



The Fuel Line



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

The 29th edition of “**Fun Under the Sun**” is in the books. This year’s edition had a literal meaning to the phrase. Would you believe it was 99 degrees on Saturday and 101 degrees on Sunday! The unexpected heat was hard on all. I do appreciate all who attended and stayed throughout the whole show.

When we started the awards at 2pm on Sunday I made a point of going through the results at a record pace so we could get everyone on their way and out of the sun. In doing this I hope I did not offend anyone because I did not go into much detail about the cars that won. If the weather is better next year I will move at a slower and more informative pace.

Our GMP award this year went to Thunder Ranch and Tom McBurnie. Tom has been a presence in the replica car world for a long time. His creation, long ago, of the car for the Miami Vice TV series will never be forgotten.

Dave Martin will be posting the show results on our web page as soon as he gathers his wits back again.

All though the participant attendance was down from last year the manufactures were up. We had a few we did not expect to show up and it was a pleasant surprise.

By our early calculations it looks like we did not go into the red but did make enough that we will be able to make a donation to the Braille institute in July. I want to thank Dave Martin for doing a great job at controlling our Knott’s budget. His forecasting was very much in line with the reality of what happened.

Next year will be our 30th show. What an accomplishment in this day and age. Next year we plan to bring back the “Tech Tent”, bigger and better. We are looking for suggestion from all on anything you would like to see or might be of interest for the 30th. Plus we might have a few surprises for next year that we are looking at. More to fallow about our plans for Knott’s over the rest of the year.

Also I have been drafted (hoodwinked) into taking the lead next year at Knott’s from Dave Martin. I guess after 4 years Dave feels he needs a break. Dave said he will be there to advise me and help out a little. Another words he is going to be a consultant. I have heard that in consulting if you’re not a part of the solution, there’s good money to be made in prolonging the problem. Too bad, we don’t pay, we’re non-profit.

Until next month,

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk - by David Hartman

Ok, as you can see from Dave's article, I made an error last month. Ok, mistakes happen. Especially when as the Editor, I work on the newsletter, then proof read what I just worked on. Late at night, trying to get the issue out, what can I say. OOPS! By the way, the position is open if you want it (and complain too much, you might get it!)

Ok, enough of the sarcastic humor. Knott's is almost here and I for one am looking forward to it. By the end of the weekend, I may be sick of it, from all the running around and work involved. I sent out letters to various automotive agencies asking about sponsorship of a golf cart to use for the show. It would help with parking lot "patrol", especially on Sunday when we seem to have several sneak in types who think that because they come on Sunday, for half a day, they don't have to pay. Anyway, I've not received any responses to my letters. So, if anyone knows of someone who would like to sponsor a golf cart, or has one we can use, please let anyone on the Board know. We'd like to get the cart on Friday morning about 10AM and it can be picked up on Sunday afternoon about 3PM.

Activities - ???

April Event - Goodie Bag Stuffing and Knott's Show The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th, at 10:00 am at Dean Hornbachers place. The address is 18728 Hermosa St., Riverside 92508. This is off the 91 Freeway and east. For best directions, use the address and Map Quest.

Treasurer - Dave Martin

Déjà vu. This time of year is typically crazy for me with Knott's and all, but if you thought my article last month sounded familiar, it was. Due to technical problems at the Editors desk - one too many - My February article was inadvertently re-published in March's newsletter. Kind of like me ordering a 23" brake line and really needing a 24" so having to talk to the same sales guy one week later. It was a test... how many of you passed? (Ed Note: Maybe I should have run it again, just to make it a GOOD test)

Knott's registration is proceeding along so it's time to start booking your hotel and stocking up on car cleaning supplies. Dean's off cajoling vendors for goody bag items so we're getting into high gear. We're still looking for club members to help with parking and Saturday registration - just let Dean know. We expect to see a couple of new manufacturer's in the show this year and have already been warned of at least one entry into the "Extreme Handcrafted" class for judging.

We expect our show field to be smaller this year as Factory Five has decided to support their owners group on the same weekend as Knott's and make the Huntington Beach event an all day Factory Five love fest. It's a business decision on their part – they can only afford to come to the West Coast once so since they are coming to Knott's anyway, that's when they will have their event. Yes, they've committed to 2 spaces at Knott's and will have some of their sales staff there but most of the owners will be at the beach. While we respect their decision to run their business any way they wish, I wonder if they gave any thought to supporting of this show as a measure of respect for the overall Kit Car Industry. Knott's has always been about the cars, manufacturers, owners and would be owners. There are other shows that can rightly say they have larger attendance, but they typically are Cobra shows - which is where 75% of the market is after all. So why Knott's? Where else can you see multiple car marques in one place? Lambo's, Dino's, Neo Classics, '55 Mercedes Gull Wings, GT40's, Hot Rod's, one off custom's, AND Cobra's – that's a show that displays the breadth of our industry. I had a Cobra and now have a Daytona Coupe and I'll be the first to admit that after you've looked at 20 or so Cobra's, you've seen what there is to see. There are exceptions of course but except for some small detail some owner has done different it's pretty much a day. Now, looking at last years GMP winner, Ken Esler and North American Exotic's Lambo frame set-ups, that's a work of art. How about some of the GT40's out there? And is it my imagination or are vintage Porsche Speedster's and Spyders sharing the locker room with our athletes and getting major injections of hormones? I thoroughly enjoy walking the aisles and seeing some first class handcrafted cars and am looking forward to this year where I think there will be some new arrivals that will blow your socks off. Smaller is ok.... Quality is what counts.

The Coupe is becoming a car in reality now. The engine/transmission is back in – after a scramble for a hydraulic clutch to fit the application – 4 tires on the rims, brakes charged and bled, and the fuel cell is installed with all the lines to the engine hooked up and ready. I started wiring today (dash is also done) so I am aiming for engine start around the time your reading this. Lot's of details left so I'm still not sure if it will be in the Cobra 289/Daytona Class at Knott's or "Under Construction." I'll let you know somewhere around April 25th!

More pictures included... Enjoy!

Dave

2008 Calendar of Events

April

Goody Bag Stuffing & Business Meeting

April 12th at 10 AM at Dean Hornbacher's

See enclosed map

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

Saturday & Sunday, April 26th & 27th

May

May will have no meeting

June

Event TBD

July

Braille Rallye 2007

Date TBD

August

Event TBD

September

Northern California Kit Car Show

San Leandro Marina Date TBD

October

Our Annual Laughlin River Run Event

Date TBD

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