

Team Pantera OC

April 2018 Newsletter

As April comes to a close, we've had four great months of events....including Jay Leno Live with a meet and greet, a Valentine's Breakfast with almost 50 mouths to feed, an Open House at PI Motorsports with a live band and lunch, a Murray Private Garage Tour of high end sports cars, followed by a great Tech Session and a Playing Hookie Lorenzen Private Garage Tour Wednesday afternoon!

Dave Adler did a book signing in January, and Scott Bell helped us empty our checkbooks with brake kit upgrades.

At our April General Meeting, we took a very unscientific survey of which event was most popular. Cindy Harris made a strong case for Hookie Day, but she was probably influenced by the Metropolitan on display! Others argued for Leno Live, and its tough to argue against them. By sheer numbers, I think Valentine's Breakfast might be the winner.

One thing is for sure, it has been a very entertaining four months....and we're just getting started!



Save! Save! Save!

April's Tech Session resulted in a triple save! First, we avoided three potential Pantera fires by inspecting the junction block on top of the steering column on two Panteras, and Al Arakawa was able to tighten the connecting screws. The junction block on a third Pantera was broken and we elected to leave it alone until it could be replaced. If you haven't checked your block, you might want to make a mental note to check it sometime when you have a few minutes.

Second, we identified a ZF with seriously low fluid level. That ZF is now out of the car and being checked. Hopefully we've helped avoid a major problem!

Third, we saved two members a few bucks by helping them change the engine oil in their Pantera....maybe we should say we saved a couple of sore backs.....changing oil with a lift is way easier than jacking up the car and scooting under it with a mechanics scooter!

Angelo Guinasso showed off his refinished luggage tub. Everyone was so impressed with the quality of his work, we're planning to have a second tech session later in the year to help others make their tub look like new too!

OBTW, Phyllis out did herself again with a great lunch spread! Thank you Rod and Phyllis Kunishige for your hospitality!





PANTERA PALOOZA 2018

It's not too late to send in your Pantera Palooza entry form. Pantera Palooza is our largest event of the year, and this year it is Sunday May 6, 2018. See ocpanteras.com for the flyer and the entry form..... and we'll see you at the Palooza!



Images from Pantera Palooza 2017 are available now at:

[https://innovativeimages-byvg.smugmug.com/Cars/TPOC/
Panterapalooza-2017/](https://innovativeimages-byvg.smugmug.com/Cars/TPOC/Panterapalooza-2017/)

and images for Pantera Palooza 2018 will be posted to:

[https://innovativeimages-byvg.smugmug.com/Cars/TPOC/
Panterapalooza-2018/](https://innovativeimages-byvg.smugmug.com/Cars/TPOC/Panterapalooza-2018/)

**We successfully completed the Bylaw cleanup at our April general meeting.
You can read the entire Team Pantera OC Bylaws on our website at
ocpanteras.com. Look under the Membership tab.**



Our April General Meeting turned into a Double-Header, with the Wednesday afternoon starting off with Playing Hookie at the Lorenzen Private Garage Tour, followed by our regular April General Meeting the same night. We had about 20 brave souls that tempted fate by not showing up for work after lunch that day. Ok, some of us don't work, but we still thumbed our noses at the idea of going back to not-working! :-)



We're trying some different things with our newsletter. This is a template based approach based on the MailChimp platform. This isn't the final template, but it's a start for this month. Hopefully it gives you an idea of where we're trying to go. Now the question is will we get there. :-)

Any MailChimp users out in
Pantera land that would like to help?

Your temporary, I'm-not-going-to-do-this-forever, Editor
could use some help.

We lost a long time Pantera owner and long term POCA and Team Pantera OC member this month. Judy McCartney passed away on Wednesday April 25, 2018. Judy was a member of our Board, and contributed tirelessly until just a few months ago. She served on the POCA Board for decades as Membership Chairman and was always at the Welcome Table at the POCA Fun Rallies. Thanks Judy for everything you contributed to the Pantera community for so many years!



"I prefer to remember the excitement on Judy's face when she told the story of her first visit to Riverside Raceway with her Pantera. It was a club open track and she was driving only a bit faster than she could handle as a rookie. She came over a slight rise and spun her car; the next car on track was Dr. (Stewart's), a club member who managed to stop quite close to her....both Panteras pointing at each other only a foot or so apart and both drivers staring at the other through the windshields with

big eyes and open mouths. No damage, but high heart rates!
Judy collected her senses, straightened her car around and continued to explore
her beloved machine's on-track handling instead of going home!
The good doctor did the same and the two became close friends with
an unforgettable meeting to remember. The encounter must have been in the late
'70s but she was still excited about it after 30-some years! At the end, she still loved
that little car even though she could no longer drive it as she used to.
A truly happy soul. Godspeed."
Jack DeRyke



Sneak Peek!

