



***OCPanteras*** *Orange County*

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*March 2023 Newsletter*

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***Happy St Patrick's Day!***  
***OCP members!***

**Board meetings are at 5:30 the first Monday of the month, and any member is invited to attend and speak.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129769385?pwd=MDQ3aWR2YnUxa09zcGh4MkpsVGITZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 2976 9385

Passcode: pantera

**Next Month's meeting will be 4/3/23!**

If you want to sit in or speak, please contact:

Glen Chancellor racerglen@aol.com

If you wish to speak, we need advance notice to put you on the agenda.

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Monthly OCP Board meetings minutes are now available on our website!

[www.ocpanteras.com](http://www.ocpanteras.com)

Under the "about us tab".

[Board Meetings](#)

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## *President's Message*

Thank You all for your support of Orange County Panteras.

**I am still looking for feedback and ideas to get more of our cars on the road.**

Let's find ways to help each other get the cars going. That's the whole idea of a car club, right?

This Month's Meeting is 4/15/23

**Denny's  
2314 E. 17th St  
Santa Ana, Ca 92701**

***Be sure to get your registry information into POCA***

Looking for ideas for events for next year.  
I would like to see more driving events, and more social interactive events.

**Don't forget the odometer challenge!**

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**A VERY BIG LOSS for OCP and the Pantera community.**

***Don Byars***

Full Throttle Panteras



### **A Message From Dave & Linda Adler:**

Linda and I have known Don for 30 years, maybe longer. He worked at Wilkinson's. His deceased brother worked for Hall Pantera. Although they worked for our then, competitors, we enjoyed an amicable relationship and mutual respect for each other.

In the early '90's, I was leaving the court house in Santa Ana and saw Don walking from a government building in the complex. We sat down and had a conversation. After exchanging the usual greetings, Don told me he was getting his business license and starting his own company. I wished him the best of luck and assured him he would be successful. I also made him an offer to consider coming to work for my company. He declined and let me know it was his dream to build his own Pantera business.

Over the years, I witnessed his accomplishments and expansion from Orange County to Lake Elsinore. When I

retired from PI Motorsports, I began having him work on our cars. Our Pantera, Mangusta and Longchamp. We became good friends as time went by, with both him and his wife, Laura, who worked side-by-side as a team. Don made lots of improvements to our cars with matchless care and cleanliness. If we had a problem, he had a solution and a better way of doing things. His fees were always reasonable. He was a man of great integrity and we will always remember that as being just one of his qualities.

We considered Don to be the finest Pantera mechanic in the country. His quest for perfection was validated time and time again with his show winning restorations. There is no doubt that his restorations were the finest that money could buy. The bar was so high on his craftsmanship, that he had no competition. Don's company had a two year waiting list of customers who sought restoration work from him.

We can never remember not seeing Don without a smile on his face. Always happy to give advice to anybody that sought it, whether a customer or not. Don had a second dream that he expressed to us. He wanted to retire by age 65. He would retire on the river and fiddle with a few cars when he had time. Don began his quest for retirement a few years back. He searched for a talented successor to transition into ownership of his company. Eventually, Don found his suitor in Greg Warren, an established Pantera expert with major experience with the deTomaso marque. A deal was struck between the two Pantera aces, and Don began to see his dream of retirement slowly coming to fruition, to be accomplished over several years.

In April of 2022, Don and Greg performed a lot of work on our Pantera in preparation for the POCA Fun Rally in Arizona. Don related to me that he was battling some health issues having to do with his blood cell count that was secondary to years of exposure to toxic atmospheres inherent in the various chemicals and cleaners he used in his profession. There are only so many years you can

expect to have good health spraying Brake Kleen on components!

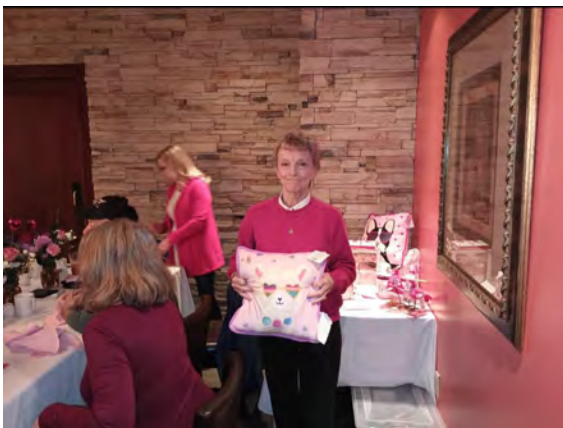
Sadly, Don's health went into decline as his illness advanced. I visited Don a few weeks before he passed away. He was putting up a fight with his disease and not giving up on his dream of retirement and also delivering a smooth hand-off of his company to Greg Warren. He was hoping to feel well enough to at least climb into a wheel chair and return to his shop to help Greg. I thanked Don for all he had done for us and the Pantera Community. When Laura told us he had passed, the news was not unexpected.

Don Byars left something that money can't buy, a good name! May his good name not be forgotten. God Speed Don Byars. God bless Laura Byars and their kin.

With gratitude and profound sadness,  
Dave and Linda Adler

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## *Valentine's Brunch!*





*Be sure to get in on the Odometer Challenge!  
A good reason to get those cars running!  
(Yeah, yeah, me Too. I know!)*

## ODOMETER CHALLENGE



### CHALLENGE:

This is a Drive your Pantera Challenge. The Person who drives their Pantera the MOST MILES from: January 01, 2023 to December 1, 2023  
**WILL BE THE WINNER!!**

### PRIZE:

Two (2) Free Tickets to OC Panteras Christmas Brunch 2023. Valued at \$80.00 - \$100.00.  
Winner will be announced at the Christmas Brunch 2023. Must be present to Win!

