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Minutes of Meeting 23 February, 2017

The meeting was called to order at exactly 7:30 by the president. All officers were present except for Larry Finch, Bob Benson, Denny Morse and Irene Smith. There were 30 people present, and two Panteras in the parking lot.

New Members/Guests: The club welcomed **Richard and Annette Pombo** from Tracy, who have been PCNC members since the fall of 2015, but who hadn't previously been able to attend a meeting or event. They own a '73 Pantera L which they purchased in 1998, buying it in Maryland from the second owner. It was originally a California car. It's currently not running, but he is working on it. He said it ran great until he parked it many years ago. He was tied up in Washington, as he was a Congressman representing California's 11th district from 1993 to 2007, thus making him

the only PCNC member with his own Wikipedia entry! For the past year he has been working on getting their Pantera back on the road.

Also joining us was **Scott and Chris Couchman**, from Orange County. Scott is the organizer for the PanteraPalooza (which is shaping up to be a really terrific Pantera-only car show. Scott came to tell us about the event and encourage us to attend.

Changes To Last Month's Minutes: The events calendar incorrectly referred to the "Las Vegas" Fun Rally, although of course this year it is actually in Monterey.

Club Treasury Report: The treasurer was absent, and the president forgot to check his e-mail, so we didn't get the treasurer's report. One person joked that he hoped the contents of the treasury weren't all in Oregon at Denny Finn's shop!

John received the report after he got home the night of the meeting. Recent bills paid included the monthly Google charges for our website, and the printing and postage charges for the new chapter roster. Deposits included the quarterly POCA membership rebate.

Compared to this date last year, we are measurably more healthy financially.

Club Store Report: Marcus Smith gave the report in Irene's absence. She is working on a stadium blanket (a small fleece blanket) with our logo in one corner (price TBA). The "Mama Mia" shirt of old is returning, with a throwback ring collar/ring sleeves motif. She is also waiting on concept artwork for an "Italian Job"-themed logo.

Club Membership Report: Lori reported that we have a new member named **Tom Leonard** who lives in Glen Ellen. He was just about to depart the country so he didn't have time to share his personal info, but we hope to hear from him shortly.

Club Motorsports Report: Checkered Flag Racing will be running a track day at Thunderhill on Monday, April 3rd. Mike and Lori Drew plan to attend. They will also be running at Laguna Seca on April 17th, and Sears point on May 7th.

The Corvette Club will be running an autocross on April 1st in the parking lot of the Cow Palace in San Francisco, and at the Marina airport (near Monterey) on the 29th/30th of April.

Club Website Report: The newsletter is uploaded for viewing on the website. Mike was supposed to learn how to upload it himself, so Denny wouldn't have to be bothered with the task every month, but it turns out he didn't have the proper password. With any luck, he will be able to upload the March newsletter to the website and free up Denny from that chore.

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

Past Events:

Superbowl Party: Brent Stewart and Bob Benson again hosted the club's Superbowl party at Bob's shop. A bunch of people attended, but nobody bothered to count. Similarly, nobody took the time to take any photos or write an article, so there is precious little information to share. Although historically the party has featured a Chili cookoff, this year nobody brought any chili, which was a big fail! The weather was awful, which kept some people away, but those that attended had a great time. There was only one Pantera present, driven by Hans Shultz from Stockton. He didn't let the rain keep him back, despite the fact that he had no windshield wiper

system installed!

Thanks to Brent and Bob for hosting this great event!

Upcoming Events:

Canepa Motorsports Tour and Lunch — 8 April: Brent Stewart is organizing a tour of Canepa Motorsports in Scott's Valley, followed by lunch at the home of Gary and Mary Ann Kono. We will meet at Canepa's for the show, which runs from 8-12 a.m. (but it's suggested you arrive at 7:30 for premium parking). Afterwards we will retire to the Kono's house, which is also in Scott's Valley. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. For more info, check out: <http://canepa.com/2765771/>

Capitol Panteras/PCNC Santa Cruz Mountains Scenic Drive — 9 April: Former PCNC member Hans Shultz, who lives in Stockton and is now formally aligned with Capitol Panteras, has announced a one-day fun drive through the Santa Cruz mountains (something PCNC did once back in 1997!) The plan is to meet in Saratoga, convoy up Hwy 9 to the legendary road-house called Alice's Restaurant (made famous in the Arlo Guthrie song) where we will fight our way through the throngs of sports car and motorcycle enthusiasts for a terrific lunch. Afterwards we will make our way down Hwy 84 to the coast, then turn south on Hwy 1 and continue on to Santa Cruz.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

