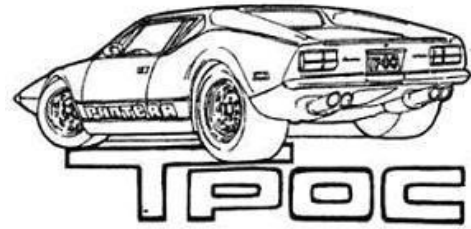




2 rows of Panteras



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**Belmont Shore** was once again a big hit. Two rows of Panteras lined the main street and held the attention of many attending the show. An early day began well before dawn with donuts and coffee amidst a foggy morn. The late morning sun made our cars sparkle and yet kept the temps well within the comfort zone. There were so many tempting cars on display and Wilkinson's model A presented a truly great show. Temptation abounds but I would not trade my Pantera for any car there. We are certainly blessed to own a "keeper". Check out Bill Harris' pictures and count the cars there. Will you show your car next year? The fix it gang stand ready to help prepare your cat: just ask Bill Harris to schedule a tech session at your garage (or mine).

**Coronado Speed Fest** pleased me to no end. I must confess that I missed the TPOC team members throughout the day. I did see their Panteras together with the San Diego chapter in the reserved area and am proud to say that many stopped to examine them. My fascination with track cars kept Phyllis and me in the stands watching a variety of cars in their qualifying races. Engines ranged from lowly under 1000cc to over 7 liters with each bringing its unique sound. I was equally surprised that there were no sound restrictions and the un-muffled roar from big bore TransAm and CanAm cars was certainly musical. One group mixed large and big bores in TranAM configuration. Here, a lowly Ginetta with only 1600cc lead the entire pack from the beginning. There was a trio of Tigers that kept us on our feet in a bid for third place. A trio of Javelins in their traditional red white and blue colors dominated another TransAm group. BMW 2002s caught the big bores and made their passes in the turns. A GT40 within it's group lost its suspension on the last turn just before us. The last qualifier was the Nascars. They screamed down both straights to whisper through the turns. The most exciting show of all was the Drift cars. It is a competition that I do not understand. You destroy your tires each time you're on the track. It's not timed. Point gained is subjective. But, it is always on the edge. There were broken body pieces on the track a number of times as a result of wall or barrier contact. They use zip ties on the bumper covers to aid their speedy repair. This display alone was worth an all day wait.



No postal newsletters just this email version.

Review the reminders and plan on joining us at as many of the events as you can. You need not bring your Pantera; just a willingness to be with us.

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

- 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 and 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.wwrexpo.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.
- Nov 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Dec 6 **Christmas Party** welcomes all to its annual event. Foxfire restaurant in Anaheim Hills, Santa Ana Canyon Rd. will be serving a Champagne 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:** Oct 11, Nov 8, Nov 29, Dec 13 at Veterans' Stadium