



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. Car shows and cruise nights are starting to pop up all over the place. Now if work and home projects would cooperate I might be able to get ye old cobra out for a bit of cruising in.

It seems that the Ford boys (Fabulous Fords) acted faster than us this year and have heisted our normal Knott's show dates for next year. You got to be fast sometimes to catch those "blue oval" boys! Anyway after licking our wounds we have reserved April 29th & 30th 2007 for our 28th Knott's show. Looking on the positive of this later date there is a lesser chance of bad weather spoiling things.

Although the 27th show was a success it was not a great financial success. We went slightly below our budget expectations but not enough to keep us from being able to donate to charitable causes. We are going to donate to the Braille Institute this year as we did last year.

Speaking of Knott's, even though the 27th version is not even a distant memory, it is time to start thinking of the 28th version. Planning and organizing it is just not a short term event but one that requires 365 days of preparation. So, does any one have some suggestions on how we can improve the Knott's show? Don't be afraid to speak up and get involved. The floor is yours, call or e-mail myself or any of the board members, let us know what you feel can help to keep the show strong and vibrant. Stagnation is the greatest enemy of any enterprise. The Knott's show is not broken but like any high performance engine it needs an occasional tune up.

We are putting together a survey/questionnaire to be sent out to the manufactures that have supported the Knott's show over the years. The purpose of this survey is to find out what helps bring value in participating in our show to their business and how we can help to make sure the show keeps this value for them. With out their continued support the Knott's show would just become another ordinary car show.

I hope to have some stories and pictures to post on my upcoming trip to Shell Valley's 35th anniversary in

the next news letter. Darren Friedman is caravanning out with me, bringing his show stopping silver cobra! The boys in Nebraska will never be the same.

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

by David Hartman

I hope all of you enjoy the two page color insert in this issue. Many thanks to Dave Martin for all his work doing that part of the newsletter and getting it to me in a timely manner to be inserted. There will be other color inserts as event coverage permits. I also expect to see some coverage from Dave of his Daytona Coupe. There are some thought about this color insert. One of them was a one time For Sale ad to members who have their car listed for sale in the back of the newsletter, allowing them to have a color photo of their car to better aid in the sale. This may be an additional cost ad to the member. (After all, it is in color!)

We're not having a Board meeting in June, and probably not in July, due to conflicts with vacation and work schedules. I want to point out that in August the Board will be considering the elections of Officers for the next year. The ballots go out in the September issue and are due back by the Club Sandwich event in October. Now, the reason I'm bringing this up now is, if anyone is interested in being on the Board and contributing to the operation of the Club, let a Board member know so we can place you on the ballot list. Many of the current Board members have served on the Board in various positions for many years. It's not that we don't enjoy doing this, if we hated it, we'd do something else. But, new blood on the Board is always welcome. Darren, for instance, is new in the Membership position and has many great ideas. It's nice to see such enthusiasm and interest in improving the Club. One position that, while not a Board position, is a very important position. That is the person doing the Knott's Show coordination every year. Dave Martin has done an admirable job these past two years and has mentioned that he'd like to "train" an assistant to take over. Anyone interested in being Dave's helper during this next year, with an eye to take over the major planning work the following year, get in contact with Dave and have a chat with him as to what is involved.

Another event to mark down on your calendar is the Northern California Kit Car Club's annual San Leandro show. It's the weekend after Labor Day. Several of the Board members are planning on attending and maybe even do a convoy up I-5 on Friday just before the show. Check out the flyer included in this issue. If you'd like to convoy up to San Leandro, get in touch with a Board member who's going. At the moment, I believe Dean, Darren, and myself are planning on making the trip so far. I usually leave southern Orange County very early to get thru the L.A. traffic before it's too heavy. I usually stop on the other side of the Grapevine at the first rest area and can wait there for a gathering of people. I don't want to wait too long, however. I like to get into the motel in San Leandro with enough time to do some bug clean up on my car and rest a bit before dinner. The San Leandro show is a lot of fun, very casual, and a chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

June – No formal AHA event planned.

June is when in Southern Cal there is literally an explosion of car show events taking place. I personally have over a dozen car show flyers for car shows during the month just in my neck of the woods (Pomona, Montclair, Rancho, Glendora, Riverside, Paris, etc). And that doesn't count the "show & shines" at the local burger joints or doughnut shops. I'm sure it's the same story in Orange County or up north towards Camarillo. So, just pick one or more, dust off the hobby car and "join in". I don't have a hand-built car at the moment, but I plan to show my El Camino a couple of times in June.

The next formal event for the AHA is the annual Braille Institute Rally on July 15th. The Braille Institute is one of the charities we support and for the rally we need workers and cars. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

2006 Calendar of Events

July

Saturday the 15th

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

August

Event TBD

Planning date: 12 August

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)

2007 Calendar

January
Chili Cook Off

April
Knott's Show
tentative dates
28th and 29th