



The Fuel Line



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

Well the results are in from Florida, and I am the winner! All the ballots counted, hanging chads and all. I am the new El Presidente of the AHA. The truth be known I was the only one that could be fooled into taking it, “As the president all you have to do is delegate every thing”.

All kidding aside I am looking forward to this honor. The AHA is a very well respected Club within the replica industry. It has a long history of promoting the industry. This is truly an honor.

In the replica car industry longevity has been an elusive quality. 2006 will mark the 27th year of the Club’s existence. By any standard this is truly a compliment to the individuals who have been board members and members through the years, people with a real passion for replica cars.

We have a new Board with a lot of familiar faces plus one new one. I am looking forward to be working with all the other Board members. Our new Membership Chairman (Darren Friedman) has a lot of new ideas and approaches he has come forward with already. We as a Board are all open for any ideas and suggestions you might have to impart that will help with the growth and effectiveness of the AHA.

The Christmas luncheon at the Queen Mary was a success. Not a large turn out but all who attended had an enjoyable time. Back when the AHA was first coming into being the Queen Mary was one of the first outings for the fledgling club, very appropriate to have an event here for historical memories.

We were also entertained by a pod of dolphins feeding in the harbor next to the ship while eating our cheesecake dessert. Some club members went on the Russian sub next to the Queen. The last I saw of Dave Martin he was putting on a Russian Admiral’s hat and stating “I will command something!”

One of the biggest challenges faced by our Club is member attendance at events. I know our membership is scattered all over southern California and beyond so

this makes for a real logistics problem when trying to set up events. Also, with being in southern California, there is an abundance of events competing for one’s leisure time, let alone the traffic congestion that seems to be with us no matter what day or time of the week one travels the roads anymore. Having been born and raised in southern California I have seen how travel has gone from an enjoyable experience to the fringe of road rage.

Over time the number of members in the Club as well as the number participating in events has dropped off. The challenge for the Board is to see if we can reverse this trend.

Look for some changes at the Knott’s show this year ... nothing major, just some peaking and tweaking. Dave Martin has been working on several of these changes with people from within the Club and in the replica industry. There will be more news to follow on this in the coming months.

Our next event will be the “Chile Cook Off” at Dave Martin’s on the 28th of January. This is also our Knott’s kick off meeting for the new year. If you want to be a voice in the Knott’s planning, be there!

One last item: the Club web page! What a job Dave Martin has done to improve it and make it a real functional tool for the AHA. If you have not yet spent time “Surfing” it, please spend some time visiting it.

Till next Month “El Presidente” signing off.

Dean Hornbacher

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk by David Hartman

I hope everyone had happy holidays and came through safe and unhurt. I'm looking forward to the coming year and all those marvelous changes at Knott's our new President, Dean was talking about. (How's that for putting you on the spot, Dean?)

I received an email from the President of the Arizona Kit Car Club (AKCC) telling me that they are now in the magazine business! Wow! I look forward to seeing their first issue. I was also told about their new Editor and a change of address for him so my exchange issue can go to the correct person.

I have a map and directions to Dave Martin's somewhere in this issue. If it looks familiar, it's the same one from last year, just recycled. The glories of digital storage, doncha know.

Speaking of Dave Martin, I want to thank him for his articles during the past year, both for his President's column and the various "From The Bench" technical articles. It's always nice to get some help with the newsletter in the form of space fillers. Dave was asking me about maybe doing color pictures once in a while. I'm all for it. Color, however, can be expensive to have printed. We have discussed a color laser printer for the club to print the various items the club needs during the course of a year. Most of that is taking place right at the start of the year for the Knott's show. While the cost of a laser printer would be high to start with, the end result would enable us to have the massive Knott's printing done as well as maybe a color insert for the newsletter once in a while. Just how we get that part done is going to be interesting.

We have new blood on the Board this year. Darren Friedman is our Membership Director. You can be expecting comments from him in the newsletter as well as getting hit up for your dues at the Knott's show. Speaking of dues, you did get the renewal notice in last month's newsletter, I hope? My mailing list for this year is going to be pruned of non-paying members, so get your dues paid up early.

I usually try to have a Knott's registration flyer in the January issue, but I'm not going to push Dave for them this year. I'm sure he'll get them to me before too long and hopefully I'll have it in the February issue.

I'm changing the format of my email version of the newsletter. It will be in PDF format going forward. Hopefully everyone has a free Adobe Reader. If not, go to the Adobe web site and download the free Adobe Reader there. This should make my email version a lot more stable and, as a plus, should make it easier for Dave to post the newsletter on the Club web site.

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January Event - Chili Cook Off

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, at 11 a.m. at Dave Martin's house. This will be our umpteenth annual Chili Cook Off. Please bring a pot of your favorite recipe chili to share and to be judged. We will have prizes or trophies or ... ? (we haven't decided yet) for the top three winners. If you aren't into chili cooking, bring a salad or dessert (or call Dave for suggestions). This will be the first meeting for the 2006 Board of Directors. Knott's planning is well under way and further planning will be primary on the agenda.

Also, there is a rumor going around again that there is a Daytona Coupe somewhere in Dave's garage. I don't know. Last January the same rumor was going around and we couldn't find any evidence of it anywhere. Please join us in the hunt for the phantom Daytona on January 28th.

Here are the directions to Dave's house: Get on the 101 West heading toward Ventura. At about 15 miles past Woodland Hills, exit on Lindero Canyon Road and turn left. Turn right onto Triunfo Canyon Road. Travel to the first stoplight and turn left onto Three Springs Drive. After seven speed bumps and one S-turn, turn right onto Kirsten Lee Drive. Turn right onto Yellowwood Drive. Stop at 2636 Yellowwood Drive, Westlake Village, 91361. If you get lost, call Dave at (818) 597-8797.

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

2006 Calendar of Events

January 28th

Chili Cook Off

At the Martin's House (see directions)

Saturday at 11 AM

March 11th

Business Meeting (all members welcome)

Sizzlers, 23525 Palomino Drive, Diamond Bar

Saturday at 11 AM

April 11th

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

27th Annual Fun Under The Sun

Knott's Berry Farm Car Show

Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd

May

Car Show Worker Recognition Luncheon

Date, Time & Place TBD

July

Braille Rally

(date to be provided)

September

24th Annual Handcrafted Automobile Concourse

Northern California Kit Car Club Show at San Leandro

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Saturday & Sunday, September 9th & 10th

7th Annual Cruisin' For A Cure

Orange County Fair & Expo Center, Costa Mesa

Saturday the 23rd

October

Club Sandwich at Laughlin, Nevada

Starts Friday the 13th

November

TBD

December

Annual Christmas Party

(date to be provided)