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With Rod Kunishige's retirement from writing our month newsletter, we have a hopefully short term issue of keeping you informed and entertained. This is no substitute for Rod's writings, but this will act as the placeholder for this month. We're looking for frustrated writers looking for an outlet for their talents.....is that you??

## Adlers Rock the House!

Dave and Linda Adler were our guest speakers at our January Team Pantera OC general meeting, and they packed the house! Everyone wanted to see their new book 'Extreme Panteras'. They brought more than two big boxes full of their spectacular new book and they all sold out quickly....except the three copies they so generously donated to this chapter they chartered so many years ago.

Their book is over 300 glorious pages with hundreds of large format color photos. Organized around Narrow and Wide bodied cars as well as a section on Racing Panteras. Dave selected about 30 of the cars from the book to talk about during his 30 minute presentation. He started off telling several stories about his times with Tom Tjaarda, who also wrote the forward for the book.

In his forward, Tom Tjaarda talked about seeing the Pantera Chip Foose completed about two years ago. Chip is a member of Team Pantera OC, and we were fortunate to have him host a garage tour at Foose Design just last year. That event was featured in Profiles 2017 #4 . The Foose Pantera was featured in Profiles 2016 #2. Tom wrote "This past summer, I came to the Pebble Beach week-long series of events and remember seeing a very tastefully executed, modified Pantera by Chip Foose, elegant and refined in all the small details. No changes were made in the styling; just every little detail was refined and improved."

Many of the cars in the book are owned by Team Pantera OC members, and some were able to join us for this special night. It was like old-home week seeing members again that have moved away, or that we just haven't seen for awhile. Hope to see everyone out to more of our 2018 events. Bill and Cindy Harris were also given a Tom Tjaarda autographed Pantera print in recognition of their years of support to the Pantera community.

Thank you Dave and Linda for these great gifts, and for sharing so much about how this book started and the great stories behind so many of the featured cars. We hope you could feel the love and appreciation from so many of our members that came out to support your efforts.

Your new book is such a tribute and legacy to the strong foundation you both established.

Thanks again for everything you've done and for your continued support of Team Pantera OC. What a way to kick off 2018!



## Leno Live

Jay Leno is our newest member of POCA. He joined the Team Pantera OC Chapter during our Meet & Greet following his live show at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Jay was at the Barrett Jackson auto auction earlier that Saturday afternoon with former President George W Bush to raise \$1.4 for a charity to benefit military veterans. He flew back to Southern California, arriving just hours before his live show in Cerritos and the Team Pantera OC Meet & Greet!

The event began with a fingers-covered-with-sticky-bbq-sauce-dinner at the Wood Ranch BBQ Restaurant, then we attended the Jay Leno live comedy show, and went backstage to meet and talk cars with Jay. Turns out, the air conditioning in his Pantera has stopped working. Our chapter member, Don Byars built the car years ago for the previous owner. We will have to look into getting Jay's A/C working again!

His comedy show played to a packed house. Unfortunately, because of the way the tickets were sold, our Chapter was scattered throughout the audience. Many of us were in private suites overlooking both sides of the stage, just 30ft from where Jay was performing.

After the show, all 35 of us were invited backstage for the Meet & Greet. Each had a chance to personally meet Jay and have a photo with our favorite car-guy! We presented Jay with a gift to commemorate his time hosting The Tonight Show, and welcomed him into the Pantera club as member #4715. We gave him the latest issue of Profiles with the 12 page spread on the 2017 Pantera Palooza, and personally invited him to our 2018 Pantera Palooza.

Great night of great food, great live comedy, a great Meet & Greet....just an overall great night. What a spectacular way for Team Pantera OC to kick off our 2018 Calendar of Events.

General Meeting see opanteras.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.

**Picture of Your Car** is needed for our web site. Email one to Greg Ford at [tpocwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:tpocwebmaster@gmail.com).