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## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

### 2014 Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 7-8, 2014  
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino  
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Check the online Calendar at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net)

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Check out "[socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com)"

## VEGAS COMING UP!

Hey, the Vegas show is only four months away. Mark Ogulnick, president of the Vegas club putting on the show, has some kind of tour lined up for Friday at the Shelby Factory. His shows are well attended, you need to come! Here's a pitch for the show from Mark himself..

*"On Friday the 7th, we are taking a private group tour of the brand new Shelby American factory in Las Vegas. The tour is scheduled from 12:00pm - 2:00pm and there is no charge. Following the tour, we're hosting our awesome FREE BBQ at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City."* Mark Ogulnick..

Be there or be unhappy at home—while the rest of us are having fun in Las Vegas!!

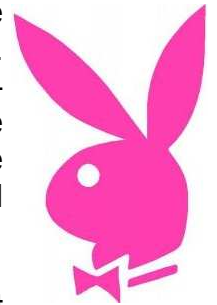
Here's the info.. [snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html](http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html)

To make a reservation, call 702-294-5000 or 1-800-654-0877. Make sure you tell them you're coming for the AMC show and mention the code AMC114. My reservations are made!

Mark Melvin

## Playmate AMX Update

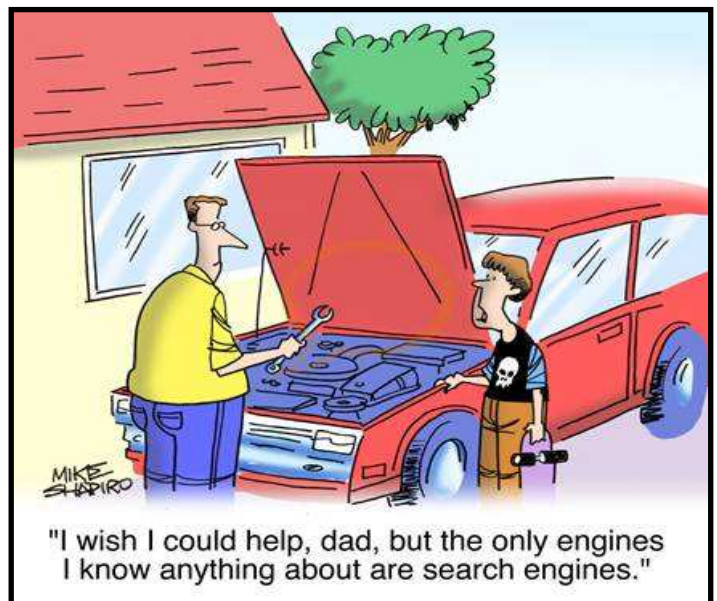
In no time at all the Playmate AMX will be completely finished. Recently the interior has been finished, minus the seats, which are currently being recovered. The underside of the car is finished and power train is in the car.



By the end of August the exhaust system will be in and the motor broken in. Really the last major items to finish on the car is to block sand the car and paint the body, then final reassembly of things like bumpers, grill, window trim, emblems, etc.

While in Kenosha last month for the Homecoming show I was able to locate and purchase many needed clips and fasteners for the car. They weren't cheap!

MARK MELVIN



# 2014 AMCRC National Car Show

Windsor, CT



So there I was, I had just walked out the hotel where the AMCRC car show was being held in Windsor, CT, and someone called out my name, "Hey Mark!" Now, who in the heck would possibly know me here in CT, being it was the first time I had been in the area in my life, some



named Boomer who had a cool AMX modified with a 5 speed transmission, and a Freak Suspension front end. Also ran into Brian Yaciano, president of the AMCRC, who greeted me to the show personally. The event took place at a perfect spot in the Windsor area, the back parking lot of the Marriot Hotel. I thought they were sold out and booked a room up the road. Turns out rooms were still available—my bad.

2500 miles from home in Southern California? I squinted real hard, didn't initially recognize the individual seated on the curb across the parking lot, and almost kept walking. But I took a second look and realized it was Kirk Fletcher from the Arizona Cactus Cruisers AMO Club. "Hey!" I yelled back and started walking towards him to say hi.

Friday they had a car cruise to a local joint called "Barts" bar-b-q. About 25 cars made the

So began the weekend of my 2 week vacation to the east coast. The first day I met a guy



trip there, I rode with Boomer in his 69 AMX. He warned me his car was loud due to headers. I could only chuckle to myself, I've heard a lot louder before. For dinner I ordered the bar-b-q

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bowl. What that turned out to be was they took a flat pan and piled up a bunch of corn bread squares in the middle, piled baked beans & pulled pork on top of that, and finished it off with a healthy squirting of bar-b-q sauce all over the pile. Mmm!

