



# The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES

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## From the Desk of "El Presidente"

July has descended upon us like an unwelcome relative. Giving you a hot and muggy felling, which tends to chaff and generally make live a bit uncomfortable. If I wanted this kind of weather I would have move down to the south east.

Well my shop is done (finally!) and I have started to move in. What a project in itself! I will be starting a series of articles on the building of the "AHA club house" next month. There is lot involved, these days, in building a "Man Cave", nothing that time and money cannot accomplish. I now have a place to go when the little woman gets annoyed at me. Oh, my basset loves the shop; you would think I would catch on to why my dog's fascination with the "Cave".

Nothing new to report on next year's Fun Under the Sun show. We are still working on trying to do a track day on Sunday after the show. The track day is what will determine the date of our show. Hopefully by August we will have some concrete dates and information. Stay tuned!

For the last 10 years I have attended Hot August Nights in Reno with the cobra. Some of you might have seen that the HANs organization was branching out and having a week long show in Long Beach the week before the Reno event. They ran whole page ads in Hot Rod promoting it. They were trying to get 6000 cars to show up. Well it turned out by June they only had 456 pre registered! Internal issues caused the director of HANs to resign (forced out) and they canceled the Long Beach event (never a popular decision to begin with). There were several reasons for the failure of this event but one main one is the economic times. Hot Roding and car hobbies are a disposable income activity as a rule for most people and it suffers when the

bank account suffers. We have seen this over the last several AHA shows. Spectator attendance is fine but participant is lagging.

August edition of Kit Car builder has a nice article about this year's show in it. Special thanks go out to Steve Temple.

The CARB workshop on Special Constructed Vehicles that was held last month up in Sacramento was not that well attended. By what it looked like on the web cast there were about 20 people and half were governmental agencies. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of July there will be another workshop at the El Monte offices. I plan to attend. Check CARBs web site for more info at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/spcns/spcns.htm> if you can attend please do and show support for the industry. If CARB makes regulations that you do not like and you did not voice your opinion then do not complain if their regulations affects your hobby.

July we traditionally do not have any activities or meetings scheduled. 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. If you are interested in being a board member, attend the outing and let us know of your interest or input on anything with the club.

Until next month,

Hasta!

"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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## The Editors Rack—Dave Martin

### Are you prepared?

I actually had a couple of responses back on this article which surprised me although it shouldn't considering where we live. They brought up a few more items that might be thought of for a home emergency box so I thought I'd pass them along.

One of the things I left out of last month's article was power. I actually have 1000 watt power converter which I can attach to my car's battery and get about 8amps of 115v AC household power. We normally have car chargers for our cell phones and other small electronics but what about the large stuff.

I remember during both the earthquakes I went through we ended up having really great neighborhood bar-b-que's for the next couple of days because the power was out and we all had freezers full of food that was going to spoil. Lot's of steak, fish, lobster, etc. Now a 1000 watt power converter is not going to help you for a refrigerator which typically draws greater than 10amps of current (they usually require a 20amp service outlet in your home). Depending on your situation you might be thinking of a generator to keep your refrigerator going and your food fresh or possibly you need to keep some medical equipment functioning. My power converter was only to allow me to charge things and watch a small portable TV I keep in the garage for news updates (the TV is now dead as all transmissions have gone digital... have to fix that problem some day too.) So what do you get? Let's do a little estimating. A generator is described

by its output power in "watts." The formula is Power = Voltage X Current. Since we all have 115 volt household voltage and just for the math lets use a 20amp circuit it becomes Power = 115 X 20 or about 2300 watts. So if you want to keep your refrigerator working you're going to need about a 2500 watt continuous output generator. Add in your stereo, big screen TV and disco ball and it can get crazy expensive so plan for what you believe to be essential. A portable 2500-3000 watt generator can be purchased for less than \$1,000 if you shop around. You're going to want one that's efficient and reliable. You will also need some very good heavy duty extension cords to get the power from outside, into your house for the refrigerator - DO NOT RUN THE GENERATOR IN-DOORS! Depending on the length of your extension cords you will need to add some power to your calculated number as the extension cord creates resistance and that eats power. I'd plan on adding 10% per 50' of cord just to make sure.

Storing gasoline is also a problem. You need to make sure you have a properly approved container and a safe place to keep it. As was pointed out by one of our readers... Gas has a shelf life - yes it does go bad over time and turns to a sludgy kerosene concoction you don't want in your generator. It does take a while but unless you use your generator for camping every year it may be years before you use it in an emergency. Best way to deal with it is to cycle your gas every few months. Use it in your family car and replace it so nothing goes to waste but you're assured of good clean gas for when you need it.

I also added in a half dozen breather masks - you can get them at any CVS Pharmacy - and a box of nitril gloves. After an earthquake everything is pretty shaken up so the air quality for the first couple of days is filled with stuff you really don't want to be breathing. Ditto for handling.

Probably more will come to mind but if you work with what I've listed you'll be in great shape to survive an emergency.

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## From the Bean Counter—Dave Martin

Summer! Nothing happening in the world of club finances so lets get to the big question... Are you getting your car out for runs? Enough? Well I'm trying to get the Daytona out every week at least once. I've got the 6-pack intake installed so I'm into the "change

something and see what happens” stage of tuning the Holly Carbs. It’s coming along slowly but I’m almost there. I’m planning to drive it to work this Friday as most of my workmates have yet to see it and believe I take pictures of other peoples cars at car shows and pass it off as mine. I’ll show them! I hope you’re having as much fun with your car this summer as I am... The road is open (except for this weekend as it’s “Carmageddon” so use it!

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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. We’ll get more info to you as soon as we have it.

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## 2011 Calendar of Events

### July - Summer Vacation! No Meeting

**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.

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