



The Fuel Line



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The deadline for the March newsletter is February 25th.
Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

From the Desk of "El Presidente"

The Big Chili Cook-off is history and I have been informed I will sleep on the couch tonight! Had some good chili.

It was a great weather day in Westlake at Dave Martin's. Plus a great board meeting to kick the New Year off. All the board members were present, even David Hartman (Newsletter Editor) was out from Chicago and able to attend in person.

The board covered a lot of ground. Some of the topics covered were: Recruiting new members; Future events (if you haven't noticed a calendar of the year's events is published in the newsletter. Great job Ron B!); Knott's (Dave Martin has been busting (you know what) on it.).

Speaking of Knott's you all should have received your information mailing on this year's show. As you can see we have two new features this year, the "70's Corral" and "A.H.A. Extreme Handcrafted Award". The Corral is a blast to the past, the early days of the kit car industry.

The Extreme award is just what it means: A replica car that has gone beyond the norm in every aspect of craftsmanship & vision and the success of this resulting in creation that all can shake their heads and go **WOW!**

More to follow on this over the next couple months. Our web site will have more info on Knott's added. So make sure you mark April 22 & 23 on your calendar to be at the show (weather forecast is for no rain this year -----hopefully).

Buy the way yours truly won 2nd place in the chili cook off.

Later,
"El Presidente"
Dean Hornbacher

PS. Not to be a sore loser, Lou Anne Biggerstaff took 1st place and Mike Dresbach was 3rd.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk by David Hartman

As you read this, I am in southern California looking for a job. If I fail to get something in about a week, I'll be heading on to other places. If that happens, I'll be passing the Editor position, as I will not be able to take my computer stuff with me for a while. Here's hoping that I'll be able to stay in southern California. My email has changed, so take note of that. The return address on the newsletter is Dave Martins for now, until I get a place to live and can get regular mail delivered. I don't have a lot to say for now. Things have been in a big turmoil for me lately. Just keep me in your thoughts and wish me well.

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Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

March Event – Business Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th at 11 am at the Sizzler Restaurant in Diamond Bar. Knott's planning is well under way. However, detailed planning such, as finalizing job responsibilities, etc, will be primary on the agenda. All members are welcome. We especially invite those who may have

suggestions on how to make the Knott's Car Show even better or just want to listen in on the inner workings of car show planning. Lunch from the menu (pay-your-own-way) will be at approximately 12:30.

Here are the directions to Sizzlers. If southbound on 57 into Diamond Bar, exit at Sunset Crossing left, then turn right onto Diamond Bar Blvd, then left onto Palomino Dr. If northbound on 57, merge onto 60 East, exit at Diamond Bar Blvd right, then turn left onto Palomino Dr. If westbound on 60 into Diamond Bar, exit at Diamond Bar Blvd left, then turn left onto Palomino Dr. Sizzlers is on the left at 23525 Palomino Dr.

See you there!

SUGGESTIONS FOR MONTHLY MEETING ACTIVITIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. GIVE ANY ONE OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS A CALL WITH YOUR SUGGESTION.

Knott's Notes Dave Martin

Hi all, it will be another month before I decode the secret language in the 2 boxes of financial records our past Treasurer left me this past weekend over chili – yes, she was laughing like crazy – so this month lets concentrate on Knott's.

By now you should have all gotten your registration packages as they automatically go to all members. If you haven't please drop me a note and I'll get one to you. You can also get all the same information on the club website at www.replicarclub.com.

We've finalized our contracts to Knott's and have started planning the event itself. This year we've got a couple of new things happening that we want all the membership to be aware of and involved in.

First, we will begin a new award aimed at the "high end" custom handcrafted cars. As you've walked the show the last couple of years I'm sure you've seen at least a couple of cars have stood out to you in the degree of finish and customization they've shown. We've always seen great cars with some attention to detail that is mind boggling but we're starting to see a trend of some builders to create truly outstanding vehicles that don't fit comfortably in our classes for the show. We've

decided to call this award the "**A.H.A. Extreme Handcrafted Award**" and will be a judged award given to the car that exemplifies the term "extreme handcrafted."

To qualify, cars must be one off designs or show extensive modification from the stock version, and be seen as a "*concept vehicle*." In other words, high dollar exact replicas of historic cars won't take it. This award will recognize those builders taking the industry to the next level while not taking class prizes out of the hands of those owners who do sweat the details and delivery of outstanding replicas. Entrants must apply for this class – Class X – and the A.H.A. Board will determine the actual members of this class. It might also be pointed out that cars that fit this criteria and do not apply on their own will be kindly asked to apply or be taken out of the overall judging pool to preserve the integrity of the other classes.

All classes at Knott's are "participant judged" meaning that the participants that are registered at the show are the ones who judge each other – the A.H.A. just tabulates their votes and gives the awards. The "*A.H.A. Extreme Handcrafted Award*" will be formally judged by three individuals using a pre-determined format. One judge will come from the A.H.A., one from the Kit Car industry and one from outside the Kit car industry but involved in cars.

