



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

Knott's! Fun Under the Sun! is officially over! The 28th edition was a rousing success! Over 220 cars attended, the second highest number in recent years. Great weather, low to mid 80's, with just enough overcast in the AM to keep the afternoon from getting too hot. We want to thank the Fabulous Fords show for taking our normal date, which turned out to be a bit wet.

I do appreciate all the AHA members who attended. I also want to thank all who helped at the show. If you were unable to attend you missed a great show.

The person that deserves the most credit for the Knott's show success is Dave Martin. His Engineer's obsession with detail plays a big factor with the smoothness of the shows execution.

The "Tech Tent" was a mixed bag of success. Some sessions were well attended and a few were, well for a lack of a better word, disappointing. This was the first year we did this and I feel it is worth revisiting again. Darren Friedman did a good job at setting this up, Thanks Darren!

This years **GMP** (Good Manufacturing Practices) award went to Ken Esler's, **North American Exotic Replica Cars Inc.** of Saskatoon, SK, Canada. Ken comes down every year for the show and is a real supporter of the industry and builds a great Lamborghini Diablo Roadster. Check out his company at: WWW.exoticreplicacars.com

Our Extreme Award goes into storage for the year. We did not have a qualifying car this year. This is not too surprising for this very special class we have created. This award is not going to be given to just any great car but as the name implies it must have Extreme greatness to it.

The feedback we have been receiving is very positive on this years show. I know I handed out more raffle prizes than the last few years. Also our "Goodie Bags" were overflowing. In the next few weeks I will be sending thanks letters to all the suppliers that provided for our raffles and goodie bags along with a "dash plaque". Without their support Knott's would not be a success.

By popular demand we have tentatively been penciled in by Knott's for 2008 with the 26th & 27th of April and with the Banquet moving back to the Wilderness Hall on Saturday night. We will let every one know when the date is set in "ink".

If you have any suggestions to help make next years show a success let myself or any of the board know. Better yet let your voice be heard at any board meeting in person. The clubs success is only as good as it's member's involvement in it.

Until next month,

Hasta

"El Presidente"

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Rumblings from the Editor’s Desk - by David Hartman

Everyone ready for the next event? The Braille Rallye is in July and then the Northern California Kit Car Club (NCKCC) has their 25th Annual Bash By The Bay (my words, not theirs) in September. I’m planning at this time to attend, since it is their 25th show, we should make plans and have a very good showing from the A.H.A. After all, they did make the trek down to attend our 25th. There were some small post card size info flyers at the A.H.A. tent at Knott’s, but I hope to have a full size flyer about their show in the next newsletter (hint here, Vern! Get me a full color jpg!). I hope everyone considers going as their show is a LOT of fun and their Saturday night banquet and raffle prize drawing is a hoot!

I sat at the same table as Ken Esler at the Saturday night banquet and his relating of what he has to go through to get his cars to our show was a real eye opener. And, he does this every year!

I enjoyed meeting everyone that dropped by the main tent or my car and said hello and chatted. It’s getting so all I want to do at these shows is be a spectator (in addition to working at putting on the show). I never did get around to cleaning my car.

However, Dave Martin told me on Sunday that I was fired from “Parking Lot Detail” since there were several sneak in cars that slid in under the tape at the far end to avoid paying any fees on Sunday. Looks like we may have to re-do our parking lot patrol next year. I think I’ll lobby for a golf cart to aid getting around the lot faster. That might help. Also, I think we’re going to crack down a whole lot more on “For Sale” signs on private entries, or private entries displaying sale info for the kit maker. Such violations will be asked to remove such displays or leave the show, or be removed from any trophy award consideration. We’ve been letting that slide for quite a while and it really isn’t fair to our commercial entries, who do pay for the privilege of being able to sell kits or cars.

Those of you that have an “EXP” on your address label, this is your last newsletter, unless you renew (or have renewed). If you have renewed and I have not received notice as yet, drop me an email about it so I can correct my records.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

June Event – Knott’s Car Show Worker Appreciation Luncheon and NHRA Museum
All members welcome.

The Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th, at El 7 Mares Restaurant in Pomona. Plan to arrive at 11:30 AM.

Here are the directions to El 7 Mares. Get off the I-10 in Pomona on Dudley, head south (away from the Fairplex) and turn left on Holt. The El 7 Mares Restaurant is located at 1542 W. Holt Ave.

After lunch we plan to head back up Dudley St. to Fairplex Drive, enter the Fairplex, and visit the NHRA Museum.

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

Treasurer's Report - Dave Martin

Hi All,

Knott's is done and if you missed it you missed a good one. Over 200 cars, 50 manufacturers and vendors over shone by bright California sunshine! It was great! Saturday was crystal clear and on the warm side making the cars really stand out. Sunday started with typical overcast but was bright sunshine by 10:30am. We made a profit on this years show so will be able to benefit our chosen charity – The Braille Institute of Los Angeles Teen Center – without dipping into reserves. We've also penciled in next years show for April 26th and 27th so for you long term planners... plan to be there next year.

We had no winner this year of the Extreme Handcrafted Award although we did have one entry. The one entry, by Ron Satarsiero, was a hand built one of a kind replica of a one of a kind 1934 Dusenburg Maharaja and even though it did not garner enough points it looks to be an interesting entry in the future as Ron finishes it up. We're still learning a lot about how we would like this award to go and one of the things we did this year was to set a minimum point number that entries must make in order to be qualified for the award. It's the only way to do a prize when you know the field will be limited and just being the only one in the field doesn't make you an automatic winner. The Board is striving to make this an industry accepted award for those cars that exemplify the term "handcrafted" and so far we think we're on the right track. Of course this means Darren still had to give the trophy up as his year has run out... sorry Darren.

Factory Five was there in force again this year with 75 owners showing up to match the factories 5 they brought cross country. A whole lot of FFR hardware was in evidence including a proto Type 65 Coupe that was powered by GE. Yup, an electric Coupe. It even has car pool lane stickers! David Smith held a short presentation at the show for famous racer Dick Smith who passed away the previous week. If it was related to Cobra racing then Dick was usually near by.

This year Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) was spirited across the border by Ken Esler of North American Exotic Replica Cars which is located in Canada. They have had some of the nicest looking Lamborghini's on the scene for some time and in this great information age we couldn't find anything but good stuff about NAERC or Ken. Congratulations Ken!

Don't forget the Braille Ralley is coming up in early July. This is a great event and a mandatory show for club members even if they don't want to pilot a car. They are always looking for volunteers for manning checkpoints and helping at the post rally picnic. Ron will have more in his article. (Ed. Note: Probably for the June issue)

From the Bean Counter...

Dave

2007 Calendar of Events

June

Knott's Car Show Worker Appreciation Luncheon
Saturday the 16th, at 11:30 am

July

Braille Rallye 2007
Saturday the 14th, at 8 am

August

Event tbd

September

25th Northern California Kit Car Show
San Leandro Marina
Saturday and Sunday, 8th & 9th

8th Annual Cruisin For A Cure
Jonsson Cancer Center Sponsor Charity Event
Orange County Fair & Expo Center
Saturday the 22nd

October

River Run to Laughlin
Formerly Club Sandwich
Starts Friday the 20th

November

(Event and date tbd)

December

Annual Christmas Party
(Date and location tbd)