



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Head Lug Nut

Dave Martin

Hi All,

Our next meeting will be a club meeting at the Sizzler's in Diamond Bar on Palomino and is set for Saturday the 25th of June at 11am. We'll tie off on Knott's and start the planning for this year's Club Sandwich in Laughlin – Mike Dresbach is the man to contact on that event. We've tentatively have Knott's set for the same weekend next year so, for you long-term planners, put your vacation time in now!

July 16th is the Braille Ralley in downtown Los Angeles. This is a great event and is one of our Clubs' chosen charities. Registration and information can be obtained from calling the Braille Institute at (323) 663-1111. If you don't want to run your car, come on down as a volunteer which is what I did last year. It's a great experience for the students at the institute and for the drivers.

Now with Knott's done we're back to the website and we've started with some major updates.

Events are now up and available with contact numbers. We'll be listing both Club events and other events in Southern Cal that you might just like to know about including your local hot rod swap meet dates. Let us know if there's something in your area and we'll post it.

Knott's 2005 Winners pictures are up. We now have three years posted and it's interesting to see who wins every year. We're working on a "map" of the show where you can find a car based on its space/location. We'll let you know when we figure that one out!

Members Rides are now posted. If you go to the "Membership" page you'll find a link to it and we can now post your beauty and your story with it. I've loaded in members that I had some things on already but it's open to all members. Just send me your story and whatever

pictures you want posted and I'll take care of it. You can see the spread of ideas from a simple one liner and picture to an ongoing build story like my Daytona Coupe. It's up to you as it's your site.

We're also looking at posting the Newsletters here so if you hate loose mail around your house you should soon be able to catch up on the web – as long as your boss doesn't catch you. Also plan to link to other club websites in the near future so it will be easier to get around the hobby.

Check it out at www.replicarclub.com and let us know what you think.

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. If your 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's got a problem we can get the club looking for a solution that much sooner.

I'm going to start early this year (as compared to last at least). My two-year stint as El Presidente ends this year – look at the bylaws we sent you – so we need to see about the chain of succession. I've really enjoyed working with the last two Boards and all the members I've had the pleasure of talking to over the last couple of years and I expect to put my wisdom to work in another capacity within the board/club so I'm not planning a retirement. **Time to step up!** It's not a big headache or time sink to be a board member you just have to be motivated to want to be a part of the action. Elections are in another couple of months so get involved! Start by meeting us in Diamond Bar on the 25th! I might even convince the rest of the board to buy lunch...

Well, enough for me...

Dave Martin - Happy Cruizing

Deadline for the July issue is June 26.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

David P. Hartman

YEAH! My car is finally done! There are a few minor "bugs" that have cropped up, but then, with any such extensive rebuild there's bound to be something that doesn't work right when everything is completed. I still need the side stripes, but that was planned on. My speedometer didn't work, but it was an easy fix. I attached the incorrect wire from the Fiero wire harness to the Stewart Warner speedo. A quick drop of the dash and a wire swap fixed that. My cruise control didn't work either and I figured out why, with the help of one of the local Chicagoland Replicar Club members. He has a Ferrari on a Fiero chassis and ran into the same problems with his after market gauges. It seems that the Fiero takes the signal from the speed sensor at the transmission, sends it to the speedometer gauge pc board (it's an all electronic gauge) and then that signal is divided by two and sent to the car ECM module (main brain) where it's used to control the cruise control and the engine timing and fuel injection control at higher speeds. So, I had to rig up the Fiero speedometer pc board to just do that, since I really don't care about the speed indicator part. All this should take no more than an hour or two. The new dash is easy to take down and reinstall and I put connector plugs on everything. I promised Dave I'd get him a couple of photos for the Club web page, so in a month there should be something on the web site about my car.

I noticed that Dave Martin mentioned in his column that elections were coming up. I did a stint as the Newsletter Editor from 1996 until I had to move out of state in the middle of 2001. At that time Mike Dresbach took up the reins and did a good job. Then, when he was getting tied up with work and other things and wanted to be replaced, Dave asked me if I was interested in doing this again. I pointed out that as a Board member, it was a bit far to commute to Board meetings from Chicago but, if the Board could accept that limitation, I'd be glad to again be the Editor. Back in 1996 I was "railroaded" into the job, and promised assistance from a friend of mine. After the first couple months, I was getting the hang of the routine and was actually enjoying doing this for the Club. Why do I bring this up? Well, you may think you're too busy or maybe not wanting or willing to accept the "burden" of a position on the Board or feel you don't know enough about operating a Club. Let me tell you that the jobs aren't that hard and everyone on the Board will help you if you have a problem with something. I've been involved with other clubs in the past: A flying club, a Ham Radio club, and this car club. Of all of them, this club has been the most fun to be involved with. Think about any of the positions (except Editor), and if you want to give it a try, call a local board member and mention you're interested. Call him or her and ask what's involved with their position and what they do. Most of it will involve showing up at Board meetings and voting on items concerning the Club's operation. One thing to keep in mind, if you've been wanting the Club to do more "stuff", here's your chance to be on the Board and maybe get some of those things started.

I want to take this time to thank all those that assisted with the operation at Knott's during the show. From manning the main tent and helping with announcements, to selling Knott's park tickets, helping with the morning check-in and registration, assisting with parking and keeping the parking lot lanes clear. Knott's is the great fun and success that it is because of those of you that help out behind the scenes. I usually wander

around during the show and sometimes ask an entrant what they think of the event. I can say that all of them are amazed and impressed with the show, especially if it's their first time attending. Keep up the good work, people. Let's keep on making Knott's a show event to be proud of and talk about.

You Cobra drivers need to take notice. The gentlemen who entered the Dragon, DROVE that OPEN cockpit car to the show from New Hampshire! When they left, I understand that it was snowing and they also had some rain to contend with during the trip. I don't want to hear any more of that, "I can't drive my car, it's raining" excuses.

ACTIVITIES

Steve Rounds

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25th. Also, remember the Braille Rally in July. Dave Martin has mentioned some details in his column.

Suggestions for monthly meeting activities are welcome. Give any one of your Board members a call with your suggestion.

If you have questions, suggestions, or comments, please call any of the board members listed below. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and outings.

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