



Where is the key?



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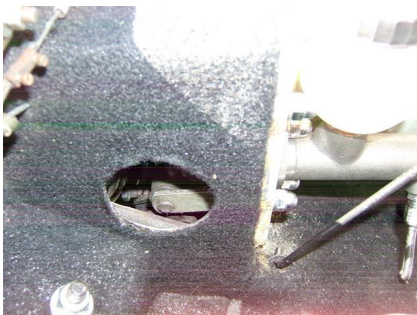
Dan, Bill & Art extract the Master Cylinder



Gary pulls the slave

Tech Session held at Rod's was incomplete. Only one car came for this session. A beautiful very dark Pantera arrived under tow but was soon in the repair driveway. Dan Pedersen delivered technical advice while Bill Wright and Art Stephens removed the master. Larry Hodges had given us instruction at his shop to speed the operation. We found it more difficult than expected and so we deferred to the POCA method of cutting a 2.5 inch hole in the foot board to access the bolts. Even so, we had to remove the pin to ease assembly. Now Gary has a large hole to cover. The lesson is, make the hole and avoid the hassle. With the master completed, we broke for pizza. Gary Kiebel's car was missing an adapter to the clutch slave cylinder thus we could not finish the job. Unfortunately, the many extras Gary bought did not include the one needed and the old one was the wrong size.

The following weekend brought Gary Hirschberg in to join Kiebel and I as a fresh team. We completed the slave cylinder install with some difficulty. Here, the new fitting functioned just fine but the stainless steel flare leaked. A careful inspection of the line revealed that it had some Teflon tape to seal the AN fitting. And so, we decided to do the same in order to stop the leaking line as a temporary fix. Gary said that he'd have Tommy re-flare it properly --- at least he now can drive the Pantera.



New 2.5 inch access hole



Pressure Tank Kit



Shows One-way Valve

The above picture shows the 2.5 inch hole yet to be covered with a plastic furniture cover or metal plate. Tommy insisted that this is unwarranted nevertheless we were not able to make it happen without the access.

We next went about the process of starting the engine after its 5-year pause. The oil and its filter were changed. I then suggested that we attach my newly fabricated pressure tank to pre-oil the engine. It was composed of parts from my storage inventory. Phyllis unknowingly yielded her Cascade plastic bottle as the tank. I used a fitting to link its cap

siphon tube to a T with one direction to an oil gauge and a hose to the engine block (at back of the block). The other direction received an air nozzle with a connector for the air compressor, followed by a one-way valve to make sure the oil did not back into the compressor. Thus, the plan was to use the nozzle to pressurize the tank with one or two quarts of oil limited to 40 psi then verify the engine oil pressure from the two gauges (on the tank and in the dash). However, we found that the engine oil port had been enlarged and I did not have a fitting left of that size. We abandoned the idea and just used the starter to get oil pressure up. The engine restarted with ease once we reconnected the coil's primary wire.

The test drive proved that Tommy's admonition to leave the old master plunger intact saved a lot of adjustment headaches. Just throw the new one into the storage inventory (hoarding place) for the future.

Do you want help with your Pantera? Just let a board member know. Or better yet, host one at your home. The gain of workers work for food and sodas. It's considered a learning experience for all.

Huntington Beach Concour has been a favorite of many over the years. Dave Rudderow was one of its founders in support of the Children's Library. It would be great if we can have more cars there than last year's meager two. Perhaps we can have a goal of placing a dozen or so cars on display. Let's take the opportunity to honor Dave and renew our support of this worthy cause. BTW, I love my 1st place trophy---where's yours?

Belmont Shore is a very casual show with a large crowd that gives us a chance to display our cars to the public. It is especially nice to see so many children walking the street in awe. There are no trophies here but there are a huge variety of cars on display that you may never see in a single show. Consider joining us for a full day of fun. See the contact info in the Reminders section.

Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park fabulousfordsforever.org is fast approaching. Some of you truly enjoy this one. So many Fords, so little time.

General Meeting Changed (Reminder) to Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719 at 7:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month.

Wrong email Address for five TPOC members means they are not getting their full value nor are they being informed about club events. Contact Judy McCartney at jpoca2@hotmail.com to update your address.

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

Apr 17 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Apr 19-21 **Long Beach Grand Pix.**

Apr 21 **Fabulous Fords Forever** Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park fabulousfordsforever.org.

Apr 24-8 **POCA Fun Rally** is listed in your POCA newsletter and on the POCA.com site. Early reg get a raffle ticket.

Apr 27 **Seal Beach Car Show**

Apr 28 **Santa Ana Original Mike's Car Show.**

May 5 **Vic Edelebrock Garage Tour**

May 11 **Long Beach K-9 Officer's Assoc. Show.**

May 15 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Jun 2 **HB Concours** hbconcours.org for more info and for entry form...

<http://hbconcours.org/obscuredir/wp-content/themes/twentyten/pdf/Sunday%20Entry%20Form.pdf>

Jun 9 **Concours de Nice**

Jun 19 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

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Aug 21 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Sep 8 **Belmont Shore Show** \$30 fee. Get download at baycityrodders.com.

Sep 22-3 **Coronado Speed Festival** San Diego

Sep 18 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

- Oct 6 **Laguna Bch Car Show** is open for registration at www.lagunabeachcarshow.com costing \$35. It was a favorite of Dave Rudderow. Our display was a prime spot in the atrium.
- Oct 16 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Oct 27 **Wings, Wheels and Rotors** Los Alamitos
- Nov 20 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Dec **NO TPOC Mtg**
- Dec 1 **John Force Holiday Show** Yorba Linda
- Dec ? **Christmas Party** Foxfire is no longer in business. Thus, we'll have to find another site. Contact Bob Singer with your ideas.
- Dec ? **Gondola Tour** - Contact Bob Singer for your tickets.

Long Beach Swap Meet: May 12 Jun 9 Jul 14 Aug 4 Sep 8 Oct 13 Nov 10 Dec 1@ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$8.

Weekly Events: Friday: Garden Grove Main St, Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts, Irvine Cars n Coffee, Sunday: Woodland Hills Supercars.

Please help me fill in the dates for the calendar. Send your email to rkunishige@hotmail.com.