

## About TPR

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### History:

Team Pantera Racing was conceived, in part, by D J "Mad Dog" Antenucci in March 1997. Team Pantera was created to support continuing De Tomaso Pantera vintage sports and race car participation in open-road racing events like the Silver State Classic Challenge (SSCC). The SSCC is sanctioned by the American Indy Car Series (AIS).

23 May 1998

*"Ten Panteras finish the Silver State challenge.  
Compare this to the 29 Corvettes that finished.  
The next closest was 10 Mustangs then 5 Camaros!*

*That's about .0017 of all Panteras made (give or take).*

*If that same percent of all the Vettes manufactured showed  
up, over 5,100 would have to be there.*

*So even when 1 Pantera shows up, 510 vettes would have to  
show to rival the enthusiasm of the Pantera owners!*

*That really says a lot about the Pantera and it's owners!"*

Curt T-Man

1TO9 MPG, It takes 510 Vettes to equal 1 Pantera!

[From the De Tomaso Archives](#)

See more of Curt's Contributions in the [TPR Archives](#) and at [Digital Thunder](#) in his [Silver State Tribute](#) .

### Who is Team Pantera Racing?

"TPR is the only team to ever field a team of vintage cars of 5 or more team cars and we have done that 5 times at various open road races." "Some people said it couldn't be done, what they really meant was they hadn't done it yet."

TPR is made possible by people. Primary membership comes from POCA Club members who own and race their Pantera. Chapter membership is not a requirement. TPR is more of an idea, an esprit de' corp among owners who enjoy throttling up a Pantera and feeling the exhilaration of speed. Some unofficial members of TPR don't belong to any formal club but still enjoy the camaraderie and thrill of driving. All Team Pantera Racing members own DeTomaso-manufactured vehicles (Pantera, Mangusta, Guara and others) and live in North America, Europe and Australia.

[View other Team Pantera Racing members' cars](#)

### Who is Dennis "Mad Dog" Antenucci

When Dennis "Mad Dawg" Antenucci also known as the Road Warrior, isn't open road racing his Pantera

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"Mad Dawg" is from San Francisco and currently resides in Huntington Beach, California. He is a former

Dennis is the President of **Team Pantera Racing**, and Past President of the [Pantera Owners Club of America \(POCA\)](#)

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[Read about Mad Dawg's TPR Pantera](#)

Read more about "Mad [Dawg](#)" and his Pantera website

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