



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

July is here and we are already into double digit temperatures. Global warming, whether human induced (helped along) or a natural cycle, is no good! With fuel prices going out of sight, talk of \$7/gal gas before long, and an election year, I think we are all in for a long hot summer.

I just received my August issue of Kit Car Builder. A real nice article about the Knott's show in it, many thanks to Jim Youngs.

For the last several years it seems we have been hit by rain and heat at Knott's, I guess heat is better than rain. What's next, a snow storm?

Remember next year will be our **30th Show**. We are planning to do some special things for the show. If you have any ideas for next years show, let any of the board know.

The Braille Rallye will be held on Saturday July 12th (this is our July event). Information on this is posted on our website. The AHA will be donating again to the Braille Institute. Thanks to Dave Martin's accurate budgeting for Knott's we will be able to give \$1,000 to the Institute.

If you can participate please do. The kids at the Institute really enjoy the rallye. One of the councilors told me last year that some of the kids that are bit of a challenge to get them enthused about anything, did get enthused about this one event, they talked about it all year. It is truly refreshing to see such enthusiasm, one has to see this in person to feel it and understand this.

I will be unable to attend this year's Rallye due to a trip to Chicago for a work related conference. Mike Dresbach will be driving in the Rallye and presenting the check to the Braille Institute for the AHA.

We are in the process of firming up a date with the Arizona Cobras for our Laughlin event. We are looking at October 25th as the date.

One last thing, we still need an activities chairperson, anyone interested? If so contact myself or any of the board members.

Until next month,

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk - by David Hartman

The year is half done and the Knott's Show is behind us. Now we start planning for next years show! I know we have a date set, but, dumb me forgot to note it down so it's not on the calendar (yet). We also now look forward to events like the San Leandro show with the Northern California guys, our Annual Laughlin trip in October, now with the Arizona Cobra guys. Dave is still playing phone tag with the motel in Cambria about a place to stay during our somewhat loosely planned Coast Trip. Although, with the fire in the Big Sur area, I'm wondering if that's what we want to do, since the Big Sur area may not be open for casual cruising by the likes of us. Plus, I believe our response from the membership has been somewhat non-existent. I know that with the high cost of gasoline these days it's rough to decide what we want to do for driving, but let's not fall apart altogether.

I always enjoy the chatting and visiting when we do get together. I am looking forward to the Laughlin trip. As soon as I get a JPG of the art work that I'm sure Mike Canning is planning for the T-Shirt, I'll make up a flyer to include in the newsletter with the registration info for the show and hotel.

Activities - ???

There is no July Business meeting. The Club event is the Braille Rallye and a flyer and registration form are included in this newsletter.

The Annual Laughlin Run is going to be the weekend of October 24th, 25th, 26th. Hopefully a flyer for that will be available in next months newsletter.

In September, on the 27th, we are thinking of supporting the Victor Valley Air Show. We'll have good parking and air shows are always fun events with lots of spectators to chat with about our cars. Detail next month, hopefully.

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

Membership – Ron Biggerstaff

This is your humble Membership Guy speaking. You are now reading the mid-year (July 08) edition of your AHA Newsletter. This is the last newsletter that you will receive if you have not renewed your Membership for 2008. Don't remember for sure? Check the newsletter-mailing label. If it has M **EXPI**red on it, then you have not "re-upped" yet for 2008. Send a check, payable to AHA, for \$24 to:

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Treasurer - Dave Martin

Wow... half the year is now officially gone and I think I need a rewind or at least a replay. It goes really fast between all the work into Knott's, getting the Daytona street ready, and keeping track of two girls growing up – what a ride!

As Dean said last month the club cleared close to \$1,000 which is what we will be presenting to the Los Angeles Braille Student Center at this year's Braille Rally in July where we also participate as drivers, check point operators and general cheerleaders. We run Knott's as a break even event and anything left after expenses goes to charity. There are no salaries (although feel free to vote me one) for any of the club members who put this event on so I can honestly say 100% goes to charity. Feels good after all that hard work.

The Club continues to operate in the black as the printer that was bought a year ago for the newsletter is actually saving us money. Membership is still a problem and where as it doesn't impact the finances as it once did with newsletter printing costs it is troubling when we think of who's going to step up to run the club in the next 2-3 years.

The Coupe is causing sleepless nights and lost weekends as I continue to fathom why it won't idle and floods out upon restarts. Yup, even polled a number of members, and even strangers in the aisle at Knott's for ideas. I've now even had a local engine mechanic over and had him scratching his head after about an hour of troubleshooting – everything seems perfect except for the results – so it was just towed to his garage this past Friday for him to look at it with his own tools and other minds. There certainly has not been a lack of things to do on it but not being able to drive it on the street is frustrating. I've already started my next tech article and I think I'm going to title it "To Start? Or Not to Stay Running... That is the question." Soon in your next newsletter.

Dave

2008 Calendar of Events

July

Braille Rallye 2008

July 12th

August

Event TBD

September

Northern California Kit Car Show

San Leandro Marina

October

Our Annual Laughlin River Run Event

Oct. 24th, 25th, 26th

November

TBD

December

Annual Christmas Party