/mug — Kevin Abbey
- Revving V8 alarm clock — Diane Dean
- Vallelunga trading card — ?
- Pantera trading card — Brett Santos

The meeting adjourned at 9:20; most post-meeting chatter took place indoors due to the weather outside.



# Trans-Sierra Tour

*Story by Sue Choate*

*Photos by Mike Drew and Doris Britschgi*

Our Trans-Sierra Tour journey began early Friday morning with Russ and Doris leading the pack. As the drive proceeded eastward, more club members joined in. By the time we reached our luncheon meeting site at Mel and Faye's Diner in Jackson, California, we were 20 members strong in quite a variety of vehicles: Russ and Doris Britschgi — Porsche Cayenne, Tom Galli and Diane Dean — VW GTI, Forrest and Judy Goodhart — Pantera, Bob and Dena Lucas — Toyota Camry, Steve and Merry Dalcino — Pantera, Greg Taylor and Diane Silven — '62 Pontiac Catalina convertible, Ken and Darlene Levin — Mustang, Garry and Sue Choate — Pantera, Steve and Linda Liebenow — Mangusta, and Gary and Mary Ann Kono — Subaru WRX.

After an enjoyable lunch, Russ handed out a quiz consisting of questions based on road and business signs along the remainder of our route. The pressure was on when we learned that prizes would be awarded for the most

correct answers.

As we drove toward our destination in our Pantera, we were busy filling in the blanks of the quiz and enjoying the mountains and beautiful fall foliage just beginning to turn bright colors of yellow, red and orange.

Next thing we knew, we were pulling into our home away from home for the next few days, 1862 David Walley's Hot Springs Resort and Spa near Genoa, Nevada, in the beautiful Carson Valley and only 20 minutes away from Lake Tahoe.

After checking in, we all headed to Russ and Doris' room for the Post Arrival Party, eager to collect our prizes for the best filled out quiz. Quiz win-

ners: 1st place — Ken and Darlene Levin won some Mother's Showtime Instant Detailer with Microfiber towels since they "cleaned up so well in the quiz". Last place — Bob and Dena Lucas won some ArmorAll Glass Wipes so they can see the signs better next time.



*The event began with Russ Britschgi passing out a quiz, whose answers would be derived by paying careful attention during the upcoming drive*



*Fall driving in the Sierra Nevada mountains offers a mix of great weather, terrific roads, and spectacular scenery*



*Larry Stock (here with Steve Dalcino) made a rare appearance, driving his '67 Mustang convertible*



*The Fertittas wisely made sure that there were adequate comfort facilities at each one of our stops!*

Greg Taylor and Diane Silven won a prize for covering the most miles (greatest odometer error!). They won a black and gold coffee mug so they can drink more coffee to stay awake on long drives. The quiz was great fun, and

thanks to Russ, we now know where Tragedy Springs Road is and that Jack and Connie own Cooks Station, which may prove to be good trivia information to know should any of us ever appear on Jeopardy.

Russ and Doris had a nice spread of snacks and sodas. We all enjoyed talking about the quiz, the drive, and of course cars, and everything in between. Our hosts for the second day, Michael and Roxanne Fertitta, talked about the Saturday drive and passed out gift bags with everything Nevada related for the California visitors: maps, travel brochures, a commemorative ornament, Nevada gold coin, Nevada shaped note pad, and a pen with a light.

Soon it was time to walk down to Walley's 1862 Restaurant and Saloon for dinner. Dinner choices were steak, salmon or pasta. We had a delicious dinner and pleasant conversation with our tablemates.

On the way back to our room around 9:30 p.m., we found Mike and Lori Drew just checking in after spending many hours at home working on brakes and changing a master cylinder on Mike's Pantera.

Saturday morning began with breakfast at Harriet's Café, followed by a 9 a.m. drivers' meeting with Michael Fertitta handing out the route instructions for the day. After picking up our



*Surprisingly there was virtually no traffic and we had parking lots all to ourselves. Here the Pantera of Jim and Barbara Murch anchors the group*



*The hotel provided us excellent box lunches for our picnic in Sugar Pine Point State Park*



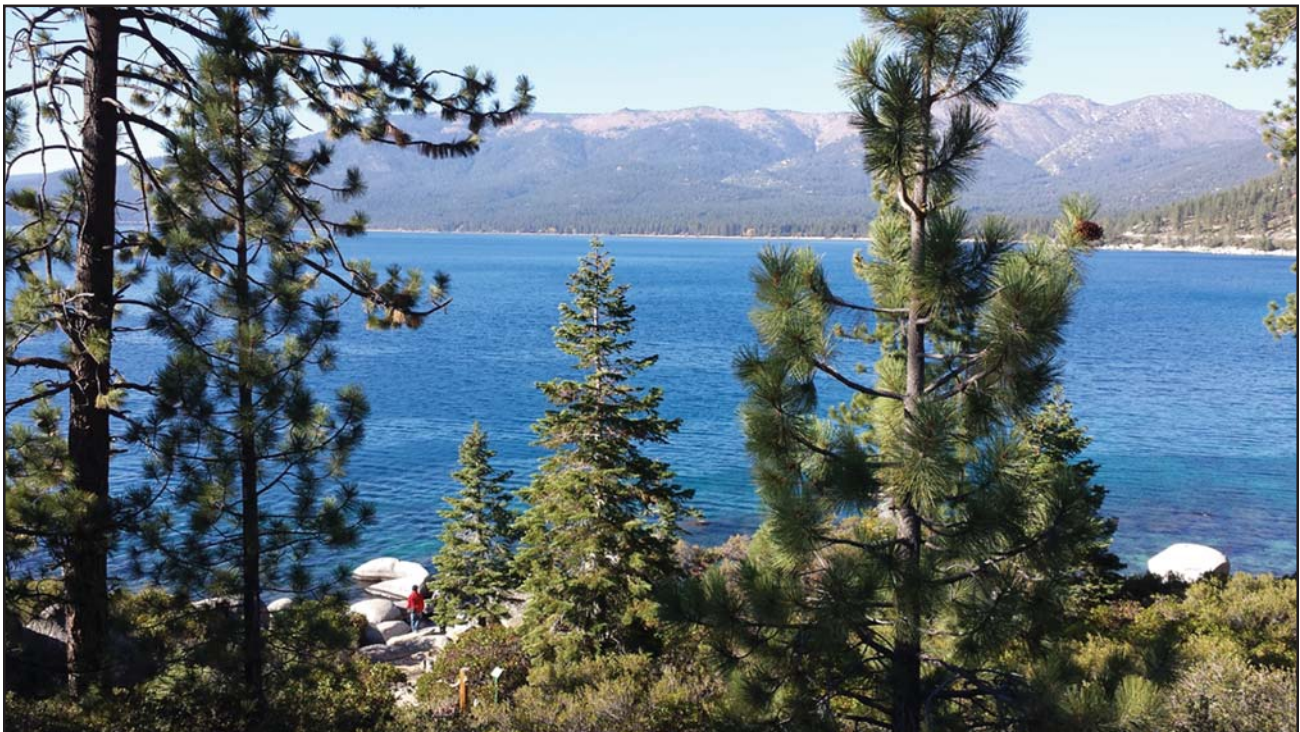
*Although much of the foliage is evergreen, there were still plenty of fall colors on display to make the drive even more enjoyable*

box lunches, we headed for our cars, ready to begin the day's tour. With bright sunshine and temperatures in the 70's, we could not have asked for a

more perfect day.