### HOW TO ENTER

1. Email a picture of your Pantera's Odometer anytime from January 1, 2023 until December 1, 2023 and email it to Larry Goodnough at [lgoodnough@outlook.com](mailto:lgoodnough@outlook.com). Larry will send confirmation of receipt.
2. On December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 3<sup>th</sup> take a picture of your Pantera Odometer and email it to Larry Goodnough at [lgoodnough@outlook.com](mailto:lgoodnough@outlook.com).
3. Winner will be announced at the Christmas Brunch 2023. Winner must be present to WIN! If the highest mileage Pantera Owner is NOT present, then the winner will be the next highest mileage that is present.



## *March 2023 General Meeting!*

*This month's general meeting will be  
Wednesday March 15 at:*

## **Denny's**

2314 E. 17th Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

6-7pm social hour  
7-9pm meeting



*Please, Come Join us!*





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## ***Panteras & Coffee***

***Saturday May 20, 2023***

***8:30-11:00 am***



***South Coast OC Cars & Coffee***

***101 West Avenida Vista Hermosa***

***San Clemente, Ca***

***We will have Panteras go around back and arrive by 8-8:15  
We will let the Panteras in at 8:15 to get them parked together  
before the general public cars.***

***Please, RSVP to [racerglen@aol.com](mailto:racerglen@aol.com)***

***We'll reserve a spot for you!***



# 2023 40th Annual POCA Fun Rally

## Circus Circus Hotel at the ROW

June 7-11, 2023 in Reno, NV

500 North Sierra St., Reno, NV. 89501

Wed. & Thurs. \$85/night \$145-Friday & Sat  
night average + Tax (Includes the Resort Fee)

The Circus Circus has newly renovated rooms with free parking for trucks with trailers and motorhomes. The POCA hospitality suite can be accessed from the Circus Circus North Tower. POCA registered guests may park their cars in the secure covered parking garage.

Please book the Circus Circus Casino through the POCA home page

[www.poca.com](http://www.poca.com)

For the

Direct Reservation - Link

POCA Registration Form

Early Bird discount of \$15.00 Per Person ends  
2/15/2023

Coming Soon

Event Itinerary - Download



Lake Tahoe Scenic Drive



Mt. Rose Spirited Drive

The 2023 Fun Rally will feature a variety of attractions around Reno and Lake Tahoe for all attendees beginning with Scenic Drives, Car Show, Tech Sessions (ZF Transmission/Electrical). The traditional Hospitality Suite (3 drink tickets per day included) will feature vendor displays, the POCA 50/50 raffle run by Joe Russo and a Plated Banquet Dinner with guest speaker Les Gray (5 time POCA President).



Sierra Boat Works Tour



ZF Tech Session



Pantera Parts Connection Morning Breakfast

**POCA Fun Rally Logo Contest winner:**

***Kathryn Todak!***

***Kathryn is the daughter of members Tom and Kelly Todak.***

**Congratulations!**



*We are pleased to announce OCP will be the star at:*

***Lions Drag Racing Museum!***

***June 24, 2023, 10 am- 4 pm***



2790 E Del Amo Blvd  
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221



***New expansion and exhibits!***

***Large collection of Willy's, race cars, movies cars, a Batmobile, Batcave, and more.***

***They have expanded to add a re-creation of the starting line and bleachers at Lions Dragstrip. 50's, 60's fuelers & gassers!***

***This is an indoor/outdoor Cars & Coffee event where OCP is the Star!***

***Box Lunch at on site diner!***

***Preferred Display Parking for Panteras!***

***Admission is FREE to OCP members! Non OCP members get in for \$10/ Free to Pantera drivers***

***Advance registration is required! Email: [racerglen@aol.com](mailto:racerglen@aol.com)***

***Please try to arrive by 9:30 as we will be handing out tickets.***

## Upcoming Calendar of Events.

*Still working on this year's calendar. We are waiting for  
YOUR suggestions!*

*Full Throttle Panteras open house April 15  
Food, prizes, Fun!*

Tech Session - Getting Panteras into the Registry  
details upcoming.

*Panteras & Coffee San Clemente - May 20*

*POCA Fun Rally - June 6-11 Reno*

*Lions Automobilia Foundation tour/Lunch  
June 24*

*NHRA Museum Pomona - Sep. 23*

***Pantera Palooza - August 12***

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Car shows, cruises, local events

The best way to get the word out about your  
favorite event is to post it on our mail group,  
[ocpanteras@googlegroups.com](mailto:ocpanteras@googlegroups.com)  
If not on the mailgroup, please join  
You can also email me and I can sign you up

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***The day the whole class  
found the teacher's brownies.  
Then she put on Pink Floyd***



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Please join our google mail group. It is a great way to communicate with other member, get tech help, learn about events, etc.

Go to [google.groups.com](http://google.groups.com)  
search for and join

[OCPanteras@googlegroups.com](mailto:OCPanteras@googlegroups.com)

You should already have received an email invitation to join the mail group. Please, join. If you did not get an invitation, check you spam folder, or contact me.

Please, visit the Orange County Panteras FaceBook page.

Please, feel free to post and communicate via our FB page.  
No Politics, please!

Watch for recent updates to club functions.

