



# The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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## From the Desk of "El Presidente"

October is already here and autumn has officially started. But I don't think anybody has told the weather that yet, it still feels like summer.

Financial uncertainties are all around us. We as a club have just been affected by one of these, the Fed seizure of WAMU and the sale to JP Morgan. The club's bank account was with WAMU. But it now appears we have a JP Morgan (Chase banks) account. According to JP Morgan we should see no differences in our account, for now. All is well and good. We had a real good deal with WAMU and I hope we can continue with the same account privileges with JP Morgan for the long term.

With the economy in a severe down turn it is affecting a lot of other areas, namely car enthusiasts. The Route 66 event in San Bernardino just ended and participation was way down from the last 2 years. Normally they sell out but this year they were several hundred short from a full show. Early this month I am going up to the Fall Colors car show in Bishop and it will be interesting to see how the attendance will be.

We finally have a state budget so may be some state services can get rolling again. DMV and BAR were cut back and in some instances closed down. Just ask Dave Martin about BAR being shut down and trying to get his Daytona Coupe inspected and finally licensed. He might yet be able to make the Laughlin run. Dave has several future articles planed for the news letter to share all his pain and frustrations with us. It will almost read like the Book of Job in the bible.

I am still looking for more ballots to come in. Elections will not close until the first of November. Let your vote count by sending it to me.

There is still time to sign up for "**Kit Cars on the Colorado**", get your application in. Even if you do not plan to bring your car, what better reason to go to Laughlin then to have some fun and hang with fellow enthusiasts.

On one other note I am asking how many members would go to the SEMA show in Las Vegas each November if the Club joined SEMA. This would enable club members to attend this automotive trade show (there is a small attendance fee that each member would have to pay when attending, but the club would have to be a member in order to even be eligible to get admittance (\$15/person in advance and \$60 day of event). The dues for the club would be \$150/ year. Let myself or other board members know if this is worthwhile for the club.

Be sure to mark your calendar on December 13<sup>th</sup> for our annual Christmas event, more details to follow on this.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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## Rumblings from the Editor's Desk - by David Hartman

For those of you that did not make it to the Victor Valley Air Show at the Apple Valley Airport, you didn't miss a lot. By the time I finally found my way into the air show and where we were suppose to park, I was thoroughly frustrated. There were no noticeable signs directing us to the proper area. Once there, the people directing the traffic didn't know anything about a car show. In fact, I got one reply that went, "Car show? This is an Air Show. There's no car show here." Once inside, it was the usual small time air show. Not bad in and of itself.

Now, our next event, which is covered several times other places in this newsletter, is our annual Laughlin run at the end of October. Last year I think A.H.A. had a total of four cars there. Hey guys, let's try for a better turn out! It's a lot of fun! Really! And, believe it or not, the Arizona Cobra guys are a lot of fun. The whole thing is suppose to be casual and fun, so do try to make it. Heck, even Dave Martin will be there, even if he has to drive his Durango instead of his Daytona.

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## Activities - ???

### Kit Cars on the Colorado year two.

The Association of Handcrafted Automobiles ([www.replicarclub.com](http://www.replicarclub.com)), and the Arizona Cobra Club ([www.azcobras.com](http://www.azcobras.com)) will be hosting the annual meeting of California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada kit cars at the luxurious Don Laughlin Riverside Resort in the town of Laughlin, Nevada on the weekend of October 25th & 26th, 2008. This event has been a Southwest 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 show is a participant judged show and shine with awards in the early afternoon. After the awards, we head off on a car cruise to somewhere in the local area (location tbd). A t-shirt picture, order and registration forms are available on [www.replicarclub.com](http://www.replicarclub.com).

Caravan in on Friday with friends and make it a weekend of fun by the river. For reservations at Don Laughlin Riverside Hotel call 1-800-227-3849 and mention Car Cruise to Laughlin and Group Code **CICRUIS**. A block of rooms at a group rate of \$55 per night will be available until September 24th. So, reserve early. (Ed. Note: Although the offer time is past, use it anyway. Never can tell, they might honor it.)

Questions may be directed to Ron Biggerstaff at (909) 796-9946 or Mike Canning at (623) 486-2299. The next Board meeting is October 24th at Peggy Sue's Diner, on the way to Laughlin.

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

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**Membership – Ron Biggerstaff**

None

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**Treasurer - Dave Martin**

Summers gone, ended, finis, done, down the tubes. Pretty depressing as I've still got the Coupe in the garage and not out on the street, Seems that between all the troubles I've had with getting it to run right and keeping the house running I've now run afoul of the California budget crisis. I've got two of my three inspections complete and am waiting for the BAR Referee Smog Inspection. Therein lies the problem as all the Referee stations are closed and have been for about 2 months – they were the first things the state shut down to save money. Bummer! I'm going to try for a 60 day temporary operator permit but the DMV personnel are kinda unhappy also – see budget crisis above. Wish me luck!

Laughlin is just around the corner now. Hope you've made your reservations, I have. Even if the Coupe isn't ready I'll be there in the Durango – again – and will take all the ribbing from the Arizona Cobra's with good grace. We'll be meeting at Peggy Sue's just north of Barstow off I-15 at 10am Friday – for those of you would like to caravan across the desert with us. A fun time is guaranteed for all...

Board of Directors. Hopefully you've all voted and if you haven't, please do so now. If you don't want to send in a ballot feel free to email your votes to Dean Hornbacher at dashornbacher@aol.com. Consider this practice for the National Elections.

Dave

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**NCKCC Show report by Mike Koken**

Melinda and I joined our friend, Roger Ralphs, to caravan north in our Ferraris. We arrived at the Marina Inn on Friday afternoon and, after a quick car cleaning, dinner and a good night's sleep, it was off to enter the NCKCC show Saturday morning. The show was somewhat smaller and shorter this year (being billed as a one day event), but we had a blast. Lots of great cars showed up. I didn't get names, but this year we saw a fabulous 1939 Ford coupe, at least six Cobra roadsters, two great Cobra Daytona coupes, six Ferraris, several beautiful 1930's era neoclassics, a Kurtis roadster, and a very interesting collection of other hand crafted treasures. I don't have the winners list as I was in the awards queue, (our Ferrari 250 GTO replica, possibly the lone AHA entry, took first place class B sports).

Saturday night was the banquet buffet at the Marina Inn with door prizes for all who attended. Although billed as a one day event, many of the entries participated in a Sunday "poker run" involving a beautiful drive through wine country for a morning wine tasting, then driving through more wine country to the Blackhawk Museum located in Danville where we were allowed to park in front of the main entrance (not a parking area). The staff at the Blackhawk Museum gave us a special tour of their fabulous auto collection. Afterwards Melinda and I had lunch at the Blackhawk Plaza then headed back to southern California arriving home late Sunday night. What a great weekend!

## **2008 Calendar of Events**

### **October**

**Our Annual Laughlin River Run Event**

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

### **November**

No meeting this month

### **December**

**Annual Christmas Party**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **2009 Calendar of Events**

### **January**

**Annual Chili Cook Off**

TBD but probably at Dave Martins

### **February**

**TBD**

### **March**

**TBD**

### **April**

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Knott's Show**

**April 25 and 26**