



Was at Wilkinson's Shop



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December 2014

Special Notice: we are not having a December Meeting.

Wilkinson Shop Visit About 30 of us toured the shop and got some valuable insight into new engine and transaxle combinations along with some idea as to how much modification is required. Two Panteras were in already set with Ford GT engines that weigh some 100 pounds less than our 351Cs. It's an impressive shop. Bundles of Pantera parts and panels were placed everywhere.

Donuts and coffee flowed throughout the morning. I lost count of the number of cups I drank before leaving to go to the restaurant. There the party trimmed to twenty something people all talking about what we found. It is very important to remember that Steve and the other vendors are keeping our cars well. Without their effort to provide us with parts and service, our treasured GTs would no longer be on the road. Product development and engineering (incorporating modern powerplants and suspension improvements) continue largely based on their investment. We may expect values to rise over the next decade with such support. I am hopeful that other vendors will host similar visits so we may all benefit by having a precise idea of what each offers. Who knows, I may even bring my own cup to the next one.

AN Fittings have always been a mystery for me largely because I am not an engineer. The following are some of the things I've managed to recall and hopefully they are correct. (Please forward any correction you may have.)

AN is to alert you that something is shouting out to you and it is important. It stands for "Announcement Notification". In some foreign countries it's "Another Nut". France calls it "A non" meaning, "I surrender." Dash - is to signify that a number is forthwith to express multiples of 1/16 inch. It quickly follows, therefore dashes are used to speed it up a bit.

The number is the multiplier for the mental arithmetic you are about to undertake. Take Common Core classes so that you may get alternative numbers (AN) than the old fashion ones I use.

Therefore,

- AN -2 = 2/16 inch or 1/8 inch
- AN -3 = 3/16 inch or 1/4 inch 3/8-24 SAE thread
- AN -4 = 4/16 inch 1/4 inch 7/16-20 SAE thread
- AN -6 = 6/16 inch or 3/8 inch 9/16-18 SAE thread
- AN -8 = 8/16 inch or 1/2 inch 3/4-16 SAE thread
- AN -10 = 10/16 inch or 5/8 inch 5/8-14 SAE thread
- AN -12 = 12/16 inch or 3/4inch 1 1/16-12 SAE thread
- AN -16 = 16/16 inch or one inch 1 5/16 12 SAE thread

I've added additional information giving the common size along with the anticipated thread should you like to cap these in an unusual way. Be sure to check because I have been wrong but I can't remember when.

Uses include the list below but your imagination is the only limit. These are the only ones I care about.

Fuel lines:

AN -6 for return line or to carbs.

AN -8 for tank to injector input.

Brake lines, usually 3/8 steel tubing:

AN -3 OEM

AN -4 OEM

AN -6 for those wanting full 3/8 lines like my Wilwoods.

Airplanes:

Military ones love this stuff.

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Sam Rosman Life Celebration is now tentatively scheduled for January 31st. Details to follow. Please mark your calendars.

General Meeting (Reminder) is at Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719 at 7:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month except December. Scott is likely to have a video treat for us all.

Get the message? Without your current email on file, you are not getting all the communiqués that your membership dues warrant. Send Judy your latest email address for the file.

POCA Rally Scheduled for May 15-19, 2015. Jot it down on your electronic devices. I will as soon as I buy one.

Picture of Your Car is needed for our web site. Email one to Greg Ford at tpocwebmaster@gmail.com.

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

Dec 14 **TPOC Christmas Party.** Alta Vista Country Club 11-3pm. \$35pp received by Pearl Harbor day. Send money to Bob 714 960-2323 at the address in the flyer. December 7th is the due date for those of us having trouble remembering the other day in infamy when over 2,000 Americans lost their lives.

Dec 27 **Gondola Cruise** 4:30pm reduced fare at \$25 including tip. Arrive early and dress warmly.

Jan **Huntington Library** is preparing a special tour for us. See Bill Wright for details.

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Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$8. Dec 14.

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.

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Red Pantera 1:18 scale kit is offered by Colleen. It is still in the box and so plan on assembling it – or not. I don't yet have her contact information but you may email me at the above address and I'll be sure to reach her.