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**Fluid Tech Session** was held to make those yearly changes. Adlers of Pantera Intl kindly funded the event with Motul T-shirts, stickers and two cases of brake fluid. Hot dogs with fixings were the lunch special as we prepped for Las Vegas. Contact me if you'd like to arrange for another session to change your fluids.

**San Juan Capistrano CARE show** was more than I expected with over 300 cars. Two TPOC members drew many crowds as both the Motts and Westburgs held the banner high amongst classics and big buck customs. Do plan to join this show next year in support of animals (I mean the furry type).

**Palm Desert Run** was canceled due to lack of interest. Perhaps a reschedule is in order. Let us know.

**Dragon Foundation** continues its planning of the "Running of the Beasts" event in support of animals. This day long show begins at Crystal Cove, runs to Santa Fe with a surprise along the way, ending at the show and Party. Speak to Carol Ann Michelle [CAMichelle@DragonFoundation.org](mailto:CAMichelle@DragonFoundation.org) for details and to volunteer for this worthy cause.

**Reminders:** from [rkunishige@hotmail.com](mailto:rkunishige@hotmail.com)

- ? **Car Museum** Rick Flores hosting.
- Feb 25-26 **San Diego Big 3 Show** Qualcomm Stadium.
- Mar 4-5 **Willow Springs Open Track** featuring Panteras and Ferraris---Jim Saxton 626 285-2024. This TPOC event is on the fastest track in the West. It is often seen on Speed TV for car testing. Why not test your ride where the pros test? This event is for pro and novice alike classed in 4 groups.
- Mar 5 **Pomona Show & Swap** Fairplex \$8 admin \$7 parking? 714 538-7091 [www.pomonaswapmeet.com](http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com).
- Mar 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your pics.
- Mar 10-11 **Temecula Rock N Rod** 951 325-7100 [drifterpat@msn.com](mailto:drifterpat@msn.com).
- Apr 7-9 **LB Grand Prix** CART racing at its best [www.longbeachgp.com](http://www.longbeachgp.com).
- Apr 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your suggestions.
- May 3-7 **POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally & Car Display** at Orleans Hotel. Kent & Sandi Snyder 626 966-0890.
- May 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your car.
- May 18-21 **ORR Nevada Open Road Race (SilverState)**, Ely Nevada Contact Dennis Antenucci 714 962-9754.
- Jun 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your stories.
- Jun 15-17 **ORR La Carrera Road Race**, Ensenada, Mexico Contact Dennis Antenucci 714 962-9754.
- Jul 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your associate.
- Aug 18-19 **Concorso Italiano & PI's Laguna Seca Historics** sign up early.
- Aug 26 **TPOC BBQ** Ron & Gayle Huff.
- Sep 14-17 **ORR Silver Road Race**, Ely, Nevada Contact Dennis Antenucci 714 962-9754.
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- Dec 3 or 10 **TPOC Christmas Party** Gayle Huff & Bob Singer.

**Sign up now for Willow Springs, Las Vegas, and Monterey!**

Write an article of your own and submit it to Mike Drew, Jack Deryke, or Dave Adler.

**Please** send any changes to Judy McCartney at [jpoca2@hotmail.com](mailto:jpoca2@hotmail.com) 'cause we're considering sending a TPOC roster to you. Check your phone numbers, email address and most importantly your associate's name. Oops, it's not listed but we do want it for our database anyway. **Then tell us what info you'd like to include or exclude in the roster to all our club members.**

Go Big or Go Home  
The Silver State Open Road Race  
May 18-21, 2006

On May 21<sup>st</sup> I expect to have one of the largest if not the largest Pantera race teams at the Silver State Nevada Open Road Race (ORR) that we have ever had since ORR began in 1989. Right now Team Pantera Racing is estimated at 19 entries all driving Pantera's. The only other TPOC member besides me planning to run against the hordes of Corvettes, Porsche's, Ferrari's and other high priced machinery is Dennis "Webers" Daley. I'd like to see some more TPOC members join us so here's a little history if YOU are interested.

We are the only vintage team with cars over 25 years old that have managed to start and finish more than 5 classic cars in a sanctioned ORR anyplace in the world. We've done it several times most recently starting and finishing 10 Panteras at the Texas Big Bend ORR in 2005. Again in 1998 we had 14 Pantera entries which is still a record for a single marque. I completed 31 of 34 ORRs between 1997 and 2005. There isn't anything special about my Pantera other than my 1999 record finish while the car was on fire. Seriously, my Pantera has finished all but 2 ORRs entered. Since rebuilding the Pantera after that fire, it has started and finished almost all the ORRs I participated in including the famous Mexican La Carrera.

What I consider much more of an achievement is that 90% of the guys and one gal (Laurie Basile completed two) who finished ORRs in Panteras since its 1989 beginnings have done so in your basic street Pantera. Exceptions are Junior Wilson, Bobby Byers, Charlie Puckett and Gary Hall's Big Red. The overwhelming majority of Panteras were just well maintained Pantera weekend drivers averaging 95-110 MPH classes.

It is a surprisingly safe event. We've never had a car go off course except in the two fastest speed divisions. Other than Junior's fastest 200+ mph runs, no one has ever gone off road or had an accident.

Junior won the Unlimited Division at the Silver State Open Road Race (ORR) in 1995. He averaged 177 mph running a highly modified 1972 Pantera hitting speeds in excess of 206 mph in the straights. Junior's triumph wasn't running the fastest unlimited division speed average ever achieved over the infamous and venerable Nevada 2-lane public roadway but it certainly is the fastest anyone in a Pantera has ever driven. Junior continued to run 2 to 3 ORR's in Nevada each year for the next 8 years retiring in 1997.

Fastest average speed at Silver State's 90 mile 2-lane course through 2000 belonged to an 18 year old driver named R.J. Gottlieb. RJ ran a contested 192 Mph average in 1989. It was arguably the fastest speed average anyone had ever driven any car on any 2-lane road anywhere in the world. Ultimately and unfortunately, the record was stripped in 1995 after someone decided to use GPS to measure the course. What they found was the 90-mile course was really 86 miles! On May 21, 2000, a former professional NASCAR driver named Chuck Shafer running a well-prepared Winston cup racecar finally broke the 200 MPH speed averaging a blistering 207.

So why should YOU consider going? First, it is just one hell of a weekend long party that is a lot of fun. Second, where else can you run your Pantera or Mangusta at triple digit speeds over a real road for 90 miles and not get a ticket? Third, the camaraderie among the Pantera group is second to none and while almost no one in a Pantera ever has a mechanical problem when they do the entire team pitches in the fix and makes certain everyone is ready to run on Sunday. Fourth, there is a 1-mile shootout the day before the ORR. Right now the current 1-mile record is 188 mph set by Jerry Mall in a modified Dodge Viper. I am hoping to break that record in May. So even if your not interested in running the full ORR you can still sign up for the One-Mile Shoot-out or do both. And finally as I suggested before, you don't have to go 150 or 200 or more miles per hour to have fun at this event. Simply select a slower class of 85-110 mph for starters.

It is a major media blast and you will have a great time guaranteed. If you are interested in joining us please let me know. So, give me a call! Dennis "Mad Dawg" Antenucci 626-796-3800 Ext. 116.