Michael and Roxanne, leading the way in their Mini Cooper, took us on a beautiful twisting, turning road up to

Blue Lake. After a brief stop at Blue Lake, we headed for our next scenic stop at Lake Tahoe's Emerald Bay. As we drove toward the Emerald Bay park-



*Lake Tahoe provides some of the most scenic vistas in North America. What better way to see it than through the windows of a Pantera?*



ing lot, it became clear that we would not find any parking for the 15 cars in our caravan due to a huge weekend crowd already in the area, so we cruised on past and headed for our next planned stop for lunch.

Sugar Pine Point State Park was a lovely picnic area surrounded by many tall pine trees. We parked and headed for the picnic tables to eat our box lunches. After lunch we continued on our drive around Lake Tahoe to Memorial Point on the Nevada side of the Lake. One thing we all agreed on is that we appreciated Michael and Roxanne making sure there were restrooms at all of our scenic stops.

Our drive ended by heading over Hwy 50 into the Carson Valley to the home of Michael and Roxanne for a fabulous BBQ. The Fertittas were the perfect hosts—they were a blur of motion, constantly running to ensure everyone's needs were being met. Then, after dark, we enjoyed stargazing in the backyard of Denny and Bonita Morse (whose house is coincidentally located right behind the



*Michael and Roxanne Fertitta did a terrific job organizing the tour—as usual!*

Fertitta's home) with the help of some really nice telescopes and astronomical expertise provided by Denny Morse and Jim Murch. It was a great way to close a perfect day.

Others who attended various parts of the weekend activities were Mike and Nancy Haney, Denny and Bonita Morse, Jack and Judy DeRyke, Jim and Barbara Murch — Pantera, Larry Stock — Mustang convertible, new PCNC members Bill and Valerie Block —

Pantera, Jerry Brubaker — Pantera, Duane and Darice Harlan — Mercedes AMG convertible, and Brad and Donna Winter — Mini.

Sunday morning included breakfast, checking out, and heading for home. It was a wonderful weekend with great friends, beautiful cars and perfect weather. Thank you Michael and Roxanne, Russ and Doris, and everyone else who helped with the weekend's events. Until next time...



*The Fertittas worked tirelessly to put on an absolutely fantastic spread including delicious grilled steaks*

January 17, 2015

P.C.N.C. Presents:

# JUNE IN JANUARY

If the force is with us, we'll have a summer day!

*Barbeque!*

*Tech Session!*

*Party!*

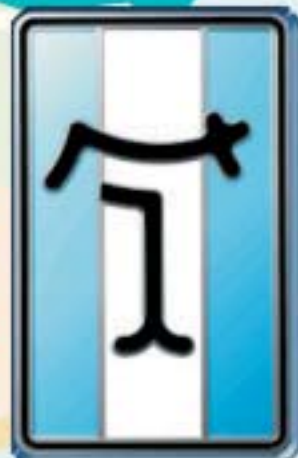
*Big Screen Racing Videos!*

Two lifts will be available for those who want to see the bottoms of their cars!

*Spend time with your old friends  
AND make some new ones!*

**Bring whatever meat you want to barbeque  
& a side dish to share. 10am 'til whenever!**

RSVP: [rjlkini@att.net](mailto:rjlkini@att.net)  
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# Super Bowl Party, Tech Session, BBQ and Chili Feed

**When:** Sunday, 1 February  
10:00 a.m. to ??????

**Where:** Bob Benson's shop  
442 Industrial Way  
Campbell, CA  
(408) 209-7677

**Bring:** Drinks, a side dish to share.



The game starts late in the afternoon, but guests are welcome to come early to work on Panteras.

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 29th, 2014  
 8:00 P.M.**

**COCO'S RESTAURANT  
 1209 OAKMEAD PARKWAY  
 SUNNYVALE, CA**

**(Take Lawrence Expressway South Exit off Highway 101)**

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

January 17 ————— June in January Party (Todd Glycer)

February 1 ————— Super Bowl Party (Bob Benson)

March 28-29 ————— Hearst Castle Tour (Bud Millard)

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