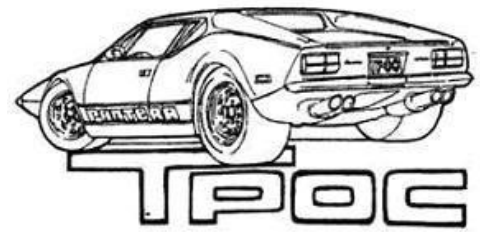




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**TPOC Swap Meet** was held Bob & Don Byars' Precision Pro-formance in Brea.. TPOC provided the refreshments to help ward off the sun's heat. We had members from both PCNC and San Diego. Unfortunately, I did not track the attendance; but I do recall Bob Benson and Mark McWhinney brightening the day. The trades were everywhere and I was one of the many benefactors at picking treasures from the Detomaso offerings.

**Big Bear Air Fair** came to us on the recommendation of Roger Banowetz. Saturday morning August 29th, a few of the TPOC faithful met at Donut Derelicts for a trip up the hill to Big Bear Airport. Three Panteras, one Corvette and one Azera with Harris, White, Roberts, Rudderow/Mitchem and Schirmer respectively at the wheels left promptly at 7:00am (OK some didn't have accurate watches so we really left closer to 7:30am).

The drive up to the mountains went smoothly. We took advantage of the 210 freeway which eliminates the need to travel the dreaded 91 freeway. There were a few pickup trucks charged with the responsibility of pacing our caravan. Once we bypassed those fine folks, we had some spirited driving up the mountain roads. Fun fun fun! Upon arrival at the Big Bear Airport, we got the last five parking spots right at the edge of the runway. It looked as if we were really a part of the show. Model airplanes, vintage military aircraft and classic automobiles were part of the event. One down side, as we arrived, a plane made a belly landing. Fortunately, there were no injuries. We ran into Ralph Suarez of San Diego Panteras who also has a home in Big Bear. He was displaying a '60's era Corvette.

Following the event, we took a quick run over to the Bear Belly Deli for lunch. A few of us then drove up to my family's second home in Moonridge. There we relaxed and viewed videos from the recent Monterey Historics weekend. The day ended in the early afternoon with plenty of time to take a leisurely drive back down the hill.

I highly recommend the local California mountain roads for Panteras. We have some of the best driving and sight seeing available right in our own backyard. Thanks Roger for this great idea for a fun run with our cars! By Bill Harris.

See all Bill's pics at [http://www.poca.com/index.php/gallery/?g2\\_itemId=10254](http://www.poca.com/index.php/gallery/?g2_itemId=10254) of the TPOC trip to the Big Bear Air Fair.





**TPOC web site** will be dropped during this coming year as a cost cutting effort. POCA site will assume its duty provided we can add content to the POCA site.

**Email Newsletter** postal version will no longer be automatically sent to all TPOC members. An email version is sent in its stead. It will also be posted to the web site. Please make sure Judy has your email address. Doing so ensures that you'll continue to be informed of the Chapter's activities and get tech reports.

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

Sep 13 **Belmont Shore Show** see <http://www.baycityrodders.com/belmontshorecarshow.htm>. Sign up now or you will not be allowed to park with the club. Plan on meeting at 5:30am behind Albertsons 2<sup>nd</sup> St & PCH for 6am departure. There are some really fine antique and other shops along the main street there.

Sep 26 **Coronado Speed Fest.** is promised to be a fun day to enjoy the historic races in sunny San Diego for \$25 in advance at [www.fleetweeksandiego.org](http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org) or \$35 at the gate. There is plenty to see including drifting shows. Support our Navy and tour a ship, watch F18 flyovers along with other demos. Many race cars will be on view including historics, stock cars, Formula Atlantics, F fords, IMSA GTO, FIA Mfgr. and TransAm. Gather at Donut Derelicts (Adams/Magnolia HB) for 7am departure.

Oct 3 **Chino Airport Planes of Fame Air Museum** is an important lesson in history. A special presentation of women's contribution to WW II war effort will be given by those who lived it. We'll meet at Donut Derelicts for the 7:30 drive to Chino for breakfast at the famous Flo restaurant.

Oct 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.

Oct 18 **Laguna Beach Classic Car Show** for pre-'74 cars at Festival of Arts site. The \$35 fee includes 2 passes & gift. This is a great site to display our cars. Let's really put on a large display. See [www.lagunabeachcarshow.com](http://www.lagunabeachcarshow.com).

Oct 25 **Wings, Rotors and Wheels** on Sunday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> is a \$30 planned event by Oct 1. Check out <http://www.wwexpo.net/>. Check out the military aircraft along with so many local hot rods on the web site.

Oct 31 & Nov 1 **Willow Springs Open Track** by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 626 285-2024 [jim@westcoastracinginc.com](mailto:jim@westcoastracinginc.com). It is always a pleasure to hear the roar of our cats running at speed down the front straight. The average "Joe" in his street car can skip the race class and choose from the other three classes as well as take advantage of the many instructors who freely donate their time to ride with you or even drive your car to show how they'd approach the racing line. Car control is what you gain. You can even experiment with spring rates or tire pressures to balance the handling characteristics.

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Dec 6 **Christmas Party** welcomes all to its annual event. Foxfire restaurant in Anaheim Hills, Santa Ana Canyon Rd. will be serving a Champaign Brunch for us at a subsidized price of \$30pp. Contact Bob Singer for tickets.

Dec 26 **Gondola Ride** again ends a great year. Being with my loved one and a boat full of friends can't be topped. The Italian sailors cast off promptly 5:15pm. So come early and enjoy a bit of vino to warm your innards.

**Long Beach Swap Meet:** Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Nov 29, Dec 13 at Veterans' Stadium

**Cage** is in thanks to Richard Drenski. Yes he designed the cage and made sure that it fit well into my Pantera. He even offered to help install it. I foolishly declined and so began the lengthy process that had countless installs and retrofitting. The most interesting is when I unknowingly cut the main wiring cable in the passenger side rocker. Discovery came when I reconnected the battery for the first time and found the cockpit filled with smoke and the smell of an electrical fire in the air. Wire welding now has a very new meaning to me. Two days later I had the rewiring done and replaced the carpeting.

Richard's approach is to have small sections of tubing that are bolted together using solid slugs to give the cage a firm form. All four points are bolted to the floor with double nuts showing as demanded by those hosting the Silver State runs. Additionally, the cage is bolted to the rear firewall linking to

the Tjaarda loop. The door bars are a bit of a problem entering the cabin but I now find it natural. It's the egress that still confounds me and it's not entirely clear as to whether or not it is the result of my aging body or my serious lack of coordination.

The price of safety and stiffening is a relatively small one. Gone are the sun visors but the forward bar is there. The mirror is now in a new mount using the old screws. Door bars provide a convenient place to rest my arm and it's a good thing since the old armrests are on the spare parts shelf. I never use the map pockets anyway that's why we have the console. The final bit of fabrication to be done is the mounting brackets for the shoulder harness. I guess I'll have to call someone to help with its design before I can enter a track.

