

2014 Primary Sponsor

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KATCH ENVIRONMENTAL

Team Pantera Racing would like to welcome Katch Environmental as their premier sponsor for the 2014 Open Road Racing season. Katch Environmental is a Disabled Veteran Owned business in Fresno specializing in Mold inspection and remediation, Lead inspection and abatement, and Asbestos abatement. They are also licensed in General Construction and Engineering. Their sponsorship in 2014 will help Team Pantera Racing members attend the Sandhills Open Road Challenge in Arnold Nebraska, and the Silver State Classic Challenge in Ely Nevada.

Katch Environmental is owned by [Paul Katchadourian](#) , a man who introduced himself to classic fun-to-drive cars at the age of 16 when he purchased a Datsun 240Z with money he saved working on a grape farm. Later, Paul joined the Army, spending four years in the Special Forces, earning a position as a combat diver, also serving as a Paratrooper and qualifying and serving with the Green Berets.

After his military service, Paul pursued a new plan, attending Fresno State while raising two daughters with his wife. He went on to own Katch Trucking and over 15 years provided transport services for food grade juice products between locations in Mexico, the U.S.A. and Canada. Looking for a change of pace, Paul decided to sell the business and do something new.

Prompted by a mold problem in his own house, Paul attended a school for mold inspection and remediation in the state of Washington eventually deciding to turn that knowledge into a business. While building his new venture, Paul expanded into being a State of California Lead Inspector/Assessor and General Construction, Asbestos abatement.

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Paul's company, Katch Environmental, was awarded the hazardous abatement contract on the first 29 mile segment from Madera to Fresno of the California High Speed Rail project; known as Construction Package 1 (CP-1). Eventually the High Speed Rail will travel more than 850 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles with additional extensions planned to Sacramento and San Diego.

Many of Team Pantera Racing's members have also served in the military; some serving during times of war. Racing Panteras has become a passion for these men and it was with great pride they accepted the sponsorship from Katch Environmental. They are even trying to get Paul Katchadourian re-interested in classic cars enough to come out and race with them.

Team Pantera Racing managed to draw four slots at this year's Sandhills Open Road Challenge and is working to field three or four Panteras at the Silver State Classic Challenge. Sponsorship money helps offset some of the costs for travel and lodging for these various events.

With the Katch Environmental sponsorship Team Pantera Racing is looking forward to another good year.