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Why this flag? First, I ran out of things to write regarding our events. Second, the cars pictured behind our Sec State Kerry in Cuba brought back memories of my school days. Pictured beyond the fence were '59, '57 and '55 Chevys. Each appeared to be in outstanding shape. The actual flag rising instilled pride as well as a deep concern over the future. Unlike my grandkids, I recall "duck and cover" drills during elementary school. Then, JFK televised a warning of the Cuban Crisis when we stood on the brink of a nuclear war.

Those cars are testimonials to the strength and ingenuity of people who love their cars. They lack the superior vendor support like that which we enjoy from the Pantera community and yet the islanders continue to fabricate parts to keep their classics alive. I admire those who repair and improve our cars. So many articles in the POCA newsletter describe repairs like the April one on fixing a door handle by JS Kean. Some motivation is based on availability, price, customization, safety, weight reduction, or performance. No matter what drives us, we all must look to the dedication of the Cubans who have kept their cars alive for 53 years as a source of inspiration.

Will my grandson be driving my white cat 53 years from now? Will yours?

General Meeting see ocpanteras.com web site for location. 17th St Bar and Grill is to be our general meeting place. It is at the site of the old Zitos at 17320 E 17th in Tustin located near the 55, 5 and 22 fwys. It begins 7:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month except December. Scott is likely to have a video treat for us all.

Badges for those who need TPOC badges are free. And, you don't have to be an outlaw to get them – just ask Rod. You just never know when Humphrey Bogart will ask you to show him yours.

Membership - We encourage everyone to become a POCA member, if you aren't already a member. Your membership in the national club helps fund our local chapter. You can download an application at <http://www.poca.com/>. Please help our club grow by selecting TPOC as your chapter. Remember too that you need not be a member to join us at any of our meetings or events.

Picture of Your Car is needed for our web site. Email one to Greg Ford at tpocwebmaster@gmail.com.

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

Sep 19 **Tech Session** is for steering bushing replacement at Rod's Garage. Come see him attempt this simple fix. Bring your car for any minor work and enjoy lunch with the gang.

Oct 24 **Temecula Wine Cruise & Lunch** is with the hungry bunch.

Oct 24 Huntington Beach High School Athletics Classic Car Show \$25 pre-reg at hbhstore.com.

Nov ? Willow Springs Open Track with Jim Saxton 626 285-2515.

Nov 21 **Julian Apple Run** is for those ready for dessert. Gayle.

Dec 16 **Christmas Party**. Bob Singer.

Dec 26 **Gondola Getaway** lets us see the Holiday lights and enjoy dinner. Bob Singer.

Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$9 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13.

Weekly Events: Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts, Sunday: Woodland Hills Supercars, Topanga Canyon & Erwin St 7-11am, Cars & Coffee at OC Fairgrounds.

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