PanteraPaloosa — 23 April: Scott Couchman told us about this jamboree and picnic which will be held in southern California. Last year saw 50 Panteras in a park in Orange County, and this year they are aiming to have 70 Panteras and seven Mangustas! He said they plan to make it the largest one-day De Tomaso event in the world. They will have free coffee and donuts in the morning, and free water and cookies all day. You can bring your own picnic lunch or buy their box lunch. Authors including Wally Wyss will be on hand for book signing, there will be a silent auction, and the Pantera vendors are going to attend as well. He has arranged for a hotel nearby, with secure, private underground car storage available within walking distance to the hotel.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

POCA Monterey Fun Rally — 31 May-4 June: The POCA Fun Rally will be held in our backyard for the first time ever, and POCA is asking for our support and help. John is looking for volunteers to do things like lead a tour of 17-mile drive, the motorcycle museum in Carmel Valley, and a drive down to Big Sur for breakfast for lunch, as well as a cruise to the Baja Cantina for dinner on Thursday night.

There is also talk of taking a drive up into the Santa Cruz mountains for a tour of Canepa Motorworks, and possibly a visit to a restoration shop in Seaside.

The SCCA will be racing at Laguna Seca that weekend, and we will be afforded the privilege of taking some lunchtime exhibition laps on the Saturday. The peninsula will have plenty to offer that weekend, as the annual Artichoke Festival as well as the Monterey Wine Festival will also be going on.

Here is a list of planned activities that need volunteers to organize:

Wednesday — Parking attendants and persons to guide arrivals to parking and Hospitality Suite — 2 people

Wednesday — Dinner ideas and guides to Cannery Row

Thursday — Parking attendants and persons to guide arrivals to parking and hospitality Suite — 2 people

Thursday — Monterey Bay Aquarium organizer and leader — 1 person

Thursday — Wine tasting event — for those that do not want to go on the runs, organizer and leader — 1 person

Thursday — For those who do not want to go on Carmel Valley / Motorcycle tour run, but want to go to Baja Cantina dinner, need a leader to take folks — hotel to Baja — 2 person

Friday — Big Sur Run organizer and leader with route and lunch plan — 2 person

Friday — Wine tasting event — for those that do not want to go on the runs, organizer and leader — 1 person

Friday — Dinner ideas and guides to Cannery Row

Saturday — As there will be many attendees to Laguna Seca, I can lead but need tail cars — 2 people

Saturday — Need GoPro volunteers — Anyone with a GoPro to have them prepared for the parade laps

If anyone has a projector and large screen, let me know as it can be used in the hospitality room and for the Saturday night banquet. We would also like to have some volunteers with technical expertise ready to help out for an impromptu tech session if any Panteras become ‘wounded’ during the weekend.

Let John know if you’re interested in helping out.

Alameda Concours — June 11: Bud Millard said that this is a terrific show and is interested in perhaps having a PCNC contingent there.

Tiburon Car Show — June 17: This is another show that Bud suggests we support.

Monterey Historic Races Weekend — 17-20 August: The early-bird discount price deadline for Concorso Italiano has already passed. Supposedly they will now require online registration (no more mailing in a check and a paper application), although they will accept registrations at the gate at a fantastically higher price.

One of the best car shows in Monterey is in downtown Carmel on the Tuesday; it is also free for spectators (and outrageously expensive for entrants).

The information for Los Laureles is in a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. All our rooms are spoken for already, but we do have a waiting list, and in the past people have had luck getting in that way, although often on very short notice.

Ironstone Rooms: Larry Finch relayed to John that most of the hotel rooms in Murphys are already booked up for the weekend of the Ironstone Concours. If you have even the slightest ambition of attending, you owe it to yourself to secure lodging sooner rather than later!

We will likely have dinner on Friday night at Grounds restaurant, and somewhere else on Saturday.

Looking For Ideas: Bud is looking for ideas for club excursions and weekend trips, to be held in the spring, summer or fall. He noted that many desirable destinations are only open during the week, which limits participation to those people who are members of the Leisure

Class. Bud is happy to help if somebody has an idea and wants to organize a trip.

Bud is still trying to get Larry Carter to give us a date to tour his extensive collection in Scott's Valley. He is difficult to pin down, as he is often gone on weekends.

People expressed interest in touring the John Mozart collection, which is located right off Hwy 101 in the silicon valley, and he said that would be much easier to organize.

