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Is there truly a Matt and Cyndi Merrit 71 full race car? Or is this a game graphic?

For that matter who knows T. Upton running a 71 Pantera in FIA class CVAR vintage races? Or W. Cotter 72 Pantera at GR Chrysler Classic Speed Festival running against a Ford GT 40?

As reported by Bob Singer, we had 19 attendees, including a new member Steve Nye and his friend Ken Leighen - uncertain of the spelling on Ken's last name. Art Stephens showed for the first time in a loooong time! Welcome back.

- > Steve's Pantera is a '72 1/2 w/late bumpers and early dash. It's mostly a stock yellow Calif. car but purchased in Oregon. He's currently working on a leaking radiator.
- > A real highlight was seeing Paul Westberg's new body styling and paint of his Pantera. It's a GORGEOUS car with a 427 "Hammer" motor from PI. License plate says 565 HP and I don't doubt it.
- > Dave discussed the HB Concourse - 6 Panteras on ASPHALT instead of grass. It was an extremely hot spot meanwhile the number of cars seemed less than normal.
- > Shirts are ordered with our new logo. These are polo (golf) and long sleeve denim types \$25 each. Plan on getting yours soon. For that matter order one along with our new hat for each member of your family.
- > Belmont Car Show is 9/11. Forms were handed out to register your car. Check w/Dave if you want one.
- > Ron Novak gave a treasury report. The \$6,900.00 in account puts us on sound footing for this year.
- > Jerry Sackett got his new red w/white stripes Ford GT. Ask him for a report.
- > Rick Kincaid's old car was sold to a gentleman in No. Calif. (PCNC). Ronna's home is in "Romantic Home" magazine. For those who haven't been there, it is truly a showpiece. Remember, Ronna IS an Interior decorator.

Historical Plates again.

California Legislators removed the rolling 30 year exemption. I believe Pantera owners would be wise to register their favorite ride as a Historical vehicle. Outlined in an article by John Wilson in the May issue of PCNC Newsletter, this special interest plate is smog exempt under code 27.070 of the registration manual (pages 27 & 28).

Our cars qualify for Historical Plates because they are at least 25 years old, are of special interest limited production – sold less than 2,000 cars in California VC5051 (b), and is "...operated principally for the purposes of exhibition and historic vehicle club activities" VC5004 (f). According to one CHP officer, the "principally" provision allows for other uses of the car legally.

You will have to give up your vanity plates if you decide to double your exemption status. Historical plates are numbered sequentially with no other option and cost all of \$25.

Please remember that what the lawmakers give us they can take away and that these plates may not be exempt from the "sniffer" road tests. My understanding is that the law contradicts itself here. Don't forget that our lawmakers negotiated the 30 year rolling feature to gain our support in the first place --- promises, promises.

Do you have a Pantera project for a tech session? Call Rod 714 374-8177 to schedule it. I have two volunteer workshop sites and no one interested. Is it time for us to have another fluid change tech session?

Reminders: Check out our calendar on the ocpanteras.com site too.

Thank your associate for the support you enjoy each year.

- July 13 **TPOC Meeting** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring a loved one or two.
- August 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your significant other.
- August 27 **TPOC SWAP Meet** 8AM-2 at Bud William's garage – free hot dogs, trimmings, chips and soda. Come see his outstanding collection and buy/sell parts you need. Vendors can set up at 7AM.
- August 27 **TPOC BBQ** at Ron & Gayle Huff's Yorba Linda home. They are hosting "Hot August Nights" the evening of the swap meet. Cocktails at 5, dinner at 7 and Neil Diamond look-alike singer at 8. So, mark your calendar for a full day of comraderie.
- August 18-20 **Concorso Italiano & Historic Races** Join the Adlers & PCNC folks in Monterey for a must event for every owner. Show your car and see the historic races at Laguna Seca.
- September 11 **Belmont Shore** - \$25 by 9/4 to show your ride to car nuts young and old. Here's an opportunity to interest car guys and gals into the old fashion "hybrid". It may not be environmentally friendly but they'll meet a lot of new friends and be introduced to the Italian American mix. Meet at the market at 6:30AM.
- September 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your Pantera.
- September 18 **Palos Verdes Concours** Richard Barkley hosts this upscale show.
- October 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your pictures.
- October 15-16 **Weekend Wine run** Paul Westberg plans a caravan to some of the same wineries in the popular "Sideways" movie. We'll be staying at Santa Maria Inn for \$92.00/night w/secured parking. Dinner will be at Santa Maria BBQ.
- November 1-4 **SEMA LV Show** <http://www.sema.org/main/semaorhome.aspx?id=52905> - days of stuff to see. We get entrance for car vendors and resellers only (no general public). This is a POCA perk.
- November 5-6? **Willow Springs Open Track** featuring Panteras and Ferraris---Jim Saxton 626 285-2024. The TPOC event is on the fastest track in the West. It is often seen on Speed TV for car testing. Why not test your ride where the pros test?
- November 12-13 **Palm Springs Run** Judy McCartney offers rides on the Tram or Golfing.
- November 12-13 **Vara Finale Big Bore Bash** Willow Springs Raceway. Hear the vintage ROAR.
- November 12? **TPOC Indoor GoKart Racing** - real track time with Rick Flores 714 953-5948. How fast can you pilot one of these quick machines? Are you the best TPOC has to offer?
- November 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your stories.
- December 11 **TPOC Christmas Party** Meadowlark Golf in Huntington Beach 11-3PM.

We need a minimum of 10 cars for the dyno run at \$50 each.

Try our club site at www.ocpanteras.com. You need not be a TPOC member to enjoy most of the site but special features are there for those who sign on with even more for TPOC members who sign in. Contact Roydon Hughes at GR8KAT@OCPanteras.com for info.

Phyllis still has a handful of TPOC badges. Pick yours up at the next meeting. If you don't have one, come to the meeting and sign up. It's free! June 23, 2005

Who owns this '73 L that has been featured in Pantera International Magazine as well as a 2003 POCA Calendar Car? And is he/she a TPOC member?

