

De Tomaso Friends

Aims

1. Spirit and purpose

We are a group of about 20 individuals who share an interest in De Tomaso cars. We wish to show our commitment to our common hobby, without the constraints associated with a formal club or association. Our aim is to foster friendship and conviviality between like-minded people and their families, and to uphold the legends associated with De Tomaso by providing mutual support in any technical and logistical matters, by exchanging information, etc.

We do not pursue any commercial aims whatsoever; all our activities are voluntary and informal. There is therefore no chairman and no fixed membership fee, etc., though we do nominate an individual who will take responsibility for the website, and a Co-ordinator for e-mail traffic (see "Contact").

2. Membership

Members do not have to own a De Tomaso. On the other hand, they must demonstrate a clear interest, take part in joint activities and enterprises (including those of a financial nature), fit in with the society and participate in the *Stammtisch* (our regular informal meetings). The *Stammtisch* also decides whether a potential new member should be admitted (see "Votes"). A resignation may be submitted to the Coordinator in writing at any time, though this will not affect any outstanding charges.

3. The *Stammtisch*

The *Stammtisch* (our regular informal meeting) is the basic method by which the conviviality of the group is maintained, and is the venue for discussions/decisions about activities/deadlines/costs etc. Any matter of interest and any problems that may come up will be discussed openly there, and a decision reached. The *Stammtisch* will take place on the last Friday evening of each month. The location, time and any alterations to arrangements will be publicised under "Events", and members should submit matters to be discussed by e-mail in good time.

4. Votes

All the De Tomaso Friends named in the list of *Stammtisch* participants are entitled to vote. Votes will take place at the *Stammtisch* or by e-mail (allowing an appropriate period of time for consideration in the latter case). A simple majority of members is sufficient for a resolution about factual and organisational matters. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is required for the admittance of new members or for the expulsion of any member who has flagrantly violated the aims of the De Tomaso Friends. 100% of the votes are required to dissolve this common-interest group.

Voting resolutions will be briefly minuted and filed.

5. Financial matters

No fixed membership fees will be levied. Individual members will contribute what they can without causing hardship or resentment towards the achievement of the group's aims, both intellectually and financially. Any outgoings will be carefully planned, and a vote must be held before they are put into practice.

Links may also be established to sponsors, with exclusive arrangements.

Priority will be given to reinvesting the resources in activities and acquisitions.

Liquid resources will be managed by the Coordinator. It is not anticipated that this common-interest group should build up any assets.

6. Conduct

The De Tomaso Friends place a high value on appropriate codes of conduct and mutual respect, openness and honesty, whether in a verbal or written form. This applies in public situations in particular (e.g. any violation of road traffic regulations and/or expectations is to be avoided), to the extent that members are engaged or operate within the context or in the name of the De Tomaso Friends.

7. Trips and shared activities

An outing will be organised at the beginning and the end of each season. Barbeques, Christmas parties and various other events must always be submitted, discussed, approved and publicised by the *Stammtisch*.

The De Tomaso Friends are also open to approaches from other clubs/associations connected with the same or complementary marques and events, as long as the group is able to preserve its independence and aims.

8. Liability

The individual members of the De Tomaso Friends bear no personal liability for the content of the website or any additional commitments that could be decided upon. Individuals are separately responsible for their own insurance against accident or third party liabilities.