



George's PurGold



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**George Peloquin Honored** Bud Williams hosted the salute to George Peloquin's life and his longtime affiliation with TPOC. His world renowned car, PurGold, set a very high bar for others upon its introduction. His use of the wide Ford mod engine took a good deal of imagination. It was only fitting to have his friend, Bud, display his car along with his latest project Pantera for all to enjoy.

40-45 friends and family gathered, discussed his accomplishments and talked of their personal interaction with this notable figure. Each of us who had the honor of knowing him are better for it..

Special thanks goes to Bud and Maddie for the event including an outstanding lunch. A personal thanks goes to Bud for allowing me the opportunity to drive his much modified Sunbeam Tiger. Its handling is super.

**Bud Williams' Tribute:** "This morning (1/18/08 ed) George Peloquin passed. He was the builder and owner of the "PURGOLD" Pantera. Arguably the best known Pantera for the last 25 or 30 years. George discovered he had leukemia about 4 weeks ago. It progressed very fast. Many of you knew George very well, and he will be missed. I believe he had the first 4.6 engine conversion in PURGOLD. He will be missed."

**Swap Meet** is the same, so please check the information below for the details.

**Tech Session** on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Dave's was a blast! The army dismantled his exhaust system and added new spark plugs and fancy wires. Spare pieces are destined for the above swap meet at Bud's. His car was protected with a special cover made by Gary Mitchem's mother. These custom beauties worked well. The work was really for one or two guys serially giving the rest of the group (dozen?) ample opportunity to discuss a variety of topics. Even the "King of Techs", Art Stephens appeared to lend a helping hand.



Gary & Bill test the covers

Two at work, others ?

WW & Art all smiles

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- Jun 14 **TPOC Swap Meet** at Bud Williams' garage 9am-2pm 2950 E. Coronado St. Anaheim. Bring your stuff to sell or bring cash to purchase goodies. Sandwiches and sodas provided. See Bud's complete collection. It goes well beyond that shown in POCA's article.
- Jul 4-13 **Le Mans Tour** How's your French?
- Jul 6 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Jul 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Jul 12 **El Segundo Driving Auto Museum** hosted by Bill Wright. We'll meet at Donut Derelicts 9AM for the run to the museum near the airport. Early reports indicate we will like the showing.
- Jul 20-22 **Tech Session** at Rod Kunishige 1107 Main St, HB 714 374-8177 to pull Gary Mitchem's engine.
- Jul 20 **Hillco Show** for Rods, Imports & Customs 9-1pm 7522 Park Ave. Garden Grove 714 657-7442.
- Aug 10 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Aug 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Aug 15-17 **Monterey Concorso Italiano** ...check with PCNC site. Sign up now. Rooms are limited.
- Sep 7 **Belmont Shore** is an ample opportunity to show our cars to a wider audience and do some of that shopping vital to our wellbeing per my roommate. Let's get a dozen cars to the show. Get your form at [www.baycityrodders.com](http://www.baycityrodders.com).
- Sep 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Sep 14 **Cruise for the Cure** call Dave Rudderow 714 969-1301.
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- Oct 08 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
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- Nov 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Nov **Willow Springs Open Track** hosted by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 626 285-2024 in conjunction with both Pantera and Ferrari clubs give you the chance to take your car on the world famous high speed track. Street cars abound as the Novice group makes full use of the free instructors to show the best line to take on each corner. They also advise you on the techniques to gain full control of your car while extracting the most from its features. Remember that there are four run groups based on your experience and two days packed with free lessons to help understand your car's limits and at the same time improve your driving skills. Come out to participate or watch the excitement. (Cherie prepares a free lunch for TPOC members.) Be sure to offer a ride to anyone carrying a helmet printed with "Rod".
- Dec 7 **Christmas Party** call Bob Singer 714 960-2323 if you'd like to help. Finbars Italian at 620 PCH, Seal Bch 562-430-4303 has been selected for the site of good cheer.
- Dec 27 **Gondola Ride** another Bob Singer special so practice your favorite Opera aria and join the singing. My favorite is Carmen's *L'amour est enfant de boheme*. But then again, shouldn't we be singing Verdi not Bizet, perhaps *La Traviata* or even some Puccini? Boat leaves at 5:30 so be sure to wear very warm clothing (or not). Traditionally, wine, cheese and bread is provided for all.

**Update POCA** is the drive that requires your action. So many of you have neglected to inform Judy of a change in email and street address that it's time to do so. If this newsletter has been forwarded to reach you, our files are incorrect. About one third of the email addresses on file are undeliverable. Is yours one of them? Some of you have not listed an associate in the POCA database. Rights to vote in our elections are extended to every Associate. Remember that an Associate need not be a spouse but it is usually wise to offer that right to the one to whom you are married first. Free prison time is offered to those of you who have two spouses. Be sure to submit your associate's name before the jailers reach your door. Send your current info to: Judy McCartney, Membership Director, 6092 Trinette Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845, 714 897-6964

**Email Newsletter** is the intended outcome for the above update. Be sure to express your interest in receiving your newsletter via email, post mail or both. I'll begin the process later this year so that we may reduce the mailing costs to the club. Please keep in mind that I do post the newsletter in our web site too (albeit somewhat late at times).

**Badges Badges** who wants badges? Just ask for your free TPOC badge. These are true collector items and are available to only TPOC members and their associates. Experts estimate that they will be worth over two hundred thousand dollars in the coming years. This high quality plastic product is the envy of every car enthusiast. Wear them proudly to all of the events including POCA ones.