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## Minutes of Meeting 29 October, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. All officers were present except for Bob Benson, Brent Stewart and Denny Morse. There were 22 members in the room and three De Tomaso cars in the parking lot.

The first topic of discussion was the health scare faced by Brent Stewart. He suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital just a few days prior to the meeting; a host of complications arose from that and at the time of the meeting, he was completely sedated in the intensive care unit, awaiting a surgical procedure, and his condition was very grave indeed. (He has subsequently made it past the major hurdles, although he has a long recovery ahead of him). A get-well card was circulated among the group.

**New Members/Guests:** The club welcomed **Joel Colombero**, John's son. As a Lt Col in the US Marine Corps, he has had the opportunity to travel to all the garden spots (Afghanistan, Iraq etc.) but is currently based in Germany, and was in town for a visit with his folks.

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

**Club Treasury Report:** There has been little activity this month, with small charges for the production and mailing of name badges, and income in the form of POCA reimbursements. Overall, the treasury remains healthy and is growing slightly.

**Club Store Report:** Irene and Marcus Smith drove down off the mountain and brought tons of new merchandise with them! They have designed new logos, and had T-shirts for men and women, sweatshirts, and many baseball caps. She also had some Airwick polo shirts, which are much better quality (and thus more expensive) than those one usually finds—but they're worth it! She told her producer, "My club likes *nice* things!"

Some of the shirts were printed with a large logo on the front, while others had a small logo on the breast and a large logo on the back. The shirts and hats were available with different colored Panteras. She also had wine bags, tote bags, and a number of other items. She has lots of ideas but is soliciting input from the membership. She passed around two sheets; one was for suggestions and one was for specific orders.



Bud Millard recommended putting photos of these new items on the club website and Facebook page to reach a broader clientele.

Also, Ron Southern found a vendor at Sears Point selling enameled pins, and key fobs, and brought representative examples along with contact info to share with Irene.

After the meeting, she did land-office business as people literally lined up to buy new goods!

**Club Membership Report:** The PCNC Facebook page is now up and running and has 129 'likes', almost all from people outside of PCNC. (If you don't know what that means, it means that you're old...). There is a direct link on the PCNC website, where you can click to view the latest photos that have been uploaded. If you have photos you would like to contribute, send them directly to Lori. Our Facebook page is rather quiet in comparison with those of some other chapters, but we are hoping it takes off soon.

A new club roster will be coming out in January. Please check your information in the 2015 roster, and if there are any corrections/changes to be made, contact Lori. She will be reviewing it and contacting any members whose current information is incomplete in some manner, as she is hoping to make the 2016 edition as perfect as possible.

**Club Website Report:** The latest newsletter was uploaded, along with a link to our new

Facebook page, and the Christmas party flyer. Denny had some difficulty with one page of the newsletter not appearing correctly, so Forest took a poll, and found that everyone else was able to view it with no difficulties. It's likely that there is some sort of software mismatch between Denny's cutting-edge Mac and Mike's steam-powered version. Together they are working to resolve any difficulties. If you have any problems viewing one or more pages in this newsletter, please let Mike know and describe your computer, operating system and the program you're using to view the newsletter.

**Club Library Report:** Forest said there were no changes to the library.

### **Past Events:**

**Ironstone Concours:** PCNC once again strongly supported this concours, enough so that we had our own De Tomaso class. The weekend was extremely well-coordinated despite the fact that several people had taken responsibility for different aspects of the weekend. We enjoyed great weather along with a great turnout of members and cars. Bud Millard drew some chuckles for getting lost enroute to the Farmington rendezvous on the way up. Dennis and Liz Valdez won the trophy for best in class. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Vandenberg AFB Car Show:** Several PCNC members drove south and joined local POCA members as well as some who drove up from the Los Angeles area, for a car show held on the grounds of the Air Force base in Lompoc. This is an annual show but this is the first time that PCNC members participated. There were about 200 cars, mostly exotics. The show was on Saturday, but those who were fortunate enough to show up on Friday were afforded a high-speed tour of the base, at velocities that were perfectly appropriate for the conditions (long, perfect roads absolutely devoid of traffic). An article will appear in the next issue.

