



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

November is here! Fall and day light savings time, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, tis the holiday season. It all seems like a blur after a while. Where did the year go?

Anyway my wife and I went up old Highway 395 to Bishop for the "Owens Valley Cruisers Fall Colors" car show and we had a great time. Yes, Dave, the cobra was a "Trailer Queen". The show is held at the fair grounds on the grass! What a nice change from parking lots and streets. About 300+ cars were there. There was even a class and separate area for old travel trailers. There was a guy there with an old VW bug made into a motor home, quite unique, and very well done. I even made a pitch to him about bringing it to Knott's next year.

After the end of judging all the cars piled out of the fair grounds and did a cruise up and down the main drag (395) for about an hour. Kind of strange to see Hot Rods, Classics, Muscle Cars and what ever cruising along with 18-wheelers hauling cattle on 395, only in Bishop!

On Sunday morning there was a poker run from Bishop all the way up to South Lake, at an elevation of 9,200ft. I decided not to take the cobra on the run but my truck instead. I knew the naturally aspirated carbureted and high lift cam engine would not like it.

The fall colors were beautiful on the way to South Lake, reds, gold, yellows, browns, nature's colors at their best.

As we headed out we noticed a number of other folks from the show felt the same way I did and brought their trucks. The higher in elevation we went you could smell and see black (rich) smoke out the pipes of some of the cars. A few looked like a fat guy trying to run around the block. At a time like this there is a lot to be said for electronic fuel injection.

After the run the awards ceremony took place in the main auditorium at the fair grounds. Nice trophy plaques were given out. Someone in their club must have an engraving machine because all the plaques had the name of the winner engraved in it. All in all a real good show and good time, plan to attend next year.

The following weekend was "Club Sandwich". Some of the club members meet at "Peggy Sue's" off the

15 in Yermo. If you have never stopped there, DO. Quite the place and the food was not bad at all.

Nice turn out this year from both sides of the boarder, state borders that is. Twenty-four cars and fifty-one people.

Late Friday afternoon a thunderstorm moved through, raising havoc for awhile. Early Saturday morning a storm moved through again and the skies were threatening. With this in mind the decision to move the show across the street to the Riverside's covered parking structure was made. Of course the rain never came while we were there but when the judging was over and most everyone moved back across some bad weather moved in again but it was nothing.

Sunday morning we had a nice awards brunch and all headed home. Another successful "Club Sandwich" in spite of a little rain.

Also the election results are in and the board remains the same. You all had your chance but now you will have to wait till next year's election.

We have only one more club event before the end of the year and that is our Christmas dinner gathering. We will be holding it at the Queen Mary. More on this in the newsletter.

I know the holiday season is quite demanding some times but if you can try and make it out to the Queen and let's talk about the AHA and next year. Looking forward to seeing ya there! Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" (for another Year!)

Dean Hornbacher

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mailing list are getting the reservation information. If you have paid and my record wasn't updated, please call me for a copy or call Ron Biggerstaff by Ron's deadline to make a reservation with him. Getting a proper count is important, so do not delay.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

December Event

December marks our Holiday Party and we are planning to follow on the success of the very popular event location we chose last year. The party will be Saturday, December 9th and will be at the Queen Mary, Long Beach Harbor. We have reserved space in the Promenade Café at 1:30 PM with a view of the harbor and afterwards have the run of the ship. Details about the function are included on the attached flyer. We need to have guests **confirm attendance before December 1st** so that we can send a final guarantee number to Restaurant Sales.

Admission onto the Queen Mary is complimentary for guests attending this event, a \$22.95 value. Enter through the hotel entrance and refer to "Association of Handcrafted Automobiles" and proceed to the Promenade Café. But wait, it gets even better. The AHA Board has agreed to pick up a chunk of the lunch bill. Admission and lunch will only cost you \$15 each or \$30 a couple.

Also available are guided tours (World War II Tour, Behind-the-Scenes Tour, Scorpion Submarine Film & Tour), a Ghosts & Legends Show, and an Exhibition of Photography by George Hurrell. More information is available on www.queenmary.com. The tours are all additional cost ranging from a total package deal at \$29.95 to \$10.95 for only the Submarine Film & Tour. Group discounts may be available if we, as a group, decide on an event(s). We'll poll the group after the luncheon.

We're also going to do a volunteer gift exchange, so if you are interested in participating, please bring a wrapped same gender gift not to exceed \$25 and we'll draw for them after the luncheon.

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

Treasurer's Report by Dave Martin

Hi All,

Laughlin was a fun time for all, other than the raging desert thunderstorm that swept thru Friday night! We would have gotten some pictures of it to share but

The deadline for the December newsletter is December 9th. Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

by David Hartman

Wow! Great time at Laughlin! If you didn't go, you missed a fun time. Although Mother Nature tried to rain on or fun, we fooled her, with the assistance of the Riverside Hotel Casino. They provided an area on the second floor of their covered parking structure on short notice for us to move our cars into on Saturday morning where cleaning off the nights water spots took place. Then the judging, headed by Mike Dresbach, and we were done for the day and free to play. The only thing I missed were the usual spectators wandering through the show car area asking the usual questions (Is it real?) And allowing us a chance to brag about our cars to the unwashed public. But, Saturday evening proved to be a winner for me. Yep, I was playing my last \$20 on dollar slots (gotta go out big!) And I hit a triple 7 jackpot for \$180!! This, folks paid for my trip, except for the gas up and back. My profit after all that was about \$20 more taking home than I spent total. That's the reason we go to Laughlin. The fun of the cars and the casino. I'm already looking forward to next year.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is the information about the Christmas Party Luncheon at the Queen Mary, for all you paid members. To save printing costs and paper, only the newsletters going to paid members on my

Dean and I were too busy trying to get his car back into the trailer while Darren was standing in the middle of the parking lot, in pouring rain with lightning strikes happening around him – filming us! Darren also introduced Dean and I to a great many vices during the weekend for which will have full color pages later to exhibit.

Anyway... Knott's is now confirmed for April 28th and 29th 2007. Contracts are signed and a budget has been approved with the board at our October meeting in Laughlin. Knott's has increased fee's this year – something we've gotten away without for the last two years – so everything's going to go up by about \$5. We're also going to be having our Chicken Dinner at the Lagoon Pavilion this year - which is right next to the show - instead of inside the park. There's a lot of character to the Lagoon – and that's before Dean, Darren and Norman show up – and we'll also be doing a little more this year in the way of raffles during dinner and prizes for automobile knowledge. Packages go out January so start your planning now. Volunteers need to start letting us know early next year so please start thinking about pitching in our clubs one major event of the year.

From the finance point of view our balance sheet is very strong and in no danger of causing the club any difficulties. Our membership participation is still where we would like to see more of, so come on, you too can stand in the middle of a thunderstorm and film others work!

From the Bean Counter...

Dave

2006 Calendar of Events

November

(No meeting planned)

December

Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, Dec 9th

2007 Calendar of Events

January

Chili Cook Off
At the Martin's House
Saturday the 20th, at 11 AM

February

(TBD)

March

Goody Bag Stuffing & Business Meeting
(date TBD)

April

28th Annual Fun Under The Sun
Knott's Berry Farm Car Show
Saturday & Sunday, **April 28th & 29th**

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving