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From the Head Lug Nut by Dave Martin

Hi All.

We had a very enthusiastic group turn out for the Otis Chandler Museum trip and it was well worth it. Seems since the last time I was there – about 10 years ago – the direction of the museum has been to move from rare muscle cars to even more rarer classics and boy were there some gorgeous rare ones in that category! We finished the day at the Way Point Cafe at the Camarillo airport where you could eat some great burgers and watch the planes take off. Check out the pictures on the club website, www.replicarclub.com.

October is Club Sandwich in Laughlin, Nevada. This is one of those great events that combine family with a quick dash across the desert in our cars which, let's face it, we're all looking forward to. We're set at Laughlin's Riverside Resort for the 22nd and 23rd of October with the dash across the desert to be Friday the 21st. For those of you going up Friday we'll be meeting at the Barstow Train Station McDonalds which is right at the top of the Main Street off ramp of the I-15 at 10am. A fun time is guaranteed for all!

You should have received our ballot for the 2006 Board of Directors election. This is pretty important so please take the time to complete the ballot and send it into our secretary, Dean Hornbacher, or to any board member. We'll be tallying up the results at the October meeting in Barstow so we can announce the results at the Club Sandwich brunch.

We're working on a Holiday brunch sometime early December (so as to miss all the family obligations and such) and should have that worked out by the next newsletter.

Knott's 2006 is tentatively set for April 22nd and 23rd, 2006 for those of you into long term planning. The date won't be locked in until we sign the contracts with Knott's in December but this will at least give you some advance notice for vacations and project schedules.

Still waiting for some more cars and articles from the club to put up on the website... Come on gang, I know you're out there somewhere.

Enough for me... See you in Laughlin! Happy Cruzing



The deadline for the November newsletter is October 28th. Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk by David Hartman

Have you ever wanted to put some "extra" lettering on your car? Maybe to show engine size, like 3.4L or 427ci, or maybe a model, like GT 40? I found this neat web www.youremblem.com, where you can order letters and numbers as well as some special characters. You can order these with a credit card, or send them an email and arrange another payment method. You are charged per letter/figure, plus shipping. They ship First Class mail. My order was made late on a Friday afternoon and I received the order in the following Monday's mail! These are stick-ons, like many of the new car emblems, with a double sided sticky tape that comes already attached to the letters. There are very simple and clear instructions on how to apply these letters. For that added touch to your car, check out the site and make up your own mind.

As Dave has pointed out, the Laughlin Club Sandwich is coming up. Make sure you've made your room reservations. All the info was in a previous newsletter, along with the ballot.

Please do fill out your ballot and mail it in before the deadline so we can have those votes counted and the new Board members announced. Those of you not going to Laughlin will have to wait until the November newsletter to read about it. Hopefully I'll have a few photos of Laughlin to put into the newsletter. They may be only black and white gray scale, but hey, you get what you pay for, right? Color in a newsletter like ours is a bit expensive and if we ever have any color, it will be for special stuff.

Tech articles for the newsletter are welcome. A tech article does NOT have to be anything special. You can write up something about a build on your car or a modification you made. Any photos about it would help, of course, but it's not required. Other Club members would like to read about your trials and tribulations in building your car, or making that modification. If only to be aware of what they might have to do for their car to make something better or easier. Let's share that info around the Club, and not

just when we get together and chat about our cars. Heck, write about it now and, maybe at the next gathering, you'll find people coming over to check out your work and see what you did so they can do the same. Or, maybe they have an idea of how you can do it even easier and better. You never can tell where that next idea or bit of good information will come from.

I'm looking at various ideas for improving the brakes on my Fiero chassis. They're not the best there is and could be improved some. However, until I have more funds available, I can't try anything, so I can't write up anything about a brake improvement ... Yet.

One of the things I did to the car while it was undergoing it's new body installation and paint job was to eliminate the sun/moon roof. I'm going to do a quickie article about that in a future issue, since I have the photos I took all during the rebuild and the method used isn't the "normal" one most Fiero people use. Then again, I wasn't worried about being a Fiero purist. Look for that story coming soon in a future newsletter.

Activities

For now, please read Dave Martin's article for upcoming events.

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