



Dave's American Austin



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Nethercutt Collection is again on our schedule 10/2. The docent tour opens a treasure of beauty gathered by JB and his wife. There you'll find the American Austin, similar to Dave's, that they used on their first date. It was the only car he could afford and was missing the passenger floor. So, ladies imagine yourself seated, looking through the floorboards at the ground and having to hold your legs up throughout the date. A life long partnership in sued leading to ownership of Merle Norman cosmetics. We'll tour the main building housing the workshop. It contains much more than cars. Mechanical musical instruments of all types chronicles development from Europe, art pieces too are aplenty. Marvel at the marble. The second building is open to the public and houses many four wheeled vehicles including a steam fire engine and a train. Plan on joining us on Oct 2. You must sign up with Gary for the tour.

Laguna Seca Races was the site of loud and fast historic cars. Lilo raced his Mangusta seen here taking the inside line on a Porsche. There was an impressive row of both Mangustas and Panteras in the parking reserved for us by PCNC. Amidst the crowd were Doc Stewart and Tanisha, Mike Drew and of course both Cindy and Bill Harris. Not shown in the picture is Doc's new interior.



The above OSCA driven by Isabelle Haskell and Alejandro De Tomaso from 1956 to 1959 was in the pit area. The aluminum body racecars were made by the three Maserati brothers at **Officine Specializzate Costruzioni**

Automobili - Fratelli Maserati SpA (established 1947 in [Bologna](#), discontinued 1967). This example is unknown to me. Could it be a S187 (Jim Eichenlaub won the American H-Mod in one), 150 or 200S? I note that the headlights are inboard of the fenders like my 530 Matra but it has a single side exhaust telling of a four cylinder power within. Let me know if you know.

Alejandro De Tomaso in Autoweek Aug 30 p47 issue talks of finding the story behind the 74 Citroen SM V8. Yes the car needed the extra power over the small Maserati V6's 177hp. He ordered the prototype destroyed when he took over the company in 75. The engine made over 270hp. Perhaps the American market would have enjoyed the V8 4.0 L SM and its tightened suspension.

Mod motor in a Pantera was asked of me a few months ago. The simple answer is to ask one of our vendors about your specific block. But, I believe that George Peloquin, the builder and owner of "PURGOLD", had the first 4.6 engine conversion (early Lincoln 4.6?). Perhaps Bud Williams can verify this. F1AE and F2VE castings used in pre-11/1/91 Lincolns and before February 18, 1992 trucks have the same bellhousing pattern as our Clevelands. Remember to check the pilot bearing diameter and measure the flywheel distance too.

Modular V8 pattern is not the same as early SBF.

_ 4.6L SOHC/DOHC V8 (later castings, F3VE and up)

_ 5.4L "Triton" SOHC/DOHC V8

_ 6.8L "Triton" SOHC V10

The pattern change was for the AOD-E. Ford relocated two bolts, used larger, hollow dowels, and went to a three bolt starter like some C4/C5 starters. All Windsor mod motors use the new pattern. It may be that the changes are easy enough to accommodate but I don't have any mod motors on my garage floor to check.

So, if an LS like Scott Bell's is not in your future and you want a modern Ford power source, a quick call to a local Pantera vendor will let you know exactly what are your options.

Willow Springs is coming up. The date has changed so see below for more information. Do call Jim at 626 285-2515 with your questions. Chapter members help the Saxtons to reduce costs and continue to offer this event for those who want to try a tack venue or those who truly love speed in a safe environment as possible. You'll learn better car control and can make use of free instruction from racecar drivers.

Aging Fluids is a topic of this month's *Car Craft* Oct p.65 and matches my concern over this writer's mental shelf life. It turns out that the experts think we should abandon brake fluid bottles older than two years even it is still sealed. Motor oil ages better to four years. An interesting table shows boiling temps for brake fluid.

Brake Fluid	Dry Boiling	Wet Boiling	
DOT 3	401	284	Stock recommended.
DOT 4	446	311	
DOT 5	500	356	Silicon based, system delays damage.
DOT 5.1	518	375	

Wet used here is 3% water. Produces steam reducing effectiveness. Consider only DOT 3 or 5.1. Some say DOT 5 is only for museum cars with long display and little street use. Always flush before tracking you car.

Win Tools at Meeting by entering the monthly raffle. Chuck Melton of PCNC donated a hard to find ZFfill plug socket for last month's drawing. Tools make an interesting addition. It is all to help fund our treasury.

Reminders: from rkunishige@hotmail.com. Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcome.

Sep 10 **Garden Grove Main St Show** 4-8PM see flyer socalcarrculture.com Euclid&GG blvd. Call Gary 714 636-2010.

Sep 12 **Belmont Shore Show** is a fun event that attracts TPOC members to speak to a large number of people. Check www.baycityrodders.com for more info. Meet at 5am in Albertsons parking lot PCH & 2nd st.

Sep 16-19 **Silver State Race**

Sep 25 **Coronado Speedfest** in San Diego see fleetweekSanDiego.org for registration. Meet at Zitos 7am.

Sep 26 **TPOC Swap Meet** hosted by Byar's Precision Performance at 320 N Palm, Brea 562 691-2526. 8 to 1pm is the meet with lunch provided for attendees.

Oct 2 **Nethercutt Museum** offers a rare guided tour (10am) so you must signup w/Gary Mitchem. See above.

Oct 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

Oct 17 **Laguna Beach Show** invited us to return for the second time. Our placement was at the lovely Festival of Arts enclosure and we hope for a repeat at a mere \$35 including 2 passes and a gift. We were well received among some million dollar cars. The Austin club fielded a lot more cars than our small core. So hurry your www.lagunabeachcarshow.com entry on its way.

Oct 23-24 **Willow Springs** Open Track days is where we mix it up with Porsche and F cars at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, California just north of Lancaster. Here you can run your car regardless of make or model at speeds on a closed course known worldwide. Big bore machines of the CanAm series were right at home here so our Panteras are well suited with their big torque engines to power out of the high speed turns and onto the long straights. Just contact Jim Saxton, long time TPOC member, at 626 285-2515 Jim@westcoastracinginc.com for details and an application. An optional performance seminar is offered for personal instruction including how to make setup changes to your car like tire pressure, shock and spring adjustments.

Oct 24 **Los Alamitos Show** 9-4pm 11200 Lexington Dr Los Alamitos www.wvrexpo.net \$30. 6-8am to show.

Oct 24 **Los Angeles PD Cops for Tots** at LAPD Training Academy.

Nov 6 **Peterson Auto Museum** signup for a guide tour (10am) \$6 adult \$4 seniors group rate. Free parking for Panteras else it's \$8. Meet Marie Calendar's in Seal Beach at 8am. Payment must be in advance

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Nov 13 **Julian Run** offers a spirited ride to see a quaint town famous for its apples, wine, antiques and charm. We dine together. Those wanting to stay the night can bid others a fond farewell after dinner.

Dec 4? **PI Motorsports Show** offers a chance for you to enjoy a snack while seeing the many cars on display. Bring your Pantera to share and meet the many friends certain to be there. Have some Holiday Cheer with the Adlers at 1040 N Batavia, Orange 714 744-1398.

Dec 5 **Christmas Party** at Foxfire once again. Contact Bob Singer for your \$35 tickets. Last chance to bring toys to give to the Marines.

Dec 8? **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

Dec 18 **Gondola Tour** - Contact Bob Singer for your \$25 tickets.

Long Beach Swap Meet: Aug 8 Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 7 Dec 12 --- 8am at Veterans' Stadium.