



1st Place at HB Concours



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HB Concours brought a first place win for Rod. No doubt the shiny white sparkle garnered by the professional hands of Gary Mitchem made the judges' job easy. Polished chrome and stainless pieces added the right touch to Tom Tjaarda's lines. Even the unusual black color from the tires had something special. Taking first place in the Concours class was George Walker's 1985 GT5 S despite an unfortunate accident earlier that morning. He came to share his lane with a bulky SUV at 6:30 am with the expected damage along the length of the passenger side. As an added measure, his wheel damage began a slow leak that forced a call for the flat bed. I am uncertain as to if he got the trophy he so rightly earned. Those in the Foothill chapter please let him know. See the Good, Bad and Going Home below.



Ice Cream Social gathered 17 screaming kids or more like kids at heart to Farrell's. The last time I was there I wore bell bottoms in polyester with a wide collar shirt. Our own kids were given permission to deviate from normal restaurant behavior so they joined in the singing and shouting. Their energy overflowed the 73 Pinto wagon as we pulled from the parking lot so many years ago. Those days always brought to fore very fond memories, perhaps well beyond the realities of the day. Order the hot fudge without whipped cream and peanuts to have an over abundance of fudge as I did. Everyone left with a great big smile---a truly rewarding afternoon.

Uncle Bud's Auto Museum & Oval Office was a real pleasure to see. It turns out to be one of the last chances to enjoy this small collection and its dinner style café. The building is claimed by eminent domain and is to be destroyed. Some of their cars have already been sold. Both this car section and the Oval office serve our youngsters as learning centers. There, school children learn about automotive features and functions as well as some political science. All of the extra curricula have been cut from so many public schools including what happens in an auto shop and what is suppose to happen at our politicians' hands. Oh, we had an unexpected guest for the Oval Office picture. Talk to anyone present for an update not found in the news media.

POCA Fun Rally was an event we missed. I am hopeful that one of you will write a short article for inclusion here. Meanwhile, check out a 13 minute video Scott Couchman prepared for us. <http://youtu.be/Rcyg9ZxYbTE>

Contact is vital. It was essential while I was working but the contact I'd like to explore is your tire patch. That's where the tire meets the road. According to an old July 2013 *Road & Track* article, it doesn't grow with wider tires. The patch just becomes wider and shorter. Wider tires do help with turn in at the expense of straight line speed and mileage. Your hand is a good estimate of the patch's size. Bigger is accomplished in two ways,

larger diameter (tire not wheel) or reducing the tire pressure. That's how we got greater floatation when I was into 4 wheel drive runs in snow or sand dunes. We applied both. Offroaders nowadays measure their diameter by the yard (36 "). It's best to look to the tire itself for gains if you are not changing the suspension design. Get stickier compounds with a pattern for dry running. Keep in mind that this is dangerous on even slightly damp roadways. Remember I totaled my first Pantera on a slightly wet street so I prefer wet rated tires for the street.

Jay Leno Pantera Video w/Mike Drew sent by Bill Harris <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dd2Unce43wl>.

Monterey Events are also coming with the Concorso and what I still call the Historics. Featured in the later are Maseratis and the 50th anniversary of the Sunbeam Tiger whose appearance at 1964 Le Mans was 3 DNFs.

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.

Picture of Your Car is needed for our web site. Email one to Greg Ford at 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. Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcome.

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

Jul 12 **Big Summer Nights@ Gayle's** is planned for a special car display and a \$25 price. Volunteers are needed to direct the parking of 20 Panteras on display.

Aug 14-17 **Laguna Seca** is the site of the old Monterey Historics now known as Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion. Love of motorsports will place you in good company.

Aug 16 **Concorso Italiano** featuring Maserati once owned by DeTomaso.

Aug 20 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Aug 23 **Tech Session** is for your brakes at Rod's. The fun begins at 8:30.

Sep 7 **Belmont Shore** is a perennial event for us. There is a boatload of streetwalkers to gawk at our Italian beauties. Plan on an early arrival and spend a full day with the gang. Get your application at baycityrodders.com.

Sep **Nixon Library** is offered to tour the Library and East Room in Yorba Linda.

Sep 17 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Oct 11 **Rubel Castle** is possible event followed by lunch nearby.

Oct 15 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

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Dec **TPOC Christmas Party.**

Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$8. Aug 3, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Nov 30, 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.

Ads. A new feature for your pleasure. Submit yours via email.

Tony DeRosa has a chrome luggage rack for sale along with pre-L pieces. These include a complete 71-72 engine (\$3,500obo), stock steering wheel plus others. 949 439-6362.

Dick Drenski is selling his Longchamp convertible and much of his shop equipment. Here's an opportunity to get some professional tools as well as help a fellow Pantera driver. He has an engine stand and engine hoist specially built for

Pantera work. Others include a Bridgeport mill variable speed drive, dro, auto cross feed, oiler, comes with special vise, hold downs and tooling. A Craftsman lathe with 3and4 jaw chucks, lots of tooling, auto lift, sandblast box, wash tank, 2 large heavy duty storage cabinets, large oxy act rig and more small tools are also offered. For a complete list and more details call 562/493-2241.

I know of a 40 Ford standard coupe for sale, Chevy 307, Turbo 350, disc front brakes, in great shape asking \$29,500. Call Don Rich at 831 722-1812.