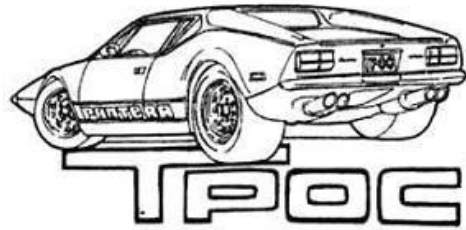




Cars & Coffee



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November 2015

**Cars & Coffee** had a special event last month. Peter Giacobbi did bring his 1970 Synthesis 2000 for us to enjoy. He, along with Tom Tjarada, designed and constructed this very special car. Peter said that Tom designed it in one day after an evening of drinks. Tom's design is completely unchanged from the drawings made that day. Synthesis modified Lancia powered 2000 was instrumental in getting Peter the job of Chief Engineer for John DeLorean's DMC 12 (*Back to the Future*). He had proposed the Alpine A110 structure and running gear with the Stainless Steel [Italdesign's Giorgetto Giugiaro](http://www.italdesign.com) body mounted (think Mangusta). That Alpine was a super winner in the period European rallies. But, John rejected the idea.



Peter's car uses the same four cylinder horizontally apposed boxer amidships as the Porsche racing 550 for a very low center of gravity. The steel backbone is consistent with deTomaso and allows this car to go without rocker panels entirely. Features found here include warm air from the radiator sent to the windshield to defrost and aid in blasting rain away. The push button doors also have window frames in chromed brass like the first Panteras. Taillights are the same as well. He reported that access panels are in the back of the car but it is often easier to just unbolt the four points and drop the drive train instead. Finally the Ying/Yang logo expresses the balanced mix of both Italian and American design.



**Julian Run Canceled.** Concern over timing and weather contributed to the lack of interest at this time. A reschedule is possible depending on the number of commitments we may gather.

**General Meeting** see [ocpanteras.com](http://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 Zitons at 17320 E 17th in Tustin located near the 55, 5 and 22 fwys. We normally order our food at 7PM

and begin the meeting promptly at 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, they are free. And, you don't have to be an outlaw to get them – simply ask Rod. You just never know when Humphrey Bogart will ask you to show him yours. Oh, those of you who have ordered badges, Bob Singer is holding them for you. See him at the next meeting.

**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 [www.poca.com](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](mailto:tpocwebmaster@gmail.com).

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

Dec 13 **Christmas Party.** Alta Vista CC Placentia 11-3pm, \$40pp b412/6. Bob Singer 714 960-2323.  
Dec 26 **Gondola Getaway** lets us see the Holiday lights and enjoy dinner. Bob Singer 714 960-2323.

**Long Beach Swap Meet** @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$9 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.

**Ads.** Submit your ad via email.

**INFO NEEDED** for DE LA ROSSA Pantera. De Tomaso HISTORIAN Wallace Wyss for his Incredible Barn Finds book needs to find out what Don DeLaRossa's widow sold their special Pantera for or what the later owner sold it for. Here's an ad for the car dating from 2014 probably from the owner after DelaRossa: <http://www.finecars.cc/en/detail/car/296730/index.html> Wally can be reached at [Photojournalistpro@gmail.com](mailto:Photojournalistpro@gmail.com). He thanks any members for clues...

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