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**Concours d'Dragon: Running of the Beasts!** By Carol Ann Michelle Dragon Foundation, Los Angeles, CA a Nonprofit Corporation for the Aid of Homeless Pets [www.DragonFoundation.org](http://www.DragonFoundation.org).

When you need to make some *NOISE* ... who you gonna call???

Team Pantera of Orange County roared up to the starting line by hosting the first-ever Concours d'Dragon: Running of the BEASTS that took place in Southern California on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, an event to raise awareness for homeless pets suffering in silence in our city and county shelters. They kicked up the octane as they joined with Dragon Foundation to "Make some NOISE for homeless pets!"

TPOC lead the way as a gathering of some of Southern California's finest exotics, sports cars, muscle cars, hot rods and customs left Newport Beach's beautiful Crystal Cove and cruised up the California coastline. After a showy jaunt down Main Street in Huntington Beach, the BEASTS (cars and drivers) zoomed off to Geezer's Restaurant in Santa Fe Springs for a Car Show, Silent Auction and rockin' After Party with live music by the band Earthquake. Greeted by a flag-waving, cheering crowd of Party Animals (party guests), the BEASTS roared into the Beast Only Parking area and headed inside for a cold one at Geezers!

Our own unique awards were bestowed upon participants by our beautiful and distinguished judges, and I am proud to announce that the LOUDEST BEAST award went to Paul Westberg's nitrous-burning 1972 Pantera and the GROOVIEST BEAST was hands-down a hot yellow 1974 Pantera de Tomaso driven by Gary Wyatt. Steve Wilkinson of Panteras by Wilkinson won the CRAZIEST BEAST award in his awesome 1928 Rag-Top Truck. This is one event where it is OK to bribe the Judges, and it even says "I bribed the Judge" on the top award, "The BADDEST BEAST of ALL"! Our beautiful Celebrity Judge, Claudia Wells, from the movie *Back to the Future* heated up the competition as she cheerfully accepted bribes and stirred up the animal in our hot-blooded Beasts. Funds from the event benefited the programs of the Dragon Foundation in their work to save abandoned pets in our shelters.

For a taste of the Running of the Beasts event, please visit [www.RunningOfTheBeasts.org/photos/](http://www.RunningOfTheBeasts.org/photos/). If you would like more information or to be a part of the Running of the Beasts event in July 2007 just drop an email to Carol Ann Michelle of the Dragon Foundation at [Dragon@DragonFoundation.org](mailto:Dragon@DragonFoundation.org) and we will add you to our list of BEASTS!

Our deepest thanks to Dave Rudderow, Rod Kunishige and the Beasts of Team Pantera of Orange County for their support of the first-ever Concours d'Dragon: Running of the BEASTS! We could not have done it without you!

**Belmont Shore Show** (9/10) is a \$25 must for Panteras each year. Register by 9/3 call 562 946-9800 or email [baycityrodders@earthlink.net](mailto:baycityrodders@earthlink.net). We meet Dave at Albertsons' back parking lot on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & PCH to leave by 6AM. This year, we want to park on the main street to show that Panteras warrant primary spotlight. So, polish your cat and set the alarm for an early time. Someone usually brings extra coffee and donuts. Or, join us as a spectator on 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Spectators are free entry.

**Cruise for a Cure.** In memory of Rick Kincaid we show our stuff at OC Fair & Expo in Costa Mesa Sept 23. Call Dave Rudderow or check [www.cruisinforacure.com](http://www.cruisinforacure.com) for details. Sign in now cause it is limited to the first 3,300 cars.

**Run in the Desert** is offered by Pantera International 9/30-10/1 at the Phoenix International Raceway. Track your Pantera with the Adlers and the Arizona folks. Besides 2 days of track time you may enter the Concours, Tech session, swap meet, cruise even bowling. So, call Jim at 623-826-4167.

**TPOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ** will feature a Neil Diamond impersonator at Ron & Gayle Huff's lovely home. It promises to outperform last year's party. So plan plenty of time to share stories with other California chapter members. Call Dave Rudderow at 714 969-1301 so will can save a place for you and yours.

**TPOC's Christmas Party** will be very special with a new upscale site at Mesa Verde Country Club that promises to be even more fun than last year. The dress code demands no denim clothing and appropriate dress. Special parking will be reserved for 30 DeTomaso cars. Why not wander among these cats while holding that favorite drink in your hand? Chat with about 75 of your closest friends from throughout California. Contact Gayle Huff or Bob Singer for more info.

## **Reminders:** from [rkunishige@hotmail.com](mailto:rkunishige@hotmail.com)

- Aug 13 **Long Beach Swap** at Memorial Stadium.
- Aug 18-19 **Concorso Italiano & PI's Laguna Seca Historics** sign up early.
- Aug 26 **TPOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ** at Ron & Gayle Huff home. Neil Diamond impersonator to join us again.
- Sep 10 **Belmont Shore Show** is a \$25 must for Panteras each year. Register by 9/3 call 562 946-9800 or email [baycityrodders@earthlink.net](mailto:baycityrodders@earthlink.net). We meet Dave at Albertsons on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & PCH to leave by 5:45AM.
- Sep 10 **Long Beach Swap** at Memorial Stadium.
- Sep 14-17 **ORR Silver Road Race**, Ely, Nevada. Contact Dennis Antenucci 626-796-3800 Ext 116.
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- Oct 6-8 **Wine Run** Paul Westberg 714-508-1780 directs this weekend of sensual delights. Reports from last year promise a memorable event. Tour Santa Ynes Valley then up to San Luis Obispo.
- Oct 8 **Long Beach Swap** at Memorial Stadium.
- Oct 29 **Rotors and Wings Car Show(?)** Los Alamitos Air Base.
- Nov 4-5 **Willow Springs Open Track** featuring Panteras and Ferraris---Jim Saxton 626 285-2024. This 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? This event is for pro and novice alike classed in 4 groups.
- Nov 12 **Long Beach Swap** at Memorial Stadium.
- Nov 26 **Long Beach Swap** at Memorial Stadium.
- Dec 30 **Gondola Cruise in Naples** Long Beach 6PM. 7-10 people \$25.00 p/p 20+ \$20.00 p/p. Bring beverage of choice - they provide snacks. Call Dave for reservations, 714-969-1301
- Dec 3 **TPOC Christmas Party** RSVP to Dave Rudderow or Bob Singer to join this SoCal chapters yearly \$35 event.
- Dec 10 **Long Beach Swap** at Memorial Stadium.
- Mar **Willow Springs Open Track** sponsored by Jim Saxton 626 285-2024.
- Apr 25-29 **POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally**

**Check out** John Force's show in Yorba Linda (last Sat. of each month) 4-7-PM.

**Just ask Phyllis** if you would like a TPOC badge of your own. They are once in a lifetime free units.

**Write an article** of your own and submit it to Mike Drew, Jack Deryke, or Dave Adler.

**Please** send any changes to Judy McCartney at [jpoca2@hotmail.com](mailto:jpoca2@hotmail.com) 'cause we're considering sending a TPOC roster to you. Check your phone numbers, email address and most importantly your associate's name. Oops, it's not normally listed but we do want it for our database anyway. **Then tell us what info you'd like to include or exclude in the roster to all our chapter members. I'm considering placing all the info into a TPOC directory for you.**

**Missing members** are those that did not attend the last meeting at Mimi's. Of the 93 TPOC members, only 11 were there to help direct the club's activities. Please consider marking your calendar for at least one meeting this year. The downturn in number implies that I should not encourage everyone to attend.