The San Francisco Academy of Arts has one of the best car collections in the country, located in two former 'auto palaces' on Van Ness street in San Francisco. They have offered us a private tour on a Saturday, date TBA.

Club Business:

Club Bylaws Election: There was brief discussion about the impending vote on changing Article II of our club bylaws. Ballots will be distributed electronically via e-mail, and can be printed and mailed to Forest Goodhart; voting will also take place at the March meeting. The results will be announced at the April meeting, at which time we will move on to proposed revisions to the remaining articles.

Buy/Sell/Swap:

On The Way To The Landfill: Brent Stewart brought some truly derelict items he found lurking in the corner of his garage, in the hopes that somebody could be convinced to make them lurk in the corner of *their* garage instead! He had a pair of front spring spacers, some rather tired-looking stock radiator fan blades, and a bag of unknown bolts. Mike Drew is a junk-bolt-junkie so he took the bolts, which he later identified as being stock ZF ring gear bolts.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Kids and Miatas...: Chuck Melton told of his son's trials and tribulations after he rounded off an inaccessible bolt on the front of his Miata engine. Apparently now the only practical way to remove the offending bolt will be to lift the engine out of the car!

Newest Pantera In The Neighborhood: Many of us saw in amazement as a lime green 1971 Pantera (#1992) sold in the Gooding auction in Scottsdale in January for a total cost of about \$160,000! It turns out the buyer of this car was George Altamura, who has been a PCNC member since 2010. He already had a lovely Mangusta 8MA1118 in his impressive car collection, and felt it was time to add a Pantera to the mix.

The Pantera was almost completely stock, apart from an aftermarket steering wheel. George reached out to the Houston Pantera club asking if any of them knew where one could be found. By



coincidence, Mike Drew (who is also in the Houston club) had a stock wheel with a brand new pad in his expansive parts collection, and lives only 30 minutes away from George (who is in Napa). A phone call was made, a trade was agreed upon, and Mike drove over to meet George and install the wheel for him.

George has some fine automotive tastes, with a fascination for immaculate 1950s pickup trucks, as well as 1960s sports cars such as a Mazda Cosmos 110S, Alfa Romeo Montreal, and a Porsche 911RS 2.7, which has become an exceptionally valuable car since he picked it up.

George owns a small hotel in Napa as well as an Italian restaurant, and said he would love to host PCNC if we ever had an event up that way.



Pantera Sold: Garry Choate and Mike Drew were about to formally advertise their recently purchased Pantera for sale, when a prospective buyer in San Diego caught wind of it and bought it sight unseen. Part of the deal was that Mike would serve as co-pilot for the inaugural drive down to San Diego.

Garry had fitted a brand new battery, as well as a new alternator just days prior to the sale, but sadly the alternator let go just as the buyer and Mike reached Los Angeles nighttime rush hour traffic. With the ammeter showing big-time discharge, and no idea how long the battery would keep the car running before the thing quit entirely, they bailed off the freeway onto the set of 'Cops', in a rather ghetto neighborhood. Fortunately they were able to wait in a well-lit gas station until a flatbed tow truck arrived, which then carried them the two hours south to San Diego. The tow truck driver fell asleep at least once on the drive and drifted into the adjacent lane, fortunately waking up from the sound of the Botts Dots under the tires!



The next day, Mike stayed around to fix the car. Fitting a new voltage regulator, and having the new alternator rebuilt locally by an alternator/starter shop, cured the problems. The car was driven the following week to Don Byars where it was blown completely apart, and is now undergoing a bare-metal repaint. Don said it was one of the finest cars he'd ever seen, with not a speck of rust or even any door dings!

Driving For Dinner Raffle: The winner was Garth Rodericks

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

Dennis Fugnetti Pantera poster — Chuck Melton
Cartoon Pantera sticker — Lori Drew
Car care kit — Richard Pombo
Flashlight kit — Steve Dalcino
Torque wrench — Julie Tomlin
Craftsman wrench set — Walt Miranda
Wine — Diane Silven, Forest Goodhart
Water wetter/funnel — Richard Pombo
Pantera Parts Connection T-shirt — Chuck Melton
Drill driver set — Steve Dalcino
Wine de-aerator — Walt Miranda

The meeting adjourned to the parking lot at 8:50 p.m.

I Want Your Project Pantera!

