



Up rears at Dave's



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Tech Session count stands as follows: Art Stephens (2), Rod's tune up, April fluid change, Dave's exhaust drop, Gary's 180, Bill Harris' exhaust swap and Dave's 180. My own efforts to install Dick Drenski's cage is stalled by the need to repair my leaky A/C unit. A/C is well beyond my skills so I'll either learn or take it into a shop. What about your car? Call me at 714 374-8177 or Dave 714 969-1301 to schedule your fix. We have tools and hands.

Smog Law Failed. Thanks goes out to everyone of you who took the time to kill the bill that would've changed the California smog law to test all vehicles covered today on an annual basis when they are 15 years or older. SEMA reported our success. They alerted us of the sneak attack to push through the law without hearings by rewording a bill created to address court procedure for divorce cases AB3053. Seems smelly to me. It passed the Assembly using the same language as last year's defeated AB616 attempt. Your phone calls and emails notified thoughtful Senators of the deceitful move. They quickly killed it. Rest assured that this will be a yearly event until all old cars are sent to the scrap yards. Get your own email alerts by joining at sema.org.

Events from below need to be logged into your calendar. Your participation helps the club. So, fill your calendar today. Finally, won't you plan an event for next year to your favorite spot? How about a ride, then lunch?

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

Oct 12 **LB Swap Meet** at Long Beach Veterans' Stadium 6am-1pm.

Oct 26 **Los Alamitos** Airfield's Wings, Wheels and Rotors Expo (562) 598-6659 www.wvrexpo.net

Nov 1-2 **Willow Springs Open Track** hosted by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 626 285-2024 in conjunction with both Pantera and Ferrari clubs gives you the chance to take your car on the world famous high speed track. Street cars abound as the Novice group makes full use of the free instructors to show the best line to take on each corner. They also advise you on the techniques to gain full control of your car while extracting the most from its features. Remember that there are four run groups based on your experience and two days packed with free lessons to help understand your car's limits and at the same time improve your driving skills. Come out to participate or watch the excitement. (Cherie offers a free lunch for TPOC members.) Be sure to offer a ride to anyone carrying a helmet printed with "Rod".

Nov 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.

Dec 7 **Christmas Party** call Bob Singer 714 960-2323 if you'd like to help. Finbars Italian at 620 PCH, Seal Bch 562-430-4303 has been selected for the site of good cheer. It's never too early to sign up for this annual fete, so dust off your tux, mark you calendar and tell Bob that you'll be there. Be sure to invite the other Chapters and family members to join us for chances at the door prizes. They always add a very festive tone to the gathering for all to enjoy. As usual, Gary H already bought his ticket.

Dec 27 **Gondola Ride** another Bob Singer special so practice your favorite Opera aria and join the singing. My favorite is Carmen's "*Habanera*" (*L'amour est enfant de boheme*). But then again, shouldn't we be singing Verdi not Bizet, perhaps *La Traviata* or even some Puccini? Boat leaves promptly at 5:30 so be sure to wear very warm clothing (or not). We must send money early so write your \$25 check to Bob now. Wine, cheese and bread are traditionally provided for all. If requested by a sufficient number of you, I'll bring my ukulele for some Hawaiian solos. Phyllis has offered \$5 for me not to sing. Dave Rudderow leads with a six-dollar bid. Any other offers? A Fajitas buffet (\$21) will be at El Toritos.

'74 L (white) is offered by original owner Lee Ayres 310 291-4079 (from Murphy Lincoln Mercury) for \$40,000.

TPOC logo items may be ordered include blue denim long sleeve shirts, white polo shirts and white hats. Sign up at the next meeting or call Dave Rudderow.