



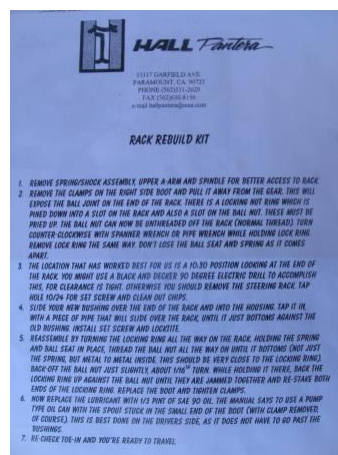
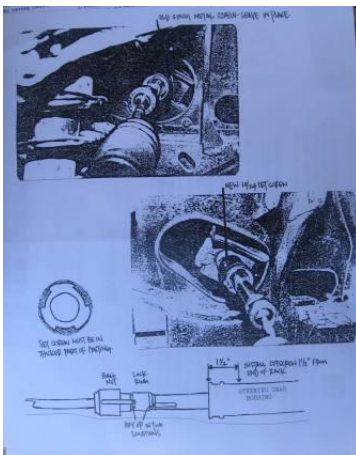
Where's the Steering rack?



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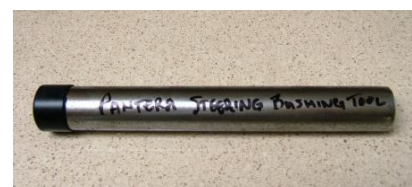
Tech Session for replacement of the steering bushing went three weekends. Three guys above found the steering rod to test. Wear on the passenger side called for the bushing modification to eliminate its slack. The bushing kit and its instruction came from Hall Panteras. This features a brass insert to provide the needed support without having to remove the old one. It is retained with a setscrew once in place. First, let's talk about how to test your rack. You just simply grasp the tie rod and shake it to sense any movement on either side. The rod must be firm for correct directional control. Our Panteras are prone to wear on just the passenger side. Mine had enough shaking to rival those originating from the nearby San Andreas Fault. Below are instructions, drawings (fr Mike Drew?) and a snapshot of the brass bushing and steering crush nut. The latter was the cause for the delayed install because we damaged the threads while bending back the locking tabs. We were unable to complete the install the first w/e. Our efforts to file the threads back failed forcing us to call for help. The savior was none other than Jack DeRyke. He directed us to get a thread file, after purchasing it the time needed was less that 10 seconds. (Right tool...) The bushing was driven in place with a tube to seat it against the stock one. Care must be taken to drill the hole for the setscrew into the thick portion of the rack. Once threaded, the screw locks the assembly. Be sure to seat the steering rod locking nut fully. Then, insert the spring and the crowned washer that serves as a buffer in the linkage in the same direction as originally placed. The slack needed is expressed in the instructions as 1/16 turn. Punch down both the locking nut flanges to secure the rack. Add oil as needed. Restore the boot.



Bearing bushing



Thread file



Bushing insert tube



Toe-in was checked using Gregg's home made unit. His is a clever use of rods and setscrews. We selected 1/8 inch toe-in.

Our vendors are fantastic. Tara at Hall Panteras was most helpful. She had the kit in stock and answered many of my questions. Tommy Hodges even offered to help with the install but I didn't give him enough notice and had other commitments.

Nominations for Board members are being accepted this month with elections planned at the next General Meeting. Please consider a run for office to help organize the club activities.

Cars & Coffee is a special event this month. Featured car is our Panteras and Elvis' own yellow one is being presented there by the Peterson Museum. Also, Peter Giacobbi plans to bring his 1970 Synthesis 2000 for us to enjoy. He, along with Tom Tjarada, designed and constructed this very special car. Peter said that Tom designed it in one day after an evening of drinks. Tom's design is completely unchanged from the drawings made that day. Synthesis 2000 was instrumental in getting Peter the job of Chief Engineer for John DeLorean's DMC 12 (*Back to the Future*). He had proposed the Alpine A110 structure and running gear with the Stainless Steel [Italdesign's Giorgetto Giugiaro](#) body mounted (think Mangusta). But, John rejected the idea. Let's have a good showing of Panteras and gather to hear more stories Peter may have for us.

General Meeting see ocpanteras.com web site for location. 17th St Bar and Grill is to be our general meeting place. It is at the site of the old Zitons at 17320 E 17th in Tustin located near the 55, 5 and 22 fwy's. 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.

Badges, for those who need TPOC badges, are free. And, you don't have to be an outlaw to get them – simply ask Rod. You just never know when Humphrey Bogart will ask you to show him yours.

Membership - We encourage everyone to become a POCA member if you aren't already a member. Your membership in the national club helps fund our local chapter. You can download an application at <http://www.poca.com/>. Please help our club grow by selecting TPOC as your chapter. Remember too that you need not be a member to join us at any of our meetings or events.

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 31 **Cars & Coffee** Pantera day. OC Fairgrounds 6:30am Scott 949 683-6264.

Nov ? Willow Springs Open Track with Jim Saxton 626 285-2515.

Nov 21 **Julian Apple Run** is for those ready for dessert. Gayle.

Dec 13 **Christmas Party**. Alta Vista CC Placentia 11-3pm, \$40pp b412/6. Bob Singer 714 960-2323.

Dec 26 **Gondola Getaway** lets us see the Holiday lights and enjoy dinner. Bob Singer 714 960-2323.

Long Beach Swap Meet @ 6am – 1pm at Veterans' Stadium \$9 11/8, 11/29, 12/13.

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