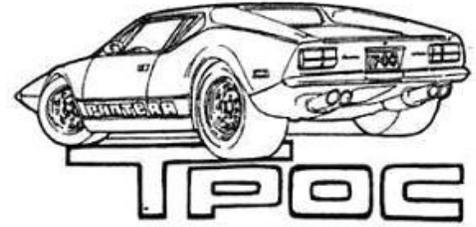




Foose Hemisfear in black



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May 2017

**Foose Shop Tour** was a special April event. You heard the pride in Chip's voice as he told the tale of his 1990 Art Center College graduation project to design a car to market for Chrysler. He offered an idea to address the niche market including a 1:5 scale model going well beyond his peers. Hobbyists and hot rodders were the heretofore-untouched audience. The coupe was called the Hemisfear. Chrysler appeared to place it into production as the 1997 Prowler to much acclaim but without the direct hand of this famous designer. It would take 16 years for his vision to be realized when he offered it as his own limited production model.

(A short video is attached for you pleasure.)

His story opened with him as a helper in his father's shop that began shortly after the Second World War. The preteen qualified by establishing his shop to repair and refurbish bicycles. He gathered bikes and parts and offered completed works to neighborhood friends by attaching them to his father's fence. Such fence clutter was unacceptable to Dad but learning bodywork skills on flat fender Fords fit well. I pictured him with bow torches, lead filler and wooden paddles used for repairs in those days just as my father did in the mid-fifties. (BTW, it is how we get "lead sled" today.)

Pictures by Al Arakawa.





The morning began with coffee and donuts thanks to Scott. These were augmented with rolls and pastry from the San Diego gang whose limo ride from down under was impressive. Once we were satiated, Chip directed the tour by first describing some of the current projects. The story began with a 1971 Mach I body stretched three inches and widened to accommodate a 2010 Mustang GT. The Mach I pan was completely removed from the old body and affixed to the GT. Proportional change demanded by the larger footprint forced rebalancing by Chip. Thus every body panel was heavily modified except for the top. His personal project, a 1932 five-window coupe, was shown as an extremely dark green Douce. It was destined to be largely stock with juice brakes. He did purchase a push button Pantera and is looking to restore it if all its parts are found. Completed projects in the shop included a WW II fighter homage using a Lincoln V12 flathead. It was clear from the collection of bicycles above us that his fondness from his roots is still within.

Douglas “Chip” Foose was awarded a POCA Membership to TPOC Chapter with the many thanks for his support of our club’s Palooza event and his continued interest in Panteras.

Nevill Ooms does lunch tours of the shop each workday at noon. His presentations are full of really neat insight and useful information. They both urge you to see for yourself. So, keep that address found on your flyer for future reference.

**Palooza** was a hit once more with 61 Panteras and doubling the number of Mangustas to two. Special thanks goes to Dan Sarne and Linda Adler for bringing their Gooses. Scott is expected to have an article for POCA so I’ll leave the story to him.

**Profile Article Volunteer** is needed to write submissions to Mike Haney. These are intended to let other POCA members be informed as to our activities and to invite them to join us at any of our events.

**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).

**CA Fun Rally Monterey** registration is open at [Fun Rally 2017 Registration Now Open Online](http://www.funrally.com/registration-now-open-online). I found this comment at <http://www.sportscardigest.com/early-days-laguna-seca-raceway/> on Laguna Seca 1957 track design. “It has been reported that the Corkscrew actually came about when the crew, who were going to lunch, told the bulldozer driver, ‘Get down the hill any way you can.’ ”

**TPOC Badges** are free for TPOC members and their associates. Simply ask a Board member for one if you want one. I now recommend the magnetic ones after losing my pin version. (Moving into the modern age.)

**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 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tpocwebmaster@gmail.com).

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

May 6 **Tech Session** at Rod's 714 374-8177 1107 Main HB.

May 31 **POCA Fun Rally Monterey** Judy 714 897-6964.

Jun 4 HB Concours at the Central Library still has a Pantera class - hbconcours.org. We have been relocated to a better site off the hillside. Consider a return to the venue.

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 Alisa Viejo Town Center shopping mall on Alisa 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](mailto:info@davidadler.com) We will get back to you to discuss your car. Thank you for your help.

**Jonathan Barlow of Barlow Insurance offers American Modern Classic Car Insurance** at (800) 558-7772, Email: [barlowjb@pacbell.net](mailto:barlowjb@pacbell.net). You may recall his presentation at our meeting a while back.

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