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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

The 27th Knott's show is history. "Fun under the Sun", it was fun and yes there was sun!

Before I go any further I want to thank all the club members who helped to make the show a success. But the person who deserves the biggest round of applause is Dave Martin! Not just applause but a standing ovation! The position of Knott's coordinator is difficult and thankless sometimes. One has to be a diplomat, a father confessor, a magician, and little bit Mother Teresa. I really don't think anyone can appreciate this fact unless they have been the coordinator, right Ron?

It was not a record year for participants but it was a good showing. We only had a couple of manufactures drop out on us but we had a last minute one show up. We did not have any major complaints, just a few minor ones. What would the show be without someone unhappy? All in all it was a good show.

The banquet was the high point for me. What made it the high point was the honor I felt in being able to give our annual Good Manufacturing Practices award to Bruce Meyers. This man is a legend in the kit car industry as well as the racing, automotive and numerous others. It was a real pleasure to see the joy he felt to have this recognition of his efforts bestowed upon him (I thought he was going to cry). He is a very humble man, something you would not expect in this day and age of self promotion. It is good to see Bruce and his family back in the industry manufacturing a car again.

We also honored Curt Scott for his efforts as an unofficial watch dog and whistle blower in the industry through the years. He was surprised and appreciative of the recognition of his efforts.

The 70's corral was a success, thanks to Darren Freidman for this.

Our introduction of the Extreme trophy was a little disappointing, only one car for the first year, but we really did not expect a large participation in this class on its maiden voyage. Next year will be another story and I think we might see at least 3 cars in this class.

There are more club activities coming this year. I hope that all could make at least one this year.

Again I want to thank all who attended Knott's and helped to make it a success. We will have more information on next years Knott's posted soon.

Look for more changes to come for Knott's next year.

Our next meeting will be on May 20th at Sizzler in Diamond Bar.

In June 3^{rd} & 4^{th} I will be driving to Columbus, NE to attend Shell Valley/Midstates 35^{th} anniversary gathering (I will

trailer the Cobra, at \$3+ a gallon for fuel, and my car gets 7-8 MPG and the truck pulling the trailer gets 12-13 MPG). I hope to have good stories to write about and pictures to post on our web site.

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

by David Hartman

Ok, first I want to draw your attention to some email address changes in the Board of Directors area. Darren Friedman has a new address as does Ron Biggerstaff. Ron's address has an underscore line, as in "ron_big". I thought I should mention that since the underscore doesn't show the way these word processors always underline email address' or hyperlinks to web sites.

Those of you that didn't make it to the Knott's Show missed a fun time. I sure had fun, checking out the various cars and concepts people have. My Directors Award went to the very unusual three wheeler from Nevada. Powered by a VW Passat I believe, front wheel drive and steering and pulling a small trailer. As much as I like GT 40's (gee, I wonder why?). I thought this car was cute and showed imagination. Plus, he drove it to the show from Nevada. I also enjoyed seeing all those Kellisons. It's been quite a while since we've had that many at a show. It's nice to see the older kits still on the road and running. I can remember in the late 60's, looking at several FiberFab kits and trying to decide which one I'd like to try and build. However, my hobbies turned in another direction, then, and the Marines also wanted me to do a bit of traveling around the world. It would be another 25 years before I got back around to the kit world and the GT 40 I now drive.

Included in this issue are several inserts. One if from Ed Russell and his activities at the Chino Airport and the Planes of Fame Museum. The coupon is for General Admission, but, if you want to get into the car show event they are having at the same time, be there at 8AM and parking and entrance is free. Thre will be a special entrance for cars going into the car show part of the event. Bring your pride and joy and mention that you're in the show and vou'll get into the event free. The next flyer is from Operations Plus. Bob Shaw has been a supporter of the Knott's Show for many years and asked if he could include a flyer for the cost of postage for a months delivery. I agreed and would like to thank Bob for his continued support of A.H.A. activities. Those of you that would like to put some period decals on your car should consider Bob's line of Static Cling decals. I've used them in the past and think very highly of them. I didn't have any on my car this year because mine are somewhere in a

storage unit and I didn't have the chance to look for them before the show. However, maybe for our Laughlin event I'll have them installed.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

May Event – AHA Knott's Car Show Workers Recognition Luncheon

The AHA Knott's Car Show Workers Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th at 11 am at the Sizzler Restaurant in Diamond Bar. All members are welcome. A short business meeting before lunch will be held to discuss current business including the Knott's Car Show to capture lessons learned, and to review a quick look at the event statistics. Lunch from the menu (the club picks up the tab) will be at approximately 12:00 pm.

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.

2006 Calendar of Events

<u>May</u>

Car Show Workers Recognition Luncheon
Saturday the 20th at 11 am at the Sizzler Restaurant in Diamond
Bar.

<u>July</u>

Braille Sports Car Rally 741 North Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90029 Saturday the 15th

August

TBD

September

24th Annual Handcrafted Automobile Concourse Northern California Kit Car Club Show at San Leandro Marina www.nckcc.com 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)