

2026 Volume 03



Starting Grid - Upcoming Events



OCP's Monthly Events



General Meeting & Social

JOIN US AT OUR NEW LOCATION

Marie Calender's
307 E. Katella Ave.
Orange, CA. 92867

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Social / Dinner
Meeting: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Dinner is from 6pm to 7pm in our own designated dining area.

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner Free Raffle Drawing. A drawing is held every month and everyone has a chance to win \$20 toward their dinner.

General meeting is from 7 to 8:30pm. Are you a new owner of a Pantera? You probably have some questions. If so, you have come to the right place. Part of our meeting is devoted to discussing the technical aspects of our Panteras. At any monthly meeting, there will be over 100 years of Pantera expertise. Veteran owner? Enjoy socializing with friends and reconnect with other Pantera owners. You never know... you may get some great tips on parts or even find out how to fix a problem that has been baffling you.

OC Panteras' The Doubleheader

Drive with Gerry
&
PI Motorsports Open House

Drive: Santiago Canyon & O'Neil Park Counter Clockwise
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026
Time: 7:45am
Wheels Ups: 8:00am
Distance: 50-Miles

Meeting Place: Denny's Restaurant, 2314 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92701

This month, we are thrilled to announce a special event—the Drive with Gerry, which will be combined with the PI Motorsports Open House, affectionately dubbed the Doubleheader! We start with our drive through beautiful Santiago Canyon and conclude with the PI Motorsports Open House. All essential details regarding the event have been communicated via email; however, if you have not received this information, please do not hesitate to reach out to any OCP Board Member. Even if you are unable to participate in the drive, we warmly encourage you to support our local vendor, PI Motorsports, as your presence contributes to our Pantera community. Jerry owner of PI Motorsports, consistently organizes fantastic events that you won't want to miss! Remember, the Doubleheader will take place Rain or Shine, highlighting our commitment to creating memorable experiences for all members. We look forward to seeing you there!



Open House & Lunch Saturday, March 21, 2026

10AM to 2PM at PI Motorsports
1040 North Batavia, Orange, CA 92867

Drive your DeTomaso or any other collector car to show off - anything mild to wild!



Feed your hungry appetite for Street Tacos and Soda. Dance and sing along with the band and tour the shop to see what's new at PI! Trophies awarded at the end of the day

Save the Date! March 21, 2026

This event is free, courtesy of PI Motorsports



2026 PALOOZA UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that registration for the highly anticipated Palooza event is now OPEN! You may have already received a couple of emails regarding this exciting event. This year, we are fortunate to have POCA as our Title Sponsor, which has allowed us to keep registration costs down for all participants. Currently, we still need approximately 75 more Panteras to register in order to reach our goal

of 100 Panteras, so if you haven't signed up yet, we encourage you to do so without delay—your support is crucial! Additionally, don't forget about the engaging Palooza Plus events scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights; these gatherings present a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow out of state Pantera members and strengthen our global community. This event truly belongs to all of us, and your participation makes it even more special. We will also be sending out a volunteer email shortly; if you are willing to lend a helping hand, you will enjoy the perk of priority parking on the grass, ensuring you are closer to the action. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to any member of the OCP Board. We are here to support you and foster a collaborative atmosphere within our club!

Pantera Drive to Big Bear for Lunch - Friday, May 15th
Welcome Dinner - Friday Night May 15th
Palooza Car Show - Saturday, May 16th
Pantera Drive & Dinner - Saturday Evening, May 16th

[Link to Palooza Registration Page](#)

Rear View Mirror



February 2026 - "Drive with Gerry"

On February 21st we had a great drive through picturesque Carbon Canyon. Delvin Lillie, Michael Lederman, Louis Villa and Scott Couchman drove their Panteras, Larry Goodnough and Gerry Bornman tagged along in "other cars". It was a great drive on scenic canyon roads with spectacular views. The snow capped mountains were beautiful! The drive was celebrated with a generous breakfast and good conversations at Flo's airport cafe. What a fun way to engage with your Orange County Pantera friends.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING RECAP

