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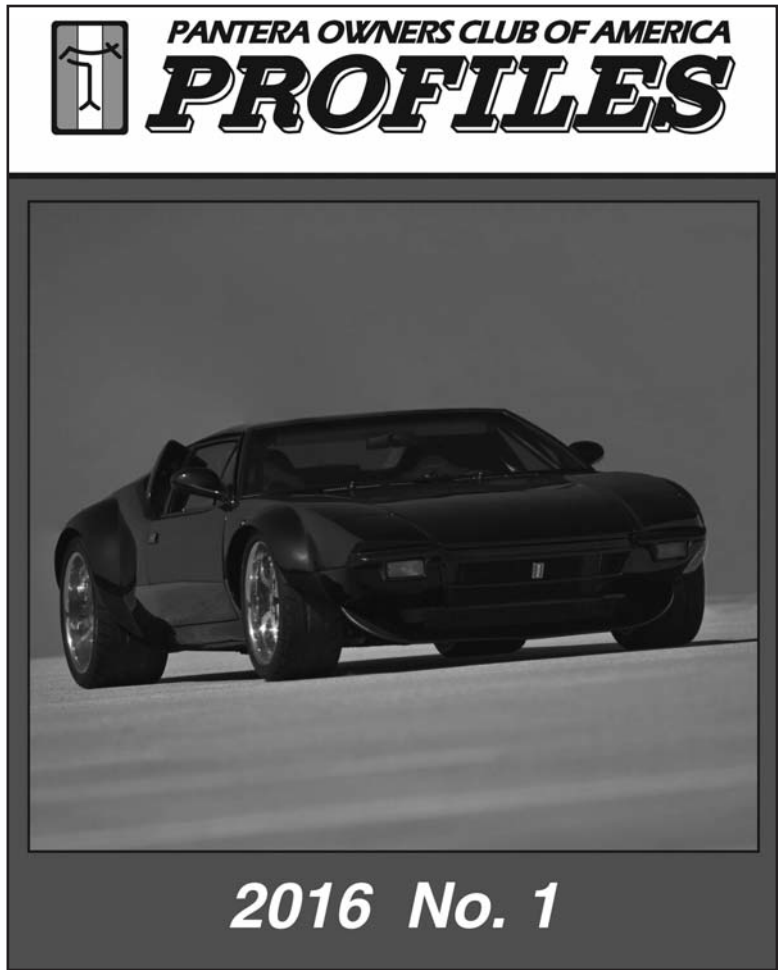
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King of Sweden? Others Reading About SORC Sentinel Article Published in Profiles Magazine



The front cover of the Winter edition of Profiles magazine, courtesy of Profiles.

At this very moment, the King of Sweden may be reading about Arnold, Nebraska's Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC).

"The King of Sweden is a Pantera owner," said Michael Haney, editor of Profiles magazine, the official publication of the Pantera Owners Club of America, published in San Dimas, California.

Pantera owners across the United States and several countries around the world will

learn about the SORC in an article originally published in The Arnold Sentinel on August 13, 2015. After the story was published, Bob Radefeld of the Central Division of Team Pantera, who was featured along with other team members, Eldon Hower, Frank Cirrincione and Mark Skwarek, racers in the 2016 SORC, asked permission from writer Janet Larreau to submit the article to Profiles magazine. To Radefeld's delight, the article was accepted

Four Drivers "Luck Out" in 2015

"Central Division" Team Pantera Converges on SORC

Story by Janet Larreau

Four Italian race cars were lined up all in a row on Arnold's Main Street at last Friday afternoon's Sandhills Open Road Challenge car show. The vintage cars were drawing a lot of attention, with some spectators wondering out loud exactly what kind of car they were.

"People think Panteras are Lamborghinis or Ferraris," said Bob Radefeld, who with the other three members of the Central Division of Team Pantera Racing, called it "a dream come true" last week when all four entered the SORC at the same time.

"This year is unique for our team in the fact that the four of us have never in the past been able to be lucky enough to be accepted into this event in the same year," said Radefeld.

The four racers - Bob Radefeld from Topeka, Kansas; Eldon Hower from Whiting, Kansas; Frank Cirrincione from Hendersonville, Tennessee; and Mark Skwarek from East Haddam, Connecticut - are known as the "Central Division" team, since they are mainly located in the Midwest and East Coast areas. "The bulk of other Pantera racers are located in the western U.S., with their headquarters in Los Angeles, California. In order to be a member of the club, Pantera owners need to have participated in at least one open road challenge event.

Panteras (Italian for "Panther") were only sold in the U.S. from 1971 to 1974 at Lincoln-Mercury dealerships. During that time period, approximately 5,000 were imported and sold. The Panteras owned by these four gentlemen are 40-plus years old and classified as "antique."

"We contend that we are the only team that runs in open road challenge events in the U.S. with cars that are vintage automobiles," said Radefeld. "And yet, no other team in any of the four open road challenge events run in the U.S. annually can claim this title."

The Pantera was a joint venture between Ford & DeTomaso Automobili of Italy. DeTomaso designed, engineered and built the car at Chia Codrighi (later, body production was performed by Vignale) and the DeTomaso plant in Modena, Italy. Ford supplied engines, development and production financing

and established a dealer network through its Lincoln-Mercury division. After Ford pulled out of the European market through 1992, the car was unique in the fact that it contained features not normally found in cars of that era, including its unique design, four-wheel disc brakes, four-wheel independent suspension, lightweight magnesium wheels, standard power brakes, air conditioning and full instrumentation at no extra cost. It had a top speed of approximately 155 mph and a showroom cost of \$20,995.00 when introduced in 1971.

"All Pantera owners consider

A car show spectator checks out the engine of Bob Radefeld's 1973 Pantera during Friday afternoon's SORC car show. Four of the fairly rare vehicles in one location drew a lot of attention.

POCA Profiles 2016 #1

for inclusion in the 54-page, glossy Winter edition of 2016, giving the Central Division Team and the SORC some great publicity.

Profiles magazine is sent to Pantera Owners Club of America members in the U.S., and to Pantera owners in Canada, Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, with approximately 1,000 issues printed quarterly.

Official POCA Chapters in the United States include: California Highway Panteras, Inland Empire; Capitol Panteras, Sacramento; Chesapeake Panteras, Colorado Panteras, DFW Panteras, Dallas/Ft. Worth; Eastern Pantera Association; Foothill Panteras, Great Lakes Panteras, Jersey Panteras, Pantera Club of Northern California, Pantera Owners Club of Arizona, Pantera Owners Club of New England, Panteras



Pages of the SORC article as appearing in Profiles magazine, courtesy of Profiles.

Northwest, Reno-Tahoe Panteras, San Diego Panteras, South Bay Panteras, Southeast Panteras, Space City Panteras, Team Pantera of Long Island, and Team Pantera of Orange County.

On the inside cover, the editor gave a very special thanks to The Sentinel for permission to reprint the 2016 Sandhills Open Road Challenge report.

"I like to give credit where it is due, and I am grateful for all the submissions which make the magazine a success," said Haney.

The Pantera (Italian for "Panther") was a mid-engined sports car produced by the De Tomaso car company of Italy from 1971 to 1991, the last one being deliv-

ered to a customer in 1992. It was the automaker's most popular model, with over 7,000 units produced during its 20-year run. The Pantera Owner's Club of America is dedicated to the history, preservation and enjoyment of all DeTomaso automobiles.

Radefeld reports that all four team members of the Central Division of Team Pantera, with homes in Kansas, Tennessee and Connecticut, lucked out again and have been accepted to race in the 2016 SORC. "We are looking forward to returning to Arnold!" said Radefeld.

The 2016 SORC is set for August 11-13. Go to www.sorc-race.com for more information.

Kegs, Corks & Crafts Event Set for Feb. 13

The Nebraska-made wine and beers of Mac's Creek Winery of Lexington and Kinkaidier Brewing Co. of Broken Bow will be featured at Kegs, Corks & Crafts, February 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Arnold Community Center. Alex Stuart of The Kentucky Street Parlor Pickers will be providing live music while people relax and enjoy the day.

Cheryl Carson, who is organizing the Chamber-sponsored event, said there will be food, craft and retail vendor booths.

"This event allows you to enjoy beverages or just shop, or both. It's a unique event that is family friendly," she said.

To participate in the tasting, a wrist band will need to be purchased for \$3.00. All beverages are purchased directly from the alcohol vendors after a wrist band is purchased. However, if you are just wanting to purchase a bottle of wine or beer products to go, and don't plan on drinking them there, you are not required to purchase a band. Those purchasing bands will also enjoy appetizers provided by Chamber members.

"You will find a separate seating area allowing you to sit back, relax and listen to music, while you enjoy good food and some of the fantastic beverages made here in Nebraska," said Carson.

During the day, downtown businesses will be open, offering gifts for Valentine's Day and

food establishments will be offering give-aways and food specials. Everyone is encouraged to stop in and support the storefronts.

Vendors setting up in the community center include: Flour Girls, specializing in gourmet baked goods; Peppers & More Smoked Meats & Cheese Company from Paxton; Schneringer Golf Shop, offering golf supplies from several companies; DoTerra Oils, Lori Stutzman of Arnold, offering diffuser items and essential oils; Silo Gourmet Jellies and Honey, North Platte, offering jellies prepared in individual batches in a kitchen licensed by the State of Nebraska; Scentsy and metal cutout work by Barb Gunther;

Pampered Chef, Kayla Peterson of Gothenburg; Touch of Grace Massage, April Tickle, with Still Water Spa Products by Jean Tunker; Watkins and Jake Be Nimble Candle Products, Julie Jacobson, Arnold; Avon, Patricia Smith, Arnold; Premier Jewelry, Brenda Monson, Brady; Susan Leise Pottery, Kearney; Rada Cutlery, Gene Gilland; Handmade Jewelry by Holly Johnson, Berwyn; Handmade cards, picture frames and decorative crafts by Julie Brown, Berwyn; and LuLaRoe Clothing.

Chamber is hoping to draw a great crowd of locals and people from out of town for this special event.

Survey: Nebraskans Say No to Tax Dollars Used for Charter Schools or Vouchers

Lincoln - In new statewide survey, Nebraskans said they do not need, nor do they want, their tax dollars used to support either charter schools or school vouchers.

An overwhelming majority also said they want their tax dollars for education to be budgeted and spent by elected school boards, not by private individuals or corporations.

The findings are from the January 2016 edition of The Nebraska Poll in which 900 Nebraska registered voters were surveyed to measure their views on education. The study has a maximum error range of +/-3.3 percent for the statewide sample and +/-5.7 percent for the congressional district samples, both at a 95 percent confidence level. The survey was commissioned by the Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) and conducted by Research Associates, a Nebraska polling firm founded in 1975.

"There has been much talk, both nationally and here in Ne-

braska, about public schools," said Nancy Fulton, president of the NSEA. "We thought it important to ask Nebraskans how they felt about Nebraska's public schools and teachers, and about charter schools and vouchers."

"The results are in and it is clear that Nebraskans overwhelmingly support their public schools and teachers - and the majority of Nebraskans do not want their tax dollars used for private school vouchers or for private charter schools."

A whopping 75 percent of respondents graded their local public school teachers with an A or B, while 63 percent gave their local public schools a grade of an A or B.

"Nebraska public schools have been consistently applauded by national experts, including, most recently, Diane Ravitch who wrote 'Nebraska: Say No to Charter Schools,'" said Dr. Mike Dulaney, Executive Director of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators. "Public

schools are working well in Nebraska for both regular education and special education students. It would be irresponsible for our state to head down a path that would ultimately diminish resources dedicated to our public schools."

Nebraskans also overwhelmingly want elected school boards to be in charge of watching over tax dollars for education. More than 80 percent of those surveyed said they want their public school budgets and spending to be decided by local elected officials rather than by private individuals or corporate boards.

"The fact that Nebraskans put their trust in locally-elected officials is right in keeping with traditional American ideology, which has always spurned distant governance in favor of decision-making power closer to home," said Jon Anderjaska, president of the Nebraska Association of School Boards, and a member of the Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education for

the past 19 years. "Because local boards are more accessible, they are inherently held much more accountable, and have a better pulse on their communities' wants and needs. Furthermore, local boards know better than anyone that Nebraska's educational successes are due to our outstanding teachers and administrators. Not only do we have the ever-present goal of attracting and retaining these professionals, but also to protect against outside influences that discourage local initiative or squelch creativity."

Public School Choice Supported

Fulton noted that the survey showed Nebraskans know about, and strongly support, the state's public school choice law.

"The choice of Nebraskans is to continue providing and supporting public school choice," Fulton said.

Three-fourths of respondents

Terms Expiring on Local Boards

Filing Deadlines Nearing

Several seats on local boards will be up for election this year. For School District #89, the terms of Duane Bowers, Diana Coleman and Eric Nelson will be up. On the Arnold Hospital District Board, the seats of John Phillips and Charles Blowers, Jr., will be up.

For these incumbents, the deadline to file for re-election is February 16. For non-incumbents, the deadline is March 1.

On the Village Board, the seats of Aaron Olson and Glen Bowers will be up. Incumbents have until July 15, and non-incumbents have until August 1 to file for these seats.

Filings may be made at the Clerk's office in the Custer County Courthouse.

Weather Summary

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Cooperative Weather Observer
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