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11th Annual Edelbrock Car Show

May 14, 2016 Torrance, CA edelbrockcarshow.com

2016 SoCalAMX AMC Show

May 21, 2016 Montclair, CA socalamx.net/carshow

2016 AMO National Convention

July 27-30, 2016 Rockford, IL amonational.com

Pacific Gold Rush AMC Meet

July 29-30, 2016 Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, CA

2016 & 11th Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 4-5, 2016 Hoover Dam Lodge, Boulder City, NV

Check the online Calendar at socalamx.net

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Check out "socalcarculture.com" for listings of shows in SoCal!

LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

I'm pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion will be held on November 4-5. The most exciting news is the show has a new home, the Hoover Dam Lodge (hooverdamlodge.com). The Lodge is located just minutes from Hoover Dam and is the only hotel inside the Lake Mead National Recreation Area plus you get a great view of Lake Mead. The entire property was remodeled a little over a year ago and it's beautiful inside and out. It's the perfect venue for a car show.

Because of its location and the fact that it's a considerable upgrade from the previous home of the show, room rates will be somewhat higher (the guest rooms are very nice). They are:

Standard Room Rates: Mid Week (Sunday through Thursday) \$65 Weekend (Friday and Saturday) \$85

Deluxe Room Rates: Mid Week (Sunday through Thursday) \$85 Weekend (Friday and Saturday) \$105

You are strongly encouraged to book your rooms as soon as possible. The code is AMC2016 (you must mention the code to get the discounted rates). Call 1-800-245-6380 to make your reservation.

If you want to take a look at the Lodge, check out their website. I'm quite sure you'll like what you see.

I'll be at the SoCalAMX show next month with flyers.

We'll see you in November!



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Saturday, April 9 was the date for this year's Cactus Classic put on by the Phoenix Cactus Cruisers AMC Car Club, which was preceded on Friday with a barb-q hosted by the Fletcher family. The weather forecast approaching the weekend, calling for rain, did not look promising.

However myself and Dave & Kati Chick, for driving to Arizona, were rewarded for our optimism that there would be good weather, with guess what? Yes, great weather on Saturday! Blue skies and puffy white clouds.

In total there were about 40-45 cars. The Playmate AMX won 2nd place in AMX Stock, with Cameron "JamCam" winning 1st Place with his beautifully restored 69 BBO AMX. Best of Show went to a 1954 Hudson Hornet owned by Don & Lois Young.

As soon as this show ended I had to do a quick clean down of the Playmate AMX and get her loaded into the trailer for a quick return to California for a show there the next day. Story to follow next..



There can never be too many AMXs!



Cameron "JamCam" won 1st place in AMX Stock.

MARK MELVIN



Cactus Classic Car Show Headquarters!



Do you prefer with or without stripes?



Best of Show winner. A 1954 Hudson Hornet Hollywood owned by Don & Lois Young.



2nd Place AMX Stock. Dreaming of sunny skies on Sunday..

PLAYMATE AMX REPORT

How could such a crummy weekend turn into such a great one? First the weather for Phoenix approaching Saturday seemed to be destined for rain—but turned out sunny instead. And for myself a car show the following day back in California the weather was forecast to be just as gloomy. Would it turn out great like Phoenix? Read on to find out!

So halfway back home from Phoenix around 9pm I was enjoying a nice thunder and lightning show while motoring through the Blythe Valley. I was not optimistic about my chances for a dry day on Sunday for a car show.

I had called Tom Dulaney several days earlier asking him to join me on Sunday at the La Jolla Concours D'Elegance to help by driving the Playmate AMX while I parked my truck and trailer. So I arrived at his house around midnight and parked down the street so as not to awaken him before the scheduled time of 5am, for us to meet. Around 3:30am I woke up to the pitter patter of rain on the truck's roof. I started scanning the weather forecast on my phone to try and decide if this day was even going to happen, and if I should just go home.

It continued to rain even up to 4:30am when I called Tom to make sure he was awake. I told him about the forecast, and mentioned maybe I should just head home and not show up at the car show. He said let's go to Denny's and have breakfast and talk about it. As we finished our meal it stopped raining, as if it were a sign. We decided to go ahead and start heading to the La Jolla area and make a decision when we arrived.