If you weren't able to join us, you truly missed a fantastic gathering! Great Pantera enthusiasts, enjoying our dinner delicious food and flowing drinks at El Torito Restaurant set the stage for an enjoyable evening. After savoring a delightful dinner and engaging in spirited conversations, we were treated to an enlightening Tech Talk by Larry Goodnough, who covered the nuances of Amp versus Volt gauges. His presentation, complete with samples and visuals, provided invaluable insights that will undoubtedly enhance our collective knowledge. The evening culminated in the excitement of the Winner Winner Chicken Dinner drawing, where Diedre Goodnough celebrated as the lucky recipient of a \$20 cash prize! Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce our upcoming March General Meeting and Social is at a new venue, Marie Callender's in Orange, CA. This clean and welcoming restaurant promises to provide an inviting atmosphere for all members, and maybe a piece of pie! We warmly invite you to reconnect with fellow members and celebrate our shared passion for DeTomaso vehicles on March 18 at 6:00 PM. Let's come together and experience the unique camaraderie that makes the Orange County Panteras community truly special!



Winner Winner Chicken Dinner Winner
Diedre Goodnough



AMP vs. Volt Gauges

What the Experts Say.

Speedway Motors: A volt gauge is generally preferred for modern cars because it provides a clear indication of the battery's voltage and the overall health of the electrical system without the **risk of fire** associated with amp gauges. An amp gauge measures the current flow, which can be useful for diagnostics but is more complex and potentially hazardous to install.

Speedway Motors: When it comes to amp gauge vs volt gauge, our opinion is that the ammeter should be replaced with a voltmeter if you're using a **75 amp or higher alternator** in your build.

If you would like a copy of this valuable presentation please reach out to Larry Goodnough.

Short-Shifts - Tech Session

By: Steve Buchanan

Pantera Battery

Panteras are hard on batteries. Our cars sit a lot yet we expect

them to start like a new Lexus. If you are like me then you will leave the key on sometimes while working on the car and drain the battery. Battery tenders are great but you have to get one and then use it consistently. Car batteries can be expensive. I tend to kill batteries and once tried a \$300 Optima battery thinking that it will exonerate me of my battery crimes. Sadly, I killed it like the others.

I have since gone to Walmart for batteries. They have a Group 65 battery that works great on Panteras. It is \$79 plus a \$12 core charge. If you bring in ANY battery they wave the core charge. I usually get two years from this battery. Click on Battery for a link to this battery.



Pantera Market Place

Back in August 2025 a very rare 1974 White Pantera L came to market at RM Sotheby's auction. This Pantera ONLY had 213 original miles on it. The hammer price was \$246,400.00. Not bad for a \$14,000.00 investment. To see all the pictures and information on this spectacular Pantera, click on picture



On Bring-A-Trailer right now there are two (2) sets of Campagnolo Magnesium Wheels for sale. One set even comes with a spare. If you need a set, you better hurry and place your Bid.



Do you like Palm Beach Florida, on April 16-18, 2026? Barrett-Jackson has a Yellow 1973 DeTomaso Pantera, Lot number 298113, looks like a very nice car. Fly to Florida, buy the Pantera and drive it home to So. Calif. You will WIN the 2026 OC Pantera Odometer Challenge for sure!

I found a good site to see all of the DeTomaso Panteras for sale in one place, Classic.com. It will show you where the Pantera is for sale, BAT, Barrett-Jackson, Hemmings, Mecum, etc. Very nice sight. www.classic.com/m/de-tomaso/pantera



OCP Finance Corner

By: Roger Banowetz

In this first installment from your OCP Treasurer, you will learn how OCP receives operating funds.

When you renew your membership in Pantera Owners



Club of America, POCA, you designated a chapter to be affiliated with. Regardless of the POCA membership type, print or digital, twenty-five dollars of the POCA membership is provided to the chapter. The POCA monies are sent to OCP quarterly and only for those members renewing in that quarter. For OCP's forty members, that results in \$1000 annual income. In future installments, we will explore what the chapter does with this vast income while providing value to you, our members.

*On the **Light** Side - Dad Can I Drive the Family Car?*

A young boy just got his driver's license and asked his dad if he could use the family car.

His dad said, "I'll make a deal with you. If you bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible and get your hair cut, we can talk about the car."

The boy gladly agreed. After about six weeks, the young boy approached his dad to ask for the car again.

The dad replied, "Son, I'm proud of you. You've brought your grades up, you've been studying your Bible, and even participating a lot more in the Bible study groups. But, I'm really disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut."

The young man paused a moment, and then said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair also."

To this, his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked every where they went?"

