



PI Motorsports



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PI Motorsports Open House. AS THE PANTERAS CAME THUNDERING into the industrial complex along the long row of commercial buildings, exhaust sounds boomed off the nearby walls where P I Motorsports' garage was located. Jerry Sackett, proprietor, was holding yet another annual open house, inviting any Pantera owner to enjoy lunch, live music and the company of other DeTomaso enthusiasts. Under engine bonnets were an extreme diversity of Ford power. From the pure stock nature of John and Cathy Buckman's power plant to the diabolical nitrous-fed, turbo-charged, fuel-injected explosive-in-a-car that owner Shad Bruce innocuously calls "Notycat".

Attempting to garner the award for "Loudest Pantera" (exhaust not style), several of the big volume cars were started to demonstrate their ability to reach extraordinary decibels. As expected, these cars made sounds not even finger ear plugs could stop. All of them loud but when Randy Kershaw (Foothill Panteras) rev'ed his brute, several bystanders lost essential auditory parts. Certain that the nearest residents (a distance of at least 2 miles) were left wondering what caused their windows to rattle, we handed Randy the award while trying to understand the words he was mouthing.

Trophies were also awarded to Shad Bruce for Best of Show, "Doc" Bill Stewart for Best Interior, Glen Eugenio for Best Paint and Cindy Harris for Best Non-Pantera (a delicious yellow and white candy accurately shaped as a '59 Metropolitan).

Jerry Sackett has graciously hosted numerous Open Houses at his business at 1040 N. Batavia, Suite G, Orange, CA 92867, 714-744-1398. They've always been memorable with at least a dozen Panteras arriving spotless but leaving later with drool spots on the fenders.

Check the Team Pantera Orange County website for future events: ocpanteras.com. THEY'RE ALL GREAT EVENTS!

By Al Arakawa Feb 2017



Half Shafts Inspection from March 10, 2004. We all speak of engines, transmissions, tires and wheels. But little is said of the funny universal things that actually twist the wheels in our selected direction and force.

They are so tiny that they are considered only half of a real shaft, thus, its name. Those of us who have caused their little ones to grow have nick named them "Spicers"; because these are also the name used to power those big Ford pickups' drive shafts.

The little guys feel neglected and certainly don't want to cause any trouble. Instead they dutifully go about their job without complaint. While other parts scream loudly when they are abused or tired, our troopers soldier on silently until the end. It's also true that what little noise they may make is not likely to be heard over the roar of the engine or squeal of the tires.

It is easy to inspect each universal once a year as we prepare for summer. The caps are held in place by spring clips. As the universal tires, they tend to spin against the clip marring its outer edge with about a 1/8" width shiny polish circle. It starts slowly and works its way completely around.

If you see the start of this wear on the universal end caps, it is time to replace the half shafts. Blown half shafts have destroyed transaxles in their fury of revenge. So they may be non-complainers but watch out for trouble signs.

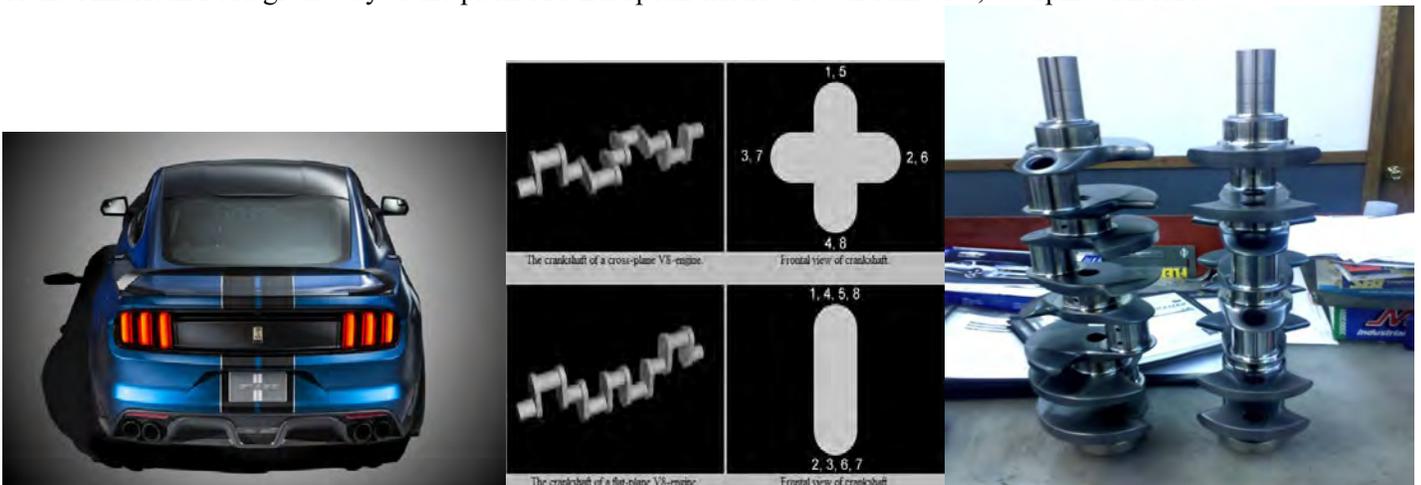
No shine means mighty fine!



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”.

Profile Article Volunteer is needed to write submissions to Mike Haney. These are intended to let other POCA members be informed as to our activities and to invite them to join us at any of our events.

New Mustang Shelby GT350 5.2 ltr flat-plane engine has the Pantera world in a flutter. Everyone wants to hear it run. But why? The flat-plane V8 sound is not new to BMW, Ferrari, Maserati or Jaguar. Instead of 90 degree cranks they use 180 ones. Think of two inline four bangers smashed together always firing one bank then the other. We hear this sound every time we hear 180 bundle of snakes exhaust coming from our cats. As a reminder, hear this... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODGzSxYsCis>. The exhaust pulses are balanced. The single plane design allows lighter counter weights for much faster revs but at a cost of more vibration. The lumpy booms of the American Ford gives way to the pitch of a European exotic. Power runs to 8,000 rpm with ease.



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).

CA Fun Rally Monterey registration is open at [Fun Rally 2017 Registration Now Open Online](#).

I found this comment at <http://www.sportscardigest.com/early-days-laguna-seca-raceway/> on Laguna Seca 1957 track design. “It has been reported that the Corkscrew actually came about when the crew, who were going to lunch, told the bulldozer driver, ‘Get down the hill any way you can.’ ”

TPOC Badges are free for TPOC members and their associates. Simply ask a Board member for one if you want one.

General Meeting see 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 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.

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

- 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** at Rod's 714 374-8177 1107 Main HB
- 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 Alisa Viejo Town Center shopping mall on Alisa 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 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. You may recall his presentation at our meeting a while back.

Tom Todak now offers metal polish and wax:



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