



SoCalAMX



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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

28th Annual Burger Run

Saturday, January 10, 2015
Pepper Tree Frosty
Vista, California
<http://www.burgerrun.info/>

Check the online Calendar at socalamx.net

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above. Go to socalamx.net/1/join.htm

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

Burger Run 2015

The 28th annual Burger Run car show is January 10, 2015, in Vista at the Pepper Tree Frosty.

This is a great show, attended yearly by members of SoCalAMX. Normally we have between 5-10 AMCs there. Only \$10 gets you in and includes a t-shirt.



The SoCalAMX gang at the 2009 Burger Run.

One neat aspect of the show are the trophies. They are all 100% hand crafted and unique each year. It is a kick to see the creativity that goes into these much coveted pieces of hardware.

In order to park together you have to arrive together so that means meeting at the local McDonalds at 6am around the corner, then driving in together. Give Randy Kirby a shout on Yahoo Groups for more information.

Here's a short video by a local news crew on last year's Burger Run..

snipurl.com/burger14

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EDITOR'S NOTES

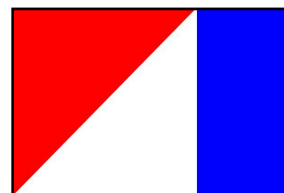
Merry Christmas, or Happy Holidays, which ever applies to you and your family!

This will be a short newsletter issue, I did not attend any car shows since the Las Vegas trip, and nobody sent me anything on shows they attended.

I did want to put together a quick issue this month, to support the guys going to the "Burger Run" car show on Saturday, January 10, 2015, in Vista, CA.

I am still working on a new web site for the club. With the Playmate Car project winding down I should have more time to devote to this.

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BURGER RUN

Best Trophies in all the Land!
Pepper Tree Frosty
Vista, CA

28th Annual
January 10th 2015

Biggest, Little
Car Show in
San Diego County



Enter Eucalyptus Ave. & Civic Center Dr.

Gates open at 6:00 AM for Participants

Check us out on our web site at www.burgerrun.info

Pepper Tree Frosty, 270 So. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, Ca.

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES T-SHIRT & DASH PLAQUE - PRE '72 CARS - 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.

PRE ENTRY BY JAN. 5TH - \$10.00 OR \$15.00 AT THE SHOW

MAIL ENTRY TO JOE FREE, 1530 LINDA VISTA DR. SAN MARCOS, CA 92078

PHONE: (760) 744-3340 DAY OF SHOW (760) 807-6190 - RAIN DATE: JAN. 17, 2015

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OVERHAULIN JOHN'S AMX

On the fourth episode of this season's "Overhaulin" TV show on Discovery, the restoration crew picked a 1969 AMX owned by John Kiapos as their project.

In the opening scene John arrived home to see his AMX partially loaded up on a truck to be hauled away.

John wanted to know what was going on with his car. The driver said his daughter had sold the car to be used on a new TV show where they blow things up.

John replied NO to that, the driver said come on, it's just a Gremlin. John pointedly corrected him, no it's an AMX! The driver replied oh ya, a Pacer, whatever! Haha.

John then learned that actually his daughter had arranged for the Overhaulin show to over haul his 1969 AMX, and the truck was there to take the AMX to the show's filming location.

Two of our club members, Allen Tyler and John Siciliano helped in the restoration by building the new engine for the car. Jeff Kennedy from Ohio was on hand helping out as well, giving technical advice. Before loading the engine into the car however, the show decided to paint the engine block a cherry red color.

Chip Foose lead the project; one of the design aspects which stood out was slicing a small section of the bumpers out so the corners laid flush with the body. The car also received custom stripes on the side, custom wheels, custom interior, and a custom sound system.

It was a one hour show. I watched it live during the original airing, but later went to Amazon and purchased the show for something like \$1.99 so I could do a screen capture of several frames to use in this newsletter.

I read some negative reviews on the Internet, posted by AMC purists, but overall I think the work done on the car was very good, and for the most part the show's episode got a positive review.

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John's 1969 AMX after its Overhauled.



Allen Tyler talking to John Kiapos.



John Siciliano working on the engine.



End of the show. A Thank You to everyone!

Playmate AMX Update

Here's the latest update on the Playmate AMX, and probably the last one until after the car is finished. After spending last Saturday at Allen's house helping sand the car, it is close to being ready to be painted.



In weeks leading up to last weekend the painter and two helpers came to Allen's house and blocked sanded the car. Today, Saturday Dec. 20 the painter will be doing final sanding of the door edges and such, and making final checks that the car is ready to be painted.

In two or three weeks' time we are planning on moving the car to a paint booth and spraying the "00" pink coat on "Angela." Then in the following weeks the car will be color sanded and the final assembly of components will start, such as bumpers, window trim, and badging.

Last Saturday after completing our day's work on the car, Allen and I took the car for a quick spin around the block. She purred eagerly as she motored down the street.

I think Angela is as anxious as we are for her first car show. Speaking of that, my current plan is to wait until May 2015 for our club's annual car show to publically display the car for the first time, in a "reveal" presentation. Promoting the car show and the Playmate car's reveal this way should result in increased attendance for the show.

I have already made my reservations for the 2015 AMO National Show in Cleveland, OH. to display the Playmate AMX there. Angela is officially Entry #2. It should be a fun trip. It'd be even better if a few of the other SoCalAMX members planned to join me there, with or without their cars..

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Block Sanded: Ready to paint?



The hood will get a lot of scrutiny before a coat of paint.



Xmas lights for the Playmate AMX



Oh no, what are those other three holes for?



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PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD**

**THOSE WHO ARE GOOD AT MATH,
AND THOSE WHO AREN'T!**



**THE LOOK AUTOZONE
EMPLOYEES GIVE YOU**



**WHEN YOU ASK FOR
THE PART YOU NEED**



I've seen many remarkable nature photographs over the years but this photo of a nesting Falcon is perhaps the most remarkable nature shot that I've ever seen.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Nature is truly breath-taking!

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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.

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

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