I want to buy your Pantera project. What is your car? Your car is something that has been taking up space in your garage, barn etc for some years now. You and/or your mate started working on this some 20-30-40 years ago...perhaps you pulled the heads to convert to unleaded gas, or pulled the intake to do a swap, or you blew it up in some spectacular fashion, or pulled the transmission to change a throw-out bearing or the clutch.....and you've just never got back to putting it all together again....and you figure that you won't be doing anything of the sort for a while either! I will buy your car as is. Load it up, help dig for parts, and cart it away for me to sort out and put back together again. I did it 20 years ago with my Mangusta which came in boxes, but now it is time for something different. Please contact me at steven.liebenow@att.net or by phone (408) 727-8678, leave message please. I have been a PCNC member for 21 years, located in Santa Clara.

That's the basic premise of my search. I want to find a car that was a nice car years ago, still basically is, just that it's covered by blankets, cat carriers, coolers, and other such garp. Not to mention a few dents from falling bicycles etc. It's not going to be a rust bucket, although the paint may be crap and the interior should still be nice, unless the mice got to it..... tires will be outdated.....gas in tank will be goo.....but largely, the motivation to put the car together is non-existent.

Steve Liebenow

Membership News

New Members for March:

The club is pleased to welcome **Thomas and Cathleen Leonard** from Glen Ellen, a town just north of Napa and east of Santa Rosa. In January they purchased a beautiful 1972 pre-L Pantera #3907

at the Russo and Steele auction. It was first sold in August of 1974 in Kansas, and now has only 24K miles on it. It was mistakenly titled as a 1973 model year car by the original dealer (probably because



the dealer didn't want to take the additional depreciation hit selling what was then a two-year-old car). It was repainted in 2016 but is otherwise all original, including the original tires. When they got the car, they were told it had a seized brake caliper, but in fact the whole brake system was locked solid, one window motor was missing and both gears were broken. He has since repaired everything and the car now runs great. Thomas is a Ford guy who retired after 37 years as the parts and service director at a large Ford/Lincoln-Mercury dealership. He has several other notable Ford-powered cars including a 2006 Ford GT. They are already signed up for the POCA Fun Rally!

March Membership Anniversaries:

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

Lindsay and Estelle Crawford: 42 years

Carl and Judy Kaufmann: 30 years

Joel and Shelly Gust: 25 years

Doug Kelm: 20 years

Chris and Susan Clark: 17 years

Bob and Dena Lucas: 15 years

Matthew and Caroline Frierman: 5 years

Richard Meisels and Leux Felsher: 1 year

Diane Dean: 41 years

Eddie and Lisa Pavlu III: 27 years

Richard Dean: 24 years

Rich Boschert: 18 years

Darryl Johnson and Connie Martin: 15 years

Dennis Franks: 12 years

Bayani Panis: 3 years

Gregg and Kat Meissner: 1 year

Reminder: You can renew your POCA/PCNC membership online at www.poca.com. Click on the 'Renew' tab and follow the prompts.

PCNC Events Calendar 2017

DATE:

EVENT:

Thursday, March 30	Pantera Club meeting
Sunday, April 2	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
Sunday, April 9	PCNC/Capitol Panteras Scenic Drive
Sunday, April 23	TPOC Panterapalooza
Thursday, April 27	Pantera Club meeting
Thursday, May 25	Pantera Club meeting
Weds., May 31 - Sun., June 4	POCA Monterey Fun Rally
Sunday, June 4	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
Sunday, June 11	Alameda Concours
Saturday, June 17	Tiburon Car Show
Thursday, June 29	Pantera Club meeting
Sunday, July 2	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
Sunday, July 9	Club Auto Sports Cars and Coffee
Sunday, July 16	Hillsborough Concours
Thursday, July 27	Pantera Club meeting
Sunday, August 6	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
Sunday, August 13	Club Auto Sports Cars and Coffee
Saturday, August 19	Concorso Italiano
Thursday, August 31	Pantera Club meeting
Sunday, September 3	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
Sunday, September 17	Danville Concours
Saturday, September 23	Ironstone Concours
Thursday, September 28	Pantera Club meeting
Sunday, October 1	Sausalito Classic Auto Show
Sunday, October 8	All Italian Car Show in Alameda
Sunday, October 15	Club Auto Sports Cars and Coffee
Thursday, October 26	Pantera Club meeting
Sunday, November 5	Blackhawk Cars and Coffee
Thursday, November 30	Pantera Club meeting

