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March 9th had President Dave Rudderow encouraging the signup for the Temecula Winery run. Bill Harris had 25 cars and 50 signed in for his run by meeting's end. Matt Hesford brought his White Pantera, an import from Connecticut. Dave noted that we had an impressive 28 members at this meeting. Frank Spurny presented a proposal to move the meeting to various restaurants throughout Orange County to encourage further participation. I'm concerned about having a means to post the meeting locations --- perhaps our web site will suffice. The entire membership is asked to give us ideas for fund raising by contacting Dave at 714 969-1301. I was asked when the next tech session may be. My reply was that I am in the midst of remodeling the garage (as apposed to our house) and would encourage others to offer their garage to host the next one. Adam Gilmer surprised me today while I was working on the garage walls. He offered to host a dyno event at his shop in the coming months. Any interest? If so, let me know at 714 374-8177. I recall Matt also offering his shop.



Pictured is Dan Pedersen's Z at California Speedway before his SCCA race. That's our own Colleen Lister doing the pit work. She *really* knows how to wrench. Dan tells me, "Hammer symbols were from beating on the competition". But I thought that they were for repairs. It's my favorite tool for TPOC tech sessions.

On Saturday March 12th Bill Harris and Cindy Parsons hosted the TPOC Temecula Wine Tour. The run via Hwy 74 "Ortega Highway" through the mountains to Lake Elsinore was outstanding. Sunny and warm throughout offered a peek of the day to come. We were startled by the sight of a rolled red Celica on the roadside. It had split a stout Cypress tree in two and served as a reminder of what loss of control may mean. Hopefully, no one was injured. We met Dave & Starr Adler with a Mangusta (above) and had a wonderful lunch at Carol's Restaurant on its sunlit patio. Beth Westberg explained that Paul needs to brake going into turns with his 66 Mustang while she need only power through them in her year old car when I apologized for passing them on the ride up. We then all began the visit to five wineries before gathering at the Adler's beautiful mountaintop mansion. The tour of the 6,500 ft custom California Adobe Ranch style home including its office area had a much more light and plein de l'air than what you would normally find. Even more unusual is the very first de Tomaso car found in the living room. It's a mid-engined, 1959 DeTomaso F-2, chassis number 0001, personally raced by Alejandro DeTomaso at Sebring F1 in 1959. Cars also abound in the proper garage. Here, were a 1970 'Cuda 440-6, 1958 T-Bird, 1957 Cadillac Brougham lead sled. Both host and hostess have class. BTW be sure to ask Linda for a taste of her famous avocado ice cream.



Are you ready for the annual POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally and/or Track event in April? Contact Dave Rudderow if you want to caravan on Wednesday. PCNC is offering chapter rebates of \$25 for each 2 day registrant of 5 or more. \$50 each for 10 or more cars would gain \$500 to TPOC, so sign up.

Let any board member or me know your thoughts at 714 374-8177 for any fund raiser ideas.

Reminders:

- April 8-10 ***LB Grand Prix*** fun for those who enjoy more than left turns.
- April 13 ***TPOC Meeting*** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV.
- April 16 ***Dunkil Bros. Museum*** leaving 9AM from Donut Derelicts. Dave Rudderow.
- April 27 ***Las Vegas Fun Rally & Pahrump Track Days*** a must thru May day.
- May 11 ***TPOC Meeting*** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your/your significant other's badge.
- June 8 ***TPOC Meeting*** 7PM Mimi's 18225 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. Bring your/your significant other's car.

Check out the calendar on the ocpanteras.com site.

TPOC members have every car enthusiast 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.

Those of you who have signed up for your TPOC badge may pick them up from Phyllis at the next meeting.

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