



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

It's time for our annual Chili Cook Off!! Is your chili better than mine? Last year everyone went on about how great my chili was but they still didn't vote for me (sniff, sniff). Oh well, time to try again. Last year I made "Chipmunk Chili" (I even passed out recipes). This year it'll be regular roast beef chili with a twist. I'm still working it out as I write this, so we'll all be surprised.

Also at this meeting we'll be discussing our plans for this year's Knott's Show. Parking lot control, registration tent, whom to blame for everything. We will have a great time.... especially eating the chili.

Dave is supposed to have his Daytona Coupe painted and at home to show off. (we've heard all this before). Come and see his Daytona with all the neat things he's written about in this past year's Tech Articles in **From The Bench**. I know I'm looking forward to seeing all of Dave's great work. This first look at his nearly completed Daytona will be a treat. I know he hopes to have it done in time for the Knott's Show this year and we all have our fingers crossed that he'll make it. Besides, I understand there's a steak dinner bet riding on it.

Activities - ???

January Event - Chili Cook Off

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th, at 11:00 am at Dave Martin's house. This will be our "many times" annual Chili Cook Off. Please bring a pot of your favorite chili to share and to be judged. We will have trophies for the top three winners. If you aren't into chili cooking, bring a salad or dessert (or call Dave for suggestions). This will be the first meeting for 2008. Knott's planning is well under way and further planning will be the primary topic on the agenda.

Here are the directions to Dave's house: Get on the 101 West heading toward Ventura. At about 15 miles past Woodland Hills, exit on Lindero Canyon Road and turn left. Turn right onto Triunfo Canyon Road. Travel to the first stoplight and turn left onto Three Springs Drive. After seven speed bumps and one S-curve, turn right onto Kirsten Lee Drive. Turn right onto Yellowwood Drive. Stop at 2636 Yellowwood Drive, Westlake Village, 91361. If you get lost, call Dave at (818) 597-8797.

Hope to see some new automotive enthusiasts (as well as seasoned enthusiasts) there to see a first hand demo of a brand new Cobra Daytona.

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2008 Calendar of Events

January

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

February

Business Meeting
Date TBD

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

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