Pantera For Sale #6855

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1974 (build Nov '73) Pantera
"L" (with bumpers removed)
with 44k miles
Asking \$79k

Previous owner: Doug
Johnson, PCNC

Details of work done:

Engine/Bay/Cooling -
New 351C engine with
Trickflow Aluminum Heads
rated at 425+hp with less
than 1000 miles.
Custom Chuck Nuytten
carburetor ([http://
www.chucknuytten.com/](http://www.chucknuytten.com/))
MSD electronic ignition and
distributor

New starter
10 QT oil pan

New McLeod clutch and flywheel

Complete ZF transaxle rebuild and stock restoration, safety-wired

Long-throw slave cylinder with braided line

New aluminum camber bar

Re-carpeted trunk

Fluidyne lay down aluminum radiator, dual Spal sucker fans, stainless steel radiator
tubes and overflow bottles

Mind Train Big Throat Headers

Custom fabricated Stainless Steel exhaust system with OBX mufflers

Front Trunk -

New carpet and mat

Front mounted air conditioning system including new compressor and hoses

New Headlight motor and brass gears

Optima battery

Exterior -

Complete body and paint, including engine bay in GTS red/black colors



Tjaarda Torino 17" wheels and Toyo tires (<http://www.pim.net/92102tjwheel.htm>)
Carello Group 4 Tail Lights
Halogen headlights
GTS Antenna

Interior -

Complete carpet and insulation
Complete leather interior upgrade
Lecarra 3-point steering wheel
Alpine AM-FM-CD stereo system
4-point racing seat belt assemblies
Keyless entry with alarm system
New VDO gauges
Pantera Electronics fuse panel (<http://www.pantera-electronics.com/fuse%20panel.htm>)



Suspension -

Complete suspension rebuild with new axles
New half shafts, all new bearings and seals
Custom made shocks and spring package
New sway bars and end-caps

Engine runs extremely strong, no cooling problems at all. The new springs and shocks give this one of the nicest rides I've ever felt.



PCNC Bylaws Amendments

The PCNC bylaws have not been updated for years, and arguably are now woefully out of date. In response to several member requests, the PCNC board has agreed to take on the not-inconsiderable challenge of updating our bylaws. The existing bylaws were extremely restrictive with respect to the mechanics of changing the bylaws, reflecting the club's origins as a very local organization where almost all members could be counted on to attend the monthly meetings. The first proposed change was adopted by a vote at the Christmas party, which means the right to vote will be afforded to all members, rather than just those present at a meeting.

The next topic will be Article II, covering Membership and Dues, with the proposed revisions appearing below. Discussion and proposed changes to these amendments were made at the January meeting, the proposed final text was published in the February newsletter, corrected final text is published here (and was e-mailed separately) and the vote will be held at the March meeting. Members who are unable to vote in person will be afforded the opportunity to do so via mail, by sending in a proxy ballot (which was e-mailed together with the final corrected text).

Article II of our bylaws appears below, with the proposed changes embedded within. Existing text that is to be stricken is annotated with ~~red strikethrough~~, while new proposed text is in **green**:

ARTICLE II Membership and Dues

Section 1. Classification of Members

There shall be ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** classes of members of PCNC, to wit: Regular Members, Associate Members, ~~Dual Members, and Honorary Members~~ and **Chapter-Only** Members.

Section 2. Eligibility for Membership

A Regular Member is one who has an interest in the furtherance of the De Tomaso Marque and DeTomaso automobiles, including, but not limited to: Pantera, Mangusta, Vallenga, Deauville and Longchamp. Each Regular Member must also be a member of POCA.

An Associate Member is one who is the spouse, family member, close friend or significant other of a Regular Member **or Chapter-Only Member**. Each Regular Member **or Chapter-Only Member** has the right to name one Associate Member.

A ~~Dual~~ **Chapter-Only** Member is one who ~~is a member of another chapter of POCA~~ **and** pays to PCNC the equivalent amount of dues rebated to PCNC for a Regular Member. A ~~Dual~~ **Chapter-Only** Member shall have all the rights and obligations of a Regular Member except that ~~Dual~~ **Chapter-Only** Members may not run for elected Board positions.