Saturday's car show brought out the best in weather for everyone. The skies had a high light overcast layer and kept the temperature cool all day. Brian the president said that the light clouds alone probably kept 40 cars from coming to the show, car owners who would be worried about getting rain on their vehicles. As it turned out, 111 brave souls decided to take a chance on the weather and made it to the show.

After the show Saturday I went back to the motel first to shower before going to the banquet. There at the dinner, as the featured speaker, Brent Foster, a book writer, gave a nice speech on the history of AMC, saying that, "No one should ever feel they need to apologize for owning an AMC," and went on to explain in detail his thoughts, such as how AMC was first to market with many revolutionary ideas, in safety and design.

While in the drink line I heard the distinct accent of this one gentleman, who I later found out his name was Max, from Norway. I told him I had met several times here in the states, an AMC nut from Sweden named P-O. He replied, "Oh yes, I know P-O very well." Small world as they say.

So that was that for the AMCRC show. I stayed an extra day before heading to Ohio to visit my cousin, Jay—and the Kenosha show after that!

MARK MELVIN

For more pictures of the AMCRC Show..  
Friday: <http://snipurl.com/amcrc14a>  
Saturday: <http://snipurl.com/amcrc14b>



# 2014 Kenosha Homecoming

Kenosha, WI



## Wednesday evening..

Wow, so where do I begin on reporting on my trip to Kenosha 2014? Well I arrived in Kenosha late on Wednesday evening. I knew Bob Hodson from Florida was already in town so I called his cell number. He was currently at the "Andy's Drive-In" cruise and would be there a while so I altered my course to head straight there. The place was packed with AMCs everywhere, Bob was inside so I headed inside as well and met some of the regulars, and got introduced to some other people that Bob already knew.

## Thursday..

Bob and I spent the day hanging out together. First we went to the homes of Bob Knapp and Larry Rohde to peruse the large number of AMC parts on display. I ended up buying \$100 of parts from Bob, and \$30 from Larry. By the time we finished doing that it was midafternoon so Bob & I headed to the other side of town where the trailers were being parked, and pulled Bob's SC/Rambler out for the cruise to Culver's that night. Wow, what a turnout, after the regular parking spots were filled, they started double and triple parking AMCs down the center of the parking rows. By this time Steve Fox from San Diego and Mark Fletcher arrived to join in on all of the festivities. Before we could call it a night Bob and I had to take his car back to the trailer and tuck it in for the night.

## Friday..

The early bird gets the worm, so it was not surprising to find that at 9am, when I got out to the show field for the parts swap meet, I was not too early—but not too late either. I was able to score an important interior piece for the Playmate AMX for only \$30. I also bought a set of wheels from Wayne Davis from Denver, CO. and had to make a run to the closest bank, which happened to be in the next state down, Illinois, to get the money. A few other vendors sold me some little but important stuff, like clips and fasteners. All in all I spent about \$1200 in parts in two days. Ugghh! Ron & Wally from the Las Vegas AMCRC club were there with a booth selling

parts. They make the Kenosha show just about every time around. Oh, the wheels I bought made it into the back of a pick-up truck headed for Arizona. By next month the tires should be in California.

That afternoon Bob and I once again retrieved his SC/Rambler, and drove in circles looking for the meeting spot for the parade into down town Kenosha. Finally my phone's GPS pointed us in a direction that eventually saw us driving past a fire truck leading a convoy of AMCs behind it. Bingo, we had found the parade, all we had to do was hang a u-turn and fall in behind at the end. The parade itself once it got under way was a long straight shot down a road into Kenosha. The cars got parked all throughout the down town area, and was packed for hours. Bob and I had dinner with the Fletcher families and Arizona gang. Good times!

## Saturday

One of the nice things about not having a car at the show is you can sleep in! The negative side of that is when you do eventually arrive at the show you have to park outside and walk in a distance.

Wow, wow! What a show! What can you say about 500 AMCs parked together, that hasn't already been said? I drained two camera batteries taking pictures of the cars. After a while I just stopped taking pictures because every car started looking like all the others. I tried not to take pictures of the same car twice. Towards the end I tried to take pictures, composed in a way, to show how many cars and people where there. Kennedy Park in Kenosha is a large grassy area—and it was packed! Everyone who owns an AMC should consider taking it to Kenosha once in their life!

MARK MELVIN

For more pictures of the Kenosha Homecoming Show use the link below..

<http://snipurl.com/kenosha14>

# 2014 Kenosha Homecoming

Thursday: Early Afternoon At The UAW Workers Car Show



# 2014 Kenosha Homecoming

Thursday: Late Afternoon At Culver's



# 2014 Kenosha Homecoming

Friday: Downtown Kenosha Car Show



# 2014 Kenosha Homecoming

Saturday: The Homecoming Show At Kennedy Park





# RANDY'S RAMBLINGS!

**Picnic by the Bay** - Embarcadero Marine Park North

August 17<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) \$25 pre-reg by Aug 9th, \$30 day of show, if space is available, we may get a few in

<http://socalcarculture.com/Images/081714PicnicbytheBay.pdf>

**6th Annual Charger Steve's Wild Rides** - Pacific Beach

August 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) \$30 pre-reg by Aug 15th & get a t-shirt, \$38 Day of show, "IF" space is available, don't count on it!

