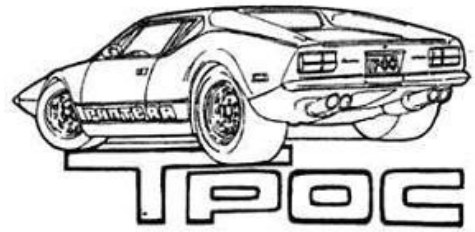


Mullin Museum 2013 June



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**Mullin Museum** by Scott Couchman. Team Pantera of Orange County enjoyed a first class visit to a first class venue of French classics at the Mullin Automobile Museum on June 8th, 2013. Assembled by Peter W. Mullin, this collection is his passion. The museum's website declares, "For me the French automobiles of the 1920s and 1930s represent the pinnacle of 20th Century art and design. As an avid collector, the preservation of these rolling sculptures for the enjoyment of future generations is both a responsibility and a pleasure. I relish the stewardship and preservation of their exciting histories." - Peter W. Mullin.

**Car Collection** – With a total of over 350 cars, the museum continually rotates to display approximately

60 vehicles at any one time. The most 'common' marks are Bugatti, Avion Voisin, Delahaye, Hispano-Suiza, and Talbot-Lago, plus an upstairs mezzanine of LeMans race cars. In particular, it includes the worlds largest collection of Voisins. The heart of the collection is the:

- 1939 Delahaye Type 165 Cabriolet, and one of only 6 12-cylinder Type 165s that was built to represent France at the 1939 New York World's Fair.
- 1935 Avions Voisin C25 Aerodyne, 'Best of Show' winner at the 2011 Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance. This magnificent car was first presented at the 1934 Paris Salon de l' Automobile.
- 1934 Avions Voisin C27 Grand Sport Cabriolet, constructed in 1934 with a special low chassis C27 for the Shah of Persia.
- 1936 BUGATTI Type 57SC Atlantic, the 2003 Pebble Beach 'Best of Show' award winner.
- 1937 Delahaye Type 145 V-12 Grand Prix, the 'Million Franc' car, built for the Ecurie Bleue Racing to win the one million franc prize offered in 1937 by the French Government to encourage French automobile manufacturers to beat the German racing cars.

**Art Collection** – If you enjoy automotive art and art-deco style furnishings, you're in luck! The Mullin has a great collection of paintings, sculptures, furnishings and memorabilia. My favorites were the Barry Rowe paintings and the bronze sculptures.

**Building** - Peter W. Mullin took over the former 50,000 sq ft Otis Chandler 'The Vintage' automobile museum facility in a warehouse district of Oxnard, but has transformed it into a re-creation of the Paris Salon de l'Automobile during the 1920s and 1930s, complete with world-class automobiles, automotive art, art-deco sculptures and furnishings. The transformation includes dressing the walls, columns and beams in period style features to add to the ambiance.

**Tour** – A number of free guided tours are available from very knowledgeable volunteer docents. They describe the history of the cars, how they became part of the collection, and what makes each car special. The museum is only open to the public a few days each month and only 5 hours per day. The operating budget is approximately 10 times the income from the tours. This really is a labor of love.

If you missed this great day at the Mullin, be sure not to miss the next great TPOC event.

Ed. Check out more pictures at our TPOC website [ocPanteras.com](http://ocPanteras.com).

**Forty years ago** a small group of Southern California Pantera owners decided to explore the possibility of forming an organization for the purpose of sharing their common interest in one of the world's newest super cars. A meeting was held on Wednesday, July 18th, 1973 at Peyton Lincoln Mercury in Long Beach. Some of the decisions from that meeting included advertising their idea in the "Pit Stop" section of the Los Angeles Times, inviting Mangusta owners to the next meeting (which was to be on the first Wednesday of the month), and the formation of a steering committee consisting of: Bob McMillian, Richard Barkley, Gil Carrillo, Steve Caudill, John Franz, Mike Stewart, Don Peak, Hank Pullman, and Dennis Mashburn.

