



Palooza fun



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Pantera Palooza Car Show and Picnic was a hit thanks to so many especially Scott and Greg as well as the sponsors Hagerty Insurance (from Insurance Center Associates), Meguiar's Car Care Products, and Harley Wax (Tom Todak). Volunteers need to share the stage in recognition too. Organization team were Greg Ford, John Schirmer, Scott Couchman, and Gayle Huff. The day of show volunteers included the Core Team plus Gary Mitchem, Doug Schirmer, Mary Jane Ford, John Mahoney, Bill Wright, Al Arakawa, Gary Hirschberg, Bill Harris, Brady Couchman, Nicole Couchman, Chris Couchman, Bob Singer, and Brad McCartney.

Dave and Linda Adler sent me this email with the pictures I've included here...

Thank you for making us feel welcome and having a great Pantera experience.

Driving from Fallbrook to Irvine on any day of the week, any hour of the day can be a challenge. Driving a Mangusta over this distance can be an experience. In the case of the Pantera Palooza meeting, our Mangusta performed perfectly and our drive was as smooth as can be. Even getting stopped on the freeway in San Clemente for the obligatory car crash clean-up, traffic jam, didn't cause the temperature needle to go over 200 degrees. It was a great opportunity to exercise our movie star car.

We had a wonderful day at this well planned out and organized event. We were pleasantly surprised to see the level of participation as well as the quality of the cars. The program ran smoothly and the fellowship and food were superb. It was great seeing old friends and making new ones as well. The awards given out were well deserved and we particularly liked Donny Byars' push button and felt his win was fully earned.

We know events like this are a lot of work to stage and pull-off while keeping everybody happy and the activities flowing. We thank the event organizers and leaders of TPOC for keeping the marque alive and for staging a world class event for DeTomaso enthusiasts to enjoy.

*With warmest regards,
Linda & Dave*





Ed. It is a rare treat to have a Mangusta at any event and thanks goes to the Adlers for sharing theirs with us. A rolling art is a claim I would make of this car's design. We hope that we may add to this example in the coming years if we do hold another Palooza. Would you support another Palooza next year?

Eight trophies were given along with goody bags. My understanding was that a lowly Falcon won one but how could that possibly be? It must have been a far cry from my old Sprint back in the day. Mine was a so-so performer but not built very sturdily; although, it was fun mashing the four speed.

Don Byars - Best of Show

Ed Mendez - Best Paint

Marshall Smith - POCA

Tony Finaldi - Show and Shine

Eric Urlie - Best Ford

Participation Award to San Diego

John Buckman - Factory Stock

Paul Gammerino - Best Mustang

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Peter Ramey - Best Engine

General Meeting (Reminder) is at Coco's on Goldenwest and Bolsa. 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.

Jul 18 **Day Museum** is organized by Bob Singer. Tax deductible \$10pp donation. Meet a KK.

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 7/12, 8/2, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13.

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