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Minutes of Meeting 25 May, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:31 p.m. All officers were present except for Larry Finch, Denny Morse, Brent Stewart, Erik Kolstoe, and Bob Benson. Marcus Smith stood in for the missing Irene Smith. Turnout was unusually low, with only 14 people in the room, plus three more attending virtually via Zoom, and two Panteras in the parking lot.

<u>New Members/Guests</u>: Tom Leonard introduced his grandson, **Ian Leonard**. Ian used the story of the grandfather/grandson restoration of his 1973 Mustang for his college applications essays, and colleges specifically mentioned how much they liked the story when they sent him their acceptance letters.

Changes To Last Month's Newsletter:

Gary Kono issued updates/clarifications to the story of his Pantera's alternator woes. It seems his car has developed a healthy appetite for alternators; it has consumed five of them in the past 15 years, but in recent years they were lasting less than a year, and he couldn't see why. He brought one of his duff alternators to an alternator shop in Watsonville, where the technician pointed out that all the epoxy at the positive post had melted, indicating excessive heat. (As an aside, the car has also been overheating/ melting fuses #11 and #12, which control the radiator fan circuits—the old fuses were ceramic, but the modern replacements are plastic and can't tolerate the current that passes through them).

His tow home from the Fun Rally cost him \$1800. Eventually Gary discovered that the main wire connecting the alternator to the wiring harness had completely sizzled underneath the insulation. Although it appeared to be a large-diameter wire, almost all the strands were gone, meaning that all the current had to pass through only a few small strands of wire, creating tons of resis-





tance and thus heat. With the wire trimmed and a new connector fitted, the problem has been solved once and for all.

Steve Dalcino also mentioned that he had sent the flyers for the Ironstone and Los Laureles events to the editor, who had forgotten to include them in the newsletter—DOH! (*They can be found elsewhere in this issue*).

<u>Club Store Report</u>: Marcus Smith arrived a bit after the meeting started, with representative

merchandise from the store, including an entire box of ladies shirts and tank tops that UPS lost when they were shipped directly to the hotel for the Fun Rally, and thus were never seen by the assembled masses. He said he would be selling them after the meeting, and also offhandedly mentioned the ongoing need to get the club store visible to a wider audience, either by way of a flyer in the POCA newsletter (as was done in the past), or an online sales presence.

He also mentioned that the sales at the Fun Rally were far lower than expected, and genuinely disappointing given the effort expended to both produce the merchandise, and bring it there and back.

<u>Club Treasury Report</u>: Steve Dalcino shared that folks at the bank are getting snooty with our checks. Several people made their deposits for their Monterey rooms and wrote the checks out to



"PCNC", and the bank demanded that they say "Pantera Club of Northern California" and initially refused to accept them. Eventually cooler heads prevailed and they were accepted, but please keep this in mind if you ever need to send a check to the club.

<u>Club Membership Report</u>: Brent reported to Andrew that we have one new member, **Tom Price**, but we don't have any information on him yet.

Club Motorsports Report: In Bob's absence, Andrew issued some information about events that are relevant to us. The Nor-Cal Shelby Club will be having an extremely rare 105db day at Laguna Seca on June 18th, which would enable Panteras (and other louder cars) to run without being black-flagged for noise violations. Their annual Mini-Nats track event at Sears Point is on August 6th and 7th. And Checkered Flag Racing will be running Sears Point on July 17th, October 10th and November 6th. Meanwhile, the American Autocross Series runs at Crow's Landing on July 2nd and 3rd.

<u>Club Library Report</u>: So far the search for the Club President's book has come up empty. There seemed to be a general consensus that John Tomlin probably had it. As he was attending via Zoom he made a quick check of his library but found nothing. However, all eyes are on him now and it's hoped that he is able to turn it up before next month's meeting.

Past Events:

Mt. Hamilton Fun Run: Gary reported that this event was a great success, with 11 cars taking part, of which nine were Panteras, plus a vintage Firebird and a Chrysler Crossfire. The road was enormously twisty, with mostly 2nd and 3rd gear corners. There were lots of sweaty shirts by the end of the drive, which terminated at the Bailey's house where lunch was catered by El Pollo Loco. Look for the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance — 25-26 June: This is one of the most prestigious concours in the USA, and will feature a tour on the Saturday as well as the actual Concours on the Sunday. This year one of the classes is "Modified European Sports Cars Through 1987" which was created especially to accommodate Panteras! The deadline for entries is nominally April 30 (as in, just about when you are reading this), although it's always possible the organizers could be a bit flexible given the very late notification. Head on over to www.hillsborough-concours.org for more info, and to sign up for the event.

