



# The Fuel Line



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## From the Desk of “El Presidente”

With fuel cost's soaring and headed to the \$5 range, the economy sputtering and just not really taking a strong step up. Especially in our golden state of California; our state government is more like an alchemist who thinks he can turn our lead economy into golden one with out really making a real environment that businesses can become golden. What did we expect when you keep trying something that has not worked before we recycled a governor who was not business friendly in the past, old dogs new tricks apply here?

I went and visited Thunder Ranch this past week and found Tom McBurnie very elated about the news on his 904 being approved by the Germany transportation department to be legally sold as a turn key car in Europe. He has orders already coming in and this has opened the door for his other models also. This calls for a big “high five” for Tom and company. This shows that we live in a global economy and even a small company needs to see if it's product can find success out side the USA.

Interesting news happened last month with the Wally Parks NHRA museum and their Cobra track event the week after our show. They had to cancel it for varying reasons. Well good news it is back on and the best news of all is it is open to kit cars now, Cobras, Speedsters, Spyders, Lola's, etc. If you are interested in doing this it is \$250 per car. Applications and more information can be found on the museums web site.

In the past there has been a waiting list for Hot August Nights up in Reno. Will it seems it to has suffered from the thinning of the car enthusiasts and the economy. A good friend of mine put in an application the other day and was confirmed right away, this late and no waiting list.

My annual Fall Colors car show up in Bishop has also been hit by the economy. The county fair grounds have lost state support so they have had to raise their rates. This has caused the Owens Valley cursers to drop the annual dance they held with the show in the fair grounds auditorium. Is nothing sacred anymore?

Just a little under 2 months till our 33<sup>rd</sup> show happens. If you have not signed up get your application in and join the fun.

Our next meeting will be at 11AM Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at the old Sizzler in San Dimas off Arrow Highway. Major topic will be the Fun Under the Sun show and the GMP for this year, also future events and meetings. So if you want to have some input, show up and let us hear what ya got!

Until next month,

Hasta!

“El Presidente” Dean Hornbacher

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## **The Editors Rack—Dave Martin**

This month I've written a little article on Car Clubs, which is in the center pull out section of the newsletter. There's been a couple of articles in the Hot Rod magazines lately about car clubs closing up their doors and low attendance by others and so I thought I'd share my view of what's happening. It is by no means the answer as I'm not sure there is an answer (or even what the question is) but it does paint a picture of the landscape today which is far different than it was 20 years ago when I joined the AHA.

Events that are put on exclusively by a Car Club are very rare today. Almost all the big shows advertised by a car club are "sponsored" by someone else - in other words someone else pays and to a large degree dictates how, when and where the show is done and relies on the club to provide the expertise to run it. We are one of the last few who are still doing it alone, as a club. It's more of a burden for the club and it increases the tension scale for the show chairman - just ask Dean - by a lot, but at the end of the day we do it because we enjoy it and we believe it's the best way to continually promote our hobby and industry. The Carlyle Show in May is an "Import and Kit Car Show" and is put on by the Carlyle Group, not a club. Very successful but you would wonder if the "Import" part went away would it be still? Just thoughts.

Let me know what you think... any thoughts beyond what I put forth or do you agree? Just email me at [info@replicarclub.com](mailto:info@replicarclub.com) as I'm truly interested in what else is going on out there.

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## **From the Bean Counter—Dave Martin**

Hi all, I always wonder what to put into a Treasurers report out in the Newsletter. If I was an accountant Geek it would be a full size spreadsheet with all the go-in-tos and go-out-ofs listed but I'm not. I'm an Engineer by training and a pretty straight forward type of guy so I ask my self, what does the membership want to see? If I was on your side of table the only thing that I would care about is 1) are we solvent? And 2) are we at least breaking even on our Newsletter and Car Show? After that my interest is usually off on something else. So with that in mind

here's the new and improved Finance report out for the month of March.

- 1) Yes
- 2) Newsletter yes / Show too early to tell

Too Simplistic? Ok so I'll expand a little bit.

- 1) Our Operating balance continues to be in the black by a very comfortable margin.
- 2) Our Newsletter continues to be published using only the dues being paid in by members and continues to maintain it's high quality with the investment we made several years ago with Dave Hartman and a business color laserjet printer.
- 3) The Fun Under the Sun show has paid out \$2680 to date after making our second payment to Fairplex and paying for our Kit car Builder ad. March is our big month for registrations so we'll have to wait and see if we break even this year or not.

How's that for ya? If you are a Geek and want more, as a member you are entitled so drop me a line and I can send it to you. Or come to the next Club meeting where I discuss it..

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## **Activities - Elliot Smith**

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## **Membership – Ron Biggerstaff**

### **DUES DUES DUES**

Membership sign up continues for the month of March. We've had a lot of past members "re-up" so far this year and a few brand new enthusiasts have joined our club. I hope to hear from a small number of 2011 members who have not yet renewed 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](mailto:ron_big@verizon.net).

### Welcome new AHA members:

Scott Bergkamp, hailing from Salinas Kansas

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### 2012 Calendar of Events

**March 10th** - Club Meeting - Sizzlers, San Dimas

**March 31st** - Goody Bag Stuffing, Deans House, Riverside

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

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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

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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### Trivia Question for the Month.

Where was this bumper sticker seen, who created it and why?

This bumper sticker was created by Car and Driver Editor David E. Davis Jr in the May 1964 edition of Car and Driver as a tongue in cheek commentary on the political process and our need - as car enthusiasts - to be involved and promote candidates that were forwarding our sport and hobby. Check the link below for David's article.

<http://www.allamericanracers.com/GurneyForPresident.html>

