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**Tech Session** occurred with the usual bit of banter along with smiles to brighten everyone's day. Clearing the lift for this event was unnecessary because all work was done in the driveway. First to set a dash panel aglow was Judy's blue cat. The car was selected in the hopes that the dual gauge cluster would be easier and faster to install than my single pod unit. Judy's car had the seat removed for access while my cage made it senseless to do so. Removing the three screws and exercising special care to remove the bulbs then inserting the LED ones was easily accomplished for both consoles. It's important to spread the ground blade carefully to insure good contact so that it slides between the housing tightly. Additionally, be sure to follow the instructions regarding the holder clamps to make certain that the LEDs do not fall within the gauge itself. Should the LED drop, you must then dismantle the gauge itself to get it out.

Al worked hours on both cars. Both John and Tom guided him. Each had performed this task individually and had much to share. Tom made further modifications to his tach and speedo to place two extra lights in each using directions from Johnny Woods. Tom reports that lighting is no longer a problem in his car. I wonder if he has to wear sunglasses while driving at night because of all the lumens within. I found the green light selection works well but somewhat less bright than I expected. The white LEDs, I imagine, work a bit better. Alternative to the LEDs we used here is a halogen bulb I found in my spare speedo gauge. It uses the same blade type connector as the stock ones. My recollection is that it is sourced from an 80s BMW. Perhaps the Woods modification that he'd made for a Mangusta is the way to go. That modification is a bit troublesome without the right instructions (see Tom for details).

John and Al are to submit a detailed article to Profiles. So, look forward to its release. A special thanks to Jon Haas of "Pantera-Electronics.com"







Planning Work Inspection

**Road Worthy** Panteras in our Chapter number 24. 33 members answered my email query of the 71 TPOC active members. The next logical question is what can we do to get more cars on the roadways? Please send Scott your ideas on how we may get more than 33.8% operating next year.

**Web site** visit is needed. We are lonely. Spend some time with us at the <a href="www.ocPanteras.com">www.ocPanteras.com</a> site. There you'll see what Greg Ford has done to keep you informed. Get fresh ideas on repairs. Explore its content and send your comments and concerns to him or to me - if you'd like.

**Profile Article Volunteer** is needed to write submissions to Mike Haney. These are intended to let other POCA members be informed as to our activities and to invite them to join us at any of our events.

**Facebook Anyone?** "Linda and I are going to begin populating a Facebook page with a lot of our pictures and ephemera that we have accumulated over the years and invite other enthusiasts to do the same. We are not selling anything, just a gathering relaxed Group with one rule, NO RULES.

On Facebook, access DeTomaso International and join the Group. We urge TPOC to post any club information on that page. Thanks again." - Dave and Linda Adler (ed: Founding members of TPOC and multi-year, past Presidents).

**TPOC Badges** are free for TPOC members and their associates. Simply ask a Board member for one. I now recommend the magnetic ones after losing my pin version. (Moving into the modern age.)

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

Get the message? Without your current email on file, you are not getting all the communiqués that your membership dues warrant. Send Judy <u>ipoca2@hotmail.com</u> your latest email address for the file.

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

**Reminders:** from <u>rkunishige@hotmail.com</u>. Everyone with an interest in DeTomaso cars is always welcome.

- Dec 3 Christmas Party Gayle Huff & Bob Singer 714 960-2323.
- Dec 30 Gondola Cruise Bob Singer 714 960-2323.
- Jan 20 Jay Leno Show Larry 562 430-7794.
- May 6 Pantera Palooza

Ads. Submit your ad via email. We thought about raising our price but decided free is still a good one.

**Dave and Linda Adler** have gone to press with their latest book, *Extreme Panteras*. The book is 308 pages long with over 660 color photographs of modified Panteras, including a few from our chapter, TPOC. It will be available in October of this year from Amazon, eBay or directly from our website, <u>www.detomasobooks.com</u>. Thank you, The Adlers.

Jonathan Barlow of Barlow Insurance offers American Modern Classic Car Insurance at (800) 558-7772, Email: <a href="mailto:barlowjb@pacbell.net">barlowjb@pacbell.net</a>. You may recall his presentation at our meeting a while back.

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