



Wright GT40



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Go Kart Racing began with a gathering at the Ford building in Irvine. There we viewed the many high valued cars not normally found at Donut Derelicts in quantity. Ford GT introduced in 2004 and its predecessor, the late 60s Ford GT40, were the featured cars today. The newer cars numbered in the twenties by my rough estimate while about a half dozen GT40 “kit” cars complemented the fleet.

Among the GT40s was a dark silver rendition of the famous MK II. This Superformance product exudes a bit of class by foregoing the normal big twin stripes over the top. Instead, it quietly uses the rocker stripe often found on the early Mustangs. Its black interior is dressed with the expected unique original style seats facing a full length dash with long levered toggle switches and round gauges found in all the late 60s era race cars. Beside this beauty stand its proud owners, our own Bill and Diana Wright.

The gang then traveled the short distant to K1 Speed track. Dave Rudderow, Gary Hirschberg, Bob Culpepper, Bob Singer, Gary Mitchem, Rick Flores and Jana signed the proper release papers for the track. The motif of the building interior is most appropriate with many Boris Said pieces. He is a winner of new era Trans Am, Le Mans, Daytona and NASCAR road courses. His TA Mustang inspires us all to think of winning this event for ourselves. Jana won the women’s class with Mitchem taking first in the men’s division followed by drivers Flores and Singer. Believe me, these folks know that the right pedal means winning. Let me just say that the top four have already been named. You will have to ask one of the participants for both the placement of these and the remaining drivers.

Electric karts on an asphalt track are far superior to the Speed Zone’s slick track we experienced in 2005. Here the torque when you throttle on is the same as your Pantera --- immediate. Full on is the best way to go through the angled esses just before the front straight. The braking is similar and you can and do speed your turns by using trail braking. Seat of the pants is the best input for controlling reverse steer as the tires slide sideways. This is especially true for the hairpin turns at the end of the front straight and just before the esses. There is no back straight so passes are confined to the turns only. I used both inside and outside passes during our event. Watch out for the long sweeper at midcourse. It opens an opportunity for those behind you to pass. Will you come out to play with us next time?



Foothill Panteras's April Pantera Night at Irwindale Speedway was a big success. Speedway invited us back for another for Saturday September 8th, is soon approaching. We are asked to arrive at 3:30 and directed to a display location for the enjoyment of the incoming crowd. Somewhere around 6:00 we will be escorted to a staging area on the track back stretch for some "Parade Laps" for the crowd, wowing them with the sights and sounds of 20 or 30 Panteras performing a piece from the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra on the track at the same time. We receive free admission for the driver and passenger to the evening's events (a \$30.00 value). So, call Rob D'Orazio at (626)795-0915 or at robpantera@sbcglobal.net.

Just ask Phyllis if you would like a free TPOC badge. We urge each of the 91 members to wear them proudly.

Reminders: from rkunishige@hotmail.com. Please email needed corrections/additions to me.

- Aug 17 **MontereyConcorso Italiano** Black Horse Golf check Concorso.com or PI.
- Sep 8 **Foothill Panteras's at Irwindale Speedway** call Rob D'Orazio (626)795-0915 robpantera@sbcglobal.net.
- Sep 9 **Belmont Shore** is always a hit with those who like to shop. Contact Dave Rudderow for the 6:30am rendezvous. 8/31 application deadline.
- Sep 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV. I'll be on Maui!
- Oct 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV.
- Oct **Santa Maria Run** Signup for a weekend of fun with Rick Flores 714 953-5948.
- Nov 3-4 **Willow Springs Open Track** sponsored by Jim Saxton 626 285-2024. West Coast Racing invites you to run all makes & models at speed on the Willow Springs road course in Rosamond, just north of Lancaster. Jim and Cherie Saxton host both Pantera and Ferrari clubs for this two day event twice a year. TPOC helps registration Saturday as a fundraiser. So, bring your car and experience the fastest track in the west (often the site of new car testing as seen on Speed TV). The cars are divided into 4 classes based on your skill level from pro to novice (instructors provided) and car preparation. Or, come and make the TPOC treasury grow by helping with the registration and enjoy watching some very fast, expensive cars race. Be sure to offer a ride to the guy holding a helmet labeled with "ROD".
- Nov 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7PM Mimi's 18461 Brookhurst & Ellis FV.
- Dec 9 **Xmas Party** \$40pp for a sure winner. Santa is expected in the same place as last year. Were you nice?
- Dec 29 **Gondola Evening in Naples** Bring your loved one or more for a ride in the canals and then to a dinner at an as yet undisclosed restaurant.