**Concours At Serrano:** This terrific car show on the outskirts of Sacramento also had a De Tomaso class (actually two classes, for stock and modified cars). 13 Panteras were on display from both PCNC and Capitol Panteras. The organizers of the show did a fabulous job and spared no expense, with vendors galore, and a free spectator parking lot shuttle in the form of brand new Maseratis! Next year De Tomaso is the featured marque and it's hoped we have a strong showing.

There will be an article in next month's newsletter.

**All-Italian Car Show In Alameda:** Several PCNC members attended this show, including Doug Abadie on his Ducati. There were five Panteras, plus the Seiferlings in their Fiat Abarth. Last year the event organizers accidentally omitted the De Tomaso logo from the event T-shirt, and Merry Dalcino gave them some static about it, so this year the shirt featured a Group 4 race Pantera on the front, surrounded by all the other marque logos.

Watch for an article in a future newsletter.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**PCNC Monthly Meeting — 19 November (One Week Early!):** Due to the conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday, the monthly meeting will be held one week earlier than normal at the same time and location.

**Carlton Plaza Car Show — 21 November:** With the help of John Colombero, the Carlton Plaza Senior Living Center in San Jose will be holding their first annual car show. There will be prizes awarded as well as free lunch for all entrants in the car show. Space is limited so please RSVP before 17 November if possible, by calling the front desk at (408) 972-1400. Give them your name and phone, and your car's make and model. All types of classic cars and motorcycles are welcome, so feel free to spread the word to friends and family.

Vehicles are expected to arrive by 9:00 a.m. and the show will start at 10:00 a.m. The address is: 380 Branham Lane, San Jose CA 95136.

**PCNC Christmas Party — 4 December:** Dennis and Liz Valdez have done a terrific job stepping up to the plate to organize the Christmas party, which will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in San Mateo (same place as last year). 15 rooms have been blocked off for us; to get the group rate make sure you mention PCNC. The deadline for getting the room discount is November 20th. The cost for the dinner is \$60 each, and there will be a no-host bar. You can either pay by mailing a check to Dennis, or pay online via credit card. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, and the information is also located on the club website.

**In The Works:** Bud is trying to make contact with Larry Carter to arrange for a tour sometime next year.

### **Club Business:**

**Officer Elections:** The club nominating committee (Darryl Johnson, Steve Dalcino, and Randy and Linda Welch) has been soliciting people to run for office; a ballot will be sent to each club member in a separate e-mail. All incumbents are seeking to retain their offices, and so far nobody else has volunteered to serve.

Greg Taylor took the opportunity to encourage people to step up and participate in the club, in one manner or another. If not holding an office, then by helping to stage event, in the hopes of making the club as strong as it has been in the past.

In the spirit of 'stepping up', Garth Rodericks volunteered to take on the Christmas Party raffle responsibilities from the ailing Brent Stewart.

**501(c)7 Filing:** Our long-term project to get blessed by the IRS suffered a minor setback when the application form was rejected by the IRS. Actually, a very friendly and helpful IRS employee phoned Forest to tell him the application was being returned for a bit more information. He received the form, added the requisite information, signed and dated it and sent it back. It was then returned by the post office because when he printed the address on the envelope using his computer, he failed to notice it was so long that the state and zip code line fell off the bottom and weren't printed!

It has since been submitted and (presumably) accepted.

**Job Descriptions:** Bud Millard took the opportunity to vent a bit of frustration at some unnamed club members who are complaining about various aspects of the administration of the club. He noted that the job descriptions for each office are clearly spelled out in the bylaws, and any *additional* work that may have been done by predecessors in various jobs was done of their own accord, and there should be no expectation that current officers should be compelled to follow suit. He asked that if anybody has an issue with how a particular officer is conducting the

affairs of his or her office, the way to resolve it is to simply contact the individual in question (contact info for all officers is on the front of this newsletter) and discuss it personally. Somebody else said, “Don’t be a hater.”

**Updating POCA Roster?:** Irene Smith noted that only the primary club member’s name appears in the POCA (not PCNC) roster, and she wonders why associate members aren’t afforded equal rights. Mike Drew pointed out that Lori is now listed as the primary member in their household and Mike as the associate, for this very reason. The POCA membership database has fixed fields and includes one for the associate member, but the roster only draws from some of the many fields, and it’s unknown if it can be modified. Lori will discuss it with Judy McCartney and see what can be done.