<u>Ironstone Concours Weekend — 24-26 September</u>: The Ironstone people have always been good to us and have hosted a De Tomaso-specific class, and PCNC has always had a great turnout supporting this event. The organizers have a classic car rally on the Friday, but Dave Lindsay (who lives up there) says he wants to organize a PCNC-only rally along those same roads. Now is the time to be making hotel reservations. Unfortunately the Ironstone Concours website has been allowed to wither and die. Hopefully they can get their act together quickly and get it up and running again.

See the entry flyer and event information elsewhere in this newsletter.

<u>All-Italian Car Show In Alameda — 2 October</u>: The Alfa Romeo Association will once again host this delightful show at the Alameda Main Street soccer field. Watch for an event flyer later in the summer.

<u>PCNC Christmas Party — 10 December</u>: As reported last month, we will be returning to the original venue in San Mateo.

Other Events?: This month a proposal was floated for a single day driving event starting at the north end of Skyline Drive in San Mateo. The group would travel south through Ben Lomond, tour the Canepa Motorsports museum and shop, and end with lunch at the Kono's home in Scotts Valley. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

There was also a proposal for a two-day drive up Hwy 1 with an overnight stop in Mendecino, as well as a fall drive on the virtually deserted back roads in between Hwy 101 and Hwy 1 south of Hollister, perhaps with a Paso Robles overnight stop.

Club Business: There was no business this month.

Buy/Sell/Swap: Nobody had anything to offer this month.

News, Clues and Rumors:

Mangusta Clutch Woes (Almost) Solved Through A Clever Bodge: Greg Taylor's clutch would not move at all due to improperly matched clutch master cylinder and slave cylinder piston diameters. He was running a 1:1 ratio, when a clutch demands a substantial differential in order to effect the needed leverage on the short clutch arm. Greg's solution was to fabricate an extension onto his arm, giving additional leverage and allowing the clutch to (sort of) function. However, the slave cylinder likely doesn't have enough throw to completely operate the clutch.

Andrew's Alignment Guy Gets A Thrill: Andrew Duafala brought his Pantera to an alignment shop, where the technican's eyes lit up when he saw it. He revealed that a family member had one when he was growing up, and before he got a chance to drive it, the car was crashed and sold. He went on and on about how much he liked it, and when the alignment was complete, Andrew threw him the keys and told him to take it for a drive—solo! He eagerly took off and came back with a huge smile on his face, and Andrew noted that the brakes were very hot, so clearly he had a good time!

AMX Saga: At the Super Bowl party, Gary Kono's restomodified Corvette LS-powered AMX gave up the ghost and refused to start. He revealed that he discovered the starter was bad, and replaced it, but once it was replaced, the car would crank but not fire. He brought his tuner down from Oregon who crawled under the car and discovered that the crank position sensor wire had been dislodged, likely during the starter removal/installation process. With everything hooked up, the car fired right up!

Mark's Mustang Makes A Move: Mark Bailey's long-running Coyote-powered Mustang project has achieved a tremendous milestone—it is now capable of attaining the locomotive state! He is now in the process of installing the glass, and the custom-made leather interior.

How Not To Move A Car: Mike Drew revealed that one of his four (!) VW Sciroccos suddenly refused to start due to a fuel pump that wasn't getting enough (any) voltage. He had allowed it to roll halfway into the street where it was then stuck. He needed to get it back into his driveway so got the bright idea to use another Scirocco to push it bumper-to-bumper. Due to the slope of the terrain and different ride heights, the bumpers were offset vertically, so he built ramps with various lengths of 2x12 wood. He then started pushing the car up the driveway, but a wheel spun on the pusher car, launching the wood backwards, dropping the car down, and with the bumpers now offset vertically again, the disabled car rolled into the pusher, breaking a rare Hella headlight and an unobtainable turn signal in the process! (Fortunately he was able to source a pair of replacement turn signals, a new headlight, and also fix the fuel pump...)

Raffle Postponed: Although there were several raffle prizes donated, there was no rafflemaster (and more importantly, no raffle tickets), so the executive decision was made to postpone the raffle until next month's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23.



Membership News

New Members for June:

We have one new member this month, **Tom Price**, who lives in Larkspur. Tom is a well-known fixture in the Bay Area automotive community, as the owner of the Price Group which has 13 automobile dealerships in the greater Bay Area, ranging from Ford and Mercedes of Fairfield in the north, to Los Gatos Exotics (Lamborghini) in the south, and including Toyota, Volvo, Land Rover, Polestar and McLaren in between. Recently Tom added a spectacular 7000-odd mile original yellow 1971 Pantera #2150 to his collection,

but his connection to them goes way back. Tom was the Ford west coast representative for the import lines (Pantera and Capri), and he was taught how to drive a Pantera by no less than Bob Bondurant at Ontario Motor Speedway! Tom's



son will be driving a 1958 Sadler sports racer in Monterey next month, while he will be showing a 1938 SS Jaguar at Pebble Beach. And to top it all off, Tom will be taking delivery of a new De Tomaso P72 next year. Welcome to the club, Tom!

June Membership Anniversaries:

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

Steve and Merry Dalcino: 23 years

Lysianne Doute: 11 years

Mark and Yasmine Charlton: 5 years

Olonzo Roberts: 3 years

Matthew Kelleher: 12 years Lou Brizzolara: 9 years

Jeff Gick: 5 years

Ron and Tara Aquilina: 1 year



PCNC Mt Hamilton Run

Story by Gary Kono Photos by Russ Nelson and Andrew Duafala

The May 21, 2022, Mt. Hamilton Run and Lunch was about the best PCNC day trip that any of the participants could ever remember. The route was planned out by our President Andrew Duafala, and our Vice President Mark (and Linda) Bailey hosted the delicious lunch at the end of the drive.

The drive started at the Target in Livermore. Nine Panteras and two other interesting cars showed

up for the exhilarating drive up to the Mt. Hamilton Lick Observatory. The Panteras were brought by Andrew and Michelle Duafala, Walter Miranda, Ron and Tara Aquilina, Forest and Judy Goodhart, Mark Bailey, Dennis and Liz Valdez, Erik and Jennifer Kolstoe, Gary and Mary Ann Kono, and new members Russ and Nancy Nelson. Ken Bredlau decided to leave his Pantera at home and brought his 1969 Pontiac Firebird convertible to test out the new suspension that he installed. Greg Taylor and Diane Silven showed up in their Chrysler Crossfire convertible. Ken and Greg's choice of rides certainly met the criteria of "interesting cars that you would take to a Cars and Coffee".

The 68 miles of winding roads with



The Panteras lined up in the shade of the Target parking lot in preparation for the drive. The good turnout of both Panteras and people was a refreshing sight to behold

serious uphill and downhill segments provided a lot of challenging situations for our Panteras with manual transmissions and no power steering. Ken was the only one with an automatic transmission. Maybe he brought the Pontiac so he wouldn't have to wear himself out with all the shifting and heavy steering the rest of us had to endure?

We reached the summit of Mt. Hamilton before the Lick Observatory was opened for tours, so we just kept on going down the road to the Bailey's house.



The observatory at the top of the hill was closed



The group stopped to take a break and stretch their legs

When we got there, Linda Bailey had gotten our wonderful lunch together, with a fine Mexican fiesta catered by El Pollo Loco. We enjoyed the great food along with Mark and Linda's wine, made from the grapes from his vineyard.

The best part of the Mt. Hamilton Run was the fact that all nine Panteras and a 53-year-old Pontiac made the strenuous drive and got back home without a single mechanical breakdown. That tells me we should do more road trips!



The members of the group aired out the cars and took the opportunity to wander among them and chat about their drive thus far



People were excited to see a PCNC car they had never seen before, this L-model belonging to new members Russ and Nancy Nelson



The Bailey's newly remodeled home once again served as a fine party location for the participants on the run



Heading back down the hill was just as challenging (if not moreso) than going up. The pavement is smooth but the turns are tight and twisty, and this was probably the longest straight we saw all day!

