



Prior SuperBowl at Dave's



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President' Message. Hope that you all had a great Holiday and the start of the New Year is a very good one. Welcome to 2013. I'll be keeping you informed of chapter events and activities. We seek your help for suggestions throughout the year and I urge you to contact me via phone at 714 969-1301 or email at drudderow@hotmail.com. Of course, you may reach any of the board members as well. I am in the midst of planning another SuperBowl Sunday at my home and invite all to join the gathering. The theme will be Latin beginning with home made enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice along with the usual chippy dippy, beer and wine. So, make plans for a fun day February 3rd.

Meeting location has been changed – see below. Site may be changed based on what the majority wants including any change in the meeting day from the current second Wednesday of each month. We seek to have more attending the general meeting to set the direction of the chapter. Your participation is vital for our long-term success.

Mini Tech Session at Rod's. For nearly a year, I hated the idea of hunting down my overheating problem experienced during our return from last year's Belmont Shore show. Fear had me completely paralyzed. Ever increasing scenarios crept into my mind growing from a simple hose leak, to a blown head gasket, to a cracked block. Visions of grey colored oil in the sump haunted me. Members asked why I hadn't driven my car. My reply was an expanding list of potential problems that led me to believe that I will need to rebuild my Cleveland.

A small group pressured me into holding a mini session to determine what was wrong and if possible to fix it. And so, after two postponements, June 9th was selected.

First to arrive was Gary Kiebel with his world-class tri-tip. He even brought salads and pork-n-beans to accompany the faire. Phyllis prepared muffins and munchies. Soon Gary was joined by other Garys --- Hirschberg and Mitchem. Jim (new guy) and Dave Rudderow rounded the team.

Hirschberg's coolant pressure tester confirmed that there were no leaks. No grey oil was found. Ah, no rebuild is looming.



Jim Gary Gary Gary Dave



Cleveland w/cap, Windsor always open



Tri-tip king, Gary Kiebel

To check the thermostat, the bulkhead panel must be removed. My car has a full roll cage but I had eliminated the fiberglass bubble and had only the steel access door behind the vinyl cover. Follow the instruction for this modification in TPOC newsletters Oct 2006 and Jun 2006. It took about an hour to get the cover out because the cage had dropped slightly and barred its removal until I used Rick's favorite tool, the crow bar, to persuade it to relent.

The thermostat proved to be an incorrect one. It was for a Windsor not Cleveland. Further it had that 1/16 inch hole and it was a 160 degree to boot. A quick run to the parts store for the proper one resulted in the normal tale. The first unit from the clerk was a Windsor even though I repeatedly asked for a Cleveland. These are easy to spot since the 351C unit has a "hat" that covers the opening entirely whereas the W unit is constantly open. The hat insures that coolant is held in the radiator long enough to do its job. So, always bring a unit with you and make sure to inspect the new one before leaving the store.

I had assured the team that the fans were working. I would not say that they didn't believe me but they wanted proof. Yep, they did not work. Why? Well, I had made a quick fix many years ago like the one proposed by Jack DeRyke in the Aug 2012 POCA newsletter p. 10 but mine was not as pretty as his pictured one. It was completely fried; so, be sure to replace any temp fixes with a solid plastic fuse holder.

The test run of the car proved that it doesn't overheat. It holds the temp steady at 194 degrees because that was the only unit in stock (intended solely for 351C Boss). Fans now cycle on and off correctly.

I am ready to drive it again. TPOC members are always there to help keep our cars get back on the road not hidden in our garages. My problem is that I didn't think to ask for help. Thank you ever so much gang!

Bill Harris Videos are an outstanding way to see some of the events we hold and visit. The following offered for your viewing enjoyment. Be sure to turn the sound up.

December 30, 2012. 2012 Horseless Carriage Club Holiday Motor Excursion. Pasadena California

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1MV1ThB3rc> Bill and Cindy's Model T

December 9, 2012. Team Pantera Orange County Christmas Party at the Foxfire in Anaheim Hills.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dEx2IQbzRs>

December 1, 2012 at Toys for Tots at Cars & Coffee Irvine California.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YREHE3JxdaA>

September 9, 2012 Belmont Shore Car Show, Long Beach California.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=88tR_HNEsWY

October 6, 2012. West Coast Racing & TPOC high performance driving experience at Willow Springs.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YDVsqldHM>

August 17, 2012 2012 Concorso Italiano Pantera Corral

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbGsM7xQBz4&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw&index=10>

August 18, 2012 2012 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Laguna Seca.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LV_qrAcg4OU&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw&index=9

June 3, 2012 Huntington Beach Concours d Elegance 2012

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wlsb01YSyD8&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw&index=13>

POCA Fun Rally 2012 DeTomaso Pantera Club events

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPIJ2ES_aC4&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfFiyV_TSPc&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeeFMrGNOnA&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9i1R1QQ9-g&list=UUQICCB-D3F44RrhPMbNJMAw>

As I discover more vids, I'd be pleased to post them.