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

**Green LED Gauge Bulb Kit:** Garth Rodericks bought a bunch of green LED bulbs which are a direct replacement for the stock incandescent bulbs in the various instruments, and offered complete sets for \$15. The bulbs are plug-and-play, although it’s critical to ensure the polarity is correct. They do not dim with the stock dimmer (they are full bright all the time) but an engineer is working on an adapter to allow the dimmer to function.



**Header Coating Deal:** Jet-Hot is a well-known company that performs ceramic coating for exhaust headers, but they are quite proud of their efforts, and a set of headers can cost up to \$400 for their treatment. Sanderson Headers in South San Francisco has their own in-house coating department that does exactly the same process. Mike Drew showed off one of Lori’s headers, whose original paint failed in under 30 minutes of driving. Sanderson stripped and coated both headers for only \$170 (cash deal only). Garry Choate had his done by them a couple of years ago and they still look like new, after thousands of miles.



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

**Roger Sharp’s Pantera Heads Overseas:** Last year, Roger sold his Pantera to a fellow in Santa Rosa who calls himself ‘Mike the Snake’. He struggled to keep it running, as it had been poorly looked after in recent years and had some dubious mechanical issues. With Ron Southern’s help he got them resolved and got it running



again, but then he suddenly decided he wanted to learn to fly and own his own airplane (!) so he put the car up for sale. It has been sold to a buyer in Malaysia for \$69K.

It will be interesting to see if the check bounces after the car has set sail....

**Drive Of A Lifetime:** Mike Drew went to visit Fred Phillips, the noted De Tomaso collector living in Calgary. Besides his fleet of Panteras, Mangustas, Vallelungas and one-off De Tomaso prototypes, he has a fabulous collection of 130-140 cars. Sadly, he rarely drives them, but on this weekend, Mike convinced him to get some cars out and play with them.



Besides driving three Panteras and a Mangusta, they also decided to play with a 1953 Ghia Fiat 8V Supersonic, one of only 15 made, whose original owner was Lana Turner. A sister car sold in Monterey this year for almost \$2,000,000! Fred had owned his for about 16 years and in that time, he had only driven it for about one minute (when he first got it), and then it sat untouched until he started the engine up about five years ago and let it idle for awhile. Together they got the car started again, Fred drove it for less than a minute, then suddenly jumped out and told Mike he wanted him to drive it so he could view it from behind the wheel of another car! (A Siata 208S, as it turned out). They drove on abandoned country roads for about 30 minutes, and when they returned to the hangar, the Ghia's brakes locked on! The drive was therefore over, and after the brakes cooled and released, they carefully pushed it back into the garage.

Yes, Mike Drewsastered it!

**ZF Follies:** Mike then held up a ZF input shaft for some expensive show-and-tell. Lori's gearbox had just been rebuilt by Lloyd Butfoy. After reinstallation, it was even more difficult than before to get it into reverse (her car has always had challenges in this regard). Eventually it engaged, but afterwards it made an expensive-sounding 'thunka thunka' noise when backing up.



They pulled it out and sent it back down to Lloyd; when he opened it up, a tooth fell out of the bottom of the case. It turns out it had broken free from reverse gear, which is manufactured integral with the input shaft, and then it damaged first gear and the reverse slider gear. The parts tally was about \$3400, but Lloyd was extremely sympathetic and kindly re-built the gearbox with no labor charge.

While it was out, they examined the shift linkage and found numerous issues which created the problem; all of them have been resolved and the car should be back on the road again soon.

**Larry Finch Has A Bad Weekend:** Those who were in Monterey saw a sad sight, as Larry Finch's Pantera arrived at the hotel on a tow truck, with the front end comprehensively smashed. He ran wide in a tight corner on the G16 and hit a Subaru head-on. Thankfully the occupants of that car were unhurt; Larry had his racing harnesses on which minimized his injuries; he fractured his wrist and just got the cast off a few days before the meeting.



