



# The Fuel Line



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## From the Desk of "El Presidente"

Summer has come a little early, 90 + temps already. The other day I was surfing different car sites and the Arizona Cobra's web page on their upcoming events stated: "Too hot to drive!" Thinking of how hot it is in Arizona this time of year helps to place our temps in perspective, 90+ is not all that hot as compared to 100+!

We had our Knott's workers appreciation luncheon on Saturday at the El 7 Mares restaurant in Pomona. A good place for a Saturday afternoon get-together, too bad a lot of you missed this. I had Carne Asada & Shrimp and it was great.

Afterwards some of us went over to the NHRA museum over at the Fairplex in Pomona. I have not been in the museum for a number of years. I had forgotten how many interesting and storied race cars are on exhibit. There was a rod show going on at the Fairplex, but not enough time to go to it.

Our upcoming next event is the Braille Rallye on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. I will present a check for \$1,000 from the AHA to the Braille Institute on that day. More information on this is in the news letter. Even if you don't bring your car call Patricia West (714-841-1249) and see about volunteering to help.

You also see further in the news letter that the board is proposing amending the bylaws. Read Dave Martins article on this. It is important that you all understand our reason for taking this action. I would appreciate any input you have on this.

Hope to see some of you on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Braille Rallye.

Until next month,

**Hasta!**

"El Presidente"

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**The deadline for the August newsletter is July 28<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**

Have you had the chance to read the newest Kit Car Builder issue? On page sixteen, his article titled "Kit or Turnkey" is very nicely done. Make copies and hand them out to all your Hot Rodder friends. You know who I mean. The guys who turn up their noses at "kit" cars and stoutly claim that they don't have a "kit" car, despite the fact that they have a GM engine and other lesser parts taken from various cars and put together to make a "hot rod", or "custom car" and it's all covered by a scrap of a Ford body (or Dodge, or whatever).

I drive my GT 40 every day. I get asked, a lot, "Hey, is that a kit, or a real one?" When I say it's a replica, they get this dull glaze in their eyes and mumble something like, "Oh, ok. What's the difference?". Then I try to explain, as briefly as possible, the difference between my car and a "kit" car. Pointing out that it's not made from molded plastic and in a box, doesn't seem to strike the humorous cord. Gee, what am I doing wrong?

I also get the "Don't see many like this on the road" comments. That, I know very well. IT would seem that a lot of kit car owners trailer their cars everywhere. They must, I always see them at shows, but, over the years, the mileage on their cars stays real low. Since finishing my car and getting it back from the body shop after painting in October of 1994, I have put on over 200,000 miles. In 1996 I drove it to the Seattle area to visit my brother, then to Spokane to visit my sister, and then back home. In 1998 I drove to the First Club Sandwich Central put on by the St. Louis Club. Not to mention all the trips to Laughlin, northern California and the San Leandro show, as well as driving to the Knott's Show several years in a row while residing in the Chicago area. I think more of us need to get our cars out and drive them more, even if it's only on the weekends. I know many in the A.H.A. don't seem to be the get out and drive/cruise types, but, maybe we should have some informal cruises to no place in particular. Just get out, drive around, showing off our cars and seeing the scenery and maybe having a snack someplace. I'm for it. Hey, maybe

we can get some Cobra guys to tag along. Someone told me they like to get out and drive. Let's meet someplace and go drive to, maybe, Temecula, and do some wine tasting. Maybe a cruise around Big Bear or Lake Arrowhead, or maybe just cruise down PCH from Long Beach to San Clemente, or La Jolla.

**Activities - Ron Biggerstaff**

The Braille Rallye is July 14<sup>th</sup>. See the insert for registration details.

The next official Club/Board meeting will be in late August. Details will be in the next newsletter.

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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's Report - Dave Martin**

Hi All,

I'd like to swing the other way this month in actually thanking the manufacturers, vendors, participants, press and club members for making Knott's such a fun show. This is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that I've chaired and I am constantly amazed at the wonderful people I get to deal with (yes there are a couple dead beats in every bunch but this isn't their article). We have manufacturers who look forward to April every year and drive from very long distances, and in the case of our GMP winner this year, another country! I know they do it to promote their product but I know they choose our show because they enjoy it and the chance to see wonderful people they haven't seen in a while - along with sunny California. It's an expensive proposition - \$3+ per gallon plus the time - to drive out here and back so it's important to remember

## **2007 Calendar of Events**

### **July**

#### **Braille Rallye 2007**

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am

### **August**

Event tbd

### **September**

#### **25<sup>th</sup> Northern California Kit Car Show**

San Leandro Marina

Saturday and Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruisin For A Cure**

Jonsson Cancer Center Sponsor Charity Event

Orange County Fair & Expo Center

Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **October**

#### **River Run to Laughlin**

Formerly Club Sandwich

Starts Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>

### **November**

(Event and date tbd)

### **December**

#### **Annual Christmas Party**

(Date and location tbd)