



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of “El Presidente”

Fun Under the Sun is this coming weekend and the weather people are talking rain. I am hopping they are in error and the rain happens before the show or hold off a day. It has been several years since we had rain affect the show. Hopefully we will not be affected by it. But that would be par for the course to along with the state of the economy. That is all wet! We can't control the weather or the economy so to coin a phrase will just have to weather it out.

This year we did some thing a little different for the show. We have some trophy sponsors with naming promotion on the trophies. This is one of the major costs we have in putting on the show. If this works out we will be looking to get most of trophies sponsored all the time. The only ones we would not are the GMP and the board awarded by the board members.

The weekend after our show is the Shelby anniversary show at the NHRA and the track event. Since they opened the track day to replicas also I have entered and taking my Midstates out to play. The course is 1.57 mi and it is based like the one they use to run on in the late 50s and early 60s. When Riverside raceway opened it killed the Fairplex course for years until it to was closed now several different clubs and associations use it a few times a year. It would be used more but the Fairplex is limited to 8 events a year that can make a lot of noise due to the proximity of home around it.

I am looking forward to seeing what the Cobrat can do on a road course. It most likely will be limited by the drive. I even bought new tires; after all 12 year old tires are a bit hard!

I hope I have good news to report on the show in next month's newsletter. I pray for little rain or none!

We will be having a club outing on June 9th. It will be something a little different; cars might not be involved beyond getting there and back. More to follow on this event as we confirm every thing.

Until next month,

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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The Editors Rack—Dave Martin

Last months article on Car Clubs solicited a number of responses for different people and it was overwhelmingly in agreement with the logic I had set out. Car Clubs are slowly disappearing but there is another facet that I didn't touch on and that is in participation of Club members in the running of the club. Even if the membership list get's smaller, a solid core of members can still drive a clubs success. When that core gets too small the club loses critical mass and starts to destabilize (sounds the China Syndrome don't it?)

I can remember when the A.H.A.'s membership list was around 100 members but over the last 10 years it's been dwindling down to below 40 and oscillates year to year below that. What about the core? About 10 years ago the core was made up of about 8 members and their families. Today the core - and I'm talking of people that ACTIVELY PARTICPATE and works for the betterment of the club is around 4 Members and their families. Active participants are not people who just show up for meetings but also devote time and effort into the clubs activities. What's critical mass then?

Here's my definition gleaned from some of the feedback I received that past month.

Critical mass is the number of actively participating members that can continue to run the club at the same, or greater level, when one of their core decides to call it a day.

Seems simple enough... If the club depends on just one individual, or even two to stay alive, then it's only a matter of time before the core starts to destabilize. Remember what I said last month about these "events" that are carried by a single dynamic personality, same concept. Loose that person and it will likely fall apart.

It's happening to other clubs right now and could happen to us if we're not careful so when calls go out for Board of Directors nominations later in the summer, or even just help for the show, remember that you are the club. The choice is yours.

From the Bean Counter—Dave Martin

Fun Under the Sun is this weekend so we'll have a report out next month on the results. Pre-registrations are tracking with last years - which is not a good thing as it says we're probably going to loose money again. We did secure a partial Sponsor for some of the Trophy's and that will help some but just as a "track" partner takes time to set up, so does trophy Sponsors also.

So more next month after we tally the results...

Activities - Elliot Smith

Membership – Ron Biggerstaff

Membership sign up continues for the month of 2012 Membership Renewal Reminder – if you have not already done so, send in your annual dues before the end of April. If you don't remember your status, check your newsletter mailing label. If it has 2011 on it, highlighted in yellow, that means you have not yet "re-upped" for 2012.

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 was included in the January newsletter. Fill it out with any updates (if no change so note), include a check, and mail it back to me. My address is on the form. If you have misplaced the Membership Form call me at 909 796 9946 or email. Also, you can help with the membership drive. If you have a "car enthusiast" friend or co-worker, give them a copy of the membership form, and an invite to the next AHA activity. If there are any questions contact me at ron_big@verizon.net.

2012 Calendar of Events

April 14th - Fun Under the Sun 33, Pomona Fairplex

June 9th -

Cool Websites

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
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For Sale

Ferrari F-40 kit car. It was a prototype for a kit car company that went out of business (thanks to Ferrari) before this model went into production. Fully adjustable racing suspension in the rear. Cadillac 289 V-8 with about 40 ,000 miles on it. Exhaust is Hedman headers through 3" pipes to Flowmaster chamber mufflers. Wheels are Compomotive 3 piece with Michelin 225-50-16 in the front and 315-40-16 in the rear. The interior is white with Ferrari red carpets and racing seats and 4 point harness belts. Gauges are 8 digital bar graph with an on board computer that measures 0-60 times and ¼ mile times. 4 speed transmission with a new clutch. Power windows, power doors, am-fm cassette with amplifier and graphic equalizer. There is a compressor, ac condenser, and ac controls installed. All it need are hoses and to be charged.

\$23,777.00

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<http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>

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How about a site celebrating station wagons?

<http://www.stationwagons.com>

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