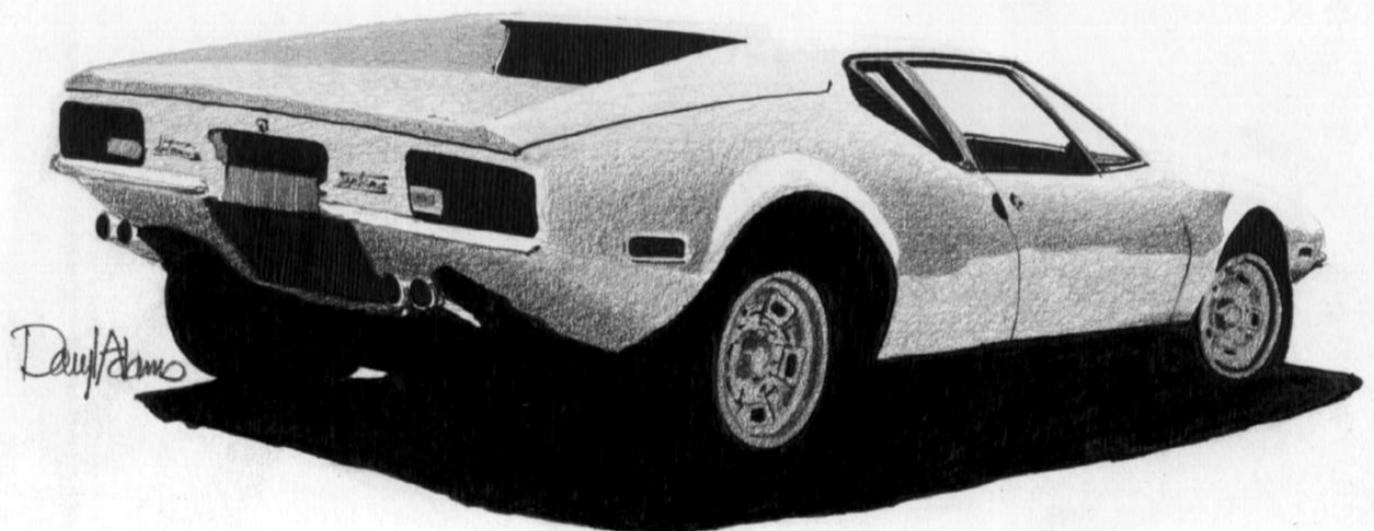
Although most who viewed the car presumed that it would be a total loss, close inspection revealed that while the sheetmetal is a mess, the structure of the car was untouched. He has an agreed value policy with State Farm

and they have been very supportive. His intention is to restore the car at all costs, and to that end, he located a stash of 40-year-old NOS sheetmetal (front valence, fenders, headlight bar etc. etc.) that has been for sale in Seattle for a long time for a *lot* of money. He was planning on driving up and buying it immediately after the meeting.

He is still looking for a shop that is capable of performing the repairs, and in the interim, is looking for a temporary 'driver' Pantera to hold him over until it's fixed.

**Raffle Results:** Due to Brent's illness, there was no raffle.

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 9:20 p.m.



# Board Meeting Minutes

## 29 October, 2015

The members of the PCNC board met briefly before the monthly club meeting to discuss a few issues. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