ALERT: Yearly smog check inspections for vehicles 15-years old and older has been approved by Senate Transportation Committee. The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration on August 20th. Funds generated through fees can be used to scrap older cars. Pre-1976 motor vehicles would remain exempt for now. **Please contact California Senate Appropriations Committee now to request their opposition to A.B. 616.**

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August

Escondido - Cruisin' Grand - Grand Ave. Downtown - 5PM - 9PM every Friday April through September
12 Long Beach - Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - Veterans Stadium -
18 Santa Barbara - Woodies at the Beach - SB City College, 721 Cliff Drive - 8AM - 3PM -
25 Yorba Linda - John Force RaceStation Cruise Night - 22722 Old Canal Rd. - 4- 7PM -
26 Long Beach - Cycle Show & Swap -
26 Pomona - Pomona Car Show & Swap Meet at the Fairplex -
29 Pomona - Twilight Cruise Night - NHRA Museum 1101 W. McKinley Ave. - 4PM - 8PM -

September

Escondido - Cruisin' Grand - Grand Ave. Downtown - 5PM - 9PM every Friday April through September
1-3 Costa Mesa - Great Labor Day Cruise - OC Fairgrounds Sat/ Sun 9AM-11PM Mon 9AM-12 951-928-4550
1 Lompoc - Lompoc Police Dept. 6th Annual Car Show - Ryon Park - 9AM - 3PM - 6-8 Buena Park - Golden West Regional Buick Show - 7000 Beach Blvd. - 714-838-0750 -
8 La Habra - Open House at Boyd Coddington's - 811 East Lambert Rd. - 9AM - Noon -
8 Santa Clarita - 12th Annual Oldies & Goodies Car Show - 22500 Soledad Cyn Rd. - 5PM - 10PM -
8-9 Ventura - 7th Annual All Porsche Show - 10 W. Harbor Blvd. -
9 Burbank - All Chevrolet Car Show - 200 West Olive - 8AM - 3PM -
9 Corona Del Mar - Coastline Car Classic - Big Corona Del Mar State Beach - 10AM - 4PM -
9 Long Beach - Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - Veterans Stadium -
13-16 San Bernardino - Route 66 Rendezvous - Downtown -
14-16 Costa Mesa - 9th Annual Sand Sports Super Show - Orange County Fairgrounds -
15 Eagle Rock - Hot Rod Swap Meet - Eagle Rock Recreation Center - 6AM - 1PM - 323-401-3994 -
15 Encinitas - Wavecrest National Woodie Show - Moonlight Beach - 8AM - 3PM -
15 Poway - 6th Annual Motor Head Madness - 13933A Poway Rd. - 10AM - 2PM -
16 El Mirage - SCTA Land Speed Racing - El Mirage Dry Lake Bed -
16 Palos Verdes - Concours d'Elegance - Rolling Hills Country Club -
22 Costa Mesa - Cruisin' for a Cure 8 - Orange County Fairgrounds - 7AM - 5PM
23 Long Beach - Cycle Show & Swap -
29 Long Beach - 3rd Annual Japanese Classic Car Show - Queen Mary -
29 Yorba Linda - John Force RaceStation Cruise Night - 22722 Old Canal Rd. - 4- 7PM -
30 Temecula - Nifty at Fifty CCI/WCA Western National Convention - Pechanga Resort and Casino -