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Sam Rosen's passing is truly one for which language is lacking. So many have been touched by his gentle way. His melodic voice telling of his experiences so long ago opened with stories of not only life itself but also his magical insight into so many areas of expertise. These were never confined by just technical information that we found so useful but they extended to a more whimsical nature he held with such joy. I fail miserably to find words, instead, I fall prey to sad emotions.

ZF Plug Tool is reprinted from my Mar 2010 write-up.

Thanks to the generosity of Chuck Melton I do now carry a 17mm plug in my toolbox. Years ago my neighbor helped me unplug the ZF by getting a 11/16 bolt from his supply, welded a nut to it and ground the head slightly to the 17mm size. I later added a 17mm bolt with a double nut configuration to make a total of 3 tools for my boxes. One remains home, two travels with the Pantera where the one bolt setup is ready as a "give-away" as needed. So, for those with mm inventory, look for a 17mm bolt. American types, hunt down a 11/16 bolt and then file the head to fit. I prefer Chuck's socket but both alternatives work fine during the many TPOC tech sessions held here. (The plug is often used by VW bug drivers.)

Did you know that back in 2008 I said, "Our cars rightfully belong in museums as the design by Tom Tjaarda is truly timeless. It's breathtaking lines challenge the best that not only Italy but also the entire world has ever produced. But, you do not have a museum within walking distance of your kitchen. Our cars deserve much better treatment than to be a static display for just one or two people to enjoy. Instead, everyone within 500 miles should be able to have at least a fleeting glimpse of this work of art."

The New Year's Resolution set by Dave Rudderow was to get one car per month road worthy. Don't hog your car: share it with the whole world. Let's get it running now. A group of fellow club members would like to help simply for the asking.

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.

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

POCA Rally Scheduled for May 15-19, 2015. Jot it down on your electronic devices. I will as soon as I buy one.

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.

- Oct 15 **TPOC Mtg** 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.
- Oct 25 CNC showing
- Nov 15 San Diego Train day.
- Nov 19 **TPOC Mtg** 7:30pm Coco's (12582 Valley View St.) Garden Grove (714) 898-9719.

- Dec 6 *Toys for Tots & Wilkinson Shop Visit* enable us to gather needed toys for kids as we tours his facility. Each is encouraged but not required to bring a toy or two.
- Dec 14 *TPOC Christmas Party*. Alta Vista Country Club 11-3pm. \$35pp received by Pearl Harbor day. Send money to Bob 714 960-2323 at the address in the flyer. December 7th is the due date for those of us having trouble remembering the other day in infamy when over 2,000 Americans lost their lives.
- Dec 27 Gondola Cruise 5pm reduced fare at \$25 including tip. Send Bob even more money. He likes it.

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

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