So when we got there the area was dry and the skies looked like they were trying to cooperate by opening up to blue skies. So out of the trailer came the Playmate AMX. Tom drove it to the show field while I parked my truck and trailer. I walked to the show area and found my car, and saw Tom already had it parked on the end of the row of other beautifully restored muscle cars, and was talking about it to anyone who ventured nearby.

Tom was the perfect car show companion, helping out in any way, taking loads of pictures, talking about the car to spectators, and by running over to the food booths to get some lunch and drinks for us.

Mid-morning a gentleman walked up to me to say hi. I didn't recognize him immediately so he introduced himself. It was Jeff Teague, son of AMC's Richard Teague, known for designing the AMX, amongst other cars, back in the 60's. We talked for a spell but he had to leave because he was judging a different class of cars there at the show.

Later the judges for my class came by and started working their magic. They looked my car over hard, just like all the others, getting on their knees to look underneath and such. You'd think alphabetically AMC or AMX would get my car judged first but not that day. I was last. Go figure.

Around noon one of the judges came back by with a little card he handed me. On it the words said to be near my car at 1:30. Apparently I had won an award, I just didn't know which one. So at the designated time of 1:30 four show people showed up and said to start my car up. They were there to escort the Playmate AMX to the main stage for its trophy. I realized I had won 1st place. Wow, wow!

After the 2nd & 3rd place winners were awarded their due hardware, my name was announced over the loud speaker and I drove "Angela" onto the stage. As I waited for what was to come the announcer announced that Jeff Teague was going to briefly talk about the AMX, the car his father Richard Teague had designed. I knew nothing of any of this to happen on stage. I was really the most surprised person in town at this point. To top off the presentation Jeff Teague's daughter Rachel presented the 1st Place Trophy to me.

After I returned to my parking spot the winner of the 3rd place trophy, a 56 Chevy Belair convertible, came over to congratulate me. He joked by saying, "I can't believe I lost to a pink car!" Tired and thirsty Tom and I headed over to the beer garden to celebrate. Tom boasted to the others nearby I had just won 1st place, so a lady came over to congratulate me and handed me two free tickets for drinks at the next beer garden over.

So to sum the weekend up it just couldn't get any better, to go from a bad weather forecast at two different venues, to having the weather turn out great instead at both, to winning 1st place at a major car show like La Jolla. I want to do that again!

It was a great moment of recognition for AMC, and I hope the Playmate AMX can do it again at another show. At least you know I'm going to try!

MARK MELVIN

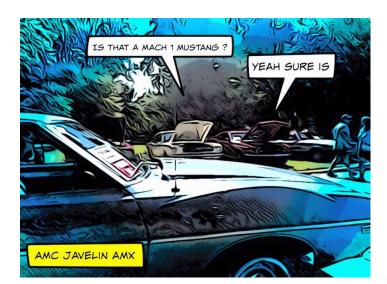


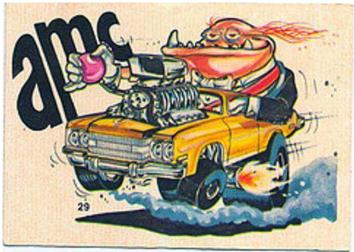














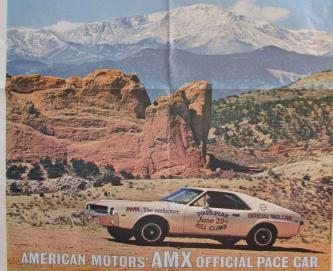


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2016 SoCalAMX's **`West Coast all amc car show'**

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The SoCalAMX Car Show is just three weeks away from this weekend as I publish the monthly newsletter today. Entry forms have already been trickling in but I'd like to still see many more follow soon. It helps me out when I can get more of the paper work done ahead of schedule.

You can download the entry form, or even enter and pay online for the car show, at: http://socalamx.net/ carshow/

So the schedule for the car show weekend looks like this:

Friday afternoon: Planes of Fame Museum Tour

We have a tour scheduled for the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino for May 20, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. please be on time. It is the best aviation museum in Southern California and you won't be disappointed. There will be docent guides to give us a personalized tour. Cost is normally \$11, if we have more than 10 people the cost is only \$8 each. The address for the museum is 7000 Merrill Ave #17 Chino, CA 91710. Dinner afterwards at Flo's Diner two blocks west of the museum.

<u>Saturday morning</u>: For the early birds there's breakfast at Maniac Mike's Café at Cable Airport nearby. Meet at 8am and the address is 1749 W 13th St, Upland, CA 91786.

<u>Saturday morning</u>: The AMC Show: Starts at 10am and runs to 3pm. There will be a DJ playing music, raffle prizes, trophies, and pizza and cold drinks for lunch.

Saturday afternoon: After the show and before you get on the road meet at the local "Hat" restaurant for burgers and chili fries.

For out of town'ers there's a new upgraded choice for hotels:

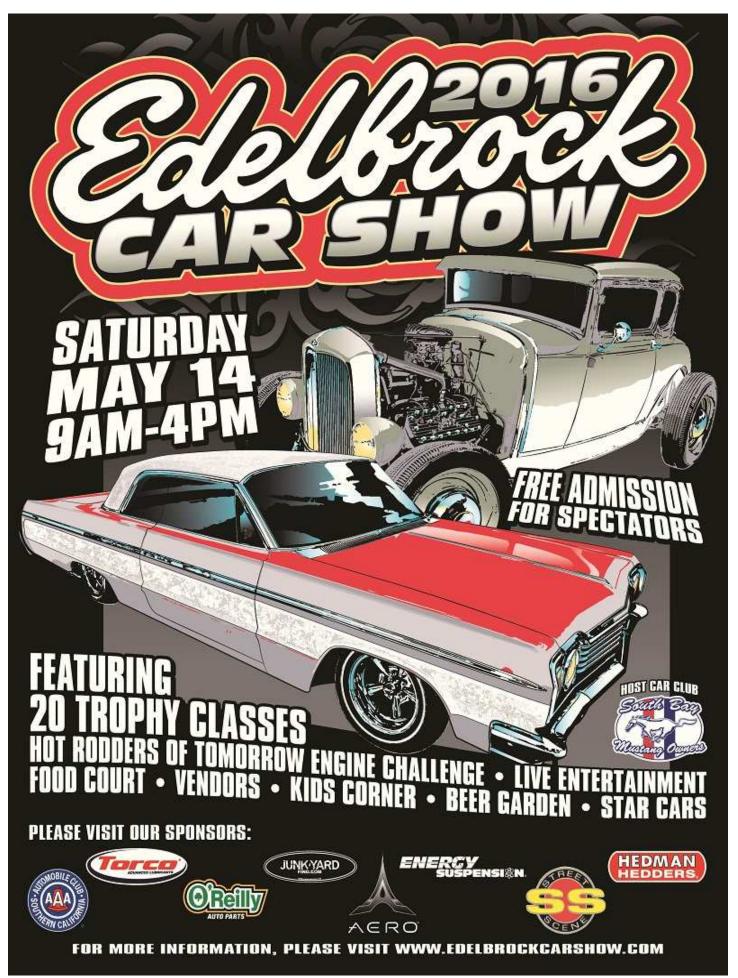
For anyone who would like to stay at the Double Tree Hotel in Claremont rather than at the Super 8 Motel we have a block of 10 rooms set aside for Friday night and 5 rooms set aside for Saturday night. The rate is \$139 per night for single king 4 available, and 1 double bed available. The rate for a deluxe double is \$149 which is two queen beds. There are 1 single king, 1 double and 3 deluxe double available for Saturday night. Reservations need to be made by April 30, 2016. Dave & Kati Chick are going to stay there on Friday night. The address is 555 West Foothill BI, Claremont, CA 91711. Phone is (909)-626-2411 or 800-222-8733. Use code "ACM" (sorry AMC did not translate.)

Thank you to Dave and Kati for setting up the museum tour and Double Tree lodging!

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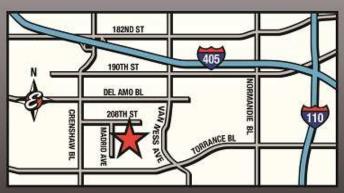




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REGISTRATION INFORMATION: ALL CARS MUST REMAIN UNTIL 4PM. Day of Show registration starts at 6 am, gates open at 7 am and close at 9 am. Standard registration includes a complimentary Goodie Bag. VIP Registration includes: Premier Parking, VIP Goodie Bag, event shirt and "Meet & Greet" with Vic Edelbrock. CAR CLUBS (10 vehicles or more): We have limited spots available for hassle-free parking for no additional charge. No need to check in together and be featured on our event map. To make a reservation, please contact:

Nikki Vasquez at (310) 781-2222, Ext. 2900. For more information, please visit: www.edelbrockcarshow.com

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Mark Melvin, SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor