



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

I just came back from a week long business trip to Tucson and realized that my article for the newsletter was due (thanks David for the reminder).

Speaking about Tucson, it is their "Monsoonal" season and boy is the Sonora desert beautiful from all that rain. In fact several of the days that I was there we had several late afternoon storms that moved thru Tucson. I have been to Tucson numerous times over last 15 years and have never seen it this green, beautiful.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter I was going to Hot August Nights (HAN) in Reno, I had a wonderful time. This year there seemed to be more replicas and recreations of different makes and models than ever. The operative word of "clone" seemed to appear a whole bunch. Clone Z28, Yenka, GTX Hemi, Hemi Cuda, and on and on. Some clones were great but some were an insult to the originals. As originals become pricier and rarer the more clones, recreations and replicas are going to be out there. There is a company in Oregon that is making 60s muscle car recreations and boy are they great, even down to the old center screw hose clamps!

Reproduction steel bodies appearing everywhere from a 69 Camaro to a 34 Ford and growing. People are demanding steel more and more over composites. Cobras! More popular than ever. I think I saw more at HAN than ever. In fact I came across 2 brand new Midstates owners. One had just got the car running the night before and this was its grand debut, the interior was not done yet. He came over to the Atlantis and of course had the inevitable first time problems, overheating in traffic the biggest one. But what a place to show up and get advice as to what was needed to fix his problems. There were 4 cobra guys there, we all had good input. Most of our input was based personal experience.

Next month I will have an article with picks from HAN. Hope some of you can make the next board meeting at the Diamond Bar Sizzler, September 23rd.

Also we had a great time at Superformance in Irvine last month, talk about a "candy store", all kind of goodies. Everything from GT40s to Roush engines!

Some of the AHA members are going up September 8th weekend to the NKCC show in San Leandro. I hope to see some of you there.

If you haven't signed up for "Club Sandwich" in October now's the time. Even if you don't bring a car what better excuse to have short weekend in Laughlin!

These next 2 months will be busy ones for me. In October I will also be taking my Cobra up to Bishop, Ca. to attend the "Fall Colors" car show put on by the Owens Valley Cruisers. If you have never been to the Bishop area in the fall of the year you are missing out on one of the more beautiful areas of the state.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

by David Hartman

Greetings! As I do this issue, I'm looking through one eye operated on for cataracts. If no complications result, the other eye will be done in three weeks. It sure is strange trying to get all this formatting done. Every time I look at the screen, I have to refocus. In the meantime, the drive to San Leandro will be interesting to say the least.

I leave on Friday morning, the 8th, and I'm planning on leaving early, about 5 A.M. or so to get past the L.A. traffic crunch. My usual plan is to stop at the first rest area after I-5 makes the split off from Route 99 and take a nap. The, off to the Bay area and hopefully arrive around mid afternoon. This gives me the chance to clean all the bugs off the car. You trailer guys can leave later, since your cars never get really dirty.

In this newsletter you'll find the announcement for the Laughlin Club Sandwich as well as a ballot so you can submit your vote for the Board Members up for re-election. Please do mark your ballots and mail the back ASAP. Write-ins are always welcome. Those of you who think something is missing from the newsletter, the ballots are only sent to paid up club members, so I leave them out for the rest of you.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

September Event – Business Meeting

The next business meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd at 11 AM at the Sizzler Restaurant in Diamond Bar. All members are welcome. 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.

From the Bean Counter - Dave Martin

Hi All, it's been a while since I've written anything but it's not for lack of writing. I've got 3 tech articles in the wings and I'm just waiting for the end of the Newsletter inserts on Knott's and the teams cross country journey to get them in. Never fear, the Daytona is coming along and I'm more than willing to share the experience – about the closest I'm going to get to driving it for a while.

From the Treasurer's point of view, all the beans have been counted and are still there. There's really no new info for a while since Knott's is over – out biggest financial event and hopefully everyone has re-registered their membership.

For this newsletter I'd like to make an im-passioned plea – as opposed to an un-passioned plea?

Please, please come out of the bleachers and onto the playing field. We are desperately looking for people to step up to be a member of our board and help in the planning and execution of Knott's 2007. This year is hitting me a little harder than most as my second most favorite car show shut down this year after serving the auto enthusiast community for 17 years.

The Thousand Oaks Car Classic was put on every Fathers Day on the lush campus of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks by the Milestone Car Society (www.milestonecarsocitey.com). This show was a fist class event run by some great people who loved everything about the automotive industry and were avid collectors of many a rare and beautiful part of it. The show was organized around a Concourse judging event with a popular choice car show piled in on top. Typically there were 20-30 cars in the concourse event and they were some of the nicest, most exotic cars I've ever seen running the gamut from perfectly restored Muntz' to classic Corvette's to Model T's and everything else you could think of. The popular judging added about another 100 to 150 cars and there were always a half dozen replica's in that number. The show benefitted charity and was a first class event with a professional announcer, crystal awards and a rock band playing oldies on the grass. I looked forward to Fathers day every year for this show, whether I had an entry or just to go and gawk as sometime Jay Leno was apt to do. This show was in class by itself and we should hope to be at this level someday.

This year it died. The official reason, which can be found on their car show website (www.tocarclassic.net) was "... **not easily reached and was facilitated by the desire to not allow the show to depreciate in quality before calling it quits. A lack of sponsors and replacements to shore up the aging directors was only part of the problem. Most pertinently, the extremely poor community support was the defining factor that hastened this decision to fruition.**" In short the show failed for 2 primary reasons:

- 1.Lack of sponsor, corporate and community – The size and complexity of the show required the participation of not only corporate sponsors but also community involvement. Without these it was an impossible task to put on this show and make it live up to the year before.
- 2.Active, participating members – the show was put on for the better part of those 17 years by the same senior member who are now in their 60's, 70's and in some cases 80's. Yes there were more members but no-one had the time to help.

Please, do not let this happen to Knott's. You will feel the effect because if Knott's goes the way of the T.O. Classic, you will have to drive hundreds of miles to see the same collection of cars, people and experiences, or hope more than a couple of replica cars show up at your local car show down the street.

It is really in your hands... always has been.

2006 Calendar of Events

September

24th Annual Handcrafted Automobile Concourse

Northern California Kit Car Club Show
San Leandro Marina
www.nckcc.com
Saturday & Sunday, September 9th & 10th

7th Annual Cruisin' For A Cure

All Proceeds to Prostate Cancer Research,
UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center
Orange County Fair & Expo Center, Costa Mesa
Saturday the 23rd
www.cruisinforacure.com

AHA Business Meeting

All Members Welcome
Saturday the 23rd
11 AM, Sizzlers Restaurant in Diamond Bar

October

Club Sandwich

at the Riverside Resort and Casino Laughlin, Nevada
Starts Friday the 13th

November

TBD

December

Annual Christmas Party
(date to be provided)

2007 Calendar

January

Chili Cook Off

April

Knott's Show

Confirmed dates
28th and 29th