



The Fuel Line



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From the Head Lug Nut by Dave Martin

Hi All,

The Braille Ralley was run in downtown Long Beach this year and our club members had a blast representing us but I'll let them tell you about it in detail. This great event is one of our club's chosen charities. During the after action awards picnic our Vice President, Mike Dresbach with backup from our membership chair Norman Phair and Treasurer Vickie Dresbach, presented the Los Angeles Braille Institute with a \$2,000 donation to it's youth center on behalf of the A.H.A. Great job gang!!!

The books are closed on Knott's and it looks like we ended up with a \$6,000 surplus on the books so the donation to the Braille Institute is the first beneficiary of this surplus. Our charter is to remain non-profit while providing a positive outlet for handcrafted auto enthusiasts and supporting the community through any efforts the club can dream up, and Knott's does both. We're currently looking into endowing a couple of scholarships at some automotive focused schools in the area for the balance of the surplus. Stay tuned for more and, if you have any suggestions, please contact a board member.

Our August meeting will be on Saturday the 20th at the Diamond Bar Sizzlers at 11 AM. The agenda will be focused on nominations for Board membership in 2006 so they can be in the next newsletter. Most of the Board has reached the end of their second year in office so they/we will need to move up/on. **Time to step up!** Please contact a board member if you're interested in participating. We'll also be finalizing the Laughlin trip so you certainly don't want to miss that. **Sizzlers address is 23525 Palomino Drive, Diamond Bar.**

September's meeting will be a trip to the **Otis Chandler Transportation Museum** in Oxnard on the 10th. This is a great private museum that is only open to the public four or five times per year so it's a rare treat. You can find out more about this awesome museum at <http://www.chandlerwheels.com/index.html>

We'll be meeting in the museum parking lot at 11am and will have lunch locally when we're done with the museum. Let me know if you're caravanning from the Riverside area and I'll see about getting you matched up.

October is our Club Sandwich in sunny Laughlin, Nevada. This is always a great trip whether

your bringing your car or just coming for the fun of the drinking, bench racing, boating or gambling. Mike is the chair for that so I'll let him give you the details.

We're still looking for some member's rides to get posted. I know we've got some great cars out there with some equally great stories. Seems to me there's a Devin, a Robnell, a tilt front end Cobra, various Gazelle's, Marlene's and a lot more, so come on guy's (and gal's), this is the best thing next to having your car in a magazine and probably will get you greater coverage! Get those stories to me with some decent pictures and I'll get them posted. Check it out at www.replicarclub.com and let us know what you think.

Having talked with a lot of you over the years I can't believe you don't have opinions on our club, newsletter or Knott's so let's hear them. I've spent some time with Darren Friedman the last couple of weeks and he's got a great idea for Knott's next year ... I won't spoil it yet but that's what we need to keep this club going ... great ideas! Come on and let us have it!

For those with email we've been sending out monthly event reminders to keep you informed. If you've relegated this to "spam," let me know and I'll take your name off the distribution list. If you're not getting it, drop me a line with your email address and I'll get you plugged in. I've found email is a great way to let members know what's going on, or if someone has a problem we can get the club looking for a solution that much sooner.

See ya at Sizzlers.

Happy Cruizing

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk by David Hartman

So, elections are coming up. I hope some of you out there are seriously considering running for a Board position. Yeah, it can be a pain at times, but it's also fun. It's not difficult to do and everyone helps each other out a lot. Mostly, it's making the monthly Board meetings and voting on the various items that need a vote and discussing all the rest.

The first time I was doing this job, we tried to have a monthly meeting that also was combined with an event, like going to the Petersen's Automotive Museum in L.A. Well, after a couple of years of attempting that, we could see that those members complaining that we didn't do enough "stuff", besides our annual shows at Knott's and Laughlin, and our support of the Braille Rally, weren't coming to the monthly event. I'm glad to see that we are still trying to do something every once in a while, like this upcoming trip to the museum in Oxnard. I've never managed to attend that event and sure wish I lived in southern California again so I could do some of this stuff.

Here in Chicago, the local club has something scheduled almost every weekend during the summer season, starting in the middle of May. During July, we had a parade on the 4th and then a BBQ style pot luck picnic after the parade. The next weekend after that was a car and air show at a small airport, followed on the weekend after that with a car show at a local Veterans Hospital for the disabled Vets there. Another car show at a regional airport with the cars lining one of the runways (about 400 cars at that), and this first weekend in August we have a car show at the Illinois Railway Museum. All this in the last 30 days. The rest of August is about the same, with things starting to wind down in September.

Why do I mention this? Well, these events are the same ones we go to every year. They were all suggested by members and planned ahead of time (months ahead). When an event seems to be getting boring for the members, another event is suggested for next year to replace it. It all seems to work great and the organizing done by our activities person (who also happens to be our newsletter Editor!!!) is greatly appreciated by all. But, we can do that type of stuff also. All it takes is some planning, input from members (LOTS of input) about events to attend, and maybe someone to set up the details. For instance, if I was sent flyers about any weekend "Show and Shine" events along with plenty of lead time to get it in the newsletter so members could read about them, then I would be glad to include them. My deadline for the newsletter is always the last weekend of the month, for the next month's issue. I try to get the newsletter in the mail somewhere around the 5th of the month, give or take a few days, and when I get my final input from the Board meeting. I usually like to have everything all done for the newsletter except for the

article from Dave and any other last minute Board stuff and/or maybe a For Sale ad to include. Get it to me, and I'll include it.

With this newsletter, I'm redoing a few things. I've stripped the entire format out and restarted it, since my "newsletter form" has picked up some strange hidden codes and I have seemed to have dropped a few things here and there. As the future unfolds, I may do a complete redesign of the newsletter, maybe adding photos, or the Technical articles. I think I mentioned before I create this in Word Perfect. I may explore MS Word, as they have a newsletter format. I'd like to be able to throw in some photos. ... a lot more photos. But, that would mean I'd have to get photos from those of you in the club since I'm not there to take a photo at any event (hint, hint). Of course, I could put in photos from the Chicago area. <grin> But then, that would bore you guys since there's no one around here that you're aware of. Oh well ... enough gabbing.

Activities

For now, please read Dave Martins article for upcoming events.

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