



Bud Williams

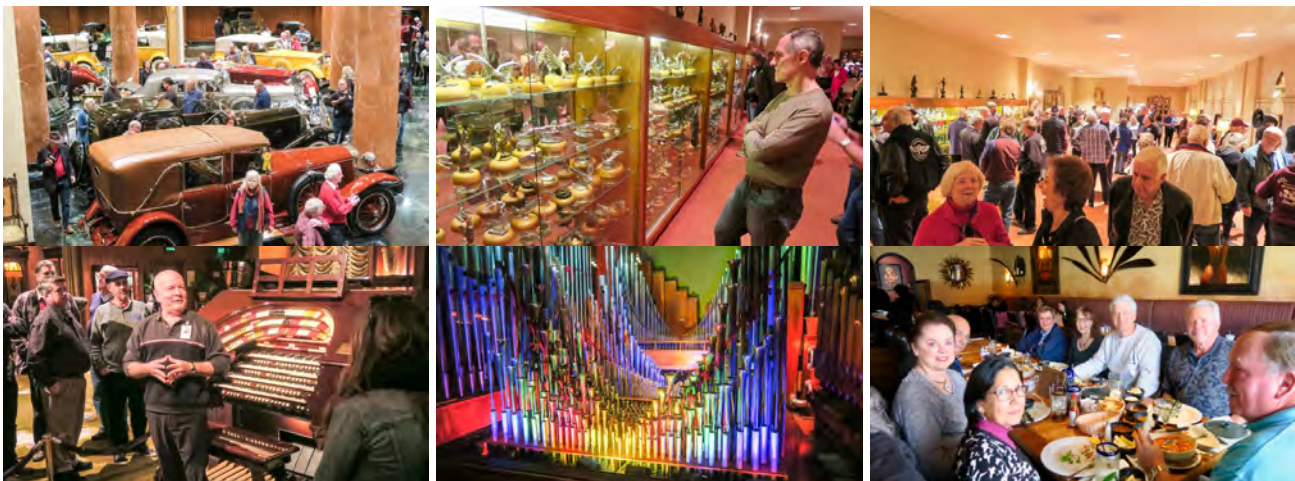


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**Bud Williams** passed away this month. He was an outstanding member whose willingness to support this Chapter was unbounded. His quiet enthusiasm led him to volunteer to assume the Pantera Swap meets when we desperately needed it as we faced a shutdown in SoCal. That leadership extended to hosting key tech sessions with particular focus on safety. Here, proper servicing of our Panteras was taught. Minor modifications were also a part of his shared experience. These were all set with a backdrop of his collection of thoroughly prepared cars, engines, models, helmets, badges, souvenirs and posters. His stories of race events, drivers, mechanics and owners covered decades. Please take a moment to honor his memory and send well wishes to Maddie.

**Nethercutt Auto Museum.** It is my hope that those of you who attended gained some benefit. My memory of past visits invokes an appreciation of both automotive and non-automotive displays held within. Those at this tour report being astounded by the 1930s Deusy showroom with its marble background and its grand columns. Imagine entering a showroom of the era and being surrounded by such marble splendor and a crowd of multimillionaires. The museum is so much more than that of automobiles. Mascots assembled are worth millions. These simple utility items started as a radiator cap then moved on to a hood ornament and soon became a symbol of wealth and prestige. Many were commissioned by world-renowned artists of the time. So many antiques are among each of the four floors including furniture, jewelry, utensils and a vast music box gathering. The docent was the curator of the music section whose detailed explanation of the collection there lead to greater understanding of the objects. The Victrola, predating RCA, compelled a visitor to touch its paper speaker despite many admonitions from the guide. I pray that the destruction of this sole survivor in the world was not the result. It is clear that such items must be forever encased in glass. Many were taken by the size of the pipes of the room-sized organ. Some of us may recall an organ rising from the floor of the movie theaters first made to accompany silent motion pictures. My hometown contained two theaters but only one retained its organ. I'm told that the gang went on to enjoy a meal together and discussed what they discovered. Photos by Scott Couchman.