~~An Honorary Member is one who has been selected for special recognition by PCNC.~~

Section 3. Qualifications and Admission of Members

Regular Members, ~~and~~ Associate Members **and Chapter-Only Members** shall be

persons of responsibility, integrity and high standing in the communities in which they reside. ~~A member shall be admitted to membership only upon approval by the Board of Directors or upon approval by such Membership Committee or Membership Secretary as the Board of Directors may, by resolution, have authorized to admit members.~~

Section 4. Termination of Membership

A membership shall terminate upon the death or resignation of the member, or upon expulsion by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A member may be expelled for nonpayment of dues or for conduct which the Board of Directors shall deem inimical to the best interest of PCNC. Expulsion for nonpayment of dues shall be automatic and shall take place on the first day of the third month following the month in which the dues were due and payable. A member may not transfer his/her membership or any rights arising therefrom, and any attempted transfer of a membership shall cause such membership to terminate automatically. All rights of a member in PCNC or its property shall cease upon termination of the membership.

Section 5. Dues

Dues shall be paid annually in the amount set by the Pantera Owners Club of America (POCA), and shall be payable to POCA in accordance with the POCA By-Laws. **Chapter-Only Member dues shall be paid directly to PCNC, with the amount being the equivalent of dues rebated to PCNC for a Regular Member from POCA.**



My Reflections Against Proposed Changes To Article II of PCNC's Bylaws

by Forest Goodhart

2016 PCNC President/2017 PCNC Vice-President

I am opposed to the bylaws change proposals (which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, and will be voted upon soon). Before I discuss my opposition in detail, I would like to clarify how our existing membership structure has evolved.

Sometime in the 1990s the PCNC Board proposed a change to our bylaws that would allow anyone to become a member of PCNC by merely paying to PCNC an amount equal to whatever the POCA member rebate would be at the time. I was opposed to this at the time because I felt that it would undermine POCA and we would be ultimately left without a national organization. At that point the Board then explained that the reason they proposed this was that Larry Stock had moved to Nevada and affiliated with Reno-Tahoe Panteras but was still supporting our chapter in several ways. The Board wanted to provide a vehicle so that he could still receive our newsletter and enjoy the advantages of being a member. A subsequent vote killed this proposal and replaced it with Honorary membership, which is bestowed to anyone deemed worthy as proposed by the Board of PCNC and approved by a vote of members in attendance at the meeting.

In 2012 the idea of members of other chapters wishing to be members of PCNC was revisited. We again proposed that any member of POCA aligned with another POCA chapter could become what we designated as a Dual member by paying to PCNC the equivalent of the POCA rebate. This afforded these Dual members with most of the rights of a regular PCNC member including the right to vote on chapter matters, but specifically denies them the right to run for an elected Board office. They would be eligible for appointed offices. This proposal was presented to the members and a vote was held approving it. The bylaws were

then amended accordingly.

I have become aware that some of our members do not seem to understand that these Dual members still have to be POCA members and that they do not get to be Dual members without having paid their POCA dues. At this time the POCA dues are \$75 per year and PCNC gets a \$25 rebate for each POCA member who designates PCNC as their chapter. A Dual member pays an additional \$25 to PCNC to become a Dual member so they are paying \$100 per year total. They are not getting anything at a lesser cost than our regular PCNC members.

This then brings us to the proposals at hand, which were inspired by a very specific set of events.

The POCA election for officers for 2016-2017 brought us a previously unknown (to most of us) person as President. The year started with him forging ahead to make many changes to POCA. Some of these changes were considered to be beneficial and some were rejected by many of the members, whose opposition was funneled to the POCA Board by the chapter Presidents.

Normally this process would lead to discussions and compromise, but no one was aware of the temperament of our new President. He was unilateral and attacked anyone who dared to disagree with him. There ensued an electronic battle causing the resignations of some POCA Board members and generating a number of requests from PCNC members who no longer wished to retain POCA membership but wanted to remain PCNC members.

They were advised that this could not happen as our bylaws were written

so a large turnout attended the next PCNC meeting where a motion was made, seconded and approved by vote. This motion was basically to allow non-POCA members to become PCNC members without being POCA members.

This requires amending our bylaw and drafts were done by a few members to initiate the process. The PCNC Board reviewed these proposed changes and decided to phase the changes to first bring our bylaws into alignment with our modern electronic processes. This first change, if approved, would give us a much broader voter base as it no longer required attendance at a meeting to enter a vote. This change was approved by the members present at the Christmas party and now we are ready to proceed with the final phase.

Since this proposed change was sparked solely by the actions of the 2016-2017 POCA President who is no longer in office I feel that there is no legitimate reason to approve this change and I urge everyone to vote **NO!** I feel the same as I did in the 1990s, that not requiring POCA membership will weaken POCA and pass added costs on to those who are POCA members. I would go so far as to request that POCA revise their bylaws and require POCA membership be required for all chapter members.

