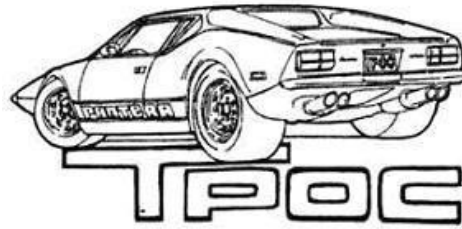




Scott Bell's Z06 Pantera



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Donuts? You never know what you'll find at Donut Derelicts. My recent visit rewarded me with a new sight. Here, Bill Harris asked questions of Scott Bell and his son about their rebuild. Scott Bell may have the answer to Jack DeRyke's age-old quest for a lighter high performance Pantera. After experiencing the big boom emanating from his Cleveland during last October's Willow Springs track event, he went through the analysis of a rebuild and concluded another direction was in order. The rebuild costs entered the \$10,000 range when he rejected that choice outright. Where Jack selected a Fontana block, Scott went directly to GM for a crate Z06 example boasting 480HP. Its aluminum structure has a huge weight advantage along with a wet sump that eliminates the expensive dry pump system with its extra oil tank. The loss of HP is rumored to be less than a dozen. Thanks goes to the Kennedy adapter for making the swap as simple as fabricating a flat plate engine mount that leaves the transaxle in the stock position. The oil filter was made remote because the stock location touches the frame rail. A natural outcome is the flat bulkhead so desirable by Pantera owners. Here, he just exchanged the positions of the alternator and A/C pump using the stock serpentine belt. GM even offers a standalone brain for either smog (catalytic) or "off road" versions. The extra sized air box makes it impossible to retain the rear trunk tub and so I would opt for a short cone shaped filter in its stead. Reliable starts and excellent power throughout the rev range are accompanied with great fuel economy. He and his son researched, designed, fabricated and installed the project in a 5-month span. See more pictures in Bill Harris' album at POCA.com.

TPOC Roster with peer contact info will be distributed at the next meeting. Join us and get your copy. Please forward any change of address to Judy McCartney. We continue to have mail/email returned without forwarding addresses.

Toys for Tots is our selected charity for this year. We appreciate any new packaged toy other than stuffed animals that you may donate to this worthy cause. Simply drop off your gift at any meeting throughout the year and we'll make a run to the Marine base in December.

Visit POCA.COM site for TPOC information. We'll transition from our own site to POCA.com in the coming months. There you'll find all that is in our current one. Simply go to the Club Section to find our chapter page, <http://poca.com/index.php/cl/ch/west/tpoc>. Our newsletters and calendar are within. While on the home page, venture a look at the Tech Section for all the articles formally on our site with those posted by other POCA members.

Waiver of Liability is prepared for your signature granting some protection to this chapter. Your membership in this organization offers benefits along with some risk. We ask all participants to sign a yearly waiver.

Driving Standards are adopted by the Board for Team Pantera of Orange County (TPOC) driving runs:

1. Traffic laws will be followed at all times. This includes, but not limited to SPEED LIMITS.
 2. The lead car is the lead car. Please don't pass the lead car.
 3. The driver of the lead car will do his/her best to keep the group together.
 4. The last car will have contact (by phone or radio) with the lead car.
 5. We will do our best to keep all of the Panteras together.
 6. If you are not driving a Pantera, please follow behind the pack, or drive alongside the group.
 7. If your car has problems, signal others in the group and pull off the road in a safe manner.
 8. If another car in the group is having problems, pull over and see if there is anything you can do to help.
- These standards are to keep each drive a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Pay to Play is not a political comment but simply something we face as a club. Funding is a bit low this year and in an effort to bolster our treasury we have instituted a 50-50 drawing at our meetings. The \$15 that POCA sends us for each member combined with the declining roster has meant a huge shortage. Our spending has been reduced for the last three years including the normal subsidies we make.

Dyno Run was a suggestion from two members. How many of you would be interested in placing your car on a dyno? It has been a good number of years since the last one. Let's discuss this at the next meeting.

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

Jun 2-6 **POCA Fun Rally** in Reno. See POCA.com or your newsletter.

Jun 5 **HB Hot Rods in the Park** at the Central Library hbconcours.org for all pre-75 cars and cycles.

Jun 6 **HB Concurs d'Elebance** salutes Ford - see hbconcours.org 714 375-8414. Enter your Pantera in class 31 for just \$35 earning two passes. Groups must arrive together.

Jun 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

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Aug 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

Aug 13 **Concorso Italiano** at [Laguna Seca Golf Ranch - Monterey, CA](http://www.laguna-seca-golf-ranch.com). Contact Concorso Italiano (ci@concorso.com) or <http://www.concorso.com/> for more info.

Aug 12-15 **Monterey Show**

Sep 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

Sep 12 **Belmont Shore Show** is a fun event that attracts TPOC members to speak to a huge number of the public. Check www.baycityrodders.com for info.

Sep 16-19 **Silver State Race**

Oct 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

Oct 17 **Laguna Beach Show** invited us to return for the second time. Our placement was at the lovely Festival of Arts enclosure and we hope for a repeat at a mere \$35 including 2 passes and a gift. We were well received among some million dollar cars. The Austin club fielded a lot more cars than our small core. So hurry your www.lagunabeachcarshow.com entry on its way.

Oct 23-24 **Willow Springs** Open Track days is where we mix it up with Porsche and F cars at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, California just north of Lancaster. Here you can run your car regardless of make or model at speeds on a closed course known worldwide. Big bore machines of the CanAm series were right at home here so our Panteras are well suited with their big torque engines to power out of the high speed turns and onto the long straights. Just contact Jim Saxton, long time TPOC member, at 626 285-2515 Jim@westcoastracinginc.com for details and an application. An optional performance seminar is offered for personal instruction including how to make setup changes to your car like tire pressure, shock and spring adjustments.

Nov 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.

Dec 5? **Christmas Party**

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Dec 18? **Gondola Tour**

Long Beach Swap Meet: Jun 13 Jul 11 Aug 8 Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 7 Dec 12 --- 8am at Veterans' Stadium.