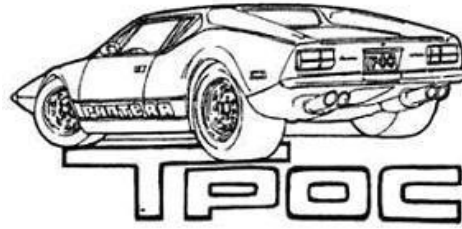




The Gathering in May



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**Tech Session** last May 15<sup>th</sup> gave us an opportunity to prepare our cars for the Reno run or just do that annual service. Often this job is set aside as we become preoccupied with other events in our lives. None-the-less, the change in fluids goes a long way toward keeping our cars on the road. Low mileage is no excuse for the annual change. This is most important for the brake fluid since it accumulates water from our very humid air.

There is one item I continue to forget to do and I urge you to do. Every time you have your wheels off the ground, test the bearings for wear. Simply grab the tire at the 12:00 and 6:00 then wiggle it. If loose, have the bearings checked/replaced. Then, do the same for the 3:00 and 9:00 positions. Do the test at all four corners. Roger Sharp of PCNC showed me this test and then helped me replace the worn stub axle.



The big surprise was when Gary and John took their time to strip the oxidation from Phyllis' car and polish it to one that reminded her of when it was new. Their casual comment was that they wanted to simply express their gratitude for hosting our tech session and feeding its participants. Phyllis was genuinely surprised and pleased with the hours of work expended by both of them. (We have truly outstanding members.)

**Wine Run** in Los Alamitos on 26 June was our return for the third year. We met nearby our old meeting site at Mel's but Phyllis and I were called away. We missed out on the added romp of a drive (so ask Gary Mitchem about it) along with the lunch at Bob's Big Boy. The hamburger there was something I was looking forward to with the expectation of recalling memories of going there, in NorCal, driving our then new 73 Pinto Squire Station Wagon. That car would, I think, be a good track car today especially if I can find another turbo 2.3L. We joined the group at the winery where there was the normal banter and the impromptu car show.



**Toys for Tots** is our selected charity for this year. We appreciate any new packaged toy other than stuffed animals that you may donate to this worthy cause. Simply drop off your gift at any meeting throughout the year and we'll make a run to the Marine base in December.

**Visit POCA.COM site** for TPOC information. We'll transition from our own site to POCA.com in the coming months. There you'll find all that is in our current one. Simply go to the Club Section to find our chapter page, <http://poca.com/index.php/cl/ch/west/t poc>. Our newsletters and calendar are within. While on the home page, venture a look at the Tech Section for all the articles formally on our site with those posted by other POCA members.

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

Aug 13 **Concorso Italiano** at [Laguna Seca Golf Ranch - Monterey, CA](http://www.concorso.com/). Contact Concorso Italiano ([ci@concorso.com](mailto:ci@concorso.com)) or <http://www.concorso.com/> for more info.

Aug 12-15 **Monterey Show**

Aug 20 **Ruby's** see John Schirer. 10109 Whittwood Dr, Whittier at 5PM [socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com).

Sep 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sep 10 **Garden Grove Main St Show** 4-8PM see flyer [socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com) Euclid&GG blvd. Call Gary 714 636-2010.

Sep 12 **Belmont Shore Show** is a fun event that attracts TPOC members to speak to a huge number of people. Check [www.baycityrodders.com](http://www.baycityrodders.com) for more info.

Sep 16-19 **Silver State Race**

Sep 25 **Coronado Speedfest** in San Diego see [fleetweekSanDiego.org](http://fleetweekSanDiego.org) for registration.

Sep 26 **TPOC Swap Meet** hosted by Byar's Precision Proformance at 320 N Palm, Brea 562 691-2526.

Oct 2 **Nethercutt Museum** offers a rare guided tour (10am) so you must signup w/Gary Mitchem.

Oct 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Oct 17 **Laguna Beach Show** invited us to return for the second time. Our placement was at the lovely Festival of Arts enclosure and we hope for a repeat at a mere \$35 including 2 passes and a gift. We were well received among some million dollar cars. The Austin club fielded a lot more cars than our small core. So hurry your [www.lagunabeachcarshow.com](http://www.lagunabeachcarshow.com) entry on its way.

Oct 24 **Los Alamitos Show** 9-4pm 11200 Lexington Dr Los Alamitos [www.wvrexpo.net](http://www.wvrexpo.net) \$30. 6-8am to show.

Oct 24 **Los Angeles PD Cops for Tots** at LAPD Training Academy.

Oct 30-31 **Willow Springs** Open Track days is where we mix it up with Porsche and F cars at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, California just north of Lancaster. Here you can run your car regardless of make or model at speeds on a closed course known worldwide. Big bore machines of the CanAm series were right at home here so our Panteras are well suited with their big torque engines to power out of the high speed turns and onto the long straights. Just contact Jim Saxton, long time TPOC member, at 626 285-2515 [Jim@westcoastracinginc.com](mailto:Jim@westcoastracinginc.com) for details and an application. An optional performance seminar is offered for personal instruction including how to make setup changes to your car like tire pressure, shock and spring adjustments.

Nov 6 **Peterson Auto Museum** signup for a guide tour (10am) \$6 adult \$4 seniors. Free parking for Panteras else \$8.

Nov 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Nov 13 **Julian Run** offers a spirited ride to see a quaint town famous for its apples, wine, antiques and charm. We dine together. Those wanting to stay the night can bid others a fond farewell after dinner.

Dec 5 **Christmas Party** at Foxfire once again. Contact Bob Singer for your tickets. Last chance to bring toys.

Dec 8? **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dec 18 **Gondola Tour** - Contact Bob Singer for your \$25 tickets.

**Long Beach Swap Meet:** Aug 8 Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 7 Dec 12 --- 8am at Veterans' Stadium.