Coronado Speedfest Sept 22 brought a bevy of Panteras but I was so taken by the events I only got a few shots at the end of the day. One of these is a para diver with our flag as a pair of jets flew by. The Navy open house is a real eye opener with ships and aircraft aplenty but the historic races and the drifting show entertained us all day.



Laguna Beach Concours found two Panteras on display Oct 7. Dave Rudderow and I represented the mark amongst some very expensive cars. None-the-less, we attracted our share of attendees and shared our stories with some real aficionados. Across the street held the American cars and a lot full of hot rods. Both sections had plenty to see. I was smitten by a 1962 Jag 3.8 Mark II beautifully done in a two-tone silver/red. Phyllis preferred the stately 1950 Bentley Salon Mark VI.



Christmas Party is always a good gathering of hungry Pantera lovers. It begins with a parking lot show that even included two other cars. The first is Bill Wright's "grey car" along with Art Stephen's "green" car. Bud Williams won a huge trophy---see Harris' video. The Whites were awarded for their outstanding service to the club. The first class buffet held many of my favorites that seemed never ending. The serve staff kept refilling the trays despite my efforts to empty them. Yep, I gained 5 pounds as a reminder to do it again next year. Perhaps a new diet is in order for 2013.



Gondola tour of the channels about Long Beach showed the colorful displays of Christmas cheer. The hours preceding it were filled with rain but stopped just in time to give us a calm ride with little wind and a bit of cold. The chill was kept at bay by a heavy wool blanket and, of course, a huge bottle of wine. My apologies go to you for forgetting my camera. Seriously, consider attending next year so you can take your own pictures.

Crevier Classic Cars. By Bill Wright. Shall we schedule an event here?

Formula One fans in Orange County have a new and outstanding venue at which to keep up with their sport. Jim Clark is General Manager of Crevier Classic Cars in Costa Mesa, and has graciously offered their facility for viewing the Sunday morning racing. Each event offers luxurious and automotive themed surroundings with three very large TV screens and food & drink provided by the fans themselves.

Attached are a few photos from the last get-together of 2012, the Brazilian GP.

The first race of 2013 will be the Melbourne GP on March 17th.

Jim has also invited TPOC to visit their facility anytime – whether as a pit stop on club outings, holding special events, viewing the "for sale" classics, or just to talk about cars.

The address is 365-B Clinton Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626



Larger of the two TV viewing rooms. Note all of the classic machinery in the garage beyond!

Willow Springs is the place to test both your car and your skills. See the schedule below for contact info. It is usually held early each March and November.

Mullin Museum is being considered as a run. It is the site of the world's most expensive car. Is there any interest? Any suggestions?

Membership Directory is found on-line at POCA.COM in the Club tab then select My Chapter. You must be signed in to see this screen so please do so. It is a convenient way to also reach your fellow POCA members. Confirm the information posted there and send updates to Judy since the POCA membership file is its source.

POCA Membership is offered by Judy McCartney at jpoca2@hotmail.com. Contact her there and be sure to say which chapter you'd like to join --- TPOC jumps to mind. She has a flyer outlining the benefits of membership in this worldwide organization.

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

Jan 9 **TPOC Mtg 7:00pm** Coco's Restaurant at 18380 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley.

Jan 12 **Shelby Tribute at Petersen** See flyer below.

Jan 25-7 **Grand National Roadster Show** Fairplex Pomona.

Feb 3 **SuperBowl Sunday** at Dave Rudderow's 714 969-1301.

Feb 13 **TPOC Mtg 7:00pm** Coco's Restaurant at 18380 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley.

Mar 13 **TPOC Mtg 7:00pm** Coco's Restaurant at 18380 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley.

Mar **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.

Apr 10 **TPOC Mtg 7:00pm** Coco's Restaurant at 18380 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley.

Dec ? **Christmas Party** at Foxfire once again. Contact Bob Singer for your tickets.

Dec ? **Gondola Tour** - Contact Bob Singer for your tickets.

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