Matt Stone, freelance journalist, author, broadcaster, former Editor, Motor Trend Classic magazine and the POCA Profiles, will be our guest at our May General Meeting on May 16. A very special night for all!

OC Panteras April Blog

I'm in the market for a newer P car :-(not a Pantera).

I was visiting one of my grandsons for the weekend and asked his dad if he wanted to come along car shopping. I had found a car on the internet at a local dealer, and wanted to see it in person!

When we got there, besides the car I came to see, they had several other cars I liked in inventory, just not listed on their website (sneaky). I decided to take one of them for a test drive.

I really liked it!, but when did they start adding Active Suspension and Rear Wheel Steering to cars? The option list was long and the msrp reflected it. But this car was a demo, and last year's model to boot. It also had 5k miles on it, but had never been

registered. Interesting combination I thought.

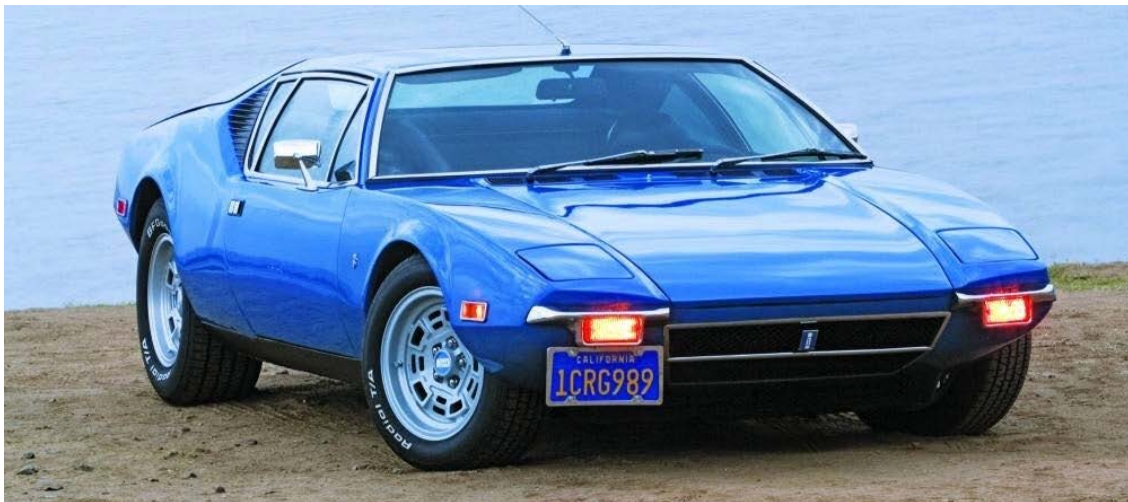
Still, I liked the car and the color was ok. It had options I think I want, but others I'm not so sure about.

I asked about the price, thinking it might be a good deal.....since it was like a used car to everyone but the State of California DMV, and as it turned out, to this dealer!

If the sticker price was a shock, the price the dealer had in mind was really a shock!

My grandson's dad has recently bought a new house....4 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, office and game room....not to mention the laundry room, country kitchen and solar power.

As we were driving away from the dealer in my wife's soccer-mom's-car, my grandson's dad asked, "When did used cars become half the price of our new house?" Yes, when did they....I thought!



Jokes for Car Guys

One day a blonde Knocks on a man's door and asks him if he has any odd jobs. The man says "I'll give you \$50 to paint the porch out back." The blonde goes to work and after 30 minutes, she comes back, and tells the man she is done. "Wow, that was fast," the man says. The blonde replies, "yes, I know, but that wasn't a porch. It was a Pantera."

Upcoming event

Pantera Palooza is our largest event of the year. Sunday, May 6th from 10am-2pm. We have awesome Goodie Bags for everyone who registers, a huge BBQ lunch to

PANTERA Palooza 2018

**Jamboree & Picnic
Sunday, 5/6/2018
10AM to 2PM**

**Mason Regional Park, Irvine, CA
18712 University Drive at Culver**

Park your car on the lawn 'Pebble Beach Style' and relax at the 4th Annual Mega-Gathering of Panteras! Join us for a family friendly picnic. \$25 Vehicle PreReg (\$35 after April 29, 2018)

Bring your own picnic lunch or buy a
Hot BBQ Lunch \$20 (\$25 after 4/29)
w/all the fixin's including Drink & Cookie
All deTomaso & 'Powered by Ford' welcome
Save the Date Sunday May 6, 2018
Entry Form & ?? Greg Ford 562-418-3406
OC Parks Charges \$5 Entry/Vehicle



'Car-Turf' & 'Festival-
Viewing Lawn' open at
8AM...enjoy free Coffee
& Krispy Kreme Donuts



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General Meeting 3rd Wed, 7PM, 17th Street Grill, Tustin
ocpanteras.com for more information

enjoy, and more trophies to hand out than ever before. If you only attend one event this year....make it the Palooza!



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