



Happy New Year and welcome to 2011! This year is the 10th Anniversary of the beginning of SoCalAMX. Back in 2001 I thought to myself there must be many more AMX'ers out there besides myself. So in 2001 I started this group by creating a web site called SoCalAMX hoping to draw as many people together as possible to share our common interest of AMX's.

The first person I met was Dave Chick and his white 68 AMX. The number of people joining us was small at first but grew over the years. Today we have a solid core of about 10 people who get together frequently at car shows, although we would really like to drastically increase the numbers in the future. We have also had four car shows, and this year we're beginning to plan our fifth edition of our yearly gathering.

All though the focus of SoCalAMX back in 2001 was the 68-70 AMX, immediately Javelins started showing up along the AMX's and were warmly welcomed. Over the years many other AMCs have joined us from time to time, including Ramblers, Gremlins and Pacers, a Rebel and a SC/Rambler now, and we've almost become an AMC club rather than exclusively an AMX club. It's possible in the future that our group's name can change to something different to reflect our growing diversity of AMC models. Just let it be said that all AMCs and Ramblers are welcome to join us anytime we meet and get together!

This is almost sounding like a "State of the Club" speech, eh? I just want to say this isn't my club—it's our club and we need more of the people who sit on the side and read the newsletters without participating, to take action and join us at least once in a while. I can understand anyone not being able to go to car

shows on a weekly or monthly basis, but how about at least showing up once a year at our annual "West Coast All AMC Car Show," which by the way will be held this year on May 21, 2011?

December was a busy month and with the holidays taking a major chunk of time away from people there is not anything to report concerning car shows in December. Therefore I am going to use the remainder of my space here to talk about really neat shows coming up in the first part of the year that many I know will attend, and hopefully we'll see some new faces too at the car shows.

JANUARY 2011

January 28-30—**Grand National Roadster Show** held at the LA County Fairplex. This is an amazing show to go to and see all the custom cars on display. It's just not possible that car's bodies and paints could be altered to such states to arouse your visual senses. Dave & Kati Chick and myself go every year now and park inside the fence which allows our cars to be part of the show. rodshows.com/gnrs/

FEBRUARY 2011

February 5—**CARe Show** in San Juan Capistrano. This show is put on by an organization in San Juan Capistrano that takes care of homeless and abandoned animals in the city. Randy Kirby really likes this show and knows a few people will join him there. To sign up for this show and for more info go to this web site. careshow.eventbrite.com/

February 12—**Dr. George Car Show** in Palm Springs. I don't know much about this show but Randy has been really talking it up. For more info check out the web site. socalcarculture.com/

[Images/021211DrGeorge.pdf](#)

February 13—**The Annual Orphan and Hand Crafted Vehicles Meet** in La Jolla. This is one show you won't see a single Ford, Chevy, or Dodge in sight—and our cars are welcome to be part of the show since our cars are “orphan cars.” This might be a really interesting show because you're going to see really rare cars like Bugattis, and maybe Tuckers? The flyer is at the back of the newsletter. socalamx.net/flyers/OrphanCarShow.pdf

February 26—**First Annual Morse High School Car Show**. This show is being put on at the high school that our own club member Steve Fox teaches at. He would really like a strong show of support at his school's show. socalcarmculture.com/Images/022611MorseHigh.pdf

APRIL 2011

April 8-9—**10th Annual Cactus Classic** in the Phoenix area. As a club we attended this event last year and had a great time. This is the same club putting on AMO's National Show this summer in Sedona. cactus-cruisers.org/documents/cactus_classic_x.pdf

MAY 2011

May 21—**5th Annual “West Coast All AMC Car Show”** hosted by SoCalAMX.net. This show will be at the same location as the previous three years, the NHRA Museum in Pomona, CA. For more information go to socalamxcarshow.info

JULY 2011

July 7-10—**2011 AMO National Convention** in Sedona, AZ. The Cactus Cruisers club last held this national event in 2004, and is proudly hosting the show again. It will be cooler hopefully, because the event is further north and higher in elevation. Make your reservations soon! amo2011.org/

Look, I can't stress enough how important communication is between our members regarding planning attendance at car shows. When I bought my AMX in 1977 I joined a club called JavAMX and we were very active for a few years. Then one day I realized I hadn't talked to anyone in the club for a while, and that was that, the club no longer existed. Let's keep our club strong by taking action—preferably joining us at car shows, but at a minimum communicating with each other.

The best way to do that so far has been to use Yahoo Groups' email list service. You send out a single email to the others in the club and everyone gets a copy. And visa versa. If you're not on the list then you're not going to be up to date on our plans to attend shows and you will miss out. So if you haven't joined Yahoo Groups yet then go to this web site and register! autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/socalamx/. An alternative method would be to email me and ask me to manually add your email address to the list. Email me at mightypilot@gmail.com.

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

MARK MELVIN



Make History At The 6th Annual Grand Daddy "Drive-In"
Happening at the 62nd Annual Grand National Roadster Show

"The Grand Daddy of Them All!"
GRAND NATIONAL ROADSTER SHOW




Saturday, Jan. 29 & Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 at 8:30AM

- VIP Parking/Participation on the show grounds, open to Pre-1973 Hot Rods, Customs, Classics, Muscle Cars and Trucks. No Motorcycles please.
- \$50.00 per vehicle includes driver, one guest, cash plaque, and goody bag. Plaque and bag for Pre-Registered vehicles only. \$75.00 per vehicle if registered for both days. Sorry, no refunds. All participants get admission into the GNRSS show buildings during show hours.
- Move in Gate will open at 8:30AM. All vehicles must be parked by 9:30AM. Fairplex grounds gates will close at 9:30AM sharp. Vehicles not inside the gates at this time will not be allowed into the event. Driver and designated passenger must enter inside their vehicle. The show opens to the public at 10:00AM. Vehicles may leave the grounds at 6:00PM once deemed safe by the Fairplex Security Staff.
- Enter the Fairplex grounds at Gate 1 (NHRA Museum lot) located off McKinley Avenue. Proceed towards the check-in point at the south end of the NHRA Museum. (See Map)
- EVENT WILL HAPPEN RAIN OR SHINE!** - Sorry, no refunds. Live bands all day. Car magazine and Award picks at 4:00PM on Saturday and 2:00PM on Sunday at the center courtyard.
- NO OVERTNIGHT PARKING, NO COOLERS, NO ALCOHOL, NO PETS ALLOWED.**
- Space is limited to 450 vehicles each day. Pre-Registration is highly recommended.
- For updated space availability please call 1-877-768-7480 and enter Ext. 7.
- Vehicle Registration must arrive in our office by January 14, 2011, as credentials will be mailed to you.
- Each entry must include one photograph or color copy of the vehicle. (Not returnable)

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT SO REGISTER EARLY!
Visit www.RODSHOWS.com or call 877-ROD-SHOWS Ext. 7 for more details!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



2011 Grand Daddy "Drive-In" Vehicle Entry Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE ONE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VEHICLE.

PLEASE CHECK WHICH DAY(S) YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR VEHICLE


\$50 - Saturday Jan. 29th, 2011
 \$40 - Sunday Jan. 30th, 2011
 \$75 - Both Days

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Liability Release: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in the Grand National Roadster Show Drive-In, the undersigned participant agrees to indemnify John Duce Enterprises, Inc. (the Roadshows, Drive Magazine, The Fairplex, committees, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, and/or losses that the participant, their guests (including family and relatives) may sustain or incur as a result of their attendance/participation in this event.
Check or Money Order only. Make checks payable to Roadshows.
Mail Payment and Photo to: Roadshows - 12223 Highland Ave #550, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

FEBRUARY 12, 2011

PALM SPRINGS CRUISIN' ASSOCIATION



The George Car Show

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Proceeds Benefit the Desert Cancer Foundation

8th Annual CARE SHOW

Saturday, February 5, 2011 — San Juan Capistrano
The Day Before Super Bowl Sunday



Supporting Capistrano Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) and San Juan Capistrano Rotary Charities.
Car clubs, and well-behaved dogs on leashes, are welcome!

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Imports • Trucks • Motorcycles
Plus

Free T-Shirts for first 100 Pre-Registered Entrants
Food & Refreshments Available from Ruby's Diner
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Vendors, Exhibits & Displays
Prizes & Opportunity Drawings
Celebrity Guests & Live Entertainment
Motorcycle Poker Run

Be there...
San Juan Capistrano
Community Center / Sports Park
25925 Camino Del Avion, SJC 92675

Saturday February 5, 2011, 7AM - 2PM (Vehicles)
\$30 per (2-person) car if received by 1/28/2011
\$40 per (2-person) car if received after 1/28/2011

Guest Admission at 8AM
\$5 Adult, \$2 Child (11-17)
Free for kids under 11


For more information, for vehicle owners, vendors or sponsors, call 949-240-1735.
E-mail: CAREshow@capoanimalrescue.com;
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CACTUS CLASSIC X
April 9 & 10, 2011
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



Cactus Cruisers AMC presents their Tenth Annual Cactus Classic Car Show. The Show will be a three day event starting with a Friday Night BBQ, the Car Show and a huge Cruise-Night on Saturday followed by a no-host Breakfast Sunday Morning at the Host Hotel.

FRIDAY 4/8/11 : 5 pm to 9 pm
The Friday Night BBQ will be at Mark & Cheryl Fletcher's home hosted by Cactus Cruisers AMC. The address is 5751 W. Windrose Dr. Glendale, AZ 85304. Home# 623-979-1603 Cell# 602-818-8555. It is located 1/2 mile North of Cactus Rd & three blocks East of 59th Ave. The BBQ starts at 5:00 pm and goes to around 9:00 pm. BYO Beverage, we will provide the food.

SATURDAY 4/9/11 : 8 am to 3 pm
The Saturday Car Show will be at the North Hills Church of God parking lot, 15025 North 19th Ave. Phoenix, Arizona 85023. South of Greenway & East of 19th Ave. Registration Starts at 8:00 am and the show begins at 9:00 am. Trophies will be presented at 2:00 pm. This show is open to all American Motors (AMC) vehicles produced from 1958-1988 and all Jeep vehicles produced by American Motors Jeep Corporation from 1970-1988. We will also have a Display Only class for 1957 and older vehicles produced by Rambler, Nash and Hudson.

Annual Orphan Cars and Handcrafted Vehicles Meet

7900 block of Girard Avenue, La Jolla

Sunday, February 13, 2011

All vehicles must be in place no later than 8:30 a.m.

Welcome to all orphans including Alfa Romeo, Allard, AMC, Amphicar, Apollo, Auburn, Austin, Austin Healy, Avanti II, Baker, Bedford, Berkeley, Borgward, Clenet, Commer, Corvair, Crofton, Crosley, Daihatsu, Davis, Delahaye, Delage, Delorean, DeSoto, Diamond T, DKW, Edsel, Essex, Excalibur, Fiat, Ford of England, Franklin, Fraser, Goggomobil, Griffith, Hansa, Henry J., Hillman, Hispano Suiza, Honda 600, Horch, Hudson, Hummer, Imperial, Isetta, Jensen, Jensen Healy, Jowett, Kaiser, King Midget, Monteverdi, La Salle, Lloyd, Marquette, Mercury, Messerschmitt, Metz, MG, Morris, Nash, Oakland, Oldsmobile, Opel, Orient, Packard, Pegaso, Peugeot, Pierce Arrow, Pinto, Plymouth, Pontiac, Reliant, Renault, Roustabout, Rover, Saab, Siata, Siata Spring, Simca, Singer, Stanley, Sterling, Studebaker, Terraplane, Tiffany, Triumph, Tucker, Vauxhall, Vega, Viking, Wanderer, White, Willys, Wolseley, Yugo, Zimmer, and many, many more.

Welcome to all handcrafted vehicles and replica cars such as Cheetah, Cobra, Bradley, Bugatti, Duchess, Duke, Eagle, Fiero conversions, La Bala, La Dawri, La Forza, Lotus 7, Marauder, Marlene, Manx SR, Sebring, 356 Speedster, 550 Spyder, Sterling, and others.

Two Peoples Choice Awards

\$15.00 Pre-entry registration by Jan 29, 2011

or

\$20.00 day of show (registration at corner of Girard and Silverado)

Contact info: orphanandhandcrafted@gmail.com

make checks payable to: Howard G. Singer P.O. Box 007 La Jolla, CA 92038-007

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By signature below, I hereby release and discharge the Annual Orphan Cars and Handcrafted Vehicles Meet and Howard G. Singer from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims of any kind that may occur during this event.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Morse High School's First Annual Car Show



All Types of Cars, Bicycles, and Motorcycles are Welcome

Located at Morse High School's parking lot
6905 Skyline Drive
San Diego, CA 92114

February 26th, 2011
Arrival time for cars: 7:00 am.
Show start time: 9:00 am.
Trophies at 2:00 pm.
Rain or Shine!!

All proceeds go to...

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**JUST \$10 TO
REGISTER!!!
WIN
TROPHIES!!!**

See entry form on back
to register

Food →

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-or-

LUNCH

\$5.00 each

Performance by JROTC



**PRE-REGISTRATION: \$10 PER VEHICLE
(STUDENTS--\$5 WITH CURRENT STUDENT ID)
DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION: \$15**

For further information, please contact:

Steven Fox @ 619-262-0763, ext. 4301 / sfox@sandi.net

*****DETACH HERE*****

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Please submit this registration form and entry fee of \$10, check made payable to "Steven Fox" along with a self addressed stamped envelope for confirmation to: Steven Fox, C/O Morse HS, 6905 Skyline Dr., San Diego, CA 92114. [Flyer downloaded from www.SoCalCarCulture.com](http://www.SoCalCarCulture.com)

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July 6th – 10th, 2011

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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER

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

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 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 and click on Newsletter.