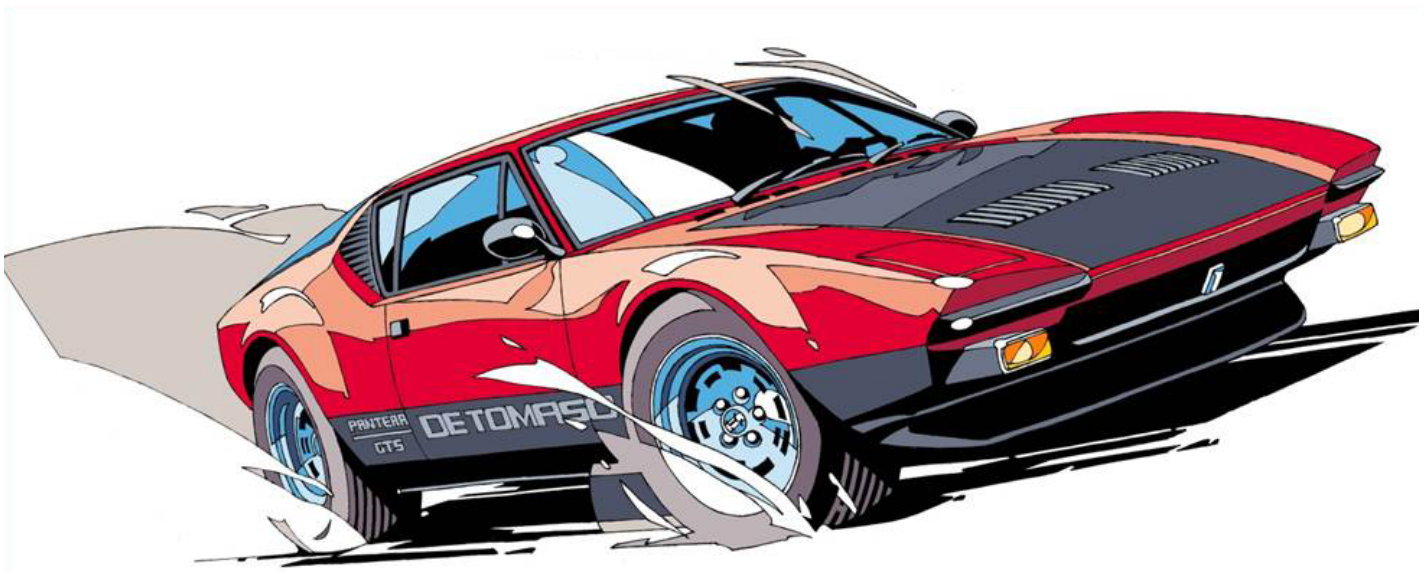
The first order of business was to address the situation regarding dues for Dual Members. PCNC requires membership in POCA in order to be a PCNC member, and most people designate PCNC as their chapter of choice. However, there are a few people who are formally aligned with other chapters but want to be members of PCNC also. Since POCA has historically issued a \$20 rebate to the chapter for each affiliated member, long ago the club decided that members of other chapters could also belong to PCNC if they paid that same amount directly to PCNC. The bylaws state that they can vote and perform in appointed offices, but can not run for the four elected offices.

In the past, this fee offset the printing and mailing costs of the newsletter, but now that the newsletter is sent electronically, those costs have been eliminated, and there was a proposal to do away with the charge. However, it was pointed out that the club incurs fixed costs which are underwritten by the membership rebate and Dual Member payments, so it was decided to retain the current policy and continue to charge Dual Members for the privilege of being PCNC members as well.

The newsletter can be downloaded for free from our website by anyone.

The second topic of discussion was the newsletter. Denny Morse has switched to the latest, greatest Mac computer running the most current software, and he had some difficulties with last month's issue, with some pages appearing garbled. It was decided to take a poll at the meeting to see if the problem was widespread, or isolated. Mike will also experiment with creating and compiling the PDF file in different ways in the hopes of effecting a solution.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.





# Membership News

## New Members for November:

The club is pleased to welcome **Matt and Claudia Villalobos** from Salinas. Matt found out about PCNC and attended our Los Laureles dinner, then visited both Forest Goodhart and Markus Woehler for some Pantera show-and-tell. He wasted no time, and a few weeks later bought a 1972 L-model #4722 from a local doctor, who had purchased it from a car lot in San Francisco 18 years prior. The car is very original, other than one repaint that has flat black from the body line down.

## October Membership Anniversaries:

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

**Erik Belter:** 23 years

**Keith and Cindy Gilmore:** 18 years

**Jason Eaton:** 16 years

**Robert and Theresa Jones:** 8 years

**Mike and Sue DeFazio:** 6 years

**Steve Solipasso:** 4 years

**Roger and Elana Thomas:** 22 years

**Todd Glycer and Renee LoVette:** 17 years

**Bob Benson:** 14 years

**John and Connie Hansen:** 7 years

**George Altamura:** 5 years

**Doug and Cathy Field:** 1 year

## Club Roster:

Now's your chance!!! Check your 2015 Club Roster to make sure all your information is listed correctly. If you would like any changes/updates/corrections, etc. please shoot me an email at [cloridrew@gmail.com](mailto:cloridrew@gmail.com) and I will get it fixed in time for the printing of our 2016 Club Roster, which will be soon!!

