



SOCALAMX CALENDAR

5th Annual "West Coast All AMC Car Show"

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, CA
Hosted by SoCalAMX
<http://socalamxcarshow.info>

2011 American Motors Owners National Convention

July 7-10, 2011
Sedona, AZ
Hosted by the Cactus Cruisers
<http://www.amo2011.org/>

Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 4-5, 2011
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino
Henderson, NV
<http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html>

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above.
Go to socalamx.net/join.htm

Check out
"socalculture.com"
for listings of shows in S. Cal!

ROY MYTINGER

For those of you who knew Roy Mytinger, the gentleman who ended up purchasing my AMX a month ago, he passed just last Saturday at his home in Orange County, California.

Roy contracted ALS and fought a valiant fight for the past ten years. He was a true muscle car guy and nearly single-handedly restored a '67 Shelby GT 500 to stock spec's back in 2000, just as ALS began its attack. Roy, through some friends, contacted me a few months ago because he sought a restored-to-stock AMX for his collection.

Even though he was wheelchair-bound and couldn't drive he still desired an AMX. If you ever emailed him, you'd never know he battled this horrible disease, as a computer assisted him in connecting with the outside world. His friends maintain and drive his muscle cars for him and Roy lived vicariously through them.

He loved my car and I'm in shock and quite sad about his passing. If you live in Southern California and have the opportunity to see the Frost White w/black stripes AMX, you'll know what I mean and can share a small bit of camaraderie with Roy and myself.

STEVE FOX



THE BIG SHOW

Hey there folks, news of our 2011 AMC Car Show was put on hold while arrangements were made to hold the car show at a new venue. Those arrangements have advanced to the point where I can now announce the location and date to everyone. The date is set for Saturday, May 21, the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. The time will be the same as years past, starting at 10am until 4pm. The new location is Santa Anita Park, also known as the Santa Anita Race Track where the horses run.

The show will be in a parking lot on the northeast corner of the property at Gate 6, which will allow unlimited parking of cars and trailers. Although the NHRA Museum was great to us and a very good place to hold a car show, the problem there, which prompted us to move, was in one word, "Vendors." None of the museum's fault, simply put the property owner, the "Fairplex," does not allow vendors because of who gets the profit issue.

Although we have not received the go ahead for unlimited vendors, we have gotten the okay for Galvin's AMC Parts to come to Santa Anita Park and sell parts without having to worry about packing up and being sent home early like last year. In addition we are being allowed to set up our own food service and sell burgers and hot dogs, chips and drinks—which was not available the previous two years.

To fill out the weekend we have planned these

AMC related activities..

- Friday-tour local car restoration facility called "Tired Iron Works," followed by trip to local Sonic Burger for food and show and tell.
- Saturday-AMC Car Show followed by hanging out afterwards at a local eatery called "Matt Dennys."

There is a map on the car show web site that gives addresses to all the locations related to the car show. Go to <http://socalamxcarshow.info> and click on "Map" on the left side of the screen.

Entry forms are available on the car show web site and you can even register online and pay via PayPal. The show is only one month away; you can help us plan for the event by registering as soon as you can. Confirmation cards will be mailed about a week before the show.

We have made group reservations at an Embassy Suites Hotel around the corner. Use this link to go directly to their web page to reserve your room. <http://snipurl.com/may21hotel>. There is a Motel Six across the street from the show, its contact information can be found once again on the car show web site.

Myself, along with the others, look forward to seeing you and your AMC car on May 21!

M@rk Melvin

1968 AMX

1969 AMX



FIFTH ANNUAL West Coast All AMC Car Show

Hosted By **SoCalAMX**

**SANTA ANITA PARK**

NEW VENUE

We've moved the show to Santa Anita Park in Arcadia! Plenty of room to play..



Saturday, May 21, 2011

- Car show starts at 10am
- Spectators FREE!
- Music by 8-track Carl
- Food & Drink Available
- T-Shirt w/entry Fee \$30
- Raffle Prizes

socalamxcarshow.info

2011 All AMC Car Show Entry Form



Friday—Tour of “Tired Iron Works” & then Cruise at Sonic for Burgers!
Saturday—After AMC Show, “Matt Denny’s” for Post Show Dinner..

Trophies
Raffle Prizes

For More Information Visit The Car Show’s Web Site:
www.socalamxcarshow.info

Entry Fee Includes T-shirt

Entry Cost: \$35 after May 14 And On Day Of Show
Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 14, 2011

Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed

All AMC Cars Are Welcome To Any Of The Activities.
Car Show Starts at 10am & Ends At 4pm

(PayPal) Pay Online at: <http://socalamxcarshow.info/entry-online.htm>
Or Make Checks Payable To “Mark Melvin”
and mail payment/entry form to: 1517 McCabe Way, West Covina, CA 91791
(One registration form per vehicle entered)

\$30 Car entry if pre-registered by May 14. (what size shirt?) (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
(\$35 May 14 or later.)

