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GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

I want to start this month’s letter with the word “Change”. Life is a series of changes expected and unexpected, good – bad, by our choice or not. Change is something we all deal with in our work and personal lives. You ask why I am bringing this up. Well at the board meeting on Saturday the 25th and we experienced change. It seems that the Sizzler we have been meeting at for the last 3 plus years has closed its door for good! We ended up doing a little road trip and found a Denny’s. A bit crowded, six of us at a small table, but we got her done.

Change is what has happened to our October outing known as “Club Sandwich”. Change not by our choice, but change none the less. “Kit Cars on the Colorado” is being set up to be a low key outing between the AHA and the Arizona Cobras and any other Kit Car enthusiasts at the Riverside in Laughlin. I hope many of you can attend. Even if you don’t bring a car, come and have a good time in Laughlin, what better excuse do you want!

September 8 & 9 will be the Northern California Kit Car Clubs Show at San Leandro, their 25th annual event. Several of us are going up to help support our brethren from the north. Again if you can attend do so. The weather will be a lot cooler up in the bay area than down in good old So Cal. My wife and I are also taking this opportunity to visit our grandson and his attendants.

Last month I mentioned my wife and I were taking the cobra to Hot August Nights in Reno. Had a great time, but I did have a little problem with sun stroke. That is what my wife calls it when grandpa buys his grandson a custom Radio Flyer wagon with 100mph Go Kart wheels on it and spends several \$100 on it! The wife keeps asking “where is the engine?” and my response is “that is coming”.

We have our annual elections of board members coming up, like now. If you are interested in serving on the board call me or any other board member. We always want new blood on the board. Change can help vitalize and bring a rebirth to any organization.

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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The deadline for the October newsletter is September 29th. Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk - by David Hartman

The end of the summer is here and that means one thing. It's time to VOTE for new (or recurring) Board members. I suppose that it also means the San Leandro Northern California Kit Car Club annual bash by the bay will be happening, as well as the annual trip to Laughlin in October. I hope all you members fill out and mail in your ballot. I'm beginning to think that this club is made up of only the people on the Board and maybe a couple others that show up at Knott's and Laughlin. I know everyone thinks that running the Club is a time intensive job, but, except for a couple of positions, like Newsletter, or Treasurer or even President, most of the position are there for voting and balance. The most time intensive part is making it to the monthly meetings.

By the time you get this newsletter, some of us will be on the road to San Leandro. I am looking forward to the weekend show, visiting with friends I've made in the NCKCC and generally having a relaxed, good time. Heck, I might even clean off my car and see if I can win an award (never have at San Leandro). Funny, it's getting so I really don't care about awards at shows. I just enjoy going, looking at the cars, and chatting with people. Spectators are fun too. They come up all wide eyed and ask questions about the car, so, I get to talk about the car and working on the kit. Maybe I've encouraged someone to try and build one for themselves. Hopefully they'll also join the Club!

In October we'll be meeting at Peggy Sue's Diner north of Barstow for a late breakfast or early lunch, your choice. Last year was my first time there and the food is good and the service is also not

too bad. There are a lot of 50's and 60's stuff decorating the walls to make things interesting. After a meal and short business meeting, mostly to count the ballots, we'll leave for Laughlin in a loose convoy. There are gas stations at the diner stop area for those that wish to top up their fuel tanks. Depending on your gas mileage, this could save you a stop at Ludlow, way out in the middle of nowhere on I-40. I hope a lot of you can make it to Laughlin. With the falling numbers of people showing up at this event in past years, it seems the magazine Editors have elected to either not attend (with the usual award) or have a freelance person cover the event. I know the Editors want to encourage local shows and club events, but they do have to make a choice as to where to spend their money and lately our Laughlin event just hasn't had the turn out. Hopefully, in the near future we can turn that around.

Activities - Ron Biggerstaff

By the time you get this newsletter in your mailbox, several of you will be in the final get ready stage or heading up to San Leandro for the Northern California Kit Car Show on September 8th and 9th. The NCKCC has guaranteed a great weekend for specialty car enthusiasts.

Closer to home, you are invited to enter your car in the 8th Annual Cruisin For A Cure car show on September 22nd. See the flyer in this newsletter for more info. This is one of the summer's premier car shows in Southern CA. And on top of that, your registration fee (or spectator fee) will go to a great charity, the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation.

Coming up in October, The Association of Handcrafted Automobiles and the Arizona Cobra Club will be hosting the annual meeting of California, Arizona and Nevada kit cars at the Don Laughlin Riverside Resort in the town of Laughlin, Nevada on the weekend of October 26th & 27th, 2007. This event has been a west coast staple for over 20 years and has become the end of summer weekend event for owners, club members and anyone looking for that last fix of nice cars, scenery and friends. Saturday's show is a participant judged show and shine with awards later that day. Caravan in Friday with friends and make it a weekend of fun by the river.

A group rate is available at the Riverside Resort. Call 1-800-227-3849 and ask for **Group Code C\CARCR**. The Friday and Saturday rate is \$59 plus tax. The rate drops to \$32 plus tax on Sunday ? Thursday. Please note that the above group code will not work on the Riverside Resort web site. Also note that the "cut off" date for this group code is September 26th.

Reserve your room by the 26th of September.

The September business meeting will be at Mike Dresbach's shop on Sept. 29th. The address is Eagle Awards and Trophies, 9087 Sierra Ave., Fontana, CA. Meeting time is usually about 11 AM. Use Map Quest or Google to get directions from your address, or call Mike at (909) 355-5599.

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2007 Calendar of Events

September

Northern California Kit Car Show

San Leandro Marina

San Leandro, CA

Saturday and Sunday, 8th & 9th

8th Annual Cruisin For A Cure

Jonsson Cancer Center Sponsored Charity Event

Orange County Fair & Expo Center

Saturday the 22nd

Tour Eagle Awards

Business Meeting Luncheon

Saturday the 29th

October

Kit Cars On The Colorado

Formerly Club Sandwich

Starts Friday the 26th

December

Annual Christmas Party

94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, Van Nuys Airport

Saturday the 8th