



Patricia & crew



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Las Vegas is upon us so make your reservations now. Read your POCA newsletter.

Las Vegas convoy begins at 9:00AM at Burger Town located near the fwy 10/Archibald off ramp just before the hwy 15 to LV. Two convoys are scheduled for the run...one on Wednesday and one on Thursday.

Irwindale Speedway with Foothill chapter promises a fun filled day with a chance to drive the Speedway in a parade of Panteras. Let's show everyone how to really drive these old cars on Apr 21.

Track Time. Button Willow Jun 16-17.

Tech Inspector is needed for TPOC cars in support of next year's Fun Rally. Contact Rod for more info.

Reminders: from rkunishige@hotmail.com. Please email needed corrections/additions to me.

- Apr 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your favorite tool recommendation.
- Apr 13-15 **Long Beach Grand Prix** offers 3 days of non-stop GO.
- Apr 21 **Irwindale Speedway** Show & Track event with Foothill Chapter's Rob D'Orazio 626 795-915. Free admission for up to 30 Panteras including a passenger. Panteras on parade at 3:30 Sat.
- Apr 25-29 **POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally** register early.
- May 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your best TPOC story.
- Jun 6-10 **Reno-Tahoe Fun Rally** Jim Nowlin 775 831-1730 Poker run, gondola ride, go-kart race comedy show.
- Jun 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your best joke.
- Jun 16-17 **Button Willow** w/Jim Saxton 626 285-2024 to join TPOC crew and test your skills on this very demanding course. Elevations and off-camber turns strains both men and machines...women too.
- Jul 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your best...
- Aug **TPOC BBQ** looking for a host/hostess. How about a chili cookoff? Mom's secret recipe wins!
- Aug 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your car.
- Aug 17 **MontereyConcorso Italiano** Black Horse Golf see Concorso.com or PI.
- Sep 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. I'll be on Maui!
- Sep 2 **Belmont Shore** is always a hit with those who like to shop. Contact Dave Rudderow.
- Oct 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV.
- Nov 3-4 **Willow Springs Open Track** sponsored by Jim Saxton 626 285-2024. West Coast Racing invites you to run all makes & models at speed on the Willow Springs road course in Rosamond, just north of Lancaster. Jim and Cherie Saxton host both Pantera and Ferrari clubs for this two day event twice a year. TPOC helps registration Saturday as a fundraiser. So, bring your car and experience the fastest track in the west (often the site of new car testing as seen on Speed TV). The cars are divided into 4 classes based on your skill level from pro to novice (instructors provided) and car preparation. Or, come and make the TPOC treasury grow by helping with the registration and enjoy watching some very fast, expensive cars race. Be sure to offer a ride to the guy holding a helmet labeled with "ROD".
- Nov 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your best

Leaky Exhaust Tech session on March 10, 2007 was to get another Pantera on the road once again. Patricia McWalters' 72 is a daily driver whose exhaust fumes had rendered it unusable with the windows down. She loves driving it and offers proof by displaying over 100K miles on its clock. This pre-L also has a real clock mounted

between the tach and speedo. The smoking problem had plagued her mechanic for some time without resolution and so a simple call for a tech session was issued.

The gang gathered after the normal Saturday Donut Derelicts meeting to locate and eliminate the leak. A few minutes with the car confirmed that the situation is unbearable. Fumes coming from the left bank showed us where to concentrate our efforts. Up and down on the lift was the norm as we removed the headers. Examination of the header gasket showed us healthy leaks from two cylinders but there were no leaks at the tail pipe. Encouraged, we ordered up a thicker exhaust gasket while the crew feasted on croissant cold cuts and salad at Phyllis' table. A lengthy lunch insured plenty of bench racing and "normal" conversations.

Reassembly took two attempts cause I forgot to lineup the tail pipe into the collector the first time. I'm glad it's my lift or the team would surely fire me. Relief came to us as we fired up the engine but it quickly dissipated as we discovered another leak at the center of the bundle of pipes into the collector. Sometimes finding an answer doesn't mean it is the complete answer. Our dismay continued with the realization that although we have the tig welder needed to do the repair (less the foot pedal), we don't have the skill needed to make the repair. And so, we had to send Patricia home with instructions to find a professional to seal the leaking collector.

