



The Fuel Line

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From the Head Lug Nut

Dave Martin

Hi All,

Hope everyone is surviving the weather so far... Haven't heard of any member impacts that were serious so we'll hope for the best.

January's club meeting/event on the 22nd of January was a big success! The weather was perfect for January – a sunny, dry spell between storms – and about a dozen members and significant others showed up at my place ready to sample chili and look at the Daytona Coupe in the garage. OOPPSS... the weather has also befallen my attempt to get transportation from Albany – yes that's in New York State – to the west coast. That week Albany had gotten a blizzard dumping roughly 3-4 feet of snow around the area and the trucking firm was busy rerouting everything, me included. Well, I had a nice Jag rear end and a '70 351 Cleveland out for display but it's not quite the same. The Chili, fortunately did make it through the storm and we had a tough time picking between four superb versions, from wimpy to mildly spicy. First AND Second Place were taken by the Biggerstaff's and I got to keep the leftovers for which I'm eternally, burp (Ed. Note: Yer excused), grateful.

We had a club meeting prior to the food (first lesson they teach you in Club President 101 training) and plotted out some activities for the next few months including a February trip to Chuck Beck Motorsports on February 26th – Steve Rounds will have more info on that trip.

Never to miss a good chili cook-off, our new Newsletter Editor called in from cold Chicago and had us describe the tastes for him. Now that's Board Member devotion! First newsletter of the year went out and we'd be happy to know what you think so drop David Hartman a line. Hope you found the tech article amusing if not

informative. Mike was down on hands and knees looking over my flaws on the floor during the meeting – didn't take long to find them either. Seriously, more articles would be good. David H. has some in storage and I've got a few more up my sleeve but I'm certainly not the only one with things to talk about as I stole most of my ideas from the rest of you. If you're concerned about writing an article, send what you have to David or me and we'll help you spruce it up, take all the dangs, darns, and shucks out of it.

April 9th will be the annual "goody bag Stuffing" at Ron and Luann Biggerstaff's out in Loma Linda. It's really the March meeting but we push it as far as we can to make sure we get everything from our generous contributors.

Knott's is in full swing for the 23rd and 24th of April 2005. You should have all received your registration packages by the time you read this. If not, throw me a line and I can correct that. If you're also looking for additional flyers to put up around work, hand out at Cruise nights and the like, let me know and I'll be more than happy to send you some. We're also looking for volunteers to help us out at registration and parking in the morning, selling Knott's tickets during the day and manning the AHA tent anytime. Let any of the Board Members know who you are and what you can help on... we'd really appreciate it.

We doing some work on our website at www.replicarclub.com so please excuse the mess while we get it sorted out. After that we'll have the ability to start posting member rides and their stories so start thinking about having your car on the club site!

Well, enough for me...

Dave Martin - Happy Cruizing

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

David P. Hartman

Ok, issue number two is here. I received some nice comments via email and snail mail as well. Thanks for those nice comments and well wishes. I try my humble best. <gag>

The "From the Bench" articles, courtesy of Dave Martin, are just a couple in a series he hopes to do about building his Daytona Coupe. So there may not be a "From the Bench" article in every issue. I'd like to mention here that anyone may contribute a 'Tech' article to "From the Bench". If you have work you've done on your car, fixing some small thing or redoing the whole car (like I'm doing at the moment) and have something that just might interest anyone else in the Club, go ahead and write it up. You can email it to me, or send it on a floppy disk (IBM/Clone format) or even burn it into a CD Rom and mail it to me. Save it as a "generic" text file or sometimes it's called "ascii text", depending on your word processor. You usually get to pick that option when you select "Save As" from the file menu. In the little box below the name of the file is a choice of selections and one might be as I mentioned.

By now I expect you've received your Knott's Show flyer and registration envelope. Make sure you make your reservations early, those of you traveling or planning to stay in Buena Park as that area of motels fills rather fast due to the various amusement attractions for the tourists in the area. Look at it this way, make your reservations now and, if you change your mind about going, you can always cancel later. Make sure to inquire about the cancellation requirements as they do change from motel to motel.

If you can assist with the running of the Knott's Show, working in a ticket booth selling Knott's tickets for a few hours, helping with the parking lot setup on Friday, or even the last minute stuff early Saturday, helping the check in and registration tent, let Dave Martin know so he can put you on a list. If you don't help, Dave will put you on a different list, but we won't go into that in a family publication like this one.

I mentioned earlier that I was redoing my car. I don't know how many of you saw it at last year's show with the rear body clip torn off. Well, I have the new clip and it's installed and being finished. A few minor touch ups and modifications here and there. I also decided to repaint the whole car a new color. I was kind of tired of white. Then there's the interior. The carpet was old and dingy and the dash was getting cracks in spots and the

seats needed a bit of work as well. So, I got new seat covers that will match the new exterior paint and also new carpet to match as well as a whole new dashboard and instruments. Oh, I also eliminated the stock "moon roof". Some people call it a sun roof and I suppose they might be correct, it sure let a lot of the sun in! Because of my height, I wanted to keep the opening on the interior side for the much needed head room clearance, but wanted to get rid of the annoying sun in the eyes at midday and excess heat problem. The glass was supposed to be coated (and it was) but it never managed to keep out any of the heat and didn't do much in blocking the glare and light either.

ACTIVITIES

Steve Rounds

February meeting is at Chuck Beck Motorsports, 14120 Live Oak Ave., Unit "C", Baldwin Park, CA 91706 at 10:00 AM

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