



# The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES

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## From the Desk of "El Presidente"

I start my August article with the sad news that Ed Russell has passed away after a several year battle with Prostate cancer. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Ellie. Ed was one of the founding fathers of the AHA back in 1979. Even though Ed was not actively involved in the club the last several years he still stayed in touch and would show up at club events to lend his support. We will miss Ed. Good by old friend and peace be with you.

I will be heading up to Hot August Nights this month. It will be interesting to get the total scope on what happened with the now defunct Long Beach event which was canceled before it even happened.

Last month I attended the CARB meeting in El Monte concerning the pending regulations that will control emissions legal engine packages that can be used in Specially Constructed Vehicles (SPCNS). When the meeting was held in Sacramento there were only about 30 people in attendance but there were over 80 at the El Monte meeting, the room was almost full.

They started out the meeting by assuring all that SB100 was safe and that the whole point of this regulation was to give another legal path for people who did not have or want a SB100 number. Also for 2010 the last SB100 was given out December 1! Does this speak volumes on the state of car building and the economy?

GM and Mopar representatives were present (Ford was attending on line). The GM rep pointed out that the present market value of their LS 430HP system is \$7,500 and how many people could build a small block Chevy with this power, a warranty and additional parts for that amount. GM is also getting a 550HP super-charged version approved right now. Ford stated that

they are looking and evaluating on doing this. Mopar is working on it also. CARB stated that Honda even has shown some interest.

All and all it was a good meeting. Some people got a little rowdy at some points (more based on a lack of understanding what CARB is up to). It was pointed out to CARB they need to be more transparent on what is going on.

It was interesting that most all the pictures used in their presentation were from this year's Fun Under the Sun show. My engine was shown, Mike Dresbach's car, Dave Martin's car and a lot of other participants. After the meeting I told the CARB people they should have introduced themselves at the show and not sneak around. And they wonder why people do not trust them?

Things are looking up for next year's show and possibility of a track day. I hope to have good news soon.

Our next meeting will be at the Petersen Museum on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. We will all meet for a late lunch/early dinner at a spot within walking distance of the Petersen. Hope to see you there. We will also have a little discussion about board member elections at this time.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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### The Editors Rack—Dave Martin

As you've already read from Dean, and Mike will give you more history about the man who was Ed Russell, I like to remember Ed as an enthusiast of all things mechanical. Many people can work on their cars, change out a tire or fix anything around the house but it's those rare individuals who can also inspire friends and others around him. Ed, along with George Evans created a working car club on two different Marques back in 1979. To understand how remarkable that was is to imagine the local Factory Five Owners Group, with their Cobra's, starting up a car club with the local Speedster and Spyder Owners Groups here in So Cal. Remotely possible, but it would take a couple of truly dynamic people with the foresight to see the good of auto enthusiasts over car Marques. Inspiring people - like Ed.

I met Ed and Ellie for the first time about 10 years ago and have had the pleasure of their company a number of times since. I always enjoyed talking with Ed (and Ellie too!) about cars, planes, and various activities he was always involved in. I remember him being amazed about how long the club had been up and running and still doing the show at Knott's, now Fairplex. He thought we were all crazy - but his kind of crazy.

I'll miss those talks Ed, We'll all miss you.

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From the V.P. — Mike Dresbach

**Edward John Russell**

Ed Russell was a founding member of the Association of Handcrafted Automobiles. His and Ellie's contributions to our club throughout years are immeasurable. He will be remembered in high regard in many of our hearts.

Ed was born on January 19, 1933 in San Francisco, California. His parents were from Germany. Ed grew up in the Bay area and became an auto mechanic. He served in the Marine Corps in the mid 50's. He got heavy into custom cars in the late 50's and had a custom 52' Mercury written up in a car magazine in 1958. He met Ellie around that time and they were married in March of 1960.

Ed was into all kinds of stuff. He was into boat racing starting around 1964 up into 1972 and raced a 9 hour enduro annually during that time. He got into Kit Cars around 76' and built and sold turn key Bugattis in his own shop in Santa Ana. Around late 78', He, Ed Spittles, George Evans and Norm Silvers got together and formed the Association of Handcrafted Automobiles and the first "Fun Under The Sun" handcrafted auto show was born in 1979. In recent years, he was into helping to restore WWII aircraft at the Chino Air Museum.

Ed and Ellie were almost always present at our Christmas Parties and helping out at our annual Fun Under the Sun show. Ellie said that Ed "Still had a heart for the AHA".

We will miss you Ed.

Mike Dresbach, Vice President

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### Activities - Elliot Smith

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### Membership – Ron Biggerstaff

We have got confirmation from the Riverside Resort on this years dates for our Kit Cars on the Colorado scheduled for October 22-23, 2011. Registration forms and hotel info will be in next months news letter.

Mark your calendars!

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## 2011 Calendar of Events

**August 20th @ 11am - Petersen Museum - Los Angeles,** [www.petersen.org](http://www.petersen.org)

**September 17th - Club Meeting @ 11am - Sizzlers, San Dimas - Arrow Highway**

**October 22nd-23rd - Kit Cars on the Colorado - Riverside Resort/Casino, Laughlin, Nv.**  
[www.riversideresort.com](http://www.riversideresort.com)

**November 19th - Club Meeting @ 11am - Sizzlers, San Dimas - Arrow Highway**

**December 10th - Club Holiday Brunch - TBD**

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## Items for Sale

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

### 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](mailto:mike@rkitkar.com)

### For Sale

1952 MGTD FIBERFAB Kit Car. This show car has 21,000 miles and is powered by the 2.3 Ford Pinto

engine with auto transmission and running gear. Great running car with top, side curtains, and zippered tonneau cover as well. The car has won numerous car show awards and has been shown at our AHA Knott's Berry Farm shows and other South Bay area car shows and it's always an attention getter. Asking \$7500 for this turn key car show beauty.

Contact James Gonzalez (562) 595-0992 or email: [GONZNMO@AOL.COM](mailto:GONZNMO@AOL.COM)



Original Membership Card



Original Club Logo - circa 1980

