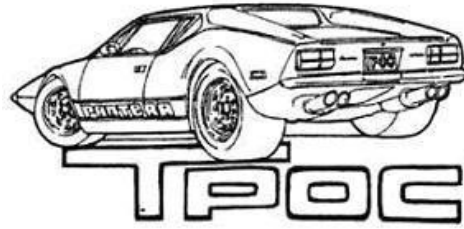




Aida oversees the Cats



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Superbowl Party was hosted by Dan and Aida Winkler. Special parking for the Panteras awaited us all. But the GT40 and Corvette were both banished to secondary sites across the street well out of view. It should be noted that Aida found the GT40 to be a perfect fit but Dan's outsized frame was not designed for the diminutive Ford. Their home makes for a good party site. The family room wall opens to the covered patio then onward to the BBQ. Two rooms for game viewing gave everyone a front row seat. Raids to the kitchen garnered a treasure of goodies.



DOT 3 is slowly being phased out and I suggest that each of you consider purchasing a small supply while you can. Know full well that we schedule annual renewal of the brake fluid at our tech sessions. Some may wish to convert to DOT 5.1 or even DOT 4 but certainly avoid DOT 5, the synthetic unless you race your ride exclusively. Conversion to DOT 5 requires purging the entire system fully and cleaning with naphtha (from Home Depot) before the refill. It is used in all out racing where temps climb above 500 degrees. My father told me all I needed to know about brakes in my sub-teens. Brakes come in two types, mechanical and hydraulic; so, if you can add fluid, make it DOT 3. Fancy dancey disc brakes use DOT 4 for higher temps that are a natural outcome of the new 70s technology. Confusion reigned and the marketing folks renamed DOT 4 to DOT 3 & 4 so we can use it in both types but made no change to the product. DOT 5.1 simplifies the choice in that it is glycol-based like both DOT 3 and DOT 4. Take five minutes to open the top of your master cylinder. Peer into its contents. Any color beyond crystal clear like brown or black means you are long past the time to change the fluid in the entire system... unless stopping is simply optional to your way of thinking.

TPOC Roster with peer contact info will be distributed at the next meeting. Join us and get your copy. Please forward any change of address to Judy McCartney. We continue to have mail returned without forwarding addresses.

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 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. 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.

Waiver of Liability is prepared for your signature granting some protection to this chapter. Your membership in this organization offers benefits along with some risk. We ask all participants to sign a yearly waiver.

Driving Standards are adopted by the Board for Team Pantera of Orange County (TPOC) driving runs:

1. Traffic laws will be followed at all times. This includes, but not limited to SPEED LIMITS.
 2. The lead car is the lead car. Please don't pass the lead car.
 3. The driver of the lead car will do his/her best to keep the group together.
 4. The last car will have contact (by phone or radio) with the lead car.
 5. We will do our best to keep all of the Panteras together.
 6. If you are not driving a Pantera, please follow behind the pack, or drive alongside the group.
 7. If your car has problems, signal others in the group and pull off the road in a safe manner.
 8. If another car in the group is having problems, pull over and see if there is anything you can do to help.
- These standards are to keep each drive a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Dyno Run was a suggestion from two members. How many of you would be interested in placing your car on a dyno? It has been a good number of years since the last one. Let's discuss this at the next meeting.

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

- Apr 24 **Seal Beach Show** by the Chamber of Commerce call 562 799-0179 or sealbeachchamber.org.
- May 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- May 15 **TECH** session at Rod's 1107 Main ST HB at 8:30. Let's change the fluids and make any repairs to your car.
- Jun 2-6 **POCA Fun Rally** in Reno. See POCA.com or your newsletter.
- Jun 5 **HB Hot Rods in the Park** at the Central Library hbconcours.org for all pre-75 cars and cycles.
- Jun 6 **HB Concurs d'Elebance** salutes Ford - see hbconcours.org 714 375-8414. Enter your Pantera in class 31 for just \$35 earning two passes. Groups must arrive together.
- Jun 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Jul 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Aug 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Aug 13 **Concorso Italiano** at [Laguna Seca Golf Ranch - Monterey, CA](http://www.concorso.com/). Contact Concorso Italiano (ci@concorso.com) or <http://www.concorso.com/> for more info.
- Aug 12-15 **Monterey Show**
- Sep 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Sep 12 **Belmont Shore Show** is a fun event that attracts TPOC members to speak to a huge number of the public. Check www.baycityrodders.com for info.
- Sep 16-19 **Silver State Race**
- Oct 13 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Nov **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 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 10 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Dec **Christmas Party**
- Dec 8 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Zito's Bar & Grill 17320 17th St, Tustin, CA 92780 (714) 730-0003 east of hwy 55 on 17th.
- Dec **Gondola Tour**

Long Beach Swap Meet: May 9 Jun 13 Jul 11 Aug 8 Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 7 Dec 12 --- 8am at Veterans' Stadium.