Regardless of whether you find my argument compelling or not, I hope that all PCNC members (regardless of type) will take advantage of the newly created opportunity to vote, and express their opinion so that the club can go forward in keeping with the wishes of a majority of its membership.



Please Vote NO on the Proposed Changes To Article II of PCNC's Bylaws

by Mike Drew
PCNC Secretary

Although the bylaws change adopted by the membership last month was an important one, serving to emancipate those members of PCNC who are unable to attend specific chapters meetings by affording them the opportunity to vote electronically, the proposed changes now before the membership are by far the most significant, and would have long-standing consequences both locally, and at the national level. I would like to put these changes in context by sharing some background on how we got to be where we are now, and my opposition to the notion of changing this particular facet of the club.

POCA was first formed in 1973, and while the name implied it was a national organization, for all practical purposes it was just a southern California club with a newsletter and a magazine. Over the years, several regional Pantera clubs formed in various places (PCNC was founded in 1973, coincidentally) but there was no formal affiliation between these various clubs and the ostensibly national organization.

In the 1980s, the leadership of POCA sought to make it an organization worthy of its name, and proposed a 'chapter' program, whereby participating regional clubs would be considered parts of the national whole. The premise was that the local clubs would benefit greatly from various benefits the national organization was able to bestow (initially that was limited to comprehensive insurance coverage for the local club, but later benefits were extended to include cash rebates to the chapter for each member). And the national organization would benefit thanks to the greatly increased number of members, who besides contributing to the club's coffers, would also now have a stake in the national organization, and presumably the leadership of

the national club would become broader as candidates would be nominated from various regions outside of southern California.

Initially, once a chapter formally affiliated itself with POCA, it was mandated that all members of the chapter be POCA members. A few years later, a disruption in one outlying chapter led to the POCA board backing away from this requirement, and changing the POCA bylaws language so that only chapter board members actually had to be POCA members.

While this was intended to appease the malcontents in the rogue chapter, it failed to do so—the chapter later chose to end their affiliation with POCA and exist solely as a regional club. However, the floodgates had been opened, and across the country, some members who were principally interested in their local club chose to terminate their POCA membership and just belong to their local club.

The harmful effects of this decision were slow to be recognized by the POCA board, but as POCA membership continued to fall, eventually it became apparent that the decision to allow members of POCA chapters to avoid paying POCA dues was a mistake. POCA's fixed costs (including insurance coverage for the chapters) continued to increase, while being spread among an ever-shrinking pool of 'taxpayers'; the only way the club could continue was to raise dues for those who remained. Most POCA chapters enjoyed all the benefits of falling under the POCA umbrella, while only fractionally contributing to the costs for these benefits.

PCNC was unique in maintaining a highly principled stance on the issue, and continued to mandate (thorough our own bylaws) that membership in POCA was required if one wanted to belong to PCNC. In so doing, PCNC has

helped to perpetuate POCA, as anywhere from 15-20% of POCA members were members of PCNC. Too, PCNC has had an outsized influence on the direction of POCA, as a substantial percentage of POCA board members have had PCNC backgrounds.

Now, some members of PCNC have pushed for us to change course and follow the example set by the other POCA chapters, setting aside our noble and conscientious principles, and adopting a position that could have a great adverse effect upon POCA, if numerous PCNC members chose to take advantage of it. The national club's financial state could become precarious, resulting in further dues increases for the remaining members, and PCNC's influence upon the direction of the national club could be decreased, as fewer of our members were afforded the right to participate in the management of the club, either through the electoral process or by serving in a management position on the POCA board.

I therefore strongly urge PCNC members to **REJECT** this latest chapter bylaws change proposal, and retain the *status quo*. While the proposal's proponents have both practical and personal reasons why they would like to get PCNC membership on an *a la carte* basis, I view it as being akin to surrendering one's national citizenship while attempting to retain citizenship within their particular state. That mindset prevailed in the USA in the mid-1800s and resulted in a bloody civil war, a war that established once and for all that citizenship of each state and our encompassing nation would be inextricably linked.

Rather than following the example of the separationists, I hope that PCNC will serve as a role model for other chapters, and that soon they, too, will chose to universally align themselves with the national organization, for the best interests of all club members.

