

WELCOME TO THE SAN DIEGO PANTERAS!

Few individuals in their lifetime ever have the opportunity to own and enjoy a truly beautiful, functional and exotic work of art. You are one of the fortunate few. As the owner of a DeTomaso automobile, you possess one of the World's most exciting automobiles ever designed and produced. Even after being in 'production' for over 20 years, their Italian styling continues to turn heads wherever they are driven. Their component design with mid-ship engine location, welded monocoque construction, five speed ZF transaxle, independent suspension and power-assisted disk brakes at all four corners is still state of the art in automotive design. Mated with Ford high performance V-8 power, their total performance is incredible and virtually unbeatable by any car built today. If that seems a bit unbelievable consider that in the March 1981 issue of Popular Mechanics magazine, sixteen of that year's most exotic automobiles were compared and rated. The Pantera received the overall Number One rating over such competition as the Ferrari Boxer, Lamborghini Countach and the BMW M1. Owning such a motorcar is truly something to be extremely proud of.

San Diego Panteras was formed in May of 1981 by a small group of enthusiastic owners who believed that San Diego could and should have a sports car club dedicated to DeTomaso and his automobiles. Since that first meeting, the Club has grown to have more than ninety members from throughout San Diego County and beyond. In 1988, the Club became an official Chapter of Pantera Owners Club of America (POCA). SDP POCA Members receive not only our own monthly Chapter Newsletter, but also POCA's national monthly Newsletter, which keeps members abreast of what is going on throughout the nation. Also, members receive the beautiful "Profiles" Quarterly Magazine published by POCA.

But why a Club? Before joining any club, one should ask themselves, "Why should I join this Club? How will I benefit from being a Club Member? Is this Club worth my time, energy and money?" The simple answer to all these questions is "Yes" because the Club can provide to its individual members that which the individual cannot provide for themselves. Give some real thought to that statement and you will realize just how true that is. Have you ever had the sheer excitement of being one of a group of Panteras motoring along the coast or snaking along a back county road? That enjoyment speaks for itself. But the Club offers much, much more! The opportunity to meet and become friends with interesting personalities who, at the very least, share the same personal interest in owning a DeTomaso sports car. Informative monthly meetings with guest speakers representing all facets of the automobile industry. The opportunity to show your pride and joy to the world through a myriad of activities ranging from "racing" at track events to displaying your Pantera at local car shows. To these, add informative Newsletters, dinner funruns, picnics, parties, weekend getaways, slalom racing, technical advice, clinics, field trips, discounts, historical data, info sharing, and on and on...

If the above appeals to you and you haven't joined us yet, we extend a personal invitation to become a San Diego Panteras Club Member. We think you will agree that the numerous advantages of our Club are worth far more than the low membership fee. If you would like to become a San Diego Club Member please pick up an application at our web site (www.sandiegopanteras.com) and fill it out and submit it. You will enjoy your beautiful DeTomaso sports car like you never have before!