Each paid entry gets an event t-shirt included with entry fee. Additional t-shirts are available for \$15 each.

(additional shirt: what size?) (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Name Address

City State Zip Code

Phone eMail Address

Car Year Make Model Color

If Your Car Is An AMX—Which Trophy Class? STOCK or MODIFIED (circle choice)

All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX & Santa Anita Park From Any Known Or Unknown Damages, Injuries, Losses, or Claims That May Occur During This Event. I also agree to permit SOCALAMX and its associates to use my name, likeness, pictures, and photos of me or my property for advertising, publicity purposes, and relinquish any rights whatsoever.

Cactus Classic

Well this year's road trip to Phoenix for the annual Cactus Classic was as fun as ever, but the weather did play a part in the total participation in the event. There was a smattering of rain drops at times on Saturday, and I guess the fine AMC folks who declined to attend must have felt the rain drops would wash the shine off their cars. I looked at it the other way, I felt the rain would only wash off the dust from the trip and save me a trip to the local car wash! Never less, beforehand I too was questioning the trip until Kati Chick called and said I'd be a wimp if I didn't go because she and Dave were going no matter the weather. I told her you can't call me a wimp because I too am going! Randy and Cindy Kirby, and Bob Martinez said the same as well, and we had a 4 car AMX convoy ready to roll Friday morning!



Cindy Kirby & Kati Chick in the mood for a fun weekend!

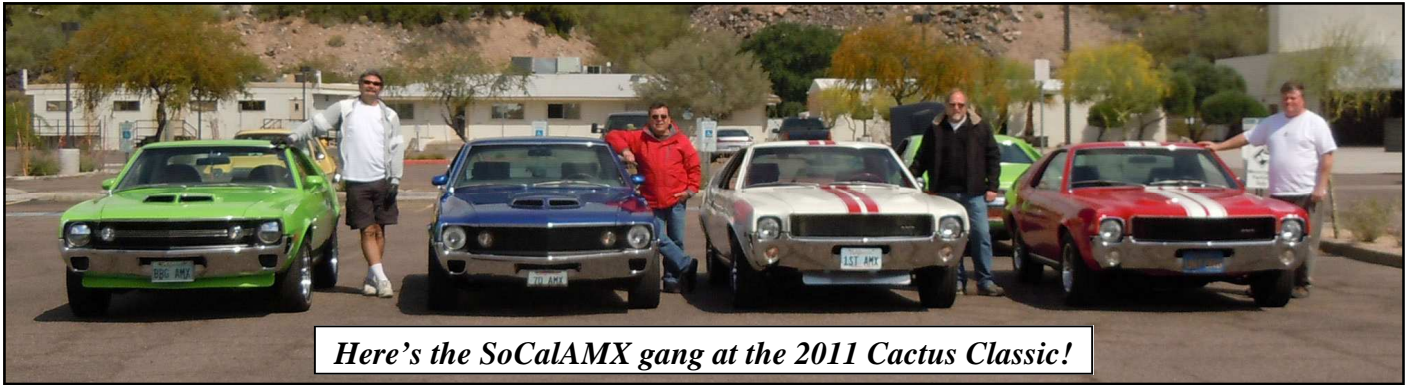
We met at the same Denny's restaurant as last year, had breakfast, and were rumbly down the road towards cactus land around 9am. It worked out real well that everybody's fuel tank was already topped off and our departure was quick, organized, and purposeful. Several hours later just past the state line into Arizona we slandered into Quartzsite for our mid-trip refueling. I took a quick tabulation of my gas/mileage readings and computed that my AMX now gets around 17mpg with the new 5 speed transmission, up from around 13mpg with the original T-10 4 speed. Nice!

Around 45 minutes later, after being told rain was on the way, we jumped in our cars and raced back onto the highway. Sure enough only minutes out of town we had some light rain drop on our path. I was prepared for it because before we left Dave Chick applied a dab of "Rain-X" on my windshield, and the few minutes of rain we encountered just pelted off like nobody's business. Thank you Dave! The three hours of constant engine drone as we advanced towards Phoenix was accompanied by visual sights of dark and angry looking clouds following us each mile to our destination.

After arriving at our host hotel and checking in we rambled over to Mark Fletcher's house, in the western reaches of Phoenix, for a bar-b-q with the other attendees. We were some of the last ones to show up but there was still plenty of food to go around. I did my share trying to help make the food disappear by having both a hot dog and burger, but there was still a lot of food left on the counter top. After we returned to the hotel it started to rain lightly, and I was told by the others the next morning that it also had hailed a bit—gladly with no damage to the cars!

The next morning I woke up early like I always do, and had breakfast by myself at the breakfast buffet in the hotel. For only \$99 a night for a hotel room it's a great deal to get the free meal thrown in for good measure. I too, was the first one from SoCalAMX, to make it to the car show arena, while the Cactus Cruisers were still setting up. There was a light rain falling, more like a soft drizzle. Within 30 minutes or so the others showed up too and everybody headed for cover next to the church building. For the next several hours we sat around and talked while trying to stay warm. I'm proud of my fellow AMC'ers who did not complain about the rain, and were real troupers about the weather situation, and braved the elements to attend this out of town show.