Members present lending a hand or encouragement were Dave Rudderow, Bob Singer, Bill Wright, Art Stephens, Ron Huff, Gayle Huff, Phyllis Kunishige and me.

Contact me if you can donate a left 4V header to Patricia or if you have welding skills needed to do quality repairs. Rod Kunishige 714 374-8177 3/25/07.

21 Members attended the last meeting. Will you make it 22 next time?

Newsletters are posted on the web site in its own section for those who would like to see the color photos contained herein. Mailed newsletters are typically in b/w to reduce costs. Please let Judy know if you'd like to get your newsletter via email, by post or both.

Just ask Phyllis if you would like a free TPOC badge. We urge each of the 92 members to wear them proudly.

April

1 Fontana - PCA Zone 8 Speed Festival - California Speedway -

1 Pomona - RCX - Fairplex -

1 Tustin - Custom & Classic Car & Bike Show - 1171 El Camino Real - 10AM - 4PM -

4 Pomona - Twilight Cruise Night - NHRA Museum 1101 W. McKinley Ave. - 4PM - 8PM -

8 Long Beach - Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - Veterans Stadium -

13-15 Long Beach - Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach -

14 La Habra - Open House at Boyd Coddington's - 811 East Lambert Rd. - 9AM - Noon -

14 Orange - Inaugural Auto Extravaganza - 1800 E. Chapman Ave. - 11AM - 2PM -

14 San Diego - Bella Italia Auto Show - Spanish Landing Park, N Harbor Dr - 9:30AM-3PM 858-485-8621

15 Pasadena - All Chevrolet Car Show - Team Chevrolet - 8AM - 3PM - 626-963-7842

19-22 Pomona - Spring RV & Lifestyle Show - LA Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave. -

21-22 Santa Barbara - 9th Annual Wheels & Waves Car Show & Cruise - Cruise & BBQ Sat. - Show Sun. -

21 Dana Point - Doheny Wood Woodie Show - Doheny State Beach - 8AM - 3PM - 714-968-9798

21 Irvine - 9th Annual UCI Car Show on the Green - Aldrich Park - 10AM - 3PM - - Registration

21 Seal Beach - 20th Annual Classic Car Show - Main Street - 10AM - 3PM -

21 Ventura - 9th Annual Back to the Beach - Seaside Park/Ventura County Fairgrounds - 8AM - 3PM -

21 Victorville - 16th Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll down Route 66 - 1842 Bear Valley Rd. - 9AM - 2:30PM

22 Buena Park - 22nd Annual Fabulous Fords Forever - Knott's Berry Farm - 8AM - 3PM -

22 Huntington Beach - Brewer Bros. Model Kit Expo - Old World 7561 Center Ave. #49 - 9AM - 3PM -

22 Long Beach - Cadillac Concours D' Elegance - Queen Mary Plaza - 10AM - 4PM - 951-845-5916

22 Long Beach - Cycle Show & Swap -

22 Orange - 13th Annual Orange Plaza Car Show - 100 N Glassell St - 8AM - 4PM -

22 Pomona - Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex -

22 Thousand Oaks - Kick Off Picnic & Classic Car Show - 2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. - 11AM - 5PM -

28 Huntington Beach - 3rd Annual Marina High Car Show - 15871 Springdale St. - 9AM - 3PM -

28 Inglewood - Orphan Car & Truck Show - Hollywood Park Casino, 3883 W. Century Blvd. - 9AM - 2PM

28 Yorba Linda - John Force RaceStation Cruise Night - 22722 Old Canal Rd. - 4- 7PM -

29 Fullerton - Rolls, Floats or Flies - Four Points Sheraton - 15000 S. Raymond Ave. - 9AM - 2PM -

29 Temecula - Old Town Corvette Show - Front & Second St. - 8AM - 3PM -

29 Torrance - 2nd Annual Rev'ed Up 4 Kidz - 501 Madrid Ave. - 9AM - 3PM - 714-803-9216

29 Valley Center - Heartbeat Happening IX - Bates Nut Farm - 9AM - 3PM -

29 Ventura - 6th Annual Chiefs Along The Channel - Ventura Harbor Village - 8AM - 2:30PM -