## PCNC Facebook Update:

We now have 139 'Likes' on our page, meaning 139 people from all over the world are checking us out! The most current posts include photos from the fantastic Dick DeLuna Toy Store and Candy Store event. Great job, Bud! If you are not a member of Facebook, you can go to [www.panteraclubnorcal.org](http://www.panteraclubnorcal.org) and click on the 'Facebook' link where anyone can see the latest photos of what PCNC has been up to.

If you have Pantera/DeTomaso photos of interest to the club and would like to share them, please send them to me in an email, ([cloridrew@gmail.com](mailto:cloridrew@gmail.com)), and I will post them on our PCNC Facebook page.

Don't forget to wear your name badge to the club meeting to get a free raffle ticket!

# *Panteras on the Prowl*

## Cars and Coffee Tour to Canepa Designs

*Story by Bud Millard*

*Photos by Bob Benson and Bud Millard*

Our recent trek to Canepa Designs was a real treat and a must for any car enthusiast! We met up in the parking lot of The Diner restaurant in Los Gatos at 7:30 a.m. and hopped right on to Highway 17, over the Santa Cruz mountains to Scotts Valley and the location of the Canepa Designs facility. Their parking lot was already starting to fill up as this is a very popular destination on Saturday mornings, so we were grateful we had a designated area where Gary Kono and Bob Benson were already waiting.

There was a coffee and donuts area set up for all the guests in the parking lot, which many of us didn't mind taking advantage of while admiring the many interesting cars even in the parking lot! We then made our way into the enormous building. We were pretty much left to wander this wonderland on our own, beginning with a spacious showroom of gorgeous cars for sale—bring a really fat wallet!



*PCNC had an impressive lineup of Panteras on display; the Canepa people were good enough to give us reserved, covered parking*

We then moved on to the restoration workshop, photo area and upstairs to the vintage race car museum. There are so many beautiful, amazing, famous, historical cars there that I couldn't pick out one special one or favorite one—there are just too many. Okay, maybe a Gulf Porsche 917 that I was told won every race it ever entered. Amazing! Those who had not been to Canepa's facility were in awe, and what's great is that it's constantly changing with cars coming and going,

so you can make it a regular stop on your way over the hill.

After about two hours we reluctantly left and went on to Bruno's BBQ Restaurant for lunch as an end to our day.

Thanks to those who attended: Gary Kono, Bob Benson, Forest and Judy Goodhart, Steve and Merry Dalcino, Lou and Karen Brizzolara, Brent Stewart, John Tomlin, Bud Millard, Todd Glycer, and to Tom Padula for stopping by.



*This Gulf Porsche 917 is for sale, and can be yours for a cool \$25 million!*



*This Sunoco Porsche 917/30 Can Am car boasts twin turbos and makes a shattering 1400 horsepower!*

# Ironstone Concours

*Story by Mike Drew*

*Photos by Garth Rodericks and Mike Drew*

Although California is famous for its wines, most of that notoriety is focused on the Napa and Sonoma valleys, the traditional home of the industry. However, in the past 20 years or so, there has been an explosion in wine production all throughout the state, to include the central valley and Sierra foothills.

In 1948, a fellow named John Kautz planted 12 acres of grapes in Lodi, to supply other vintners, and over the years his land holdings grew until he became one of the top ten suppliers of grapes to various wineries (including some in the aforementioned Napa and Sonoma valleys). In 1988, he and his wife decided to go into the winemaking business themselves, and soon after they got the idea to build a 'boutique' scenic winery on his wife's ranch homestead outside of Murphys. What became the Ironstone Winery has grown to become the state's largest winery entertainment center.

Besides having an amphitheater which plays hosts to numerous big-name musical acts throughout the year, Ironstone has also become the scene of a surprisingly good concours. There are a *lot* of truly special cars housed in northern California, to include numer-



*The first night saw 24 club members gathered for a terrific dinner*

ous former Pebble Beach entries, and the owners of those cars have seen fit to include Ironstone among the venues where they choose to show their cars.