**Valentine's Breakfast** is always a good reason to gather with Pantera friends. This year was no exception. We bundled our loved ones and assembled at our meeting restaurant to find the room thoroughly decorated with oodles of love. Yep, that much. Gary and, of course, Gayle organized the "affair". Both kisses and hearts were abound. I took considerable time inspecting the raffle prize table before seating myself. There I was greeted with even more of the same plus a huge chocolate strawberry. Gayle gave us a quiz based on romantic movies. Boy, do we know our trivia? Some of us were rewarded with unique glasses. We ordered breakfast to our liking. The raffle was filled with laughter and delight as the girls won their category and walked away with their winnings. Gayle gave out long stemmed roses but neglected to hand one to me. As a final note, the restaurant asked that we not remove Gayle's decorations so that their other customers may sample our spirit. Next year? Photos by Scott Couchman.



**Vintage Train to Santa Barbara** is an expansion of the very successful San Diego run. This all day venture promises to be an even greater experience at super bargain prices. The special discount is the work of Scott – call him the negotiator-in-chief. The ride along the coast in a 50s scenic railcar reminds me of the ones with my sweetheart in my 57 Pontiac so many years ago. Thank you for your participation as we now have a "waiting list".

**Facebook Anyone?** "Linda and I are going to begin populating a Facebook page with a lot of our pictures and ephemera we have accumulated over the years and invite other enthusiasts to do the same. We are not selling anything, just a gathering relaxed Group with one rule, NO RULES.

On Facebook, access DeTomaso International and join the Group. We urge TPOC to post any club information on that page. Thanks again." - Dave and Linda Adler (ed: Founding members of TPOC and multi-year, past Presidents).

**TPOC Badges** are free. Simply ask a Board member for one if you want one.

**General Meeting** see [ocpanteras.com](http://ocpanteras.com) web site for location. 17th St Bar and Grill is our general meeting place. It is at the site of the old Zitos at 17320 E 17th in Tustin, located near the 55, 5 and 22 fwys. We normally order our food at 7PM and begin the meeting promptly 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 [jpoca2@hotmail.com](mailto:jpoca2@hotmail.com) your latest email address for the file.

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

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

Feb 25 **PI Open House** Scott 949 683-6264.  
Mar 25 **Vintage Train to Santa Barbara** Scott 949 683-6264.  
Apr 23 **Pantera Palooza** Greg & Scott 949 683-6264.  
Apr 30 **Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm** Sunday (Roger?)  
May 6 **Tech Session/Garage Tour**  
May 31 **POCA Fun Rally Monterey** Judy 714 897-6964.  
Jun 23 **JPL Tour**  
Jul 22 **Big Summer Night** Gayle  
Aug **Dinner Theater**  
Sep 10 **Belmont Shore Car Show** Sunday Larry 562 430-7794  
Sep 24 **Ice Cream Social** Gary 714 794-7095.  
Oct 21 **Hall Pantera Museum Tour** Scott 949 683-6264.  
Nov 18 **Tech Session/Garage Tour**  
Dec 3 **Christmas Party** Gayle Huff & Bob Singer 714 960-2323.  
Dec 30 **Gondola Cruise** Bob Singer 714 960-2323.

**Weekly Events:** Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts Adams & Magnolia, Cars & Coffee Aliso Viejo Town Center shopping mall on Aliso Creek Road at the 73 toll road. Sunday: Woodland Hills Supercars, Topanga Canyon & Erwin St 7-11am.

**Ads.** Submit your ad via email. We thought about raising our price but decided free is still a good one.

**Do you want to be “published”?** Dave and Linda Adler are working on their book, *Extreme Panteras* which should be in print in early 2017. If you have or know of somebody who has a Pantera with at least 3 visible modifications, we invite you to submit a photo or two and some information about the car to us for consideration. Please email the photos and a brief summary to: [info@davidadler.com](mailto:info@davidadler.com) We will get back to you to discuss your car. Thank you for your help.

**Jonathan Barlow of Barlow Insurance offers American Modern Classic Car Insurance** at (800) 558-7772, Email: [barlowjb@pacbell.net](mailto:barlowjb@pacbell.net). You may recall his presentation at our meeting a while back.

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