



Tommy Hodges and Scott



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April 2014

Tech Session began on time with a sleepy host opening the garage doors. Both Gary Hirschberg and Bill Wright brought the essential donuts. Participants numbered about a dozen but most left before Phyllis could deliver lunch. Tommy Hodges of Extreme Panteras demonstrated the replacement process for the speedo on Scott's car. His old cable was perhaps a mile or two too long and was said to be a "custom" job. The new one was routed in a normal fashion along the console. Tommy gave us a short cut by showing that we need not remove the console; merely loosen the center console after removing the front kick panel to raise it just enough to tuck the cable along the driver's side. Oh, be sure to remove the shift plate first. Tommy also sticks the cable over the crossover bar rather than use the stock clips (as found on my car) making it much safer than stock. Be sure to check the ends of the speedo to make certain that the right ends are in place. There is a 50/50 chance that they are wrong. Now remove the cable so you can lube the entire length and re-insert it -offering an opportunity to get the ends wrong once again.

In short, Tommy's instruction covered things I never considered. First, we must lube the cable and make certain that it is not installed dry. Second, verify that the cable is in the right direction. Third, the center console need not be removed. And finally, routing the cable over the cross member adds to safety by securing it from the road surface.



Three Events in Two Months are scheduled below for TPOC Members. Bring your car out to all three and win big. Yes, you can win a big smile as you show your car, check out a small museum and insure the safety of your ride. Oh, be sure to enjoy a donut like the guys pictured above.

Monterey Events are also coming with the Concorso and what I still call the Historics. Featured in the later are Maseratis and the 50th anniversary of the Sunbeam Tiger whose appearance at 1964 Le Mans was 3 DNFs.

General Meeting (Reminder) is at Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719 at 7:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month except December. Scott is likely to have a video treat for us all.

POCA Fun Rally is scheduled for May 28 through June 1, 2014. Our many thanks goes to those who bring this vital event to our DeTomaso community. The gratitude goes to the Rally Committee, POCA Board and to both past and future host Chapters. San Diego will host 2014 and will direct us to the wonderful features there.

This close proximity offers the California chapters a unique opportunity to participate in numbers that underscore our support of the international organization while expressing our appreciation of the effort made by our host brethren. We have plenty of time to block the dates and prep our cars for all to see.

Picture of Your Car is needed for our web site. Email one to Greg Ford at tpocwebmaster@gmail.com.

Badges Available once again. You and your associate may wear either a pin or magnetic style TPOC badge simply by asking any Board member. Their lettering is a very fashionable black to match everything you wear.

Reminders: from rkunishige@hotmail.com. Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcome.

Apr 12 **Chapter Gathering & Axle Check Tech Session** San Diego, TPOC & Inland Empire meet at Cars & Coffee to share stories and insight 7-9am. Then, at 9:30, we will caravan to Bud's Garage to inspect your axles for wear. A worn axle stub may cause you to destroy your ZF. It is a quick test using a two post lift and can save you \$10,000.

Apr 16 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

May 17 **Uncle Bud's Auto Museum & Oval Office** is the destination for our 8:45 departure from three sites of your choosing (C&C Irvine, Donut Derelicts HB, or Foxfire Anaheim Hills). Arriving at 9:30am in time for a \$5 donation opens this guided tour through this small museum and its accompanying Oval Office then plan on a lunch nearby.

May 21 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

May 28-1**POCA Fun Rally** San Diego. Check your POCA newsletter for details.

Jun 1 **HB Concours** is always a favorite but it conflicts with those going to San Diego. Do consider it if you are not going to the Rally. Here is your chance to pick up a trophy from the Concours.

Jun 18 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

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Aug 14-7**Laguna Seca** is the site of the old Monterey Historics now known as Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion. Love of motorsports will place you in good company.

Aug 18 **Concorso Italiano** featuring Maserati once owned by DeTomaso.

Aug 20 **TPOC Mtg 7:30pm** Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Sep 7 **Belmont Shore** is a perennial event for us. There is a boatload of streetwalkers to gawk at our Italian beauties. Plan on an early arrival and spend a full day with the gang. Get your application at baycityrodders.com.

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Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$8. May 1, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 3, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Nov 30, Dec 14.

Weekly Events: Friday: Garden Grove Main St, Saturday: HB Donut Derelicts, Irvine Cars n Coffee, Sunday: Woodland Hills Supercars, Topanga Canyon & Erwin St 7-11am.