What's in it for the winner you ask? Well they get a perpetual trophy that they get to display at their home/place of business for one year and then it's returned to us for the next winner, similar to the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) award. Why is this good? After a few years there will be comparisons drawn between this years winners and last. Hopefully winners will go on to distinguish themselves further in the industry so the comparisons will mean something. We're also giving the last 2 years of winners the prime show spots right in front of the A.H.A. tent, and based on past shows they get fought over by everyone. We're also looking at other prizes to award the winner and I'll keep you informed as we go forward. Any ideas? Please let any Board member know.

Also this year we're proud to present a tribute to the history of handcrafted automobiles - the cars, people and companies that have helped create the

world around us in the kit car industry. We're setting up a space within the show area and dedicating it to those cars and groups that represent the world of handcrafted automobiles during the 1950's, 60's and 70's. We encouraging displays of the "early days" – photo's, manufacturing documents, histories. We'd also like to display the beginnings of the A.H.A. and could use some help by members to man the booth and answer questions. Let us know.

If you are interested in displaying within the corral, or helping in the setup, contact our Corral Wrangler – Darren Friedman at (805)375-0033 or Darren@replicarclub.com

Last thing... we're working on the short list of nominees for our Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) trophy and want to get input from the membership. We like to base the award on personal experiences from members in the purchase and build of their rides along with adding the opinions of the industry through other sources. This is an important award so *please*, get us your inputs good or bad.

Enough for now...

Dave

The following article has been submitted by Club member Norman Phair

I sent a letter to Curt Scott, the publisher of the Kitcar.com website. It was a complaint by me about V-8 Archie, who makes a conversion kit for a Fiero when installing a Chevy V8 engine. I also sent a letter to the Chicago BBB since Archie conducts his business in that state. This month's letter will be my letter to Curt which he posted on his website and next month, Archie's answer to the BBB and in April, my answer to Archie's BBB letter.

August 2005, V8 Archie, Barrington, Illinois. We received an affidavit from Norman Phair, Studio City, California, that reads in part:

I do hereby ascertain that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Re: My experience dealing with V8 Archie (i.e., Clete Archambault)

I bought a kit car with a V8 Archie (engine conversion) kit already installed. The engine was replaced and the Archie kit was installed. Unfortunately the shop that did the work did not check the alignment of the starter gear with the flywheel and teeth were broken off the flywheel when starting the car. The shop that did the work would not take responsibility for this mistake.

I phoned Archie and explained the whole story of the car. I sent him pictures at his request. He could not determine from the pictures as to what was causing the problem. He was not willing to try and help me and said, "I'm not interested in participating in your little war."

I was frustrated and the car sat in my garage of 2 years.

I am on the board of the AHA (Association of Handcrafted Automobiles, in southern California) and I spoke to Archie on April 23, 2004 (at the AHA's Knott's Berry Farm Show), not telling him about our previous encounter. He promised he would get me the names of six people in California that are familiar with his kit.

Thereafter:

Archie told me "I emailed them to you 3 times" — yet I never received them.

Archie later claimed "I faxed them to you 2 times" — yet I never received any of them.

I asked him if he could give me the names over the phone, he replied "Yes".

When I called I got excuse after excuse (to wit):

"I didn't (get it from) the computer at home."

"I forgot to bring the list."

"I didn't bring my briefcase."

"I drove my wife's car."

"I'm too busy to talk", and the best one:

It was in my pants pocket and it went through the washing machine."

He advised me to call him at home on his cell phone and he would give me the names.

I called 7 or 8 times and he would answer the phone and hang up.

I confronted him on the phone in July 2005 as to why he never gave me the names he promised. After a few exchanges of unpleasant words he told me to "shove it up my a--."

Norman Phair

For sale items are free to club members for as long as you need or until the item sells. Non-members can advertise in the newsletter for the cost of \$4.00 per issue, with a 3 month minimum.

2006 Calendar of Events

March

Saturday the 11th

Business Meeting (all members welcome)
Sizzlers, 23525 Palomino Drive, Diamond Bar
11 AM

April

Saturday the 8th

Goody Bag Stuffing & Business Meeting (all members welcome)
At the Hornbacher's House (see directions)
10 AM, Lunch at 12 (Club buys the lunch)

April

Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd

27th Annual Fun Under The Sun
Knott's Berry Farm Car Show

May

Car Show Worker Recognition Luncheon
Date, Time & Place TBD

July

Saturday the 15th

Braille Sports Car Rally
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029

August

TBD

September

24th Annual Handcrafted Automobile Concourse

Saturday & Sunday, September 9th & 10th

Northern California Kit Car Club Show at San Leandro
Marina
www.nckcc.com

7th Annual Cruisin' For A Cure

Saturday the 23rd

Orange County Fair & Expo Center, Costa Mesa

October

Starts Friday the 13th

Club Sandwich at Laughlin, Nevada

November

TBD

December

Annual Christmas Party
(date to be provided)