

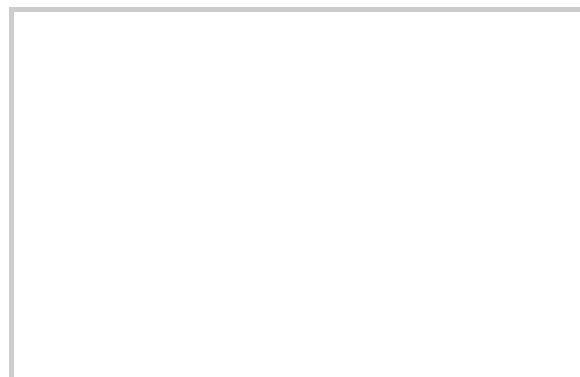
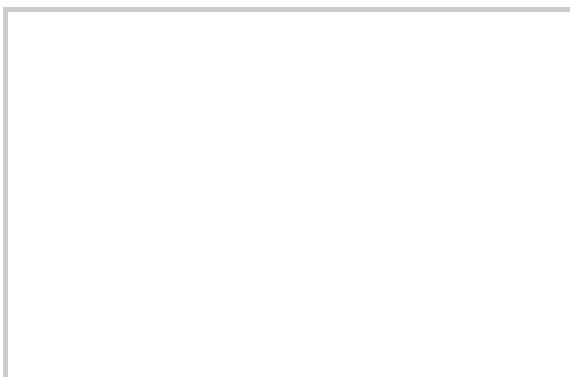
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Starting Grid - Upcoming Events



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, April 15, 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' "Drive with Brad"

Drive: Glendora Mountain Road (GMR)

Date: Sunday April 12th 2026

Time: 6:30am

Wheels Ups: 6:45am

Meeting Place: Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC)

This month's Drive with Brad will be the famous Glendora Mountain Road or commonly just referred to as GMR. If you have not been on this famous road, don't miss your chance to enjoy it with other Pantera buddies. We might also have some Panteras from Foothill and CHPIE. See You There!

PANTERA PALOZA

2026 PALOOZA UPDATE

As we draw nearer to the highly anticipated Pantera Palooza, the excitement within our community is palpable and growing! We are on a thrilling journey to reach our goal of showcasing 100 magnificent Panteras, and together, we can achieve this milestone. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time to act—April 20th is the final day to secure your spot with a DeTomaso vehicle and earn a complimentary Palooza T-shirt! Join us for an unforgettable day filled with camaraderie, delicious In-N-Out Double-Doubles, and the chance to admire the stunning beauty of DeTomaso automobiles. This event is a celebration of our shared passion, welcoming both owners and admirers alike, and we can't wait to see you there as we create lasting memories together.

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



March 2026 "The Double-Header"

On March 21st, we kicked off our inaugural Double-Header event, and what a day it was! The morning began with a thrilling drive led by Larry through the scenic O'Neil Park and Santiago Canyon, where we found ourselves cruising counter-clockwise with the wind in our hair and nary a traffic jam in sight—well, except for that one bicycle group we gently passed. Once we arrived

at PI Motorsports, the excitement was awesome as we mingled at their Open House and Car Show, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere filled with live entertainment and mouthwatering tacos that had all the fixings you could dream of! The day was a true testament to our camaraderie, with stunning cars from OC Panteras, Foothill Panteras, CHPIE, and South Bay Panteras on display. We are bursting with pride as OCP members brought home two out of the four prestigious awards: Al Arkawa snagged Best Interior, and Tom Todak took home Best Non-Pantera for his striking red Laforsa. Meanwhile, the Best Modified award went to Erik Bergner from Foothill Panteras, and Robert Ervolina of Huntington Beach claimed Best of Show. It truly was a celebration of our shared passion, and judging by the smiles and laughter, everyone left with their hearts full and spirits high! So, if you missed out on this fantastic gathering, don't fret—stay tuned for more exciting events on the horizon. We can't wait to see you all again as we continue to share our love for Panteras and create unforgettable memories together!



Brad Smith - In His Great Looking Yellow Pantera



Louie Villa - Ready to Run the Canyons!



"Best of Show" - Robert Ervolina



"Best Non-Pantera" - Tom Todak



"Best Interior" - Al Arakawa

"Best Modified" - Erik Bergner

MARCH GENERAL MEETING / SOCIAL RECAP

By: Greg Ford

The March general Meeting was held at a new location, Marie Calender's in Orange. 13 people were in attendance.

The winner of the monthly meeting \$20 cash prize was Rod Kunishige.

The Tech Talk was presented by Larry Goodnough, who covered the Pantera engine cooling system. Part One. Part Two will be held at April's general meeting.

Covered in detail were the different radiators available, past and present, fans, and switch arrangements. Next month will be cooling tubes, swirl tanks, recovery tanks, thermostats, relays, temperature gauges and water pumps.

The earliest radiators came with one thermostat, held in by three small screws. Later, they added another thermostat, up higher on the tank. One for each fan, now.

Today, the sky is the limit, aluminum, copper, how many cores, what angle to set the radiator at, how many fans, how do the fans come on and in what order. Original fans were four bladed. Later upgrade was eight blades. Now, Spal fans are available, among others. Rocker switch on the gauge panel. Did nothing or operated a fan/s manually. Until Next's Month's Meeting, April 15th, 2026 @ 6:00pm.



Winner Winner Chicken Dinner Winner
Rod Kunishige

Our New Projector & Screen in Action



Short-Shifts - Tech Session

By: Steve Buchanan

ZF Transaxle Removal

A year or so ago, I was working with Steve Wilkinson on his new GTT Transaxle for Panteras and other cars and my Pantera was the test mule, so I needed to get real good at removing the GTT transaxle. This month's Tech Session I will discuss a comprehensive guide for pulling a ZF transaxle from a Pantera without removing the engine.

1. Disconnect Battery.
2. Remove rear deck lid (*optional*) by pulling the hinge pins.
3. Remove rear wheel well brace above the transaxle.
4. Disconnect slave cylinder line or slide out the slave and set aside if you have flex lines.
5. Disconnect shift linkage universal at the transaxle.
6. Disconnect half shafts. Use blue locktite during re-installation.
7. Remove A/C shroud and let hang to the side.
8. Disconnect reverse light switch.
9. **Do NOT touch the bolt located under the speedo cable. It points out at 45 degrees from the case. Doing so will likely cost you big time.**
10. Disconnect speedo cable.
11. Disconnect breather hose on trans.
12. Disconnect ground strap.
13. Disconnect trans mounts.
14. Remove all **BUT** one bolt on bell housing.
15. **Loosen distributor cap to allow some free space at distributor.**
16. Jack up car and place jack stands.
17. Jack up transaxle using 3-4 2x4s.
18. Remove starter.
19. Remove two 10mm bolts at bottom of bell housing.
20. Lower engine to rest on 2x4 block under oil pan on the cross brace to hold the engine.
21. Remove last bell housing bolt.
22. Lift out transaxle (150 lbs.) using 2 straps and engine hoist.



Pantera Market Place

By: Jay Stewart

This short article is geared towards our current active membership of OCP-

Are you in the market to buy a Pantera or sell your Pantera?

I will try to summarize a convenient and prudent approach to obtaining information-

Finding a local Pantera for sale on the internet is easy but very limited. I have learned that many local Pantera's sell by private owner or by word of mouth. When you come to our monthly membership meetings, that information is always available.

Pantera's for sale on the internet will give you great examples of what owners have done to their cars- good or bad, depending on your personal taste.

Prices are all over the place lately-

I found many Pantera's for sale on the following web sites:

Cars.com

CarGurus.com

Autotrader.com

Carsforsale.com

Assorted car auction's: Barrett-Jackson, Mecum's

Facebook market place

ebay motors

Classic.com shows the following # of Pantera's for sale, "Due Diligence" be your guide-

Pantera (495) - GTS (39) - GT5-S (23) - L (21)

Again, it's your responsibility to see if the Pantera is still for sale

Most of the above web sites "share" FOR SALE Pantera's

I have learned that if you want to buy or sell a Pantera – use our membership to assist you, even our local vendors and sponsors of our upcoming Pantera Palooza.

Please, don't rely on a general car salesman period, get help from an active Pantera chapter member/owner.



\$139,950

📍 78,146 mi.

Est. \$2,571/mo 📍

Used 1973 DeTomaso Pantera



\$159,900 ↓ \$10K

📍 67,861 mi.

Est. \$2,937/mo 📍

Used 1974 DeTomaso Pantera



OCP Finance Corner

By: Roger Banowetz

Continuing the OCP Treasure's education on OCP's financial operations. This installment focuses on activities and events.

Your Board of Directors works throughout the year to plan and organize activities and events of interest to the members.

Some events have an attendee cost. Why? For example, the end of the year Holiday Party is held at a location that will seat 60 persons. The venue charges for the use of the banquet room. At the Palooza, there are costs associated with the park rental, tables & chairs rental, food truck, insurance and the list goes on. When the attendee cost is determined, it is based on the event cost divided by the estimated number of attendees. Our goal is to provide fun and interesting activities to you, our members, and break even, not to make money or lose money.

On the **Light** Side - Hamburgers - The Perfect Food Package

By: Jack Passerello

The most perfect food ever put together in one package. The all-beef hamburger. Ingredients: lettuce, tomato, cucumber (pickle), ketchup, onion, relish, mayo (oil & eggs), all healthy veggies and such, plus bun (bread) (grain), sesame seeds, baker's yeast, and salt. Plus all-beef patty, U.S. inspected. 100 percent pure (sometimes doubled for double the protein), the tastiest of all foods. Plus cheese, all-dairy, full of calcium, made from milk, the almost perfect food. Plus choice of barbecue sauce, or honey mustard, or ranch sauce, or sauce of your choice. A man probably could live a full, happy, healthy life by subsisting only on hamburgers and water. Full of vitamins, minerals, protein, vegetable bran, and taste. Best of all, no tofu, no soy, no sprouts, no broccoli. Wherever hamburgers have been introduced, including China, Russia, Poland, etc., people have lined up around the block to buy this most delicious of all God-given miracle foods. To a good and happy life. So come and join us at the Palooza and enjoy the perfect food package, an In-N-Out Double-Double!



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