



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

We have a contract! So mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24, 2010 for Fun Under the Sun at the NHRA Museum Fairplex. As you can see from the date, it is a one day show. For years now we have had a drop off of one-third in participants at Sunday's show. We will see how our new venue works out and maybe, at some point in the future, a second day would work.

I am looking forward to working with the people at Fairplex and the NHRA Museum. A very car savvy group that has been very professional and up front in our dealings with them.

Knott's did contact us and gave us a quote on a 2010 show. But it did include a large raise in cost which totally guaranteed we would be priced out of any hope of even breaking even let alone have money to donate to our favorite charity. I asked Knott's if this was the best they could do and their response was, yes, and that these prices were dictated by corporate. I thanked them for the 30 year relationship and we are moving on. By the way, Lydia Diaz is back at Knott's in her old position and her hands are tied on being able to change these new prices.

We have confirmed dates for the Kit Cars on the Colorado for October 23-25 in Laughlin, Nevada. More information to follow on this event.

Do not forget the Braille Rallye coming up on August 1. If you want your sprit lifted, see these kids response to this event it is well worth attending. Even though we had a loss at Knott's this year, the AHA Board voted to donate \$500.00 to the Braille Institute.

Our next club meeting will be held in Wrightwood on Saturday, August 15. This will be our show appreciation luncheon in conjunction with the Mountain Classic Car Show in the streets of Wrightwood. So come and enjoy the mountain air!

For further information, please see: <http://www.wrightwoodchamber.org/> or call the chamber at (760) 249-4320. If you want to enter your car in the show you need to fill out one of their applications. If not, just come up and enjoy lunch on the club.

One last note, as some of you know, I have been in the process of trying to build a garage/shop on my property. Well, I have the building permit in hand and the county Planning Commission's blessing, so I hope to start construction in August. Next year's goodie bag stuffing will be held in the new unofficial AHA club house.

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 a Tech Article from Dave Martin and information for the Braille Rallye. I hope to have more info about the Laughlin event in the next couple of months, including the T-Shirt ordering info from Mike at Arizona Cobras. At that time I will make up a flyer insert for this newsletter.

Another thing to consider, ELECTIONS! As usual, the September issue will have a ballot for the Board of Directors. Now, all we have to do is find people to fill those empty slots. Oh, wait, all of our slots are currently full and, as of this point, we don't have any volunteers to run for any of the Board positions. I guess that makes the ballot easy. Just change the dates on last year's ballot and use it again this year. Anyone want to try out for Newsletter Editor?? Membership? Activities? Vice President? Just contact any Board member and let us know which position you want to run for.

Activities - Elliot Smith

No meeting during July. The next business meeting/event will in Wrightwood on August 15 and my place. Details will be in the August Newsletter.

 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,

Results are in and we ended up losing about \$487.00 on Knott's this year. It was primarily all around the low turnout at our Saturday night Chicken Dinner – which has had declining attendance for about the last five years. Probably a sign there somewhere for us to consider in 2010. We expected to lose much more as this year was projected to be a lower attendance year for us with the economy in the toilet but attendance actually was close to last year.

Next year we are going to be at the Pomona Fairplex. The contract is being signed as we publish and we'll be getting more information out to you as we firm it up. It's a tough decision and not necessarily unanimous with the members - but it is necessary.

For 2010, Knott's raised parking by \$2.00 per day, per car, plus other expenses are sure to go up with parking. That equates to an increase of \$4.00 plus per car at registration which we just couldn't figure out how to swing. We are giving up 30 years of great history at one of the nation's great theme parks, which is very painful for the club. We also lose a fun diversion for other family members who also attend the show with their significant others. On the plus side, we're dealing with a great new group over at Fairplex who deal with automotive events as a norm. Fairplex is home of the Grand National Roadster Show, NHRA Drag Racing, the Pomona Automotive Swap Meet, as well as many other events so we expect to be able to capitalize on anything running during the same weekend as our show.

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...

My Daytona's been down since Memorial Day as my hydraulic clutch bearing needed to be pulled and rebuilt (yes, there's a story behind it and I'll relate it later...), so the engine/transmission set had to be pulled from the car to access the offending leaker. About \$104.00 in parts and four days of work expended. I should be back up and cruising the canyons by 4th of July.

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