



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES

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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

With all the Halloween stuff and a spattering of Christmas stuff in the stores, fall is definitely here and winter is fast approaching. The long range forecast is for an El Nino winter, which translates into a wet one, but we do need it, badly!!! Some rain would be a welcome, up to a point, and so long as it does not continue on into late April next year. **Fun Under the Sun** needs to be just that.

It also looks like we might have seen the bottom of the recession and most indicators are going in the right directions for a change. I will have more faith in this when my employer starts hiring again.

Speaking about next year's show, things are really coming together. I have been in touch with the Sheraton at Fairplex arranging a block room rate and catering for our banquet. Prices are looking great and there's a good variety in the menu (we will not be having chicken!). We will be holding the banquet after the show on Saturday in the NHRA Museum reception and banquet area. I am looking forward to this; talk about a car centric environment!!!! It doesn't get much better. More to follow as we get closer to next year's date and all plans are finalized.

Kit Cars on the Colorado will be on October 23-25 in Laughlin. We are planning to meet at Peggy Sue's in Yermo just north of Barstow along the I-15 at 10am on Friday the 23rd then caravanning from there to Laughlin. So if you are going and want to meet us there, you are more than welcome. I am looking forward to a great

time. There is more information listed on the flyer that's inserted in this newsletter.

If you have not sent in your election ballot as yet, please fill it out and send it in. Make your vote count! Elections close on the 23rd of October.

It is looking like we will be holding our Christmas banquet at the Queen Mary restaurant on Saturday afternoon December 12th; more to follow on this once we have reservations confirmed.

My shop (aka AHA club house) is moving right along. The framing started on October 1st. The structure and exterior will be completed by the end of this month. Now that I can see major progress I am really getting excited about moving all my junk into it and starting on restoring the wife's 1968 Mustang.

Until next month,
Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

by David Hartman

This newsletter may be a little later than usual, but the meeting/event for this month isn't until later this month. Kit Cars on the Colorado is our annual fall event and it's a lot of fun. We meet and greet at Peggy Sue's Diner in Yermo, just north of Barstow on I-15. We have a bite to eat, count the ballots, have a quickie business meeting, and then leave for Laughlin. There are gas stations nearby to refuel or top off gas tanks. I usually top off here and can then make it all the way into Laughlin with no problem.

We usually get into Laughlin around 3 or 4pm. This gives us time to get a parking spot, check into our rooms, relax a bit and do some cleaning on our cars before dinner. Then for dinner, a few of us wander over to the casino next door and have the killer sea food buffet. Then it's back to our casino (or heck, any other casino you might want to visit) and play some slots or the tables and then hit bed and get ready for the show Saturday morning.

After the morning car clean up, voting, and handing out of awards, those that are interested can take a small local cruise (cruise route determined that morning). The rest of the group can go back to the casino for some more playing or shopping at the local stores. Some of us get together again for dinner that night and, in the morning, POOF! The parking lot clears out as everyone heads out for home.

All in all, we have a great time. If you think a one day show isn't worth the drive, think again. It turns out that it's more than a one day show when you take in everything we wind up doing. If you haven't been to the Laughlin show, or it's been quite awhile since your last visit, give it a shot, come out and have some fun!

Activities by Elliott Smith

Kit Cars on the Colorado (Or Car Cruise To Laughlin)

The plan is to meet about 10am at Peggy Sue's Diner in Yermo. To get there, take I-15 north from Barstow about 10 or 15 miles. You'll see the billboards advertising for Peggy Sue's. The diner is on the right side just after the off ramp. There is plenty of parking on either side of the diner as well as in the back.

If you've never been to Peggy Sue's, it's a "50's" styled diner with lots of photos from that era hanging on the walls. There's a small store inside the diner that also sells 50's themed items. Please join us for a weekend of fun!

One Woman's View by Margaret Chaffee

There is an old Chinese proverb that says "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

That first step in my journey began in 2002 when David Hartman introduced me to his GT40 replicar and then the AHA's annual April car show.

After that very first visit I have been hooked on replicars and kit cars. Since 2002, I have managed to attend every AHA April show. Now that I live permanently in southern California, my love of those cars made me want to become even more involved with the AHA. In the fall of last year, I signed up to become a board member and was elected as the AHA's club secretary.

As secretary I am urging all of you to participate in the Association of Handcrafted Automobiles. Please attend our club meetings and participate in our other events as announced.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the **2009 AHA Election Ballot** which was also inserted in last

month's newsletter. Don't be afraid to write your name on the ballot. You just might discover that you'll enjoy being part of our group! Do become a board member and join us in planning future events.

For those of you that don't wish to become a board member, send us an email or write us a letter and tell us what you think of the AHA. Are we doing a good job? Should we make changes to a particular event? Let us know. The AHA board members make decisions among ourselves because your voice is not being heard! Those of us on the board will gladly read your comments and/or suggestions.

If you haven't already sent in your 2009 AHA Election Ballot, mail it today so it's received by Dean Hornbacher no later than October 22nd.

Let **YOUR** voice be heard!

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

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 26th
so please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

2009 Calendar of Events

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

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3317 Ellesmere Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

October

23rd, 24th & 25th

Kit Cars On The Colorado
Meet at Peggy Sue's on Friday at 10am
for the convoy to Laughlin, NV

November

No Scheduled Meeting

December

Annual Christmas Party
on December 12th

Queen Mary's The Promenade Café

Suggestions for monthly meetings and/or activities are always welcome!
Give any one of your Board Members a call with your suggestions.

Happy Halloween!!!

