



The Fuel Line



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

We are assured of two things in life, death and taxes, and this is the time of year to “render unto Cesar that which is Cesar’s”, some might say it is ours, but to be realistic all we do is handle it for while before our big uncle takes his cut. This year is out of the norm for what we have experienced in the nation’s economic growth for several years now. That being an economic “down turn”, as some might call it, but if you are the one who is out of work and about to lose your home, you call it a “recession”. You ask what has this to do with the AHA or the replica car industry. Well it has a lot to do with us.

Usually one of the first things to go, when an individual has a financial crisis, is the ‘toys’. In looking at several web sites, for selling these kinds of toys, one cannot help but see the number of ads with below real market pricing hopping for a quick sale in order to help keep their life afloat.

The domino effect happens to any industry that is flooded with a glut of their product, especially at below market pricing. The manufactures of ‘toys’ feel the pain right away. The replica industry is feeling the sting right now. It is a buyer’s market now, so if you got the bucks to make it happen you are on top of the world. The Barrett-Jackson auction this year showed a downward trend from the past, lower pricing, which is a good thing in the long run. Pricing of cars of all kinds was getting out of hand, we needed an adjustment period. The AHA and the replica industry have survived several of these down turns over the years and I see no reason we should not be able to weather this one.

On a lighter note, our Chile Cook Off/ Knott’s Kick Off meeting was a success. We were very pleased to have Curt & Judy Scott attend our little event. Thanks again Curt and Judy for breaking bread with us.

Knott’s is shaping up to be good year, not great, but good. We have budgeted for a lot fewer cars and the reality of the financial woes of the industry.

Our next board meeting will be at the Sizzler in San Dimas (101 N. Village Court) right next to the 57 freeway on February 16th at 11am. Knott’s will be a big topic, in fact the whole topic, at this meeting. We are still deciding on who our GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) award should go to. So if you have some input let me or any of board members know. Better yet show up in person and let your voice be heard, after all it is an election year. (Ed. Note: With the AHA, every year is an election year!)

One last note we are still looking for an activities chairman (Anyone interested?). Until we have someone the board will act as the activities spot as a group.

Until next month,

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor’s Desk - by David Hartman

Not a lot from me this month. I’ve been busy either being ill, working, or brain dead. I put a Map Quest of the next meeting site on one of the insert pages. Dave’s article was only three pages and I had a lot of white space to fill.

Activities - ???

February Event - regular business meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 16th, at 11:00 am at Sizzlers, 101 Village Ct., San Dimas, 91773. This is off the 57 freeway, near the 210 freeway. Take the Arrow Highway exit. The Sizzlers looks to be to the east side of the freeway and on the left as you go east. For best directions, use the address and Map Quest.

Treasurer - Dave Martin

Wow! New Year and so much already happening! Knott’s is firmly underway with the mailing out of over 400 invitations to past participants and club members. We are starting to get registrations back and although we expect a slightly smaller show this year, it won’t be by much. Contracts are all done and we’re planning to have the Mrs Knott’s Chicken Dinner back inside the park this year at the Wilderness Hall. This year is a transition for me as I’ll be training another show chairman to take over duty at the show itself. Why?

Well... the Coupe is finally in the final assembly stage in the garage with the return from paint occurring during the last Club meeting in January. I’m now into daily updates and assembly of the car, aiming for it’s coming out to be at this year’s Knott’s show. Needless to say if I survive and pull it off I’ll be spending most of my time at my car this year so the “Apprentice” will be in charge. Who is the Apprentice you ask? It’s a secret but I’ll just say that he’s friendly with animals.

The Coupe is coming along quickly now... I’ve replaced the rear axle shafts to support Pin Drive wheels and have just completed the firewall with pedal assembly. By the time you read this I should have the motor re-installed for a planned turn over about the beginning of March. This will give me about a month to complete the registration process so it will be street legal for the show. Oh yeah, forgot to mention I spent January 2nd freezing in front of my local DMV to obtain one of the 500 SB100 sequence numbers – got #122. Being a little

paranoid I was there at 5am and first in line. There were 8 waiting for the process to begin at 9am and we all scored numbers so we were tired and happy. We'll slip a few pictures in next issue to whet your appetites.

Dave

2008 Calendar of Events

February

Business Meeting
February 16th
Sizzlers
101 Village Ct.
San Dimas, CA 91773

March

Business Meeting
Date TBD

April

Goody Bag Stuffing & Business Meeting
Date TBD

**29th Annual Fun Under The Sun
at Knott's Berry Farm
Saturday & Sunday, April 26th & 27th**

May

Knott's Car Show Worker Appreciation Luncheon
Date TBD

June

Event TBD

July

Braille Rallye 2007
Date TBD

August

Event TBD

September

Northern California Kit Car Show
San Leandro Marina
Date TBD

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