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## From the Desk of “El Presidente”

Well, December is here and that means: *Time to put the old bank account in to overload!* The malls are crowded and the retail web sites are all lit up from millions of hits. Decorations and food, oh the food! This is the time of year what little weight you lost during the year you put it back on and add a little on top of where you started last holiday season.

This brings up New Year resolutions; we all make them and almost as fast break them. I read an article recently that stated the resolution made the most is “to lose weight and get in shape”. An interesting side note on this is the recent announcement by Disneyland that they were closing it’s a Small World ride so they could do a little updating to the ride. It seems that as America has grown larger (I am not talking population numbers here) the boats you ride around in have a few place where they get stuck sometimes, requiring the staff to unload people to get them past the “high spot” in order for the boat to get by! They are improving the ride to float the boats high enough to avoid this.

The reason I bring this up is our “abundance” (a.k.a.: success) is our down fall. Looking at the bright side of this is that we are “abundantly” blessed as a nation. We are the most sought after place to live in the world. Look at all the millions of people, legally or illegally, trying to immigrate into the good old USA.

For the holiday season I would like to see all of us think about and realize how blessed we are. It is truly a time to stop and be thankful for our “abundance” that we as a people and a nation have been able to achieve.

I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

One last item: Chile Cook Off! January 12<sup>th</sup> at Dave Martin’s house, this is also our Knott’s show planning kick off meeting. So come out and help plan the most important event of the year for our club, make your voice count.

Until next month,

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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**The deadline for the January newsletter is December 29<sup>th</sup>. Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.**  
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**Rumblings from the Editor's Desk** - by David Hartman

The year comes to a close and we look forward to a new year, new car shows, new events. I hope and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The planning for this years Knott's show starts in earnest with the January meeting at Dave's. The Chili Cook Off is a fun event that shouldn't be missed either. Show up. Bring your favorite chili recipe to share. Maybe you'll win a prize! Be a part of the club planning. The Knott's show isn't all we'll discuss. We've talked about a weekend fun run up the coast through the Big Sur area. Plenty of shopping for the ladies and a twisty road for us guys to drive with plenty of scenery. But, that's just one idea we've talked about. We need more ideas of what to do for Club events besides the Knott's Show, the Braille Rallye, and the Laughlin run. Those are our big ones, but, there are other weekends in the year as well as months and we really would like suggestions as to what to do, that club members would be interested in doing and attending. Come to a monthly meeting and make a suggestion. We, as a Board, don't bite. Really! Don't you want to get out, go places with your car and show it off? We all do. We just need someplace to go, as a group. This way we have friends to chat with and have a good time. A fine example of that is the Laughlin show. We sat around on Saturday and chatted with the guys from Arizona, those that didn't go on the drive down towards Needles and/or Oatman. All in all, we had a lot of fun doing mostly nothing. Just talking about cars and telling car stories.

**Activities** - Ron Biggerstaff  
**January Event - Chili Cook Off**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Dave Martin's house. This will be our "many times" annual Chili Cook Off. Please bring a pot of your favorite chili to share and to be judged. We will have trophies for the top three winners. If you aren't into chili cooking, bring a salad or desert (or call Dave for suggestions). This will be the first meeting for 2008. Knott's planning is well under way and further planning will be primary on the agenda.

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 Rd and turn left. Turn right onto Triunfo Canyon Rd. Travel to the first stoplight and turn left onto Three Springs Dr. After seven speed bumps and one s-turn, turn right onto Kirsten Lee Dr. Turn right onto Yellowwood Dr. Stop at 2636 Yellowwood Dr, Westlake Village, 91361. If you get lost, call Dave at 818.597.8797.

Hope to see some new automotive enthusiasts there (as well as seasoned enthusiasts) to see a first hand demo of a brand new Cobra Daytona.

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

The contract for Knott's has been signed and we are now officially into planning our 29<sup>th</sup> show for April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> 2008. Budgets have been approved, we're looking at advertising and starting to get printing done for the invitations to go out mid January! We're back in the Wilderness Hall for our Saturday night dinner and plan on making next years show the best yet! Now's the time to put in for your vacation and putting a call into your local board member to get involved. No show happens without help from a lot of people, both in the club and in the industry around us, so don't be shy... step right on up!

I'm personally looking forward to Knott's next year as I'm hoping to debut my Upstate Daytona Coupe which just went into paint this week. While I'll be doing everything up to registration morning to help put on the show, I'm planning to hand over the reigns of power during the weekend to my apprentice – Dean that's you buddy – as I'll be with my car hopefully answering lot's of questions and enjoying weather. I'll have pictures up on the web site as soon as it comes out of paint – probably around Christmas.

Interesting happenings in the Cobra world this month. Seems that ol' Carol Shelby has decided NOT to renew the license agreement it has with the Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) and has ordered them to cease and desist, effective immediately, in the use of the Shelby name, along with a half dozen other registered trademark names, and to turn over to Shelby Enterprises any and all licensed products like t-shirts, posters and yes, the Shelby Registry! This is an organization of enthusiasts that has probably been more responsible then anyone else in keeping Shelby's name and legacy alive and well, contributing to record sales prices on anything Shelby. I'm sure no one knows yet the real story behind this but stay tuned...

You can more on this at [http://www.saac.com/press\\_release\\_112507.htm](http://www.saac.com/press_release_112507.htm)

Hope to see you all at the Holiday party but if not, Happy Holidays!!!

Dave

# 2008 Calendar of Events

## January

### **Chili Cook Off**

At the Martin's House  
Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM

## February

Business Meeting  
Date TBD

## March

Business Meeting  
Date TBD

## April

Goody Bag Stuffing & Business Meeting  
Date TBD

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Under The Sun at Knott's Berry Farm**

Saturday & Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

## May

Knott's Car Show Worker Appreciation Luncheon  
Date TBD

## June

Event TBD

## July

Braille Rallye 2007  
Date TBD

## August

Event TBD

## September

Northern California Kit Car Show  
San Leandro Marina  
Date TBD