



# SoCalAMX

A Chartered Club of AMCRC



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## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

### Cactus Classic XIII

April 4-6, 2014

Hosted by the Cactus Cruisers, Phoenix, AZ

<http://cactuscruisers.org>

### Spring Fling 28

April 5 & 6, 2014

Hosted by Chrysler Performance West

Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA

<http://www.cpwclub.com/>

### West Coast All AMC Car Show

May 31, 2014

Hosted by SoCalAMX, NHRA Museum, Pomona, CA

[socalamx.net/carshow](http://socalamx.net/carshow)

Check the online Calendar at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net)

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above. Go to [socalamx.net/join.htm](http://socalamx.net/join.htm)

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi everyone, we're past Christmas now, everyone's schedule should have slowed down by now, just like mine, right? Heck no! I'm still very busy with my Playmate AMX restoration project, with Allen Tyler working many hours on the car. There is an update on the PM car elsewhere in the newsletter.

This is President's Day weekend so with a few free hours at my disposal I thought I'd pump out a newsletter so everyone can be aware of upcoming events.

Just to let you know, the club website at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net) was hacked at the beginning of

the month due to a weak password I'm guessing. Everything is locked down now, good luck to finding out the new system password. I checked a web site called "howsecureismypassword.net" and it said that it would take a PC computer some 98 million years to crack it.

The hacking was the bad news as I ended up having my host wipe the site clean. The good news is that I had a backup of the files and was able to re-upload them. My apologies to anyone who was trying to access the web site to view newsletters or other information.

I am starting over on the new Wordpress web site as the old one I was starting to learn on was also wiped clean from the web site along with everything else. It will be several months of working on it a few hours here and there before I will be able to open it for access to everyone. It will have an online calendar that Randy Kirby will be able to update with upcoming events, and a forum to post messages, and information on joining our local club and the national clubs, AMCRC and AMO.

Just to recap from a few months ago, we have officially joined AMCRC as a chartered club. In the next issue of AMCRC's newsletter, called the Rambler Reader, there will be an article written by myself introducing our club to AMCRC. Of course you'll have to be a member of AMCRC to get your personal copy!

If you have a car project going on, or other news worthy news, send me an email, along with pictures, and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

That's it for now, see you at the next show!

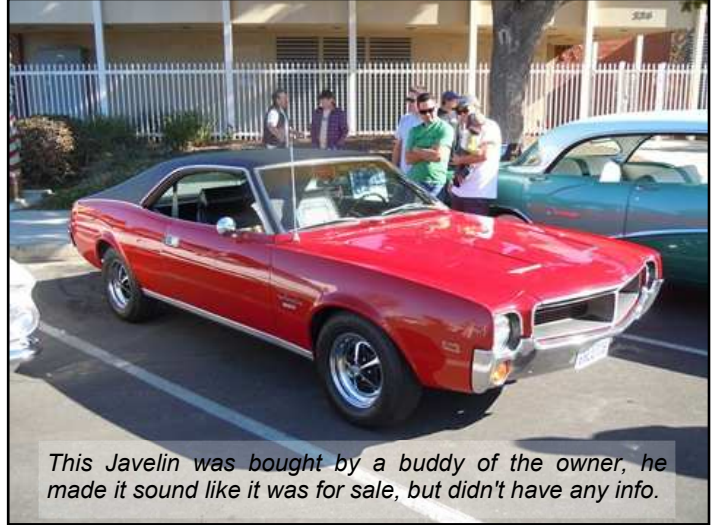
*Mark Melvin*

# BURGER RUN 2014

Awesome Show, Great way to start the new year, there are no classes, about 60 handmade trophies, 620 cars on the show field with about 50 outside of it, and 40 no shows, Steve got a trophy for his SC/Rambler ! He got one a few years ago with his AMX also! We seem to get a trophy in our group every year, and that's pretty cool! Randy Kirby..



Tom's BBO 70 Javelin, Rick's Silver 71 Jav/AMX, Dale's Red 70 Javelin.



This Javelin was bought by a buddy of the owner, he made it sound like it was for sale, but didn't have any info.



Nice little 69 parked here? The owner is an insurance Lady, She was handing out flyers, but I didn't see her. I left a card.



The shadow is Timmys Vette (it's plastic, very hard to see in daylight), Jon's BBG 70 Javelin, Richard's 68 AMX, and Jay's Beautiful BBO 69 AMX.



We never had the whole group at the same place & time, so we took this when Steve came back with his hardware, from left, Jay, Rick, Randy, Steve, Mark, Richard, and soon to be AMC'er Timmy.



Steve's trophy get'n 69A SC/Rambler, Mark's 69B SC/Rambler, Doug's 69A SC/Rambler, and my little red Machine.

## PLAYMATE AMX UPDATE

Here's another update on the Playmate AMX. Photos don't show it but progress on the car is still moving along at a steady pace, if not a somewhat fast pace as well. The bottom of the car was painted several months ago, and fuel and brake lines have been installed underneath. Over the past two weekends the front end suspension has been bolted onto the car and torqued down.

In a few weeks the rear end (rebuilt) and leaf springs (rebuilt) will be bolted on the car, and hopefully by the end of the month the PM car will be off the rotisserie and back on the ground. It will have been 15 months that the car has been up in the air.

I sent the carburetor to a guy in Wisconsin who completely restored it to day one status—not



cheap. Wow, it looks new! I'll have it back home here within a week. Look at the before and after pictures below.

I'd like to think the project has made it to the top of the hill, and now that parts are going back on the car, we're now going down the other side towards the finish line.



Only time will tell when it's finished and at what car show it will make its first appearance.

*Mark Melvin..*



*The new fuel tank is in place under the trunk area. The fuel sending unit has been calibrated as well..*



*It was quite a chore to first remove all these staples, and then reattach them to the new rubber seal inside the fender area..*



*The bottom of the car is looking very nice at this point with brake and fuel lines installed..*



*The front end suspension has been cleaned, painted, re-installed, and torqued down..*

# Drag Strip Reopened!

The 1/4 mile drag strip at Fontana is open again after being shut down for several years due to noise problems. The cure was a 24 foot tall wall of concrete 1800 feet long.



## **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 absolutely 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>



**CACTUS CLASSIC XIII**  
**Cactus Cruisers AMC of Phoenix, AZ**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



**Cactus Cruisers AMC presents their Thirteenth annual Cactus Classic AMC Car Show.**

**Friday 4/04/14 2 pm to 4:30 pm Garage Tour**

Meet at the AMC Hobby Shop of Dan Curtis, 10728 N. 96<sup>th</sup> Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Afterwards, caravan over to the Cactus Cruiser BBQ at the Fletcher's.

**Friday 4/04/14 5 pm to 8 pm BBQ at the Fletcher's**

Cactus Cruisers Annual BBQ sponsored by our club and hosted at Kirk & Terry Fletcher's home, 12115 N. 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have everything except alcohol, BYOB.

**Saturday 4/05/14 8 am to 3 pm Cactus Classic XIII AMC Car Show**

Car Show will be at the North Hills Church of God parking lot, 15025 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023 South of Greenway & East of 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Registration Starts at 8 am and the show begins at 9 am. Trophies will be presented at 2 pm. This show is open to all AMC, Rambler, Metropolitan, Nash, Nash-Healey, Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, Willys & Jeep vehicles of all years. There will also be two classes for Mopars and two classes for all Orphan makes with the classes divided at 66 and older & 67 and newer.

**Saturday 4/05/14 : 4 pm to 9 pm Cruise Night at K-Mart / Mixteca**

Glendale Saturday Cruise Night hosted by K-Mart, Mixteca & Nancy Perry Productions. We will have a section reserved for our AMC's. The location is at 6767 W. Bell Rd, Glendale, AZ 85000, 5 miles West of the I-17, 3 miles East of the Loop 101, Southwest corner of Bell Rd. & 67 Ave.

**Sunday 4/06/14 : 7:30 am to 9:30 am Breakfast at The Embassy Suites**

We will gather for a no-host buffet Breakfast at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023.

**Host Hotel : The Embassy Suites Phoenix North**

Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023 Reservation 602-375-1777 Fax 602-375-4012. Located one block East of the I-17, South side of Greenway Rd.

[http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en\\_US/es/hotel/PHXNOES-Embassy-Suites-Phoenix-North-Arizona/index.do](http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/PHXNOES-Embassy-Suites-Phoenix-North-Arizona/index.do)

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**CACTUS CLASSIC XIII**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**North Hills Church of God Parking Lot**  
**15025 North 19<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85023**

Please complete and return this form with your check for the correct amount to **Cactus Cruisers AMC** and send to Gary & Elda Zinman, 20625 N 63<sup>rd</sup> Dr, Glendale, AZ 85308 623-566-7956 e-mail [gzinman@cox.net](mailto:gzinman@cox.net). For additional information you may also contact Kirk & Terry Fletcher at 623-486-3620 e-mail [fletchkirk@hotmail.com](mailto:fletchkirk@hotmail.com). One application form per vehicle. For multiple vehicle entries please use a separate entry blank for each vehicle. ***Please Print Clearly*** ***20 classes now available to choose from!***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Verification: e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: AMO \_\_\_\_\_ Cactus Cruisers AMC \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Information**

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

Engine \_\_\_\_\_ Trans \_\_\_\_\_ Rear Axle \_\_\_\_\_ Class Code \_\_\_\_\_

Car Show Entry postmarked before 3/16/14	\$20.00	_____	<b>Will you be participating at these Events?</b> Friday Garage Tour    Yes _____ No _____ Friday Night BBQ        Yes _____ No _____ Saturday Night Cruise    Yes _____ No _____ Sunday No-Host Breakfast at the Embassy Suites    Yes _____ No _____
Car Show Entry postmarked before 3/30/14	\$22.50	_____	
Car Show Entry (Day of Show)	\$25.00	_____	
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' before 3/16/14	\$20.00	_____	
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' after 3/15/14	\$30.00	_____	
Display Only	\$10.00	_____	

*This show is open to all AMC, Rambler, Metropolitan, Nash, Nash-Healey, Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, Willys and Jeep vehicles of all years. There will also be two classes for Mopars and two classes for all Orphan Makes with classes divided at 66 and older & 67 and newer.*

By signing this form, the entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and release from liability (both jointly and severally) the Cactus Cruisers AMC Club and American Motors Owners Association. Participants agree to release all officials of the aforementioned organizations (jointly and severally) from any liability from a loss or damage to property and to assume all risks, including **Acts of Nature, Civil Disobedience, Riots, Public Commotion or Violence** of third parties arising from or related to this event. **Alcoholic beverages, fireworks or illegal firearms** are not permitted at this event or any other event produced by Cactus Cruisers AMC.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Choice (Voting) for all Classes except Display Only, Class Code (DO)**

AMC Class	(AMC)	1970 - 88	----- All AMC's from 70-88 (except those that fit into other classes)
AMX Stock Class	(AMX)	1968 - 70	----- All 2 seat AMX's Less than four Modifications like Tires
AMX Modified Class	(MOD)	1968 - 70	----- All 2 Seat AMX's More than three Modifications like Exhaust
Display Only Class	(DIS)	1903 - 98	----- All other non-judged participating vehicles, will have separate parking
Driver Class/Survivor	(DRI)	1903 - 98	----- Non-restored cars that are used as daily basic transportation
Eagle Class	(EAG)	1980 - 98	----- All body styles of the AMC Eagle, Eagle Talon's, Summit's & Premiers
Hudson & Nash Class	(H&N)	1957 - Older	----- All Hudson's & Nash's from 57 and older (except Metropolitan Class)
Gremlin	(GRM)	1970 - 78	----- All Gremlins, 2 seat and 4 seats, bases and X-models
Javelin Class	(JAV)	1968 - 74	----- All Javelin's (Base, SST & AMX)
Jeep & Willy's Class	(J&W)	1941 - 91	----- All Jeep's build by Willys, Kaiser, AMC & Chrysler up to 1991
Mopars Older Class	(M66)	1966 - Older	----- All Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge & Desoto vehicles 1966 and older
Mopars Newer Class	(M67)	1967 - Newer	----- All Chrysler, Plymouth & Dodge vehicles 1967 and newer
Metropolitan	(MET)	1954 - 62	----- All Metropolitan's
Orphan Older Class	(O66)	1966 - Older	----- All makes of Orphan Cars & Trucks
Orphan Newer Class	(O67)	1967 - Newer	----- All makes of Orphan Cars & Trucks
Performance Class	(PER)	1969 - 87	----- SC/Rambler, Machine, SC360, 77-80 AMX, Renault GTA & R5 Turbo
Race Car Class	(RAC)	1903 - 88	----- Barely or non-street legal cars used mostly for race purposes
Rambler Class	(RAM)	1958 - 69	----- All Rambler's from 58-69 (except those that fit into other classes)
Rambler Legacy	(RML)	1957 - Older	----- All Rambler's from 57 and older
Under Construction Class	(UNC)	1903 - 98	----- Cars that are clearly under construction and are not fully assembled

(All entries subject to review by CCAMC Meet Officials)

# EIGHTH ANNUAL

## West Coast All AMC Car Show

Hosted By SoCalAMX



**Saturday, May 31, 2014**

- Car show starts at 10am
- Nash, Hudson, & Jeeps!
- T-Shirt w/preregistration!
- Music by 8-Track Carl
- Spectators enter FREE!
- Lots of Raffle Prizes

[socalamx.net/carshow](http://socalamx.net/carshow)

# 2014 All AMC Car Show



For Maps and More Information Visit The Car Show's Web Site:

**[www.socalamx.net/carshow](http://www.socalamx.net/carshow)**

**Saturday, May 31th, 2014**

**Wally Parks Motorsports "NHRA" Museum, 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA  
Car Show Starts at 10am and Ends At 3pm**

**Car Show T-Shirts are limited and guaranteed with Pre-Registration only!**

**Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 21, 2014**

**Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed**

**Bring your own food and drinks. Subway Store 1 mile away at 10fwy & White Ave.**

Pay Online (\$30) (PayPal) at: <http://socalamx.net/carshow/entry-online.htm>  
Or Make Checks (\$30) Payable To "Mark Melvin"  
and mail entry form & payment to: 1517 McCabe Way, West Covina, CA 91791  
(One registration form per vehicle entered)

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

Each pre-registered entry gets an event t-shirt. Additional t-shirts are limited and available for \$15 each.

Name  Address

City  State  Zip Code

Phone  E-Mail

Car Year  Make  Model  Color

**From The List Below Select The Trophy Class For Your Car!**

- AMC (A)**
- AMX Modified (XM)**
- AMX Stock (XS)**
- Javelin (J)**
- Hudson & Nash (HN)**
- Rambler (R)**
- High Performance (P)**

*All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX & Wally Parks Motorsports Museum 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.*



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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.