Five or six years ago, under the leadership of Kevin Abbey, PCNC decided to participate in the show as well, and it has proven to be so popular among our members that the concours organizers have seen fit to create a special De Tomaso class.

For various reasons, schedule conflicts have prevented either me or Lori from attending until this year. With

both our Panteras temporarily laid up, there was no chance of us showing one of them, but we decided to drive up anyway and see what all the fuss was about.

A convoy of Panteras (plus a lone Mangusta) had formed in Foster City, and they gathered more cars in Farmington before arriving at Angels Camp for lunch at Rodz Grille, where they were joined by a contingent from the Sacramento valley. They then made their way to Murphys and checked in to the Murphys Suites hotel. Work commitments prevented us from join-

ing the convoy but we managed to pull into town just before dinner.

Randy and Linda Welch had arranged for a banquet room for our group at Grounds Restaurant in town. While some drove the short distance, most chose to walk as the weather was just perfect. Quite a few more people joined us, making for a group of 24 people.



*The pastoral grounds of the Ironstone Winery make a perfect setting for a concours*



*A panoramic view of the cozy, intimate De Tomaso area*

Dinner went long into the evening as the conversations flowed as freely as the wine. It's a good thing most of us walked instead of drove!

The next morning, we were awakened from a deep slumber to the sound of Panteras starting up in the parking lot. We cheerfully rolled over and went back to sleep for a few more hours, taking full advantage of the fact that we had no car to show and thus didn't need to be in position at the crack of dawn.

After a leisurely breakfast, we made our way to the show shortly after it opened at 10:00 a.m. We were amazed at the beautiful grounds. Rather than just a big empty field with a bunch of cars on it, Ironstone boasts several smaller meadows separated by clumps of natural (or at least natural-looking) forest.

The cars (over 350 of them!) were



*Nobody was having more fun than the vintage camper trailer folks. A dozen or so were gathered together in a corner of the facility, and they were all being towed by suitably vintage cars*

divided into a seemingly endless number of classes, and besides the tradi-

tional concours cars one would expect to see, there were fascinating displays



*Garth and Leslie Rodericks brought their fantastic 1972 Pantera, and unlike last year, this time they suffered no dramas on their drive up*

of things such as vintage camper trailers. Those exhibitors were particularly enthusiastic and pulled out all the stops, setting up a virtual campground and showing incredible hospitality to the concours spectators.

One of the featured marques this year was Tucker, and we were amazed to see three of them parked together on the grass. Considering how incredibly rare these cars are, seeing three at once is likely a once-in-a-lifetime proposition. Their innovative engineering



*The Tucker 48 was a cutting-edge design, easily ten or twenty years ahead of its time. Sadly the company was underfunded (and some say the victim of a conspiracy by the Big Three domestic automakers) and only 51 were built. The flat six engine was a modified Franklin air-cooled helicopter engine, converted to water cooling*



*The winery's caverns provided a pleasant respite from the summer heat*

*The De Tomaso crew staked out some turf under the trees and enjoyed a peaceful, restful afternoon there*

was fascinating to behold, and they had a steady crowd around them all day long, especially when one of the owners or caretakers opened up the hood to

display the rear-mounted engine.

The De Tomaso class was isolated onto a single small grassy knoll, which was somewhat out-of-sight from the

main display areas, but significantly was close to a fantastic sausage vendor (the Lockeford Meat Company), which ensured a steady stream of visitors throughout the day.

Not all club members chose to bring their De Tomaso cars; Ben Gage was showing his '57 Thunderbird, one of 16 cars which made up the largest class on the field.

Near the end of the day, a "cacklefest" broke out in the race car area. There, the Shadow Can Am car and a front-engined rail dragster were started up and run for a few minutes. The dragster in particular was astonishingly, earth-shatteringly loud; one could literally feel the ground move when the mechanic blipped the throttle. It



*The noise made by the Shadow Can-Am car during the cacklefest portion of the festivities was spectacular; the dragster behind it was positively epic!*

was completely impossible to stand anywhere near the car without ear protection, yet the mechanic stood straddling the car, leaning over the engine from the front and blipping the throttle with his hand, with no earplugs? He must have already been deaf!

