



# The Fuel Line



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## From the Desk of "El Presidente"

With the 30<sup>th</sup> show in the closet it is now time to move on with the 31<sup>st</sup> edition of "Fun Under the Sun". By the next newsletter I hope to have more firm information on our show at the Fairplex & NHRA museum next year. I am really looking forward to the new show location. If you have any suggestions for next year's show let me or any of the board know.

Over the years the AHA and Knott's have had a great relationship but like so many other things in life changes happen and so do situations and attitudes. For those of you that might not know Knott's has not been owned by the Knott's family for several years now. They are part of a big corporation, no longer a hand shake and a smile operation. For the last 3 years we have been getting a sense that our welcome was slowly slipping away with them. With major personnel changes at Knott's so too has the "old school" relationship we have experienced over the years. On the day of the show this year Knott's made changes on us at the last minute that really made us see that it was time to move on. We leave Knott's with a lot of good memories from years past and a bit of sadness at the loss of a "friend" that has played a major role in the club's history.

All in all it was a good show considering the day of show problems and how the economy is in such turmoil right now. Dave Martin has updated the website with the 2009 show winners and pictures. If you have not looked at them yet, take the time and have a look see.

During our 30<sup>th</sup> show we had a film crew from the local NBC affiliate **KNBC** who were filming for a segment on their auto program called *Whipnotic*. We were the car club of the week, the segment aired on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:30pm. If you missed it you can check out their web site: <http://www.whipnotic.com> *Whipnotic* also did a segment on Bill Logan's amazing cat inspired Camaro.

Last month I mentioned the demise of Shell Valley. Well it has been saved. A buyer for the whole organization has stepped forward. Travis and Deanna Roth from Norfolk, NE have purchased the company and plan to operate it as Shell Valley Classic Wheels, Inc. Great to see replica car companies continue and not disappear. I wish them all the best and good luck in this endeavor, also looking forward to the possibility of the new organization participating in our 2010 "Fun Under the Sun" show.

Our next meeting will be at the San Dimas Sizzler on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This is open to all members, as is all board meetings, so show up and let yourself be known.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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

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## Activities - Elliot Smith

On June 6<sup>th</sup> we'll be meeting at 11am in San Dimas at the Sizzler.

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### Cars and Coffee Car Show

Three weeks ago, I visited the "Cars and Coffee" show in Irvine. It occurs every Saturday from 7:00AM to 9:00AM in the parking lot of the Ford/Mazda building at 7905 Gateway Boulevard in Irvine. Directions are available from the Cars & Coffee, Irvine site: <http://irvine.carsandcoffee.info/directions.php>

It's an unusual show, to say the least. Aside from being brief, there is no sign-up for "entrants". If you think you have an interesting car, then you simply drive it to the venue and park it in the lot. (If you go just to look, parking is available in the Ford/Mazda parking structure.) So if you feel that you have a car that would interest other people, just drive it and park it.

When I was there, most drivers seemed to wander away from their vehicles to see what else was in the lot, though I spoke to the owner of a beautiful Porsche 356 coupe and listened to the owner of an Iso Grifo, the first Iso I'd ever seen. There were more classic Porsches than anything else, as well as a handful of Ferrari's, several Corvettes, a Nissan GTR, three Lotus Elises, a couple of classic 1930's Jaguar sedans, a Jaguar XK120, a Noble, a very clean late 1950s Chrysler 300 sedan, and on and on – a total of about 60 cars. There were even a few motorcycles. As a Magnum GT owner, I was interested to see an immaculate Fiat Dino too. And yes, there were several kit cars there. Most were Cobra replicas, but there were several Ford GT40s as well. Superforce seemed to be connected with a couple of the GT40s and Cobras and had some apparent representatives talking-up the cars.

I haven't been back yet, so I can't comment on the variety of cars from one week to the next, but I will be back again sometime soon. The show is interesting and the promise of seeing unusual vehicles is very intriguing, so I'd recommend you take the time to go. You can, indeed, buy coffee and doughnuts in the parking lot, but I didn't notice a restroom, so plan accordingly.

Elliott

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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**

Last Reminder! For those of you who have not yet paid your 2009 Membership Dues, they are now six months past due and this may be your last newsletter. If the mailing label on this newsletter says “**2008-EXPIRED**” then you have not “re-upped” for 2009. We would hate to lose you as a member. Dues remain the same as last year, only \$24, and your dues help cover the cost of paper, toner and mailing of this newsletter.

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**Treasurer - Dave Martin**

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Knott’s is now history and even at the end, will be history changing for the club. Next year we’re moving the show to the Fairplex at Pomona. Dean can comment more on the particulars but it ought to be a blast!

The final bill for Knott’s just came in and as soon as the final expenses are approved by the Board we’ll report them here. We actually did well in participation but came up very short in our very last Saturday night dinner in the park which will probably end up as a loss for the club. But not to worry, with the economy as it is this year the Board fully expected to take a loss on this year’s show and the great turnout will most certainly make it less than what we expected. It was perfect weather and the cars once again were spectacular.

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.

Oh yeah... the Daytona made it to Knott’s under its own power and was a hit! Actually have about 750 miles on it so Laughlin will be a run across the desert.

Dave

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# 2009 Calendar of Events

## July

No meeting

## August

Braille Rallye

August 1<sup>st</sup>

Luncheon for the Knott's Show

Volunteers and Workers

## September

NCKCC San Leandro Kit Car Show

## October

Kit Cars On The Colorado

## November

TBD

## December

Annual Christmas Party