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Wine Run by Bill Harris. We met at Donut Derelicts Saturday morning and viewed the assortment of local Hot Rods and collector cars (including a jet powered VW New Beetle, No Kidding!). At 8:00 am sharp, the group crossed the street to Li's restaurant where Roy and Carol Hall and their staff prepared an excellent breakfast for the TPOC crew. We had the entire restaurant to ourselves for the majority of the breakfast.

Last minute attendees were Michael & Rosy King. They arrived just in time to eat some toast & join the caravan for the 9am departure. We proceeded as planned down the coast to Laguna Canyon Road, up El Toro Road and on to Santiago Canyon Road. This allowed our group to view the green hills and trees, some of which had burned out only months before.

Once we reached Jamboree road (named after the Boy Scouts Jamboree back in the early 1950's), we headed South to the Tustin Auto Center and were hosted by Jim, Joe and Mark Parkinson, Owner/Operators of the Tustin Classic Cars collection. Included in the selection of rare and desirable collector cars for sale is a fine example of a white Pantera. Along the drive, Al & Nancy Arakawa joined us in their newly acquired black Pantera. This is their second Pantera and we hope that they will re-join TPOC and POCA soon. One minor setback was an overheating issue with Art Stephens' Pantera. He did catch up with us later. Throughout the day we had about ten Panteras involved in our event.

After viewing the classic cars, we fired up the Panthers and drove via freeway (for the first time all day) to Gary King's winery in Los Alamitos. We all seemed to find it just fine, except for President Dave. He luckily had a co-pilot, Linda White who guided him there moments later.

The Panteras were on display while the group enjoyed both food and drink all afternoon. Rod loved the Brie and sandwiches. The vintner was impressive with his knowledge and did affect some sales.



Jet Bug



Pantera on display



Al & Nancy Arakawa

Tech Session for April was to prepare the cars for the coming year. Ed Mestaz drove his red Pantera in to mount a wing and some tips along with an alternator change. Other members attending include the Roberts (Kim, Don & Brad), Bill Wright, Bill Harris, Gary Mitchem, Roger Banowetz, Sam Rosman, Dave Rudderow, Bob Ekman, John and Doug Schirmer. Each contributed to the event. Both Roger and Wright helped Ed with his project resulting in a very mean looking cat. Unfortunately they reported that the alternator was the wrong one. John gathered a small team to attack his fluid change while I commented on the overly bright stainless water tubes. Once drained his black car was pushed across the alley for the refilling operation. This freed the lift for Don's white car to drain those unsightly liquids. Again, I was greeted by those shiny water tubes. Do people expect to have their car upside down (other than Art)? What's wrong with flat black paint anyway? Bill Harris took to the lift next for his change. We pushed his car off the lift like John's in preparation for Dave's rocket. Fluids were fine on his car but he sorely needed to replace the brake stuff. He brought that new fancy dancy DOT 5 stuff but after the required brow beating and extraordinary pressure he switched to that old fashion DOT 3. My efforts failed to clear two brake calipers and so, I called upon the expert extraordinaire, Bill Wright. He was relentless in accomplishing the change while I enjoyed another soda. Thanks Bill! You're the guy!

A word about lunch, yum. Phyllis prepared some favorites of mine --- Don the beachcomber chicken, vegetarian bean chili, and Italian spaghetti salad. A fruit bowl and fresh strawberries rounded the meal.

It is very clear that TPOC acts in unison to solve problems and keep these cars on the road. Small teams would automatically form for each task, then once completed dissolve only to form in a slightly different configuration for the next task. The banter was punctuated with laughter throughout the day as stories were told. So, plan to join us at the next tech session. We'll do new headlights in May.



TPOC web site will be dropped during this coming year as a cost cutting effort. POCA site will assume our duty.

Email Newsletter continues but the postal version will be dropped so please make sure Judy has your current address.

Modern Headlights are for 7 members. There are three options for you. Details discussed at the May 13th mtg.

Reminders: from rkunishige@hotmail.com. Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcome.

- May 16 **Headlight Tech Session** 8:30 at Rod's garage 1107 Main HB 714 374-8177.
- 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 your car prior to the run to Reno.
- Jun 10 **TPOC Mtg NO MEETING because of Fun Rally. Repeat, NO MEETING. (No Board mtg either.)**
- 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.
- Jul 11 **Justice Brothers Racing Museum.** 10am. Bill Harris 714 369-2559. Plan on joining us for breakfast at Li's across from Donut Derelicts. We'll depart for the museum at 9AM.
- Jul 18 **TPOC Swap Meet** is scheduled at Bob & Don Byars. Bring out yourstuff. A light lunch will be served.
- Aug 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Aug 14 **Concorso Italiano** at Monterey bay \$125 before May 31 email ci@concorso.com.
- Aug 14-16 **Monterey Historics** Laguna Seca.
- Aug 23 **Surf City Garage** hosts a show for pre-'74 cars at 5872 Engineer Dr, HB 10-3pm (near Springdale & Bolsa). \$35 cost for pre-reg else \$40 at door. See www.CorvetteSuperSports.com.
- Aug 29 **Big Bear Air Fair** is August 29, 2009, 8a to 4p <http://www.bigbearcityairport.com/airfair.html>. Possible optional overnighter. Call Bill Harris 714-369-2559. Ladies may plan a day at the SPA or shops.
- Sep 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Sep 13 **Belmont Shore Show** see <http://www.baycityrodders.com/belmontshorecarshow.htm>.
- Sep 26 **Coronado Speed Fest.** is promised as a fun day to enjoy the historic races in sunny San Diego for \$20.
- Oct 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Oct 18 **Laguna Beach Classic Car Show** for pre-'74 cars at Festival of Arts site. The \$35 fee includes 2 passes & gift. This is a great site to display our cars. Let's really put on a large display. See www.lagunabeachcarshow.com.
- Oct 25 **Wings, Rotors and Wheels** on Sunday Oct. 25th is a \$30 planned event. Check out <http://www.wvexpo.net/>.
- Oct 31 & Nov 1 **Willow Springs Open Track** by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 626 285-2024 jim@westcoastracinginc.com. 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. You can even experiment with spring rates or tire pressures to balance the handling characteristics.
- Nov 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Dec 6 **Christmas Party**
- Dec 26 **Gondola Ride**