Morning My Peeps,

Got home last evening and wanted to share how we did this last week in Ely Nevada.

Asa and Paul and the Dawg all arrived in Ely early this year with our cars... followed by Gerry hauling from home in Illinois and Mark from Connecticut. And Randy from Oregon.

Randy, Paul and I had an easy week because we didn't have to repair anything. LOL

But Gerry rolled in trailer hub brakes making noise. And Asa (Master Chief mechanic immediately put on his work clothes and proceeded to repair all 4 trailer hubs and get some spare 10-ply trailer tires from Lance at the Goodyear shop which was a two day exercise but he was able to get all the parts he needed thereby saving GERRY hundreds of dollars. By the way Asa has been nominated for this year's Iron Man Award....yea We are changing the rules again.

During Tech Inspection one of the tech inspectors asked us to check our front wheel bearings on Gerry and Dawg's Panteras which Asa verified as being safe to go after pulling wheels and inspecting.

Mark had to replace a fuel pump and reJet a new custom race carburetor. But Mark got all of that done and then we had a good time hanging with "Rookie Randy" who was a good sport even when we forced him to go to the Green Lantern with us. partying with the Brazilian Girls since Laurie didn't make it to Ely.

All four Pantera's and Paul's Viper all passed tech and Made it to the start line. Mark after a few miles into the course noticed water temp going high so he wisely shut the Pantera down.

But Gerry, Randy and The Dawg all had good runs. None of us came close to nailing our goal speeds but Paul and the Dawg were fastest in their selected Division Speed classes.

My 11 year old throttle body butterfly's are rattling like a snake and have to be rebuilt so IR-EFI wasn't running as well as I had liked but happy with completing the run and as Asa always says "Dawg was fastest in his class again"

Okay here is the formal results

PAUL averaged 157.13837 MPH with a time variance of 31.6600...again fastest in his division class. Mumbled something about all most dropping his cigar and beer in the Viper trying to turn AC off and radio on.

DAWG's Pantera C8 averaged 131.1217 MPH with a time variance of 21.3209...again like a Paul being fastest in his division class. Received counseling from Race director but threw my arms up saying me no understand.

GERRYS Pantera averaged 124.4691 MPH with a tune variance of 11.0553. In fairness to GERRY he came closest to his goal speed average but as it turned out at the start line the race organizers got cars out of the wrong order and Gerry found himself behind a SLOW Car he thought better of passing but finding out later that driver was not in GERRY's 125 Class but the slower 120 Class Group. Otherwise he could won, placed or shown.

RANDY's beautiful Orange Pantera running the WEBER carburetors and then all aluminum deck lid and front spoilers that Randy fabricated by hand averaged 107.4874 MPH In the 110 class with a time variance of 68.8520 there by winning the time variance Award in fairness to Randy he was hobbled by rookie speed limits otherwise he would have been faster then all of us.

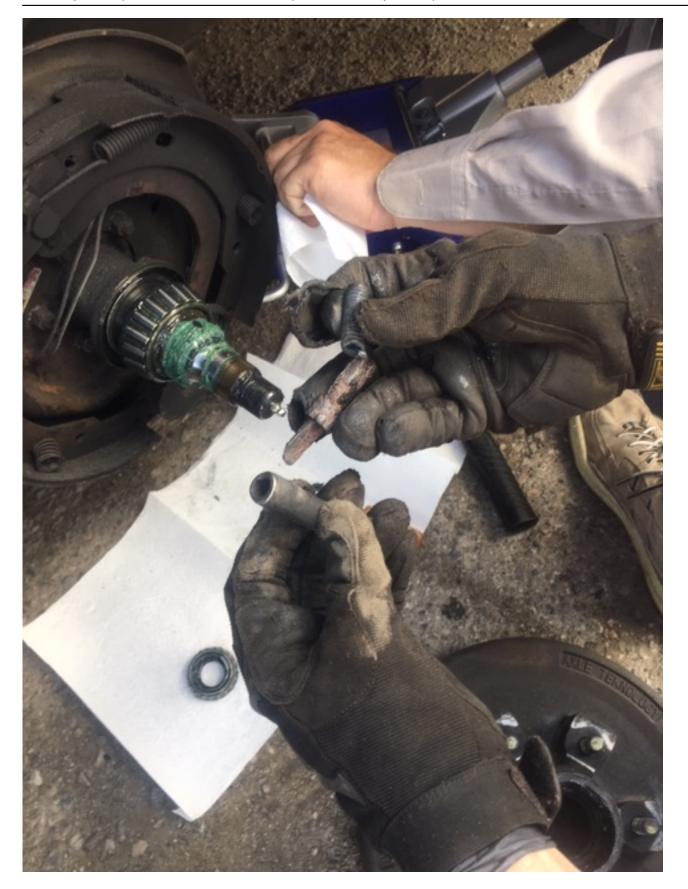
So slackers JB, Peter, Tim, Laurie, and Lee didn't have Pantera's there this year but I Always felt their spirit animal near all the time.

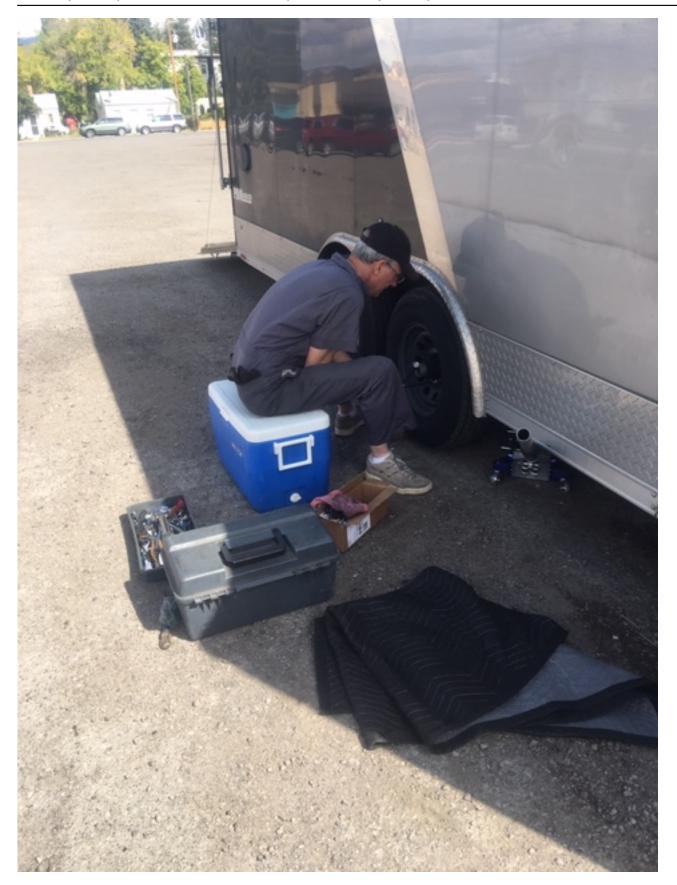
And wait a minute Peter (aka The German) was there with the TPR support vehicle doing beer, water and parts runs. And he gets a ferry award for all most being ready LOL.

That is about it. Laurie did join us at the Banquet dinner in Vegas where MARK won the "Hard Luck Award" this year. But I know Mark will be back bigger and badder then ever before to break my 166 MPH average record to get his hands on the \$10,000 dollars in prize money Asa holds in the TPR vault but forgot to bring this year.

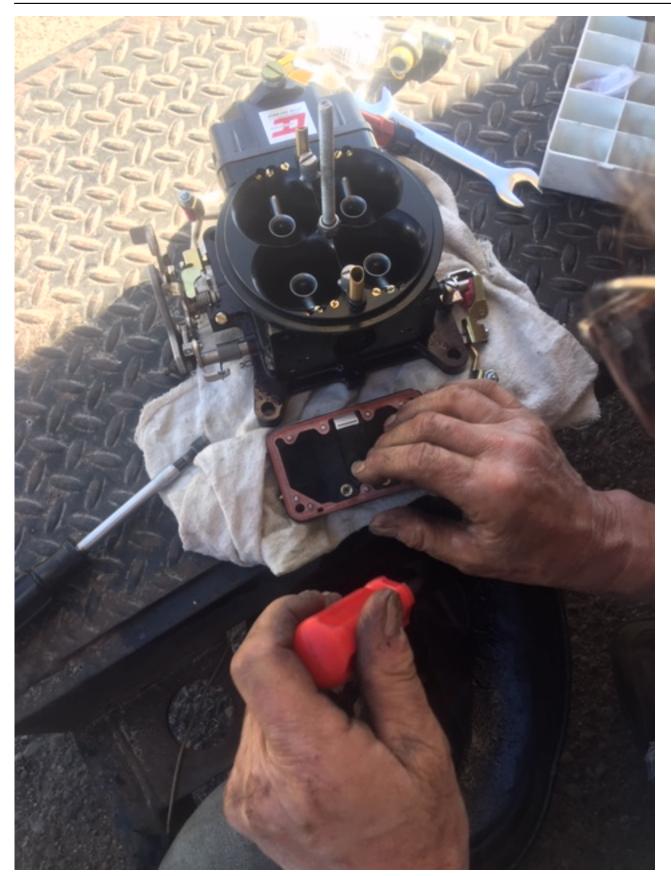
PS to JB - the Ford Dealership is still for sale!

Here's some photos...I know Peter and Asa have more.















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