



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES

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November/December 2009

From the Desk of "El Presidente"

October was a very busy month for me, shop building and two car shows. I was looking forward to November; time to get caught up.

Elections are over with over 75% of the club voting, this is the highest percentage of members voting since I have been counting ballots for the last five years. Thanks to all for participating. Oh, by the way, no surprises. All board members were voted in for another term. With the new location for "Fun Under the Sun" the board has a bit of a challenge ahead of us this coming year. I am looking forward to an interesting 2010.

The first weekend in October, Shari and I took the cobra up to Bishop for the Owens Valley Curser's Annual Fall Colors car show. They had a great turnout and beautiful weather; about 300 plus cars. No signs of a depressed economy affecting this show. Oh, I did manage a second place in the special interest class.

Kit Cars on the Colorado was a rousing success. About 30 cars were there from California, Arizona and Nevada. Again we had great weather and a good time. Those Arizona cobra boys and gals are a wild and crazy bunch; a lot of fun to be around this

group, great people. I even did a little Karaoke at the Riverside night club and found out that Don Laughlin was in attendance. I have still not received an invitation from him for a signing gig in Laughlin yet so I guess I better not quit my day job!

We will be holding our Christmas banquet on the Queen Mary on Saturday, December 12th, at 1:00pm. We will be having a voluntary gift exchange; more information about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

In getting quotes for next year's show, we are finding out that in order to help control future expenses, there are some things we, as a club, need to acquire on our own. One being a sound system. It's looking like we could pay for one in about one to two years in savings by purchasing one ourselves so we are in the process of acquiring a sound system. Now is a good time since there's a lot of bargains out their.

My shop (aka AHA clubhouse) is making great progress. The exterior was done in October. The first week of November the outside cement and driveway was poured and it's looking great. My Basset Hound, Daisy, has decided this is her new home.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

There will be no more "Rumblings from the Editor's Desk" going forward. Our beloved newsletter editor, David Hartman, died on November 6th.



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Activities by Elliott Smith

This year's Christmas dinner will be held on December 12th in the Promenade Café on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. I've made reservations for 14 people and the full menu will be available to all those attending; there will be no need to place a "chicken or fish" request in advance. If you plan on bringing one, please label your grab bag either "Man" or "Woman".

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From the Bean Counter by Dave Smith

Laughlin was great this year! Weather was picture perfect – not too hot and not too cold. Low 90's crossing the desert and Laughlin itself was in the 80's. As always, the Arizona Cobra's were great and I really enjoyed the time with all of them. Special thanks to Mike and Ginny Canning for organizing their end of the event. We had just under 30 cars attend with 6 cars from this club alone and a couple of members without cars so, in all, a good showing although I think we can do better next year. Pictures and more details should be up on the website by the time you get this so check out at www.replicar.com.

The drive to Laughlin was great and I'm really

pleased as it was the first "long distance" run in the Coupe – about 350 miles each way. The Coupe ran flawlessly, and other than a couple of loose screws the owner forgot to tighten, was very stable across the desert averaging 80mpg and getting 18-25mpg! Yes, you read that right... Between Barstow and Needles, doing 80mph, I was getting 25mpg. Now I have to add that I designed the drive train with this type of car in mind; a Coupe is a high speed runner, not an off the line beast like Cobra's tend to be. With a fifth speed overdrive on the trans, and 2:88 rear gears, I was only turning over about 1,800 rpm's. Take that Toyota!

Fun Under the Sun 2010 is in process. We've decided to purchase our own PA system to mitigate future costs – the bid by the Fairplex audio guy was three times Knott's cost. Flyers are being designed, parking lot layouts are being considered, and we're working with the host hotel to secure blocks of rooms and planning for the Saturday night dinner. Stay tuned; as we get more info we'll pass it along.

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One Woman's (Last) View by Margaret

Laughlin was beautiful weather wise and the turnout of cars was definitely abundant. David and I enjoyed the trip and we sort of played car tag with our club members after meeting at Peggy Sue's for a bite to eat and then to top off the tank. The drive back from Laughlin was tiring because David had to go to work the next day and I was making plans to leave town that following Tuesday due to a death in my

family. When I returned, we would have made our plans for Thanksgiving as well as the club's holiday luncheon, then drove back to Laughlin for Christmas week. Those plans have now changed.

David wasn't feeling quite himself when he returned from Laughlin and he went for testing the Saturday after I left at the VA Hospital in Long Beach. He went in but never came out. He died on Friday, November 6th, from a kidney infection that ultimately shut down his kidneys, his liver, and then the rest of his organs one by one. David was surrounded by medical staff that made sure he was never in any pain and they were at his side when he died. At that time I was still in Chicago. Please don't grieve too much; I'm sure I've done more than enough for all of you.

Our illustrious newsletter editor was an AHA member for about 13 years. He built the GT40 kit because he loved its sleek lines and especially enjoyed the attention wherever he drove when ordinary folks would ooh and ahh over his car. David was a ham radio operator and held a private pilot's license in the Soaring Society of America. When he was 20, David sailed his glider over the mountains from Elsinore to San Juan Capistrano which was a first for the Capistrano Airport. He served in the Air National Guard, Navy, Air Force and the Marines, and was honorably discharged from them all. I don't know any one else who can make that claim. David was one of a kind and he will be missed!

It is now the club's sad duty to find a new editor as well as a new secretary as I'll be returning to Illinois. **I will miss you all!**

David's obituary was printed in the November 12, 2009 edition of the *Orange County Register*; the link is listed below. Please sign his guest book and share your car stories and thoughts about David.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?n=david-p-hartman&pid=135852746>

For Sale" items are free to club members for as long
as you need or until the item sells.

Non-members can advertise in the newsletter for the cost
of \$4.00 per issue, with a three month minimum.

Items For Sale

For Sale

1926 Model "T" Roadster. All original parts and complete. Runs. \$4,000.00.

One Devin Roadster body, never installed. \$2,000.00.

Contact Ed Russell at (714) 538-6812.

For Sale

Magnum, replica of a Dino GT246. This bright yellow baby was built in 1989 and currently has 28,700 miles on it. This car is an award winner; 31 awards in the last four years! It was a featured car in *Kit Car Illustrated* magazine in the October 2001 issue and it was also featured on *Speed Vision* in January 2002 in a segment of "Car Crazy".

The engine is a 1984 Mazda Rotary. The transaxle is a 1971 Porsche 911, 5 speed. Compomotive wheels. The interior is all custom, VDO black faced analog gages in a wood trimmed dash, tilt wheel, Clarion model S600 AM/FM stereo, and black leather Carrera seats. This is a great highway car. \$18,000.00.

Contact Mike at (909) 657-0422 or e-mail him at mike@rkitkar.com

2009 Calendar of Events

November

No Scheduled Meeting

December

Annual Christmas Party

December 12th

Queen Mary's The Promenade Café