<http://socalcarculture.com/Images/082414WildRides.pdf>

Both of these shows are AWESOME! Picnic by the Bay is Downtown San Diego, on grass, water on 3 sides, Coronado Bay Bridge to the South, Aircraft Carriers to the North across the Bay, A Beautiful setting!

Wild Rides is in the Heart of Pacific Beach, on Garnet, ends a block from Crystal Pier, Bars & Restaurants EVERYWHERE, and a lot of pretty people walking around too! Hey, it's the Beach!

We have cars going to both of these shows, so, LET'S CRUISE!

RANDY KIRBY

Have a show in your area that sounds good? Speak up! You may get a few cars to cruise with!

*Watch this short YouTube home video, less than 3 minutes, about the 2014 AMC Homecoming show in Kenosha last month..*

Kenosha AMC Homecoming  
2014: [snipurl.com/2014kenosha](http://snipurl.com/2014kenosha)



## **JOIN AMCRC!**

SoCalAMX has just become a chartered club of the national AMC club known as AMCRC, or AMC Rambler Club. Although membership in AMCRC is not required for membership in SoCalAMX, it is encouraged that everyone join AMCRC to support the national and local clubs, and the AMC hobby in general.



To join AMCRC go to [amcrc.com](http://amcrc.com) and click on the "Join" link on the side.

What do you get for joining AMCRC? You get a Start Up Packet, a quarterly publication, and Services. Read about the details at: <http://amcrc.com/info/info.htm>



# 2014 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

**AMCRC Southwest Regional Meet**

RAILROAD  
PASS



Hotel & Casino



**November 7-8, 2014 @**  
**Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino**

2800 S. Boulder Highway  
Henderson, NV 89002

(702) 294-5000 or (800) 654-0877

## Show Features

Friday - Tour of Shelby American Factory	Free Barbeque (after tour)	
Awesome Event T-shirt	Dash Plaque	Raffles
Silent Auction	Awards	Food Specials

For Room Reservations call the Railroad Pass for a special AMC rate  
Just mention the AMC code: [AMC1114](#)  
call (800) 654-0877

For more info visit:

<http://snamc.amcrc.com>

[www.RailroadPass.com](http://www.RailroadPass.com)

# 2014 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION



## Registration Form



November 7 - 8, 2014 @ Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Fee: \$30 per car (registration includes event T-shirt)

Please indicate shirt size: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_

Additional T-shirts available for \$18 per shirt: Qty \_\_\_ Size(s) \_\_\_

Swap Meet: \$20 per space (20' x 20') No. of spaces \_\_\_

TOTAL OF ALL FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change)

#### Friday, November 7th:

12pm-2pm: Tour of Shelby Plant and Museum (no charge). Depart Railroad Pass at 11am (maps will be provided)

3:30pm-6:30pm: Free BBQ at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City

7:30pm: Early Registration in banquet room

#### Saturday, November 8th:

6:30am: Show field open for set-up

7am-10am: Registration

9am-3pm: Car Show and swap meet \*1:30pm: Deadline for voting ballots \*2:30pm: Raffle prize drawings

4pm-5:30pm: Awards presentation in banquet room & presentations by clubs hosting 2015 shows

5:45pm: Dinner in the Boxcar Buffet (\$10.95 per person)

#### Sunday, November 9th:

8am: Breakfast buffet in The Steak House

Please make checks payable to: SOUTHERN NEVADA AMC CLUB

Mail to: Las Vegas AMC Reunion c/o Raymond Hatcher, 8300 Opal Cove Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128

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Signature

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Mark Melvin,  
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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Writers are needed to help support this AMC newsletter. I welcome submissions from each of you who attend the events we go to each month.

You don't need to be a super writer or own a wiz bang word processor program. All you have to do is just send me a simple email as your article text and I'll do all the formatting and spell checking for you.

Please do attach pictures to your email if you have them! Send your stuff to: [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto:mightypilot@gmail.com)

## Member Spotlight

Now is your chance to be famous! We need volunteers for the monthly "Member Spotlight" article in the newsletter. All you have to do is give up some information on yourself and your car that you think might be fun for the others to read about.

It's easy to do, just go to <http://socalamx.net/memberspotlight.htm> and use the online form to send me the goods. Please send a few photos in addition to [mark@socalamx.net](mailto:mark@socalamx.net) to use along with your information about you and your car.

To get an idea of what exactly to say read a few of the recent newsletters for the Member Spotlight articles in them. Go to [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net) and click on Newsletter.