The second meeting occurred on Wednesday, August 1st. The club officers elected were: Don Peak, John Franz, Steve Caudill, Gil Carrillo, Ken Richard, Hank Pullman, and Dennis Mashburn. In addition, Lyle Ottison was named as Technical Advisor, and Gary Chandler as Master Mechanic. Mangustas were to be included, yearly dues were set at fifteen dollars, and it was decided that the name of the new club would be "Pantera Owners Club of America." **Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday POCA.** Written by Bill Wright.

Ed. What stories can you share of those early years? Any pics? Send them in for publication.

**POCA Fun Rally announced** by Judy McCartney at the last general meeting. San Diego is the site of the May 28 to June 1, 2014 gathering. Town & Country hotel is our host site with many offerings to the nearby downtown area. Details are to come but do block out these dates to ensure a large group from SoCal.

**Questionnaire Sent** to a board member? If not, please do so.

**Belmont Shore** is a very casual show with a large crowd that gives us a chance to display our cars to the public. It is especially nice to see so many children walking the street in awe. There are no trophies here but there are a huge variety of cars on display that you may never see in a single show. Consider joining us for a full day of fun. See the contact info in the Reminders section.

**General Meeting Changed (Reminder)** to Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719 at 7:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month.

**Picture of Your Car** is needed for our web site. Email one to Greg Ford at [tpocwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:tpocwebmaster@gmail.com).

**Badges Available** once again. You and your associate may wear either a pin or magnetic style TPOC badge simply by asking any Board member. Their lettering is a very fashionable black to match everything you wear.

**Reminders:** from [rkunishige@hotmail.com](mailto:rkunishige@hotmail.com). Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcome.

Jul 20 **Pantera Night at Irwindale Speedway.** Irwindale, 3:30pm.

Jul 27 **Mullin Museum.** Oxnard, 10am-3pm.

Jul 28 **Santa Ana Original Mike's Car Show** 11am-2pm.

**Hungarian Grand Prix.** Crevier Classic Cars, 9:30am.

**Enderle Center Million Dollar Breakfast Cruise.** 7am-11am.

**Petersen Museum Breakfast Club.** 6060 Wilshire Blvd., 9am-12pm.

Aug 1 **TPOC Board Meeting.** Marie Callenders, Fountain Valley, 7pm (All members welcome).

Aug 21 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Sep 5 **TPOC Board Meeting.** Marie Callenders, Fountain Valley, 7pm (All members welcome).

Sep 8 **Belmont Shore Show** \$30 fee. Get download at [baycityrodders.com](http://baycityrodders.com).

Sep 14 **Lyons Air Museum** is where we will see an intimate collection of WW II articles to enjoy.

Sep 18 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Sep 21-2 **Coronado Speed Festival** San Diego. Tickets at <http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/tickets.html>.

Oct 6 **Laguna Bch Car Show** is open for registration at [www.lagunabeachcarshow.com](http://www.lagunabeachcarshow.com) costing \$35. It was a favorite of Dave Rudderow. Our display area was a prime spot in the atrium.

Oct 16 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Oct 27 *Wings, Wheels and Rotors* Los Alamitos.  
Nov ? ***Willow Springs Open Track w/e***  
Nov 20 ***TPOC Mtg 7:30pm*** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.  
Dec ***NO TPOC Mtg***  
Dec 1 *John Force Holiday Show* Yorba Linda  
Dec 1 ***Christmas Party*** is at Meadowlark CC in Huntington Beach. We had it there many years ago and hope it will be as successful as in the past. It will be Italian Buffet style. Contact Bob Singer for more info.  
Dec 28 ***Gondola Tour*** - Contact Bob Singer for your tickets.  
Please help me [rkunishige@hotmail.com](mailto:rkunishige@hotmail.com) fill in the dates for the calendar.

***Long Beach Swap Meet:*** Aug 4 Sep 8 Oct 13 Nov 10 Dec 1 @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$8.

***Weekly Events:*** Friday: Garden Grove Main St, Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts, Irvine Cars n Coffee, Sunday: Woodland Hills Supercars, Topanga Canyon & Erwin St 7-11am.