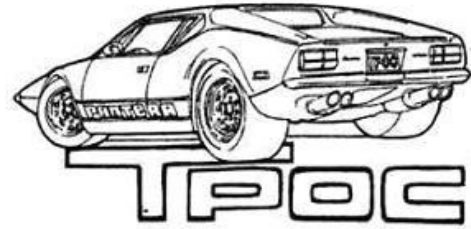




Won the Vote 1920



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Women's Suffrage first enacted in California in 1911 right after those Washingtonians granted the right to vote in their State. This beginning grew to capture the western states and much of the mid-west sending Congressmen to offer the 19th Amendment. Our Chapter recognizes the contribution of California women and asks for all of them to vote once more.

I fondly recall my sock hop days and the anticipation and fear of that dreaded "Ladies' Choice" dance. Will I be the last one chosen? Or, even worse, will I remain standing against the Gymnasium wall alone once the music began?

This is the genesis of the upcoming "Ladies' Choice" award to the Pantera of 2015 year. Ladies will be asked to cast their vote for the car they select based on whatever criterion she wishes at Pantera Palooza Car Show and Picnic set for June 14.

Guys, it would behoove you to show your car in pristine shape often at all of the coming events to garner the approval of all the ladies in attendance. Think of it as 1920 all over again.

Read the next paragraphs together for the full story.



Mustang I Concept car showed Ford's interest in amidsthips sports car that resulted in our Pantera. Features found nod directly but let's talk first about its development and introduction in 1962. Sports racing was foremost in exploring ideas. The full-scale clay model held many European influences that were translated into a fiberglass body used as a buck for the aluminum body produced by Troutman and Barnes in LA. Foot pedals were adjusted while the driver was seated. The steering wheel had a full three inches of adjustment because the seats were of the familiar sling type used in racecars at the time. They also became an integral part of the cockpit providing additional structural rigidity. Instruments were housed in individual pods along the top edge of the dash. Gear shifter emerged from the center console with a hand brake. Control switches were also there. A functional roll bar was fashioned handsomely behind the two seats similar to the Shelby Mustangs years later. Talbot mirrors dressed the low windshield. The wedge shape nose housed the low slung battery just in back of the rack & pinion and the spare tire covered with a hood hinged at the front. Popup headlights allowed smooth flow during daylight. Double A arms front and rear articulated the road surfaces with discs to prep the 1,148 pound car for the corners. Track was like the later Sunbeam Tiger 48/49 inches with 90 inch wheelbase. Height of this diminutive prototype was the same as the upcoming 1964 GT40. The 3.3 final drive limited the speed to 100mph. Both large side scopes fed dual radiators with electric fans while engine bay heat exited from two vents on the rear deck. The 1964 1/5 Mustang hinted the side scoops, a trend that is carried today. Even the exhaust trumpets signaled the first Mustang GT's tips.

Engine was designed for the Taunus and used in the Saab 95/96, Sonnet, Consul, Granada, Capri and my Matra. More importantly it provided motivation in the Mustang I concept car that was driven by Dan Gurney at Watkins Glenn upon its introduction to the public at that race (1.7L 109bhp version). Later versions of this little V four banger produced from 40 to 200bhp, the same power of the 289. The four-speed transaxle translated the power to the IRS rear tires while the production Mustang used a 4 speed T10.

Mustang 2015 offered engine choices beyond the originals 2. Select from straight 4 (turbo 310hp), V6 (300hp) or V8 (435hp). **2016** will see the possibility of a flat-plane V8 5.2L 500+hp that allows easy revs well beyond 8,000. These engines are noted for vibrations that would make the Beach Boys smile and some of the gals I dated in the day. The Mustang I concept engine used a balance shaft to control the vibes down to a street able level. Perhaps Ford will consider it for the flat-plane.

I WANT a new Pantera weighing the same as the original GT40 at 2,440 pounds motivated by the new 310hp Ecoboost 2.3L turbo four like the 87 2.3 Turbo Coupe engine for Phyllis' MGTD priced at less than \$50,000. I want a V6 choice that is BOOSTED as an option. I want a V8 option for when I win the lottery. That's all I want. Oh, it can look like that new Ford GT (similar to a Daytona prototype).

Summarizing the concept car set the form for a relatively light body with a low wedge shape nose housing the spare and battery. The two seater was 40 inches tall propelled by a V configuration engine located amidships through a transaxle and IRS. One model was in lightweight aluminum. The other was from the fiberglass plug, which would make an inexpensive form for a new Pantera, thus keeping the costs somewhat low. Increasing power units may use more modern materials to achieve less weight but be more costly.



Huntington Library tour began with those circular goodies from Kristy Kremer known to add to my stature. However, I did miss the holes. We were given a bit of the history of the place and its original owners along with why they collected the items they did. Each of the expanded buildings housed world-class art and artifacts. The gardens themselves have a fascinating history as well. The same family in Japan that created it in the first place rebuilt the Japanese garden. They had kept spare supplies of the original including all of the drawings used to produce it. The English tea house was a favorite of Mr. Huntington as a place to relax. We did not have time to explore most of the collections. It simply takes many multiple trips to truly enjoy this SoCal jewel. Oh, did you know that George Patton lived next door and often rode his pony on the property?



Sam's Life Celebration was indeed uplifting. Mitch, a friend of 31 years recounted their meeting and gave us a glimpse into Sam's inspiration. Recalling some of his stories brought smiles to everyone there. 15 Panteras

were on display with Sam's completed car (thanks to Doc) holding center stage. Wendy expressed her appreciation. Numerous comments from non-P drivers acclaimed both the styling and presentation of the cars. His son, Troy, gave a heartfelt tribute.

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. Five active members have no valid address on file. 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.

Membership - We would encourage everyone to become a POCA member, if you aren't already a member. Your membership in the national club helps fund our local chapter. You can download an application at <http://www.poca.com/>. Please help our club grow by selecting TPOC as your chapter. Remember too that you need not be a member to join us at any of our meetings or events.

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.

Feb 14 **Valentine Day Breakfast**. Call Gary 714 794-7095.

Mar 7-8 Willow Springs Open Track with Jim Saxton 626 285-2515.

Mar 21 **Reagan Library/Petersen Autos** lunch with the gang. Talk to Gayle.

Apr 17-9 Long Beach Grand Prix.

Apr 18 **Tech Session** is for us to prep for the Fun Rally. Time to change fluids at Rod's.

May 15-19 **POCA Fun Rally**. See Judy.

May 23 **Mystery Event & Poker Run**.

Jun 14 **Pantera Palooza Car Show and Picnic** is limited to 300 cars at Mason Regional Park. Scott.

Jul 25 **Big Summer Night** offers dinner under the stars.

Aug 22 **Joint POCA Chapter Gathering**.

Sep 19 **Tech Session** is for an unknown reason at Bud's Garage. Tell us what you want done.

Oct 24 **Temecula Wine Cruise & Lunch** is with the hungry bunch.

Nov 21 **Julian Apple Run** is for those ready for dessert. Gayle.

Dec 16 **Christmas Party**. Bob Singer.

Dec 26 **Gondola Getaway** lets us see the Holiday lights and enjoy dinner. Bob Singer.

Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$9 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/2, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13.

Weekly Events: Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts, 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.