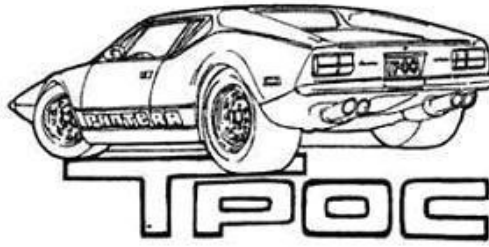




Los Alamitos Wine Run



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Wine Run on Nov 10 2007. Normal wine runs to Temecula, Napa Valley, and others throughout the State bring images of a rural setting with precisely trimmed vines sprinkled among rolling hills needed for proper drainage by every variety of grape. Larry Montgomery offered us a highly unusual setting that rivals the one I found in Maui so many years ago in a very different way. His find is set in a boundless flatland with rows of asphalt not dark earthy dirt. Projecting from the land are not poles to attach the vines in linear stripes but two story buildings of the industrial type. Oak barrels are not stacked within caves dug into the hillside. Instead, stainless steel tanks hold the tasty drink of the Gods for us to enjoy in air-conditioned splendor.

Larry befriended a jolly vintner whose production is located in a Los Alamitos industrial park just behind the local Sizzler Restaurant. The vintner is half my age and greeted us with the courtesy that one would extend to old friends. The pour set was preset to insure that our taste buds got the proper message from each and every selected offering. The sequence signaled the full range expected from any first class winery and yet the modest price belays its award winning trophies.

Above the testing room was my favorite of the day ... the dining area. Baguettes cleared the palette of wine as a selection of cheeses added flavor. Bunches of grapes also were too hard to resist thanks to our host and hostess, Ida. I must admit, before all, my pension for brie and baguette is insatiable.

On display for the show was an Alpha that would make the Graduate drive all the way to San Francisco without stopping. It was parked alongside Bill Wright's silver GT40. Panteras were from Larry and Dave Rudderow (TPOC Prez). And, that famous Model A pickup by Steve Wilkinson created an uplifting show of its own. A final note was emitted by the departing GT40 as the sound of tires and revs echoed between the standing buildings.

Each event at TPOC offers us very unique experiences to parade our cars and share something new with friends. So, step up. Do as Larry did: host an event for the benefit of all.

Early Ford SB Bell housings It's really nice to have an extra ZF box sitting around. It gives me an opportunity to ask, "What are possible replacements to bolt up to the ZF?" The simple answer is small block Ford V8. These include the early 60s 5 bolt 221, 260, and 289ci V8s. Direct replacements are the familiar 6 bolt 289, 302, 351W, and 351C V8s. If I wanted to consider six-cylinder power, I may select from 240 I6, 300 I6, or the 3.8 RWD/4.2 V6. Once you stop laughing, consider that the lowly 3.8L was the basis of the supercharged 89-96 T-Bird Super Coupe with more hp than its V8 brethren including the 4.6 mod. Even the 255 V8 is a direct bolt up. The 400 V8 was also available in 1973. In some full-size Ford, Mercury & Lincoln products the 400s were cast with the 302 small block bell housing pattern. It was mated to a FMX transmission like the 351C 74 Cougar I stored for years, much to Phyllis' dismay. These blocks are fairly rare.

The Mod motor pattern is fairly close to the small block Ford bell housing pattern. 1991 4.6 blocks and some 92 models were exactly the same as the 5.0/SBF. The earliest two castings for the 4.6L Mod blocks that were used prior to late 11/1/91 in Lincolns and 2-18-92 in full size Fords share the 302/351 small block bolt pattern exactly. Casting numbers are F1AE and F2VE. The change in bell housing pattern coincided with the changeover from the AOD transmission to the AOD-E. It resulted in relocating two larger bolts, hollow dowels, and changing to a three bolt starter. All subsequent Romeo mod blocks beginning with the F3VE use the AOD-E pattern, and all Windsor mod motors use it. Note that George Peloquin's Lincoln MK8 engine bolted straight to the ZF bell per Steve Wilkinson. Bolting the engine to the ZF transaxle involves much more than just matching patterns. Issues may arise when selecting the flywheel/flexplate, clutch, starter, input shaft, pilot bearing among others. So, I'll just leave the ZF there for now.

March Air Museum admission includes a simulator ride, 71 aircrafts, interactive exhibits even see some future technologies. Be sure to ask Bill Wright which plane he flew. www.marchfield.org for more info. Meet at Donut Derelicts for the run through the twisty Ortega Hwy. Use your daily driver if your Pantera is not running.

Las Vegas is once again upon us. So, look at your POCA newsletter for further details and plan to participate. Bring your car to show at the Fremont Display or track it at the Speed Trials.

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

- Mar 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach. 28 members attended the last one here.
- Mar 22 **March Field Air Museum** 8am dash from Donut Derelicts to Riverside to view our heritage & lunch. Make reservations w/Cindy Harris at skylife@verizon.net - \$10 admission & 15.95 lunch.
- Apr 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Apr 12 **Tech Session** yearly fluid change at Rod's 1107 Main HB all day. Other minor fixes too. Lunch served.
- Apr 13 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Apr 18-20 **Long Beach Grand Prix**. Talk about street racing.
- Apr 30-5/3 **Las Vegas Fun Rally & Track Event** Register early. See your POCA Newsletter.
- May 4 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- May 10 **Villa Park High School** pre-74 show 9-3pm 18042 Taft Ave. Villa Park open 8:00 #30 b4 4/1 else \$35 714 771-8543 www.vphscarshow.com spectators free.
- May 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Jun **Reno-Tahoe Fun Rally** is not likely to be scheduled this year. Let's wait for further info.
- Jun **HB Concours** support the children's library and show your car for everyone.
- Jun 8 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Jun 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- 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. I want a ride in the Sunbeam Tiger.
- 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.
- 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.
- Aug 15-17 **Monterey Concorso Italiano** Black Horse Golf check with PI. Sign up now. Rooms are limited.
- Sep **Belmont Shore**
- Sep 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Sep 14 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Oct 08 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Oct 12 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Nov 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach.
- Nov **Willow Springs Open Track** sponsored by Jim Saxton 626 285-2024.
- Dec **Christmas Party**
- Dec 27 **Gondola Ride**

Willow Springs hosted by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 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 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.)

Events are an essential part of the club's wellbeing. Please consider hosting one of your choosing. The key is to bring like-minded people together for some fun. Contact Dave with your idea and let's schedule it up for this year. It would be a special treat if some of the ladies would come up with an idea or more. I know that I sometimes get stuck in a rut and can't seem to get those wheels in my mind spinning in a new direction. Simply, I am asking you, ladies, for directions.

Meeting Site Sought that will draw more members to attend. If you know of a place that can accommodate us, please speak up. Our intent is to have easy parking, good food, separate room to conduct the meeting, individual billing to free up those who need to leave early and a locale better suited for the majority of members. Talk to Dave.