Late in the morning the clouds parted and sunshine started streaming down upon our water dropleted (is that a word?) show cars



Here's the SoCalAMX gang at the 2011 Cactus Classic!

and everybody started to warm up. The show really then started to come alive as people moved from the protection of the building's eaves, out to the show field and start looking at cars, take pictures, and converse with one another. The total number of cars was only 17, I overheard mentioned, but the ones who showed up had a fine time regardless of the limited count of show vehicles.

It was not any fault of the Cactus Cruisers that horrible weather had to affect everybody's plans. By appearance the club looked so well organized, they could have easily handled 200 cars if they had showed up this particular Saturday morning. And it was probably no coincidence they looked so well planned because in less than three months they will be hosting the 2011 AMO Convention in Sedona, AZ. By the way, who's going to this great show?

It rained again Saturday evening, but the next morning brought beautiful blue cloudless skies for our return trip home. After another great breakfast at the hotel's breakfast buffet, and after topping off our tanks, Bob Martinez and myself headed out of town first to get a jump start towards home. The Chicks and Kirbys would follow later. Once again we had a great time on a road trip, despite the wet weather. Next year will undoubtedly be another gorgeous and beautiful weekend—and dry!

Great job Cactus Cruisers! Who's going next year?

MARK MELVIN
1968 AMX
1969 AMX



The Cactus Cruisers management used the church's overhang to stay out of the wet weather.



Arranging the cars in green, red, green, red, green colors gave us something to do early while it sprinkled.



Bob Martinez won the trophy for driving the furthest distance, from Santa Paula, CA to Phoenix, AZ—438 miles.

More pictures of the road trip to Phoenix!



Mark Fletcher's "B" scheme 1969 SC/Rambler



Kati & Cindy returning from a Starbucks Run!



This "1 Bad X" AMX is getting looked over hard.



Dave Chick and Bob Martinez slinging the bull!



3rd year in a row for "UNFORD" to make the trip.



Randy Kirby's 1970 BBG AMX. For sale by the way..



Wayne's World Classic—The Pacer!



Matador modification madness—A good thing.

SPRING FLING REPORT

SoCalAMX had its best showing in years this past Sunday at the 2011 Spring Fling at Woodley Park, hosted by the Chrysler car club, "CPW." The total number of eleven AMC cars this year was more than triple of last year.

A Big Thank You to everyone who showed up and to share their AMC pride! Coming up from San Diego to join us were Steve Fox and Dale Crum, and coming from not as far away, were Randy Kirby and John Siciliano from Temecula and Menifee.

We had lots of people checking our cars out; also had a few ask why AMCs were at a Chrysler show and explained the story of the demise of AMC in 1988. It seemed like there maybe weren't as many cars as last year, but the ones present were as always really great cars.

At the end at the award ceremony there were four cool looking curved shaped glass trophies for the AMC'ers. Hobie Kaptan won 1st place, Steve Fox won 2nd place, Mark Melvin won third place, and John Siciliano won 4th place in the AMC class.

See you there next year.

MARK MELVIN



Rambler Row looking northward from Bob Martinez's 1970 AMX in the front.



Steve Fox drove up from San Diego with his newly acquired 1969 SC/Rambler.



Erik and Al Gebhard's beautiful 1972 Javelin anchoring the south end.



Dale Crum's 1970 Donahue Javelin, driving the distance from San Diego.



John Siciliano, 4th place winner, driving his 1969 AMX up from Menifee.



My apologies, I did not get the name of this Javelin owner.



Gary Thompson's 1970 Donahue Javelin, who happens to be the original owner!



Hobie Kaptan's rad 1969 AMX in the beautiful "Alamosa Aqua" color.



John Caley's "Laurel Green" 1968 AMX is still in its original coat of paint!



Randy Kirby's newly acquired show toy, a 1970 Rebel Machine.



Mark Melvin's 1969 AMX, "UNFORD," making the trip from West Covina.



Firemen wondering if Dale Crum's car's color can be considered Fire Engine Red?



Looking towards the north end of the line of AMC cars at Spring Fling 2011.



Erik and Al Gebhard's beautiful 1972 Javelin from the front end.



The SoCalAMX crew enjoying the cool afternoon breeze before the awards.



An early version Fire Truck from New York City. Is it a Woodie?



This might be considered a boat looking at the length of the car. Beautiful for sure!



The famous Superbird Charger. When was the last time you saw 1 on the open road?



A outstanding afternoon to show off Dodge's finest automobiles.



It almost looks like the front end is going to try and talk to you. Maybe not?



The show is going to the dogs. This one is a whopper! Try picking him up!

July 6th – 10th, 2011

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Wednesday through Sunday

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Sedona, AZ 86336

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www.pocodiablo.com



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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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