



John Schirmer at HB 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade

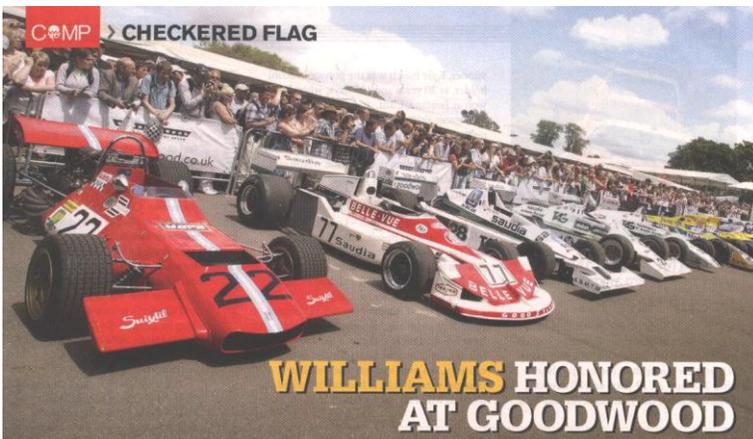


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**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** offered an opportunity for John to show his POCA trophy to 250,000 viewers. Ask him why he selected an Auburn and not his Pantera.

**Justice Bros Museum** began with a gathering for breakfast at Li's after DD. A quick jaunt up the 605 to Duarte was indeed "spirited". So much so that Bill Wright's GT40 had to raise its bonnet. Ed Justice Jr. spoke of flying the bi-plane to its new home in the lobby and the "This Side Up" sign. The early years for the brothers began with Kurtis-Kraft, then they found lubrication as key for speed. This explains why so many of the 120 cars are Midget racers. The brothers were the first to provide crew shirts and Pith helmets in 1950 to NASCAR teams. I was really impressed with Ed's wall art. There was even a sample of the predecessor to Rudderow's LeGrand formula car. Lunch was held at the nearby Spaghetti Factory.



Detomaso 505 at Goodwood



Steve Mirkovich's '73 L

**Detomaso 505 pictured** at Goodwood in July 13<sup>th</sup> *Autoweek* page 66. Numbered as 22 on the far left, the red car featured the oh so familiar Isis nosed within a white stripe bordered by light blue ones. It is the only surviving car that was raced in 1970. Wally Wyss in his book, *DeTomaso – The Man and the Machines*, cites Frank Williams' role bringing it to F1 using 3L Cosworth Ford V8 DFV, Hewland 5spd, Dallara design chassis, Campy wheels. Number 505-38-1 debut in S. African GP. Drivers listed include Piers Courage, Roy Pike, Jackie Stewart, Brian Redman, and Tim Schenken. The first car was renamed -2 after repairs and another car, -3, campaigned at Brands Hatch. Piers Courage perished ablaze on the 22th lap at Zandvoort Holland running 7<sup>th</sup>. Fair warning goes to those who would drive this car. It has magnesium bulkheads front and rear. Fuel tanks flank the sides and behind the driver. Remember Mad Dawg? This car was the last effort at F1 racing for Detomaso. Raising costs left little else for the little firm but light support for privateers as they raced both the Pantera and Mangusta. Get Wally's book for your own library from PI Motorsports --- it's a great read too.

**73 L # 5637** California car with many upgrades for sale at \$38.5K obo by 12 year owner, Steve Mirkovich [sjmirko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjmirko@sbcglobal.net). Original yellow (repainted same), black interior. Upgrades include A/C, radiator and fans, seats reupholstered, Lecarra Steering wheel, complete brake system, adjustable shocks, springs, bushings, camber lock kit and powder coated suspension. BF Goodrich Euro T/A's on Campagnolo 8" fronts, 10" rears. 30K miles ago, new 351C block w/Edelbrock manifold and Isky package w/moderate cam. New Holley 750. Most upgrades have less than 7K miles. Engine strong. ZF smooth. Reliable driver. Interior and exterior clean. Several boxes of stock and spare parts including orig. 7" and 8" Campys. Motivated seller. See <http://www.provamo.com/Members/DeTomaso4Sale/THPNNB05637.asp>.

**TPOC web site** will be dropped during this coming year as a cost cutting effort. POCA site will assume its duty provided we can add content to the POCA site.

**Email Newsletter** continues but the postal version will be dropped so please make sure Judy has your email address. Doing so ensures that you'll continue to be informed of the Chapter's activities and get tech reports.

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

- Jul 18 **TPOC Swap Meet** is scheduled at Bob & Don Byars, Precision Pro-formance 320 N Palm unit B, Brea. Bring out your....stuff. A light lunch will be served.
- Aug 12 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Aug 14 **Concorso Italiano** at Monterey bay \$125 before May 31 email [ci@concorso.com](mailto:ci@concorso.com).
- Aug 14-16 **Monterey Historics** Laguna Seca.
- Aug 23 **Surf City Garage** hosts a show for pre-'74 cars at 5872 Engineer Dr, HB 10-3pm (near Springdale & Bolsa). \$35 cost for pre-reg else \$40 at door. See [www.CorvetteSuperSports.com](http://www.CorvetteSuperSports.com).
- Aug 29 **Big Bear Air Fair** is August 29, 2009, 8a to 4p <http://www.bigbearcityairport.com/airfair.html>. Possible optional overnighter. Call Bill Harris 714-369-2559. Ladies may plan a day at the SPA or shops.
- Sep 9 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Sep 13 **Belmont Shore Show** see <http://www.baycityrodders.com/belmontshorecarshow.htm>.
- Sep 26 **Coronado Speed Fest.** is promised as a fun day to enjoy the historic races in sunny San Diego for \$20.
- Oct 14 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Oct 18 **Laguna Beach Classic Car Show** for pre-'74 cars at Festival of Arts site. The \$35 fee includes 2 passes & gift. This is a great site to display our cars. Let's really put on a large display. See [www.lagunabeachcarshow.com](http://www.lagunabeachcarshow.com).
- Oct 25 **Wings, Rotors and Wheels** on Sunday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> is a \$30 planned event. Check out <http://www.wrexpo.net/>.
- Oct 31 & Nov 1 **Willow Springs Open Track** by Jim & Cherie Saxton's West Coast Racing 626 285-2024 [jim@westcoastracinginc.com](mailto:jim@westcoastracinginc.com). It is always a pleasure to hear the roar of our cats running at speed down the front straight. The average "Joe" in his street car can skip the race class and choose from the other three classes as well as take advantage of the many instructors who freely donate their time to ride with you or even drive your car to show how they'd approach the racing line. Car control is what you gain. You can even experiment with spring rates or tire pressures to balance the handling characteristics.
- Nov 11 **TPOC Mtg** 7pm Mel's Drive-in 12241 Seal Bch Blvd, Seal Beach 563 431-7951.
- Dec 6 **ChristmasParty**
- Dec 26 **Gondola Ride**

**Long Beach Swap Meet:** Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Nov 29, Dec 13. at Veterans' Stadium