



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

Well 2010 is here and a lot of questions for all of us. Is the economy going to head in a positive direction? Is our new show venue going to be a success? I think "yes" to all of these questions. As much money the federal government has thrown at the economy one would hope some of it takes seed and sprout.

I want to take a moment to say a few words about our late friend and club member David Hartman. David was very devoted to the club and the industry. He was devoted to the publication of the club's news letter. He was at every meeting and events; I think you could count on half of one hand the number of meetings he missed. David loved his GT40 and I think he was going to set a record, if he did not already, for the highest miles achieved on a kit car. I am glad I saw him and spoke with him at Laughlin just a short 2 weeks before his passing. We will all miss David.

2010 also brings an interesting situation with the replica car industry and all hand built cars of all kind. This being the amnesty program from the California DMV with improperly titled special constructed vehicles. It runs from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. If you own one of these problem cars you would be well advised to take advantage of this. The penalties for not correcting a title problem are quit sever. For more information on this and a good synopsis of the amnesty program can be found on the SEMA sans web site

(<http://www.semasan.com/main/main.aspx?id=62665>).

I have meet with Fairplex, NHRA museum and the Sheraton in December and all is on schedule for our show on April 24th. I am excited by their enthusiasm for our event. We will be sending out information and invites to previous attendees in mid January. More to follow as it develops.

Our Next meeting will be the Chili cook off at Dave Martin's house in Westlake Village on Saturday January 16th @ 11AM. This is an important meeting because of the kick off for the planning and countdown to "Fun Under the Sun". So if you can make it do and let your voice help in building our 31st show. Good Chili, from mild to hot, will be on hand.

Start of a new year which signals time to re-up. Forms are in the news letter.

Happy New year to all!

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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From the V.P.

Well we are about to embark on a new decade...2010. And the AHA will be doing the same, the beginning of our 4th and I will be starting my 3rd as a member (and I am not the longest active member.....I believe Ron Biggerstaff holds that distinction-Thanks Ron).

For 30 years we have built the "Fun Under the Sun" handcrafted auto show into the largest of its kind on the West Coast. With this new decade, we are also changing venues for our show (just in case you haven't heard). For me this is very exciting because of the new location. Knott's was clearly unique, but the NHRA museum.....FANTASTIC!!!

During the last decade, we have lost some members who contributed greatly to the success of our recognition and growth. Most recently, David Harman our Newsletter Editor. Also, John St. Thomas who held several offices and, along with his wife Joan, really put the "Fun Under the Sun" show on the map, and Clarence Johnson, who also held several offices and was one of the finest craftsmen if have ever known. They are all missed by the AHA.

So, to all of you out there, Vickie & I wish you a prosperous New Year and Decade. Thank you for letting me be a part of this organization!

From the Bean Counter

Happy New Year one and all!

It's nice to put a "close" on a really bad year and welcome in a new one with some sunshine peeking around the edges. I hope 2010 finds you in good health for you and your family, along with a healthy outlook for 2010. Too many friends of mine lost jobs, homes and yes, even their cars last year. I don't believe you truly understand what "helping a friend" is until you're in a position that is perilous yourself, and still find a way to help a friend deal with problems worse than yours. I found those to be the hardest, but

most rewarding decisions I had to make last year.

We lost our Newsletter Editor and friend last year – David Hartman – and we will all be the poorer for it. David constantly reminded us that our cars are for fun and should be driven as evidenced by his GT40 with over 200,000 miles plus on it. He was always there for our events and traveled far and wide to represent the A.H.A. I will miss him and our discussions.

Our finances remain strong although we have dipped into our reserves over the last couple of down years – a trend we hope to reverse over the next couple of years. A full accounting will be made at our January Chili Cook off at my house in January. Hope to see you there.

Dean and I spent lunch at the Pomona Sheraton and sampled their gourmet meatloaf dinner and I can honestly say that it was very good and deserves the adjective of "gourmet." Very tasty.

See you for Chili!

Activities

- No updates -

Membership – Ron Biggerstaff

DUES DUES DUES

Calendar year 2010 Membership Dues are due. The dues are the same as last year, \$24. This rate helps cover the cost of paper, ink and mailing of the newsletter. A Membership Form is included in this newsletter. Fill it out with any updates (if no change so note), include a check, and mail it back to me. Even better, give the Membership Form to a "car enthusiast" friend or relative, and invite him\her to the next AHA activity or car show. If

you need an additional form, let me know and I will email a replacement form to you. My email address is on the front of the newsletter.

New Members – Welcome!

Rene Boutin – 1934 Mercedes 500k

Rob Kurowski – Yellow Cobra

Harry Reese – Red Manta

2010 Calendar of Events

January 16th – Chili Cook Off – Dave Martin's house in Westlake Village

February 20th – Club Meeting, Sizzlers in San Dimas

March 20th – Club Meeting, Sizzlers in San Dimas

April 10th – Goody Bag Stuffing – Dean Hornbacher's house in Riverside

April 24th – 31st Annual Fun Under the Sun
– NHRA Museum @ Pomona Fairplex

Items for Sale

(items for sale is a free service to club members)

For Sale

1926 Model "T" Roadster. Complete with all original parts. Runs. \$4,000

Devin Roadster body – never installed.
\$2,000

Contact Ed Russel (714)538-6812

For Sale

Magnum Replica of a Dino GT246 - This bright yellow baby was built in 1989 and currently has 29k miles on it. The car has won over 31 awards and was featured in *Kit Car Illustrated* magazine in October 2001 along with being featured on Speed Vision in

January of 2002 on their "Car Crazy" segment.

The Engine is a 1984 Mazda Rotary with a 1971 Porsche 911 5 speed transaxle. Compomotive wheels. The interior is all custom with VDO black faced analog gauges, wood trimmed dash and tilt wheel. Clarion S600 AM/FM stereo. Black leather seats. A great road car at a great price. \$18,000

Contact Mike Dresbach (909) 657-0422 or email mike@rkitkar.com

For Sale

Manta Montage - Owned since 1989. I have 2 engines for it - 1600cc & 1835cc. VW chassis, transaxle, steering box & adjustable front end, Camaro steering column, Yamaha parking lights, Manta rear & head lights, VDO gauges

Body in original gel coat - never painted! Tan interior

The car has always been garaged, low mileage, and registered, street legal, licensed & insured in CA. Asking \$12,000

Contact - Harry Reese - 909-399-9179,
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Editors Confession... Due to the club printer not dealing well with a ride in Deans truck across town, this first newsletter of the new year is not done to the same standard as our late editor would have completed – using 11x17 stock. Please excuse this lack of form.