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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Cactus Classic

April 10-11, 2015
Phoenix, AZ
cactuscruisersamc.org
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Photo courtesy of Randy Kirby

MORE VEGAS!

Here are two photos from the Vegas Show that didn't make it into the previous issues.

The top picture are the winners from our club, including Jay Baker in the middle with the big Best of Show trophy for his beautiful BBO AMX.

The second photo is another shot from Break Down Bob's roadside rescue mission..

Of all people who would own a 1950 Nash Ambassador? Yes, of course, Jay Leno! Check out the Youtube video of his beautiful car..

snipurl.com/50nash



The Gremvette?



Photo courtesy of Randy Kirby

Burger Run 2015

They were saying possible showers today, but the show still pulled over 650 cars!

We had 8 cars, not too shabby for an open show, 7 of them had hood scoops, all but 2 were 1970, and believe it or not, there were 3 Javelins to ONE AMX! When was the last time you saw more Javelins then AMX's, anywhere?



I got there just after 6am, Timmy & Priscilla were already there, Jon was also there, as well as Mark. These guys were there early to help me save spaces, and by 7am, this lot was full, as well as most of the area.

This is Terry's 70, he lives in Ramona, he recently finished it, and it looks great! I just wish he came around more! I seem to only see him a few times a year at Cruisin' Grand, it was good to see him, and his newly painted 70! I think someone said it was the Best year....who was that? hmmm....



This little red Rambler was parked down by the sponsor clubs area, did not see the owner, but Mark left info on it, hope they call.

Dale and I walked a little, here's the entry point, and Dale was drawn by the Harleys, of course! This shot doesn't make the show look like much, very deceiving!



Here's a small section of the cars, it winds throughout a few streets with the church lot we are in being like one corner.

Don't get excited, this is on a Rat Rod, just the radiator clip, it certainly gives it a little class. All the trophies are handmade, and everyone wants one, there are 3 tables of



these, check out the front & center trophy, it's a rusted Studebaker, it's the Orphan trophy, and it now belongs to....

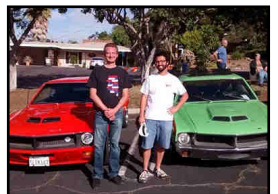
Mark and his 67 Rogue convertible w/stock 290 4spd, Sweet! Steve is behind him with his SC/Rambler, Steve won last year, I think Mark M. won the year before, Allen before that, before that I don't remember, but Steve won with his AMX here also, and Chuck with his AMX. Our little group does quite well!



I had to get some people pix, which I rarely do, so I got them as people left, except for Terry, who left before I knew it. This is Doug's Original paint RW&B Machine, and it has a kik-ass motor, but a tight rear end, so he doesn't go very far, good thing this is in his area. Oh, and me and my Machine.

