



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

October is over, what a month it has been for So Cal. Fires and more fires! It has been a busy month for me, I am glad it is over.

The first of the month I took the cobra up to Bishop for the Owens Valley Cruisers “Fall Colors” car show. Shari and I had a great time, about 300 cars were there. Met a lot of good people and the weather was great. Really clean air, air you could not see! I also won 2nd in my class.

In the middle of the month I had to travel to Decatur, IL, for a conference at one of Caterpillars factories. Now I know why there is not a large migration to Decatur. It would be at the bottom of my list of places I would want to live!

I live in Riverside but work in Rancho Bernardo. Unless you have been Rip Van Winkle you are aware of the fire devastation that some of the neighborhoods in Rancho Bernardo have suffered. Some of these areas are a 1/2mile from my office.

On Monday morning the 22nd I barely made it to work. I had to run a little fire gauntlet along both sides of I-15 just at the north end of Rancho Bernardo. Just after I got through the CHP closed I-15. At 8:00am we were told to evacuate our facility, mandatory! The only way I could get home was to get over to the I-5, along with 200,000 other people that were being evacuated, and head north. Well it took me 5hrs. to get home, normal it takes a 1 ¼ hrs. !

As I was stuck in traffic, like in a grade B disaster movie, it dawned on me that at least I was headed to a home that was save and all the people around me were running away from theirs with the fear that they might not have a home left to come back to. Kind of puts things in perspective. It was interesting to see what possessions people had loaded up in their cars to save, kids, pets, bikes, golf clubs and I even saw one guy who had 3 goats in his Toyota Camry!

It was 3 days latter before the mandatory evacuation notice was lifted and we were allowed back to work, so I had a 3 day vacation.

I can really count my blessings after going around some of the Rancho Bernardo neighborhoods close to my office and seeing rows of homes burned to the ground and being blessed that my little casa is still here. I do have a lot to be thankful for on Thanks Giving Day.

On a lighter note: KIT CARS on the COLORADO! What a great time. Very low key and fun. The Arizona Cobras were there in force. What a great group of down to earth people. We all agreed to do it again next year and make a few improvements. So put on your calendar for next year along about the same time and same place.

One other little tidbit I need to bring up is the fact I received a speeding ticket in Barstow on the I-15. The local CHP was running a radar speed zone right before Yermo. I should also mention that I had a roadie with me who was supposed to be keeping an eye out for the law and he failed to see the CHP on the bridge with the radar gun. I will not mention his name (Ron Biggerstaff). What was really classic in the whole situation was when we pulled over the officer approached us on the passenger side and he asked us if we did not notice the officer on the bridge with the radar gun. Ron promptly replied in a very serious tone: “What bridge?” It was all I could do to keep from busting up.

Until next month,

Hasta!
"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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The deadline for the December newsletter is December 1st. Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk - by David Hartman

Those of you that didn't make it to Laughlin this year missed a great time. I'm not going to expound on it as I think that Dean and Dave did a great job doing that. See Dave's article insert.

Next months issue will be a bit later in the month due to the Thanksgiving holidays, so, pay attention to Ron's Christmas Dinner announcement elsewhere in this issue. It's the only warning/heads up you're going to receive. Get those reservations in to Ron in plenty of time.

Dean mentioned the fires. I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and with intact homes. The Foothill Ranch fire was about two miles away from my apartment complex and on Monday and Tuesday when I was heading out to work, I had to use the head lights. Not because of fog either. It was all smoke. That, plus the ash falling and trying to do an imitation of winter time. Hey, I want to live in southern California because the snow (normally) stays on the mountains, way over there, where it belongs and if I really want to see the snow, I can drive up and visit it and then drive home and be out of it.

I'm not sure if I'll make it to the Christmas Dinner as we have a big contract push at work. So, the next Club meeting/event I'll be planning for is the Annual Chili Cook Off at Dave Martin's house in January. Look for more details in the December newsletter.

Sorry for the delay this month, but I ran out of toner and had to order more.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

December Holiday Luncheon

December marks our annual holiday event and we are planning to descend upon the **94th Aero Squadron Restaurant** nestled in the heart of Van Nuys adjacent to the world's busiest general aviation airport. The restaurant address is **16320 Raymer St, Van Nuys, 91406-1211**. The luncheon will be **Saturday, December 8th at 1:00 PM, seating at 1:30.**

The menu will include:

Soup or Salad

Choice of one:

Crab and Shrimp Louie Salad (topped with Maryland crabmeat, chopped shrimp, asparagus, hard-cooked egg, avocado and Louie dressing)

Aviation Salmon (charbroiled, topped with a lemon thyme cream sauce with asparagus, green onion and fresh mushrooms, served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasoned vegetables)

Chicken Scaloppini (slices of chicken sautéed in olive oil, topped with sliced mushrooms and a rosemary and lemon mustard cream sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasoned vegetables)

Vegetarian Pasta (penne pasta, roasted red pepper, roma tomatoes, mushrooms, kalamata olives, zucchini and broccoli tossed in a creamy parmesan sauce)

Coffee, tea, or soft drink

Desert

You will enjoy a great lunch, military aviation themed atmosphere, and conversation with specialty car enthusiasts, all for only \$15 per person. Checks at the door please, payable to AHA. We are 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. We need to have guests **confirm attendance by December 5th** so that we can provide a set-up number to the restaurant. Call or e-mail Ron to confirm.

We hope to see you there.

Ron Biggerstaff

AHA Activities

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

Treasurer - Dave Martin

Seems like the year has flown... Summers officially over, kids are back in school and we've just come back from our annual trek to Laughlin. This year's event - in conjunction with the Arizona Cobra's - was great! Great weather, Great cars, Great people, and of course all the food, gambling and FUN. More later...

Along with Laughlin, we're starting preliminary planning on Knott's 2008 which is currently planned for April 26 and 27th 2008. We're preparing budgets, looking at advertising and starting to get excited for our 29th Annual show! We're back in the Wilderness Hall for our Saturday night dinner and plan on making next years show the best yet!

At our last meeting we reviewed the outcome of the voting we sent out in July to amend the By-Laws to increase the possible term of Board members from two to four. The proposal carried and the club by-laws have been updated. We did have one sane member who reminded us that the club survives, and that's why the 2 year rule was put into place, by ensuring the membership continues to actively be involved with the running of the club by joining the Board. We need to continue moving toward new members getting their hands dirty and having fun doing it. We cannot have the same group of people (me included) continue to run the club out of a sense of dedication without annual infusions of new ideas and people. Getting involved with Knott's is a good way to start. Let us know... we'd really like to see you. New copies of the By-Laws are available upon request so if you'd like a copy, let any Board member know and we'll send you out one.

Dave

2007 Calendar of Events

December

Annual Christmas Party

94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, Van Nuys Airport
Saturday the 8th at 1 PM

2008 Calendar of Events

January

Chili Cook Off

At the Martin's House
Saturday the 12th, at 11 AM

February

TBD

March

TBD

April

29th Annual Fun Under The Sun
at Knott's Berry Farm

May

TBD