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Willow Springs is upon us. Contact Jim or Cherie Saxton at 626 285-2024 jim@westcoastracinginc.com for your registration info. TPOC truly supports this event as a means for you to exercise your car safely.

Modern Headlights project by Dave Rudderow and Carey Foster is moving along with two options for you to consider. First is a small rectangular 2x5 3/8 inches light or the round projector lights in 2", 2.5" or 3" size. My count at the last meeting was 6 people but I neglected to jot down names. So, please email me with your choice. We will then create the patterns needed to fab your bucket modification and order the supplies. The tech session for the conversion will be this spring prior to the Reno Rally. There will be two teams to perform the selected change. It is important that you understand that we are in the midst of development. Bud Williams gave me his documentation that outlined the changes required. The rectangle light demands cutting of the bucket face and we are not yet certain of the cuts needed for the round units. Cut pieces will be given to the car owner in the event complete restoration is planned later (reweld).

TPOC logo items are ordered so see Dave Rudderow at the next meeting or call (714) 969-1301 for delivery.

Badges make this writer look smart. Help my failing memory problem by requesting your free badge and pin it to a prominent place for all who need it.

TPOC Roster is an idea suggested by Larry Montgomery so that we may easily contact one another. The proposed content is the same as in the POCA roster but limited to just TPOC members. Contents include email address, phone number and city of residence. Please email me at rkunishige@hotmail.com or call 714 374-8177, if you'd like to be included in the chapter roster. Remember that this information is for your private use and will serve as contact for special events hosted by TPOC members. I plan to have it in the glove box for easy access.

Other Rides feature is one that I am considering for this newsletter. Some have noted that Panteras are not the only car that we own. I'd like to hear and share your perspective on your other ride. We have seen topics on '57 Chevy, '33 Willys, GT40 and American Austin in the past. Let's write about your other car next. Email your story to me. Hint: it need not be old.

Events from below need to be logged into your 2009 calendar. Your participation helps the club. So, fill your calendar today. Finally, won't you plan an event to your favorite spot? How about a ride, then lunch? The calendar is woefully remiss in scheduled dates.

Larry Montgomery is willing to have a run to that Los Alamitos Winery again. Give him a call if you'd like to help or have a suggested date for the event. Perhaps it could be combined with another event to complete the day. Last event was a huge success with an impromptu show and plenty of food (& drinks). The Winery has asked us to return for even more fun.

This year I'd like to feature airplane stuff too. Has anyone heard of the Chino Planes of Fame museum? Wouldn't you like to host a lunch there? All you need do is arrange a restaurant for the group and select a date for the event.

How about a Karting track day?

Missing too are the Tech Session dates that you'd like to see. So, call me at 714 374-8177 to gather the gang for your project to get your ride on the road.

Let's fill the calendar with an event each and every month.

- Reminders:** from rkunishige@hotmail.com. Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcomed.
- Feb 28 & Mar 1 **Willow Springs Open Track** by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 626 285-2024 jim@westcoastracinginc.com features both Pantera and Ferrari clubs. Our Panteras have sufficient power and suspension to give us good lap times. What we need is simply both the desire and the funds to prep our cars. It is always a pleasure to hear the roar of our cats running at speed down the front straight. The average "Joe" in his street car can skip the race class and choose from the other three classes as well as take advantage of the many instructors who freely donate their time to ride with you or even drive your car to show how they'd approach the racing line. Car control is what you gain as a result. You can even experiment with spring rates or tire pressures to balance the handling characteristics.
- Mar 1 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Mar 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Mar 22 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.
- Apr 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Apr 15-18 **LB Grand Prix**
- Apr 19 **Fabulous Fords Forever** is to show our cars the Ford community 10AM-3PM at Knott's Berry Farm. Register your Pantera in the Exotics class 29 for only \$30 at www.fordcarclub.org or 626 914-3738 before 4/6/09 now that POCA Rally is in June.
- Apr **Annual Tech Session** for Reno run at Rod's garage. **When's best for you?**
- May 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Jun 6-7 **HB Concours** is for two days, Saturday for Hot rods & Sunday for us. See <http://www.hbconcours.org/>. See a variety of cars and motorcycles in a beautiful setting at the HB Central Library 10am to 4pm 714 375-8414. It's a great way to show you car prior to the run to Reno.
- Jun 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Jun 10-14 **POCA Fun Rally** held in Reno, NV for the first time. Plan to join fellow members on our ride to the rally. Experience the Reno-Fernley Raceway 4.3 mile track and test your skills safely on the longest USA road course. Thursday and Friday are scheduled but be sure to attend the Friday exhibition race. Once again, PCNC will allow \$20 noontime tours as in LV.
- Jul 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Aug 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Aug 14-16 **Monterey Historics** Laguna Seca.
- Aug 29 **Big Bear Air Fair** is August 29, 2009, 8a to 4p <http://www.bigbearcityairport.com/airfair.html>. Possible optional overnigher.
- Sep 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Sep 13 **Belmont Shore Show**
- Oct 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Oct 25 **Wings, Rotors and Wheels** on Sunday Oct. 25th is a \$30 planned event. Check out <http://www.wwrexp.net/>.
- Nov 7-8 **Willow Springs Open Track**
- Nov 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Dec **ChristmasParty**
- Dec **Gondola Ride**

What do we need to do to get more of you attending our meetings and events?

Send comments to Rod Kunishige, 1107 Main St. Huntington Bch, 92648 714 374-8177 rkunishige@hotmail.com.

P Sale Hello all! Looks like we're moving to Montana fairly soon and frankly it is not a good place for a Pantera. Therefore, I am putting my 1973 (white) up for sale @ \$42,000. If anyone is interested, I can provide pictures or you can drop by to see it (900 Arden Road, Pasadena - 626-796-9197). Lindy Hardman **Lindy & Susan Hardman** (howsuj@charter.net)