



The Fuel Line



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

The heat of summer has finally hit us and I have been neglecting my Cobra; I have not had it out in over three months other than to run it around the block to warm it up a couple of times. I have a good reason and I don't think my Cobra would mind knowing I am building it a new home. Every weekend it seems I have some project to do that is involved in building my shop/garage. The more preliminary things that I can do helps keep the cost down and every penny counts when doing a project of this size. I have a contractor and we have set a construction start date of September 14. He figures we should be done in six weeks after that. My contractor normally builds seven-figure homes but, with new construction moving at a snails pace, he is willing to take on anything. Besides, he is an avid NASCAR fan and car nut like me so he would like to see that my Cobra has a great roof over it also.

In the next few weeks, if you check out the Fairplex website, you should see our April show listed in future events. One big advantage of Fairplex is that they will help promote the AHA in all their promotional literature. Fairplex has a huge electronic billboard right along side the 10 freeway and, ten days before our event, we will be promoted on it. This is a service we never received from Knott's.

I spoke with George Cross of Cross Promotions (Pomona Swap Meet) and later this year they will promote our show on their website also.

Kit Cars on the Colorado will be held October 23-25 in Laughlin, Nevada so get your reservation in at the Riverside if you plan to attend. What better excuse to go to Laughlin do you need? There is further information about this elsewhere within this newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held in Wrightwood on Saturday, August 15th. This will be our show appreciation luncheon in conjunction with the Mountain Classic Car Show in streets of Wrightwood. We will be meeting up at Elliot Smith's house in Wrightwood. So come and enjoy the mountain air. More information on this under **Activities** listed on page 2.

It is that time of the year for AHA board elections. Most of us on the board have been on it for several years now and might not mind a break. So, if you are interested in serving as a board member, please let one of the board members know and we will put your name on the ballot which will be coming out in the September newsletter.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk - by David Hartman

In this issue you'll find another Tech Article from Dave Martin and his story about driving an over heated Daytona Coupe. Gee, I hope it runs better across the desert in October. Speaking of Laughlin, I have yet to get a show registration form from Mike Canning in Arizona or the registration code for the room rental from Ron Biggerstaff.

Next month this newsletter will contain a ballot form for the annual AHA elections. Add your name to the ballot if you'd like to be a board member!

There are some comments from Elliott about the Wrightwood Car Show as well as our monthly meeting. There's an insert with his directions to Wrightwood from various areas of Southern California as well as a map of Wrightwood. I attended this show quite a few years ago with the local Fiero Club and it was very interesting. The hills can be a bit on the steep side so bring your belaying ropes and climbing pinions.

Activities - Elliot Smith

For those of you who are planning on attending the Wrightwood car show on August 15, I'm attaching some directions along with maps. They address driving to Wrightwood from various parts of Southern California.

Car show information can be found through the link below which focuses on pre-1973 American rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trucks, but other vehicles are welcome...

<http://www.wrightwoodchamber.org/wrightwoodchamber-carshow.html>

I've seen Cobra replicas there in past years and I spoke with the organizer about my Magnum and he was fine with that. We would not be in the main drag show area, but the town is small and all the cars will be very close to each other. The application form is available on a link from the web address listed above. There are some activities in town the night before the show, but they are certainly not mandatory.

If you decide to go to the show, let me know and Lauren and I can meet you where you leave the 15 freeway at a prearranged time. (There's a McDonald's that you can't miss.) Also, you are all invited to spend some time at our house in Wrightwood before, during, or after the show. (We have parking for four vehicles in the driveway and there is no street parking!)

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 **2008-Expired** on it, then you have not “re-upped” yet for 2008. Send a check for \$24.00, payable to the AHA, to:

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Treasurer - Dave Martin

Hi All,

Summer is finally here with a vengeance... I know we all wished for hot weather to arrive a couple of month’s ago when we were in the midst of “June Gloom,” but I think I’d rather go back to the cooler weather. I took the Coupe out for a run to the coast last weekend when it was 100-degrees plus – in the shade. I purposely waited for later in the day on Sunday, around 6pm, so I could miss the heat of the day and hopefully the traffic. The drive thru Malibu Canyon was picture perfect, although hot, and the Coupe was performing flawlessly making the drive at a leisurely 40 to 50mph. When I hit Pacific Coast Highway, I turned north and a good thing I did. Southbound was at a standstill due to an accident at Malibu Beach so I thanked the God’s of fate and drove up to Kanan Dume to come back through the canyon. Evidently EVERYONE coming southbound from the beaches in Ventura thought the same thing and I was soon in 5mph traffic winding through a canyon that was very HOT!

It didn’t take very long for the Coupe’s water temperature to start registering 220-degrees and begin to worry its driver. Going up grades was the worst and I actual had to pull over twice to allow the radiator fan to cool the water while sitting by the side of the road. I also had a scare in that, as the temperature crept up, the oil pressure went down to the point that I was reading around 18 psi at idle. I had just changed the oil at the beginning of July and had decided that I’d try Synthetic 10/40w. Too scary! Well, I made it through the canyon without boiling over and promptly dumped the Synthetic in lieu of good old Valvoline 20/50w racing. This lesson cost me the price of 12 quarts of Synthetic oil and a little more hair loss. Anyone interested in some used Synthetic oil with only about 100 miles on it?

We’re starting to plan for next year’s Fun Under the Sun Car Show – yeah, we’ll all have to break the habit of calling it Knott’s – and we’re really excited about working with the Fairplex team, and soon with George Cross and the Pomona Swap Meet people. We should have press releases going out this month and will have the show posted on Fairplex’s website along with our own later in August.

The next big event on the horizon is, of course, our annual Kit Cars on the Colorado this coming October in Laughlin with the Arizona Cobra’s. Stay tuned....

Dave

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2009 Calendar of Events

August

Braille Rallye

August 1st

Luncheon for the Knott's Show
Volunteers and Workers

September

12th and 13th

NCKCC San Leandro Kit Car Show
at the Hilton Hotel in Concord, CA.

Registration info at www.nckcc.com

or write to

NCKCC

3317 Ellesmere Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

October

23rd, 24th & 25th

Kit Cars On The Colorado

November

No scheduled meeting

December

Annual Christmas Party