

Classic Lines

April 2011

From
Dan's
Garage



What is it they say about March, "in like a lion, out like a lamb!" Well, let's hope so! For all of you who were not able to join us on the bus trip, you really missed a great time! I say that because the day was awesome, the weather was great on the way down and we got back just before the snow got serious. I would like to take this time to again thank Cliff and Lynn, Cliff for making all the arrangements for the bus and tour at Petersen Museum and Lynn for providing the great food and drinks. Our lunch break was great at a nice park not far from the museum. On the way home we were entertained with a short movie of the club events and special occasions of the past year, produced by the Renners. This club is lucky to have such talented members! Also on the way home we found a "smurf butt" on the bus (if you dare you might ask Lynn to explain!).

FUN RUN preparations are on schedule with the event already sold out! Our prize engine is on track, to be completed in time for the Citibank show and advance ticket sales.

This month we will be having our first General Meeting of the year on the **11th**, after a long, cold and white winter. It will be nice to get everyone together again to share winter tales and experiences. I would like to see a big crowd so we can all get updated on the upcoming activities and maybe even plan some new ones!

Also, our first "off the mountain" cruise will be the **9th of April**. We will meet at the Mormon Church at 8:30 and caravan down to Hesperia for "Cruising in the Park". I know that it will probably be cold for open air cars, but still would like to see everyone that can possibly make it, for a strong showing from the mountain!

Remember to check that dip stick.....

Dan

BBLACC Calendar

April

- 1-3 Del Mar Car Show
- 9 Hesperia, "Cruise in the Park"
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM * We'll meet at
Mormon Church @ 8:30 AM
- 11 General Meeting, 6:00 PM Potluck
@ The Discovery Center
- 18 Board Meeting (TBD)

May

- 1 Spring Cruising' 6th Annual Antique
Car Show 3:00 PM @ Nottinghams
- 9 General Meeting, 6:00 PM Potluck
@ The Discovery Center
- 14 El Mirage ***
- 16 Board Meeting (TBD)

*** On May 14th Bill Downs and Cal Roe are planning a trip to El Mirage Dry Lake to watch the "Southern California Timing Association" speed trials.

You could see Streamliners, Lakesters, Street Roadsters, Belly Tanks, Trucks, Motorcycles, and probably a NASH!

It's dirty, it's dusty, it's noisy, it smells like racing fuel, it's nasty, and it doesn't get any better than that! If you want to go, talk to Cal or Bill.

Thank you,
Bill Downs.

Racing at Harry's

At the last BBLACC board meeting, Harry DuPre proudly displayed his radio controlled model of a Ford Cobra all finished to look like what is in his garage, and he did a great job.

After the meeting I stayed and talked to Harry as I also used to be into radio controlled cars. As it turns out, Harry and his two boys and me and my youngest son probably raced at the same commercial track in Costa Mesa and probably at the same time, but we did not know one another.

Time passes and the old RC-10 off road radio controlled cars get put back in storage boxes, and they get moved to Big Bear in our garages. After the discussion about his Cobra, I told Harry I would put my old RC-10 car back into operation. I located my box of parts to find my radio control system is bad because the batteries were left in place for near 20 years. I bought a new radio system that is so advanced and relatively cheap.

Meanwhile, Harry is doing the same except he has three RC-10 cars, and his radios still work. He also put a truck body and large tires on one for Janet to drive. But, Harry is not content running his cars in the street or driveway, so he builds an off road track in his back yard. This track is about 200 feet around, about 6 feet wide and wanders between the trees and boulders in the yard.

Harry invited me out and we ran our RC-10 cars. This is a very difficult track because the ground in Lake Williams is loaded with rock, and becomes like loose gravel with use. It is near impossible to utilize the full power of the electric motors because this is 1:10 scale and at 20 MPH that means 200 MPH full scale. A full sized buggy could not run at 200 MPH across the Baja desert. When I was racing at the commercial track with the jumps and moguls, you had to keep your car on the race course for the 4 minute race if you wanted to win.

Harry nor I can make 2 laps in a row on his course without taking a sashay into the pine needles or parking against a tree or boulder. This is not a place to run Harry's Cobra!!



Harry's wingless car is blasting past my car. Note the rocks in the course and the dust off Harry's car that makes this a very difficult track to run.

However after the snow melts, I'll be back. There's room for others to join us if you want to race radio control cars.

Cal Roe

Our bus trip to the Petersen Museum

We had thirty-one members and friends on the bus. It was great to meet Chuck Lawrence, he was the first Vice President of the BBLACC when it was established in 1982. Lynn created a "club" based word search and a multi choice "weird laws" game. John also had people picking their brains to remember the year and make of some old car grilles!

The picnic lunch was a huge success as always and it didn't rain! Newcomers to the museum seemed to enjoy the tour. Previous visitors remembered a lot more cars being there! We got home before it snowed and the ride up the mountain was fun! Thanks for all the snacks Lynn, your efforts were appreciated by all. Enjoy the pictures!



That's all we need, two more feet of snow in Big Bear!!



Now, here's a bit of history about Big Bear!

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