Monterey Motorsports Reunion

Tony Harvey Memorial Good Times Dinner Friday, August 19, 2022

No-host happy hour 6:30 PM
Dinner 7:30 PM
Garden Terrace of the Los Laureles Lodge
313 West Carmel Valley Road
Carmel Valley, CA

Come help PCNC celebrate Automotive Overload in Monterey with another fabulous get-together at Los Laureles Lodge. The Terrace lawn area will be filled to capacity with De Tomasos to ogle. As always in the past, there is a theme for the dinner, chosen by last year's attendees. The theme for this year's dinner is "Wild West". So, wear your best Annie Oakley, Butch Cassidy, or Cisco Kid garb. We'll have People's Choice Award balloting for the cars on display (and maybe the characters as well).

This year's buffet dinner features Fresh Local Green Salad, Grilled Salmon, BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Corn Bread, Apple Cobbler with Applejack Brandy Whipped Cream, and Fresh Fruit. Come early and enjoy the Hospitality Suite.

We've said FFBBUURRRZTEQQ to inflation, and left the price the same as it was last year; \$70.00/person through July 31.

Please make checks payable to PCNC and send to:

PCNC Dinner c/o Steve Dalcino 3374 Prairie Dr. Pleasanton CA 94588

IRONSTONE

CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

The Ironstone Concours is coming up in a hurry! The Vehicle Entry Form is now available (see elsewhere in this newsletter). All information, including the entry form, should be available at ironstoneconcours.org.

PCNC members do this event as individuals. It's not an organized club event, which allows for more flexibility with regards to arrangements (order food from the menu, pay with separate checks, etc.). We stay at either Murphys Suites, or Murphys Inn: they are close to each other and only a short walk from downtown Murphys. On September 9th, I'll make Friday and Saturday dinner reservations for all those interested.

Those who wish to be part of the Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour on Friday will drive up on Thursday, September 22. Otherwise, attendees will gather in Farmington between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 23. They'll drive to lunch in Angels Camp, then head to Murphys for check-in, a little slack time, and then an early dinner at Grounds Restaurant. Saturday is the Concours, followed by dinner with the group. It's always a fabulous event.

If this sounds like something you're up for, make your hotel reservations for Friday and Saturday (Thursday too, if you make the Tour) as soon as possible! They fill up early!

This is a GREAT weekend. Hope to see you there.

Steve Dalcino cell: 925 640 1081

RULES OF ENTRY

ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31, 2022

Our judging format will be as follows:

Rather than awarding first, second and third place prizes in each class, our judges will be asked to designate a percentage of the cars in each class to receive a ribbon indicating an "Award of Merit." From that group, judges will designate one vehicle as "Best of Class."

As has been our custom, in addition to the usual overall awards and several new awards, "Best of Class" vehicles will parade across the stage to receive their award. This creates a fun, relaxing and elegant event...more reminiscent of the French Concours of Elegance of the 1930s, where each car was judged on its overall elegance and style rather than on its minutely detailed physical perfection.

Remember, ONLY STOCK, NON-MODIFIED VEHICLES ARE ACCEPTED AT IRONSTONE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE. We also love original, unrestored and well-maintained vehicles. All participants are invited to purchase tickets to attend the Cars and Stars Dinner on Friday night and the Gala Luncheon in the Patron's Tent on the field on Saturday. These wonderful events are important in our efforts to support Central and Northern California youth in Ag programs, notably FFA and 4H programs.

Car Placement:

The show field will be available for vehicle placement from 10 am to 5:00 pm on Friday, September 23. If convenient, bring your vehicle in on Friday to avoid the Saturday morning crunch! Gates open Saturday morning at 6:30 am and we ask that all show vehicles be in place by 9:00 am.

Notes:

- Any vehicle that won a "Best of Class" in 2021 will not be eligible for judging in 2022.
 However, it is welcome for display only and can be eligible for judging in future years.
- Ironstone Concours d'Elegance reserves the right to combine and divide classes based on the entry mix. Due to space constraints, some classes may be limited in the number of vehicles accepted.
- · Individual marque classes may be broken out depending on entry numbers.
- Ironstone Concours d'Elegance is open only to vehicles and motorcycles in their original or restored-to-original condition.
- Please have your current insurance and registration in your vehicle along with a fire extinguisher.

Entrants are encouraged to drive their cars to Concours. Each entered vehicle will be judged in its category by standards emphasizing the elegance and integrity of the vehicle's design as deemed appropriate for its era and type. Undercarriages, engine compartments, trunks and personal areas will not be judged. Judges will take no notice of normal vehicle wear and usage.

The entry committee must approve all applications and reserves the right to reject any vehicles that do not meet Concours standards. Vehicles must be driven through the check point onto the Concours field. A special trailer unloading and parking area will be available. Entrants are expected to have a fire extinguisher with their vehicles for safety purposes.

This prestigious event is expected to be the best one to date, thanks to your participation and support! Get ready to show off your prized automobiles and get into the spirit of Concours d'Elegance, where guests and registrants are encouraged to come donning fancy vintage hats to suit the classic car theme. We look forward to seeing your beautiful cars among stunning grounds of Ironstone Vineyards!

Concours Gives Back to Campership!

Through donations made by car entrants, Concours has donated over \$30,000 to support agricultural student summer camps and other educational programs. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of Concours over the last six years, as well as your continued support for youth agricultural programs!



ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are non-refundable. For one vehicle, the fee is \$75.

Paid entries entitle the owner(s) to general admission for two adults, and two tickets for the lunch in the Music Room. Additional general admission entry tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door for \$25 per adult.

ENTRY FORM

Please submit one or more good, clear, recent photographs of your vehicle with your entry form, or email digital images to: embock@sbcglobal.net. Be sure to include your name and address with each photo.

All entered vehicles must be in their assigned show spaces no later than 9:00 am on Saturday, September 24, and must remain on the event grounds until 4:00 pm. Owners are encouraged to park their vehicles in their assigned spots on Friday to avoid the Saturday morning rush. Security guards will be in place beginning Friday at noon.

For additional entry information, please contact Chris Bock at (530) 400-0540 or cmbock@sbcglobal.net.

For judging information, please contact Jim Sinclair at (530) 919-6391.





26TH ANNUAL IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



Concours d'Elegance Weekend

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

Ironstone Vinlage Back Roads Tour Meet at Ironstone Vineyards

10:00 am Tour Through Murphys 12:15 pm Lunch on New Melones Lake Lunch and Boat Ride

Cars & Stars Dinner

5:30 pm Wine Tasting 6:00 pm in the Amphitheatre at Ironstone Vineyards Dinner Under the Stars and Silent/Live Auctions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. 2022

Concours d'Elegance

9:00 am - 4:00 pm More Than 300 Beautiful Antique and Classic Automobiles

Patron's Pavilion and Luncheon

 $9:00~\mathrm{am} = 4:00~\mathrm{pm}$ Wine Tasting and Lunch on the Field

Luncheon in Music Room

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Awards Ceremony

3:00 - 4:00 pm



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2022 CLASS LIST

- A Antique
- Al Steam Powered Cars
- B Vintage
- C American & European Classic Open
- D American & European Classic Closed
- E Pierce-Arrow
- F Packard
- G Lincoln through 1973
- H Wood Bodied Cars
- I Race Cars
- J Derham Coachwork
- K Unrestored to 1959
- L Unrestored 1960-1973
- M Mini & Micro Cars
- N American Production: 1946 to 1954
- O American Production: 1955 to 1961
- P American production: 1962-1973
- Q American Muscle Cars
- Q1 Corvette
- R European Japanese and British through 1973 (to be divided based on entry mix)
- S Model A Ford
- T Ford Thunderbird
- U Commercial
- V Motorcycles
- W Vintage Trailers
- X DeTomaso
- Y Amphicar
- Z Stationary Engines and Tractors

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance supports the display of 1973 AND EARLIER vintage automobiles and motorcycles in their original or restored-to-original condition.

For guest and entrant's safety, cars MAY NOT LEAVE THE SHOW until Best of Show award has been presented. Exit gates and traffic control will not be in place until show has concluded or 4PM, whichever is earlier.

Note for Class Size Limits:

Due to unexpected (but much appreciated) entry volume it may be necessary to limit the entry count in some classes to 15 cars and in such cases the 'first come first served' rule will apply, so please send in your entry promptly. We make every effort to divide classes based on entry mix received in order to properly display entries, however there is a finite limit to the space on the Ironstone grounds which dictates that we keep the total entry count below 325 cars.

IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

2022 VEHICLE ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline is August 30, 2022

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday, June 30th, 2022 7:30 P.M.

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

REMINDER — NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 15th OF EACH MONTH