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Alejandro de Tomaso was the subject of a question to Peter Brock in the *Car and Driver* February 2013 edition (p. 104). Pete's response was that de Tomaso was of the intimidation management style like so many others of the era. Dan Gurney was an exception per Peter. His work on the prototype P70 was in 1965 Italy after leaving Shelby. P70/Sport 5000 was to run Ford 4.2, 4.7, 5.3 up to 6.8L engine for Can-Am on a single spar frame like the Vallelunga. Powered by four twin-choke Weber carburetors and mated to a five-speed gearbox. The 6,786 cc version was supposed to develop 526 hp. Pictured above is the 289 version with 475hp that was entered in Sebring and Le Mans. It is important to note that the frame design of the P70 went on to form the basis of the famed Mangusta. Its competitors were Lola T70 and Ford GT40 Mk 1. Our history links to Ford-Shelby in so many ways.







Axle Tech Session at Bud's offered an opportunity to see the importance of doing this simple test periodically. Any wobble in the stub axle signals an immediate inspection and repair. Bud Williams was able to show us worn bearings and axles from his inventory. Two Panteras were checked: both passed. Grabbing the 12 o'clock and 6 position for the shake test is all it takes. Bud stressed the need to use a monster torque wrench and socket to insure proper load to keep the bundle in tack. Pictures below come from our TPOC web site. Note the "grab", exploded assembly with driver and hold bar, hostess Gayle Huff and the crew.









Check the Reminders for new events listed.

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 brethrens. 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.

- May 17 *Uncle Bud's Auto Museum & Oval Office* is the destination for out 8:45 departure from three sites of your choosing (C&C Irvine, Donut Derelicts HB, or Foxfire Anaheim Hills). We should arrive by 9:30AM. A \$5 donation will get us a guided tour through this small museum and its accompanying Oval Office. Then, plan on a lunch nearby Anaheim Hills MacGrill?.
- 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 8 *Icecream Social* at Farrell's. Bring the entire family for an old fashion good time.
- Jun 18 TPOC Mtg 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Jul 16 TPOC Mtg 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Jul 18 **TPOC Social** (a) Gayle's is planned for a special car display and a \$25 price. Learn more at the mtg.
- Aug 14-17*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.
- Aug 23 Temicula Run?
- 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.
- Sep 17 **TPOC Mtg** 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Oct 15 TPOC Mtg 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Nov 19 **TPOC Mtg** 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$8. May 11, 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.