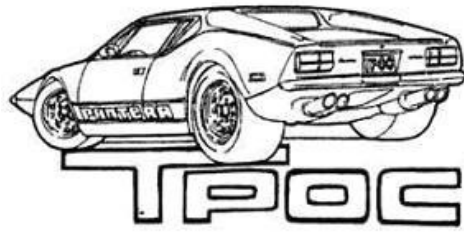




Day Family Museum



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Day Family Museum gave us a glimpse into the era of when cars had a distinctive shape and styled as though created by manufacturers who wanted their cars to immediately be identified. Each carried a corporate theme. This museum has dioramas made in Hollywood covering the 1920's gangstas through today. Most of the 145 cars collected were of the muscle car years but the 1950s are also heavily represented as by the first Corvette, Lucile Ball's Pontiac convertible, Red Skeleton's surrey Jeep, and Elvis' Caddie. Fords of the period sat next to the tri-fives that competed for business as well as on the tracks. I recall Red driving his CJ2A in his TV show and the episode where Lucy got driving lessons from Desi in this car then promptly gave Ethel same just before all of them drove out to California. 1960s brought examples from the AC Cobra replica, 66 T-bird, GTOs, Vettes, signed cop car in the Mayberry scene, first gen Mustang and even a COPA Camero. My preference was Bruce Willis' black 1967 Firebird 400 4 speed convert. Kids today would think of something entirely different when you say, "metro" but Cindy Harris would instantly recognize the 1961 Metro convert as one she wanted a bunch of years ago. Kathy too remembered the car as one she wanted in high school because the "cool" kids liked it.



Gang picture by Scott Couchman

Ed Janoski, our tour guide, admired Tom Todak's car and accepted that his was the only one to appear. He does have the honor of driving any of the cars he wants each day including weekends, all in order to prove the roadworthiness of each. Every grandchild may select a car in which he is to be driven to school on their birthday. Pink samples seem to be popular among the girls often selecting the jeep even though they have no idea who Red was. The boys like the modern Mustangs, Vettes and the red Ferrari.

Lunch at Miguel's was outstanding. It may have been the company there but none of us were in a hurry to leave. The two and a half hour break reminded me of the lengthy French ones. My enchilada and taco was fantastic even as I eyed the huge taco salads across the way that John and Kathy Buckman consumed.

Sadly the City is creating stricter ordinances barring the expansion of the museum to its second floor display. And so, the Day Family has decided to sell 90 of its cars. For example, the Cobra is offered at \$30,000 but it has California title issues. The 66 T-bird is at \$6,500. Contact Ed at 951 520-1941 if you have any interest in another car for your garage before these go to auction, but hurry.

General Meeting (Reminder) see ocpanteras.com web site for location. It begins 7:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month except December. Scott is likely to have a video treat for us all.

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.

Aug 15 Concorso Italiano.

Aug 22 **Joint POCA Chapter Gathering.**

Aug 23 **Icecream Social** with Gary Hirshberg hosting at Han's in Santa Ana.

Sep 19 **Tech Session** is for steering bushing replacement at Bud's Garage. 3 cars scheduled.

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

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 8/2, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13.

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