The organizers had delegated the judging of the De Tomaso class to PCNC, and three judges had the task of choosing the best car from the bunch. Fortunately Dennis and Liz Valdez made their job easy, by bringing their absolutely immaculate and almost completely original Pantera to the show.

In the afternoon, the winners of each class were lined up and crossed the stage to receive their well-deserved accolades.

As the shadows grew long, partici-

pants fired up their cars and started exiting the grounds. We eventually returned to the hotel to change clothes, and then walked back into town for another fantastic dinner, this one at a restaurant called Rob's Place. Bud Millard had made the necessary arrangements, and the food was truly spectacular.

The next morning, people set off in different directions at different times. We were among the last to leave, and



***VW 23-window buses like this one have exploded in popularity, and inexplicably are now bringing more than \$200K at auction!***

took advantage of the fact there was an organic restaurant right across the parking lot. We ordered a very modestly priced steak-and-eggs breakfast to share, and enjoyed what perhaps may have been one of the finest steaks we've ever had in our lives! We inquired and learned that they source their meat from a local organic grower, whose cows are apparently all spoon-fed and Harvard-educated. Apparently their ranch was spared the ravages of the recent fire, although it had been a very close thing. For sure, we will plan on eating there again in the future, and it might be a very good idea to organize a dinner there next year!

Although no one individual organized the PCNC contingent as in years past, nevertheless the entire weekend flowed smoothly thanks to the efforts of several dedicated club members, and as a result, we made our 2016 hotel reservations before we left for home! If you haven't done so, I urge you to do likewise!



***The De Tomaso class judges: Garry Choate, Steve Dalcino and Steve Liebenow***



***Dennis and Liz Valdez drove their Pantera L up to the main stage to collect their well-deserved best-in-class award***

# 2015 P C N C

## ● HOLIDAY BANQUET DINNER ● AWARDS CEREMONY

Sign up and send your check today for dinner reservations.

Be sure to put your name(s) and meal choices on the memo line.

Checks for dinner must be received by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WHEN:** Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Reception, no-host bar, and entertainment starts at 6:00pm. Dinner is at 7:30pm.

**WHERE:** The Hilton Garden Inn, 2000 Bridgepointe Circle, San Mateo, CA 94404. 650-522-9000. Orchid Room - First floor, to the left of the reception when you enter.

**DINNER CHOICES:** Appetizers will be served prior to dinner, Ceasar salad and Fresh Fruit Tarts for dessert.

- **Chicken Cordon Bleu** – Served with Sherry Cream Sauce and Rice Pilaf
- **Filet Mignon 8oz.** – Served with Zinfandel Sauce, Scalloped Potato
- **Grilled Mahi Mahi** – Rosemary Roasted Potato, Mango Salsa, Served with White Wine Cream Sauce

**DINNER PAYMENT:** **\$60 per person.** Make checks payable to P.C.N.C. Write the names of people in your party that you are paying for along with their dinner choices on the memo line. You may also attach a note. Checks must be received by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring to the next PCNC meeting or Mail to: **Dennis Valdez – 3252 Charmat Court, San Jose, CA 95135**

**ON-LINE PAYMENT OPTION:** For Members who wish to pay on-line please go to the following link: <http://pcnc.bpt.me/> You will be charged \$63.09 per ticket which includes the service charge from the on-line processor.

**OVERNIGHT LODGING:** A limited number of discounted rooms are available - ten King (\$129) and five Queen/Queen (\$149). Buffet breakfast is included in the room price. Make reservations by calling 1-877-STAY-HGI (1-877-782-9444). Be sure to mention Pantera Club of Northern California to get the discounted rate. Reservations must be secured by November 20, to get the discounted rate. Questions? Call Dennis at 408-772-6685 or, valdezs1@yahoo.com



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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, November 19th, 2015  
8:00 P.M.**

***ONE WEEK EARLY!***

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

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

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

November 19 ————— PCNC Monthly Meeting (*One Week Early!*)

November 21 ————— Carlton Plaza Car Show (John Colombero)

December 4 ————— PCNC Christmas Party (Dennis and Liz Valdez)

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