



Lonely Larry at Willow photo by Cherie Saxton

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Willow Springs I am so proud of Larry Stock for racing his red Pantera this year. He was the only Pantera on the track and made a worthy effort. His competition was truly a bevy of professionals. I'll let him speak to the make up of the field in that regard. A blue 70 Mustang seemed to have lost a C clamp on its rear since it rode into the pits on its axle with the right rear tire about two feet outside the fender on a practice run. Can you say, full floaters?



Jim Saxton advises driver about wide track Pontiacs
 Oooops, Blown Truck marks the turns
 The morning was absolutely beautiful. Fully booked track was gently warmed by the sunny day without a breeze. Early sessions were cool but as noon approached a stiff wind began to buffet everyone. It continued into the race 1:00 hour slowing the drivers while sand dusted the track. The leading NASCAR truck blew his engine when it ingested something that was off its diet. His half lap lead disappeared as a full race Viper took over to lap slower cars taking the win. The lineup included the little Miatas, a 91 Ferrari, Cobra, BMWs, Vipers, Porsches, 2 S10 trucks, both early and late model Mustangs. The low tone of the 427 Cobra dominated the race sounds. The other cars seemed overly muffled compared to prior years. Mike Greenberg in his 04 Viper took first, followed by Brent Holden's red 07 Porsche, and Maury Gentile was third in a 87 red BMW. Group 2 winner was the 70 Mustang of Oz Marlen. The wind at race's end sent spectators scurrying to shelter or into their cars for the ride home.

I am also proud of the showing of Pantera owners who did bring their cars to the track to watch Larry make both left and right turns. So many appeared that I simply lost track of everyone. My camera is loaded with pictures of the cars in the paddock. Gary Wyatt and Cherie added to the collection as seen above. Captured among the photos are a couple of ORR cars. Glen Chancellor's #95 was photographed but I don't recall meeting him. Pantera car numbers 76 and 78 were there as well. TPOC's Dan Courtney brought his yellow #69 push button car but was plagued with mechanical troubles all morning. He entered the track late in the afternoon.

Spotted at the track (from memory); Bob Culpepper, Bill Wright, Bob Singer, Bobby Bishop, Gary Wyatt, Colin Haney, Chris Haney, Tom Todak, John Schirmer, Doug Schirmer, Tom Gorny, Shawn Gorny, Dan Courtney, Larry Stock, Paige Adler, & Tommy Hodges.

I'm told that there were 5 or 6 Panteras from Northern California as well. Next time don't be shy, step up and introduce yourself.

Las Vegas Fun Rally needs your support. So, look at your POCA newsletter for further details and plan to participate. Bring your car to show at the Fremont Display or track it at the Speed Trials.

Meeting Site a Hit Mel's Drive-In in Seal Beach attracted the most interest in the form of attendance and P cars.

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

- Apr 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Apr 12 **Tech Session** yearly fluid change at Rod's 1107 Main HB all day. Other minor fixes too. Lunch served.
- Apr 13 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Apr 18-20 **Long Beach Grand Prix**. Talk about street racing.
- Apr 19 **Go Karts** in electric form is close to the power to weight ratio you want. Call Rick Flores 714 953-5948 for run details. I want separate classes for men & women 'cause I couldn't catch up to ... We'll meet at Donut Derelicts 8am then off to breakfast at Magnolia Café before the races – eXtreme Costa Mesa.
- Apr 30-5/3 **Las Vegas Fun Rally & Track Event** Register early. See your POCA Newsletter.
- May 4 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- May 10 **Villa Park High School** pre-74 show 9-3pm 18042 Taft Ave. Villa Park open 8:00 \$30 b4 4/1 else \$35 714 771-8543 www.vphscarshow.com spectators free.
- May 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Jun **Reno-Tahoe Fun Rally** is not likely to be scheduled this year. Let's wait for further info.
- Jun 1 **HB Concours** support the children's library and show your car for everyone. We usually have 6-9 Panteras on display. See www.hbconcours.org. Hot Rods are shown on Sat. May 31 for pre 75 cars.
- Jun 8 **Panteras in the Park**
- Jun 8 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Jun 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Jun 14 **TPOC Swap Meet** at Bud Williams' garage 9am-2pm 2950 E. Coronado St. Anaheim. Bring your stuff to sell or bring cash to purchase goodies. Sandwiches and sodas provided. See Bud's complete collection. It goes well beyond that shown in POCA's article.
- Jul 4-13 **Le Mans Tour** How's your French?
- Jul 6 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Jul 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Aug 10 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Aug 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Aug 15-17 **Monterey Concorso Italiano** at Black Horse Golf...check with PI. Sign up now. Rooms are limited.
- Sep 7 **Belmont Shore** is an ample opportunity to show our cars to a wider audience and do some of that shopping vital to our wellbeing per my room mate.
- Sep 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Sep 14 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Oct 08 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Oct 12 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Nov 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Nov **Willow Springs Open Track** sponsored by Jim Saxton 626 285-2024.
- Dec 7 or 14 **Christmas Party**
- Dec 27 **Gondola Ride**

Willow Springs hosted by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing in conjunction with both Pantera and Ferrari clubs give you the chance to take your car on the world famous high speed track. Street cars abound as the Novice group makes full use of the free instructors to show the best line to take on each corner. They also advise you on the techniques to gain full control of your car while extracting the most from its features. Remember that there are four run groups based on your experience and two days packed with lessons to help understand your car's limits and at the same time improve your driving skills. Come out to participate or watch the excitement. (Cherie prepares a free lunch for TPOC members.)

You are a Pantera owner per Capital Panteras if ...as paraphrased or directly copied from, "You Might Be A Redneck If This Is The Biggest Book You've Ever Read" by Jeff Foxworthy.

- People driving directly behind you become faint and dizzy.
- Your car makes noises mechanics have never heard before.
- You can identify your friends by the sounds of their mufflers.
- Starting your car involves popping the rear deck lid.
- You can tell your car is low on oil by looking at the garage floor.
- You work on your car when there's nothing wrong with it.