PCNC Canapa Motors Tour and Pulled Pork Luncheon

Event: Canapa Cars and Coffee, followed by a pulled pork lunch at the home of Gary and Mary Ann Kono. If you would like to bring drinks or something to share, feel free to do so but it's not required. We will meet at Canapa's for the show, then head over to the Kono's house around noon.

Date: Saturday, April 8th

Time: 8am-12 (But be there by 7:30 for good parking), then lunch!

Places:

- Canapa Motorsports: 4900 SCOTTS VALLEY DRIVE, SCOTTS VALLEY*
- Kono's: 131 Lunar Court, Scotts Valley*

As the Konos will be providing all the food and drinks, PLEASE remember to RSVP with Gary at Gary5634@rocketmail.com.



Capitol Panteras/PCNC Santa Cruz Mountains Scenic Drive

Come join us for a scenic drive & lunch. Any car welcome, but De Tomasos obviously preferred!

Date: Sunday, April 9th, 2017

Meeting time & place: 10:00 a.m. at the 76 gas station, 14395 Big Basin Way, Saratoga (Corner of Hwy 9 & Saratoga Avenue)

Drive: We will drive up Hwy 9 to Skyline Blvd, stopping for lunch at Alice's Restaurant, 17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside

After lunch we will head out on Hwy 84 over to Hwy 1 and down the coast to Santa Cruz.

Questions? Call Hans Schulz - (408) 506-3334



PANTERA PALOZA 2017

**Jamboree & Picnic
Sunday, 4/23/2017
10AM to 2PM**

**Mason Regional Park, Irvine, CA
18712 University Drive at Culver**

**Park your car on the lawn 'Pebble Beach Style'
and relax at this year's Mega-Gathering of
Panteras! Join us for a family friendly picnic.**

\$25 PreRegistration (\$35 after April 15, 2017)

**Bring your own picnic lunch or buy a
Southwest-style Premium Lunch \$20 (\$25
after April 15) Combination Plate w/Rice,
Beans, Salsa, Drink, & Cookies for Dessert!**

**All deTomaso & 'Powered by Ford' welcome
Entry Form & ??? Greg Ford 562-418-3406
OC Parks Charges \$5 Entry per Vehicle**



**'Car-Turf' & 'Festival-
Viewing Lawn' open at
8AM...enjoy free Coffee
& Krispy Kreme Donuts**



General Meeting 3rd Wed, 7PM, 17th Street Grill, Tustin

ocpanteras.com for more information

PANTERA PALOOZA 2017

Team Pantera OC

presents

"Pantera Palooza Jamboree & Picnic 2017"

Sunday, April 23, 2017, Mason Regional Park, 18712 University Dr, Irvine, CA

Park Opens at 7AM/Display Lawn Opens at 8AM/Opening Ceremony at 10AM/Jamboree Closes at 2PM

	PreRegistration	After 4/15/2017	
Jamboree & Picnic Vehicle Entry	\$25	\$35	= _____
Hot Premium Southwest Lunch	\$20each	\$25each X _____	= _____
(Feel free to bring & enjoy your own picnic lunch!)		Total = _____	

Entry open to DeTomaso, Maserati, and 'Powered by Ford' vehicles (print clearly!):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail _____ Club/POCA Chapter _____

Note: Entry Confirmation will be returned to you at the email listed on this form. Rain refund on request.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of Team Pantera Orange County and POCA, and understand I am responsible for my automobile and its contents. I agree to release Team Pantera Orange County, POCA and other sponsors from all liability for damage, injury, lost or stolen articles arising from this event.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

Mail w/Check Payable to: "TPOC" c/o Greg Ford, 17891 Theodora Drive, Tustin, CA 92780

Note: Premium Southwest Lunch preorders assured. After April 15, 2017 as available

Questions??? Call/Email: Greg Ford (562) 418-3406 / tpocwebmaster@gmail.com

Additional entry forms and information available on Team Pantera OC website at ocpanteras.com

Note: OC Parks charges \$5 entry fee per vehicle. Please bring exact change!



Lori Drew
136 Lighthouse Way
Vacaville, CA 95688



NEXT CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY, March 30th, 2017
7:30 P.M.**

**HOLDER'S COUNTRY INN
998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April 8th ————— Canepa Tour and Pulled Pork Luncheon (Gary Kono)

April 9th ————— Santa Cruz Mountains Scenic Drive (Hans Shultz)

April 23rd ——— Team Pantera of Orange County Panterapalooza (Scott Couchman)

May 31-June 4 ————— POCA Monterey Fun Rally (Ed Mendez)

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH