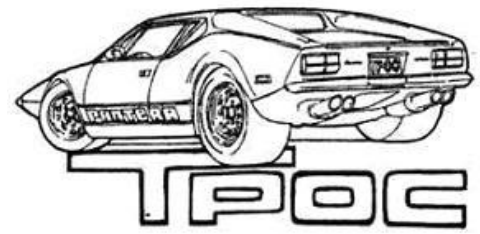




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Christmas Party is always a hit. Gayle MC'd the event with a flare that goes well beyond Princess Grace Kelly. Scott's video captured the essence of each monthly activity for the entire year. Smiles abound as he described the stories of what we did and some of what we would not ever claim. We'll see a repeat of those we found particularly rewarding coming this year if you'd care to inspect the 2017 calendar. He went well beyond the monthly video presentations that he gives at the general meetings. Chuckles and laughter is all the proof you'll need. Members from the other nearby Chapters brought a very special cheer as in years past. The line of Panteras filled the parking spaces allotted. They also gained the admiration of the country club set as they strolled to the lodge. The manager shared some of the praise from his members and their guests. He was pleased to hear that we intend to return this year too. Our table was the first to attack the buffet line. My plate was replete with the best the chef had to offer. Others may have directed their own concoction at the omelet or pasta bar while I centered my attention on the table after table offerings. I can safely say that my girth was amplified by multiple trips. I refuse to name other multiple trippers.

Prizes, prizes and more prizes were the after brunch agenda. Here, TPOC purchases were augmented by the Snyders, Gayle Huff and Maddie Williams' donations. There may have been others but I busied myself with a return to the desert table. Many of our peers including myself were prize beneficiaries – can you say winner?

The new Board was introduced as follows: President Scott Couchman, Vice President Judith McCartney, Secretary John Maloney, Treasurer Bob Singer, Members-At-Large Al Arakawa, Greg Ford, Gary Hirschberg, Gayle Huff, and Larry Montgomery.

Will you join us this year?





Gondola Tour once again gave us time to enjoy each other's company as we took in the Christmas sights about the canals of Naples. The residents provided an annual show that simply sparkles. This year we were also privy to the staging of their parade of boats. We were all bundled under very heavy wool blankets to fight off the chilly air. Special skills are needed with years of training in order to effectively propel our large boats. Our gondoliers trained in Italy and do compete annually. Members from the other boat boasted that their gondolier sang much better than ours. Sounds like bragging rights to me. Or, was it that they had more wine than we? Dinner at Malarkys was a bit raucous and somewhat louder than this old guy preferred. None-the-less it was a hoot. Is this old saying PC? Is there an owl minority now? I would not have changed a thing.



Nethercutt Auto Museum hosted by Bob Singer 714 715-3133 is somewhat different in that it has so much more than autos. Here, antiques of all stripes abound. Much of the collection is based on the choices of the matron. Music boxes are most impressive but other collectables of bygone eras form the basis of stories from our docent. Those who participated in former visits can renew their experiences while newbies may delight in this unique introduction to a love

story beginning with the couple's first date excursion in an American Bantam coupe with Flintstone like floorboards. It looks very much like Rudderow's old American Austin Coupe. The diminutive car seems very much out of place amidst the Duesenbergs of the same era. Give Bob a call and say you'll join us.

Valentine's Breakfast is a good reason to gather with Pantera friends. Bring that special someone if you like but don't be shy. Why not bring the entire family to share the love while you are at it?

Vintage Train to Santa Barbara is an expansion of the very successful San Diego run. This all day venture promises to be an even greater experience at super bargain prices. The special discount is the work of Scott – call him the negotiator-in-chief. The ride along the coast in a 50s scenic railcar reminds me of the ones with my sweetheart in my 57 Pontiac so many years ago. Seating is, of course, limited so... Oh, you need not use the seat belts because there were no laws in place to enforce back then.

Facebook Anyone? "Linda and I are going to begin populating a Facebook page with a lot of our pictures and ephemera we have accumulated over the years and invite other enthusiasts to do the same. We are not selling anything, just a gathering relaxed Group with one rule, NO RULES.

On Facebook, access DeTomaso International and join the Group. We urge TPOC to post any club information on that page. Thanks again." - Dave and Linda Adler (ed: Founding members of TPOC and multi-year, past Presidents).

TPOC Badges was the topic in a recent encounter with an associate member. She was not told that both members and their associates are entitled to a free badge. We do acknowledge that there will always be those who feel, "we don't need no stinkin' badges." Simply ask a Board member for one if you want one.

General Meeting see opanteras.com web site for location. 17th St Bar and Grill is 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 fwy's. 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.

Get the message? Without your current email on file, you are not getting all the communiqués that your membership dues warrant. Send Judy jpoca2@hotmail.com your latest email address for the file.

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.

- Jan 21 **Nethercutt Auto Museum** Bob Singer 714 715-3133.
- Feb 11 **Valentine's Breakfast** Gayle & Gary 714 794-7095.
- Feb 25 **PI Open House** Scott 949 683-6264.
- Mar 25 **Vintage Train to Santa Barbara** Scott 949 683-6264.
- Apr 23 **Pantera Palooza** Greg & Scott 949 683-6264.
- Apr 30 **Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm** Sunday (Roger?)
- May 6 **Tech Session/Garage Tour**
- May 31 **POCA Fun Rally Monterey** Judy 714 897-6964.
- Jun 23 **JPL Tour**
- Jul 22 **Big Summer Night** Gayle
- Aug **Dinner Theater**
- Sep 10 **Belmont Shore Car Show** Sunday Larry 562 430-7794
- Sep 24 **Ice Cream Social** Gary 714 794-7095.
- Oct 21 **Hall Pantera Museum Tour** Scott 949 683-6264.
- Nov 18 **Tech Session/Garage Tour**
- Dec 3 **Christmas Party** Gayle Huff & Bob Singer 714 960-2323.
- Dec 30 **Gondola Cruise** Bob Singer 714 960-2323.

Weekly Events: Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts Adams & Magnolia, Cars & Coffee Aliso Viejo Town Center shopping mall on Aliso Creek Road at the 73 toll road.
Sunday: Woodland Hills Supercars, Topanga Canyon & Erwin St 7-11am.

Ads. Submit your ad via email. We thought about raising our price but decided free is still a good one.

Do you want to be “published”? Dave and Linda Adler are working on their book, *Extreme Panteras* which should be in print in early 2017. If you have or know of somebody who has a Pantera with at least 3 visible modifications, we invite you to submit a photo or two and some information about the car to us for consideration. Please email the photos and a brief summary to: info@davidadler.com We will get back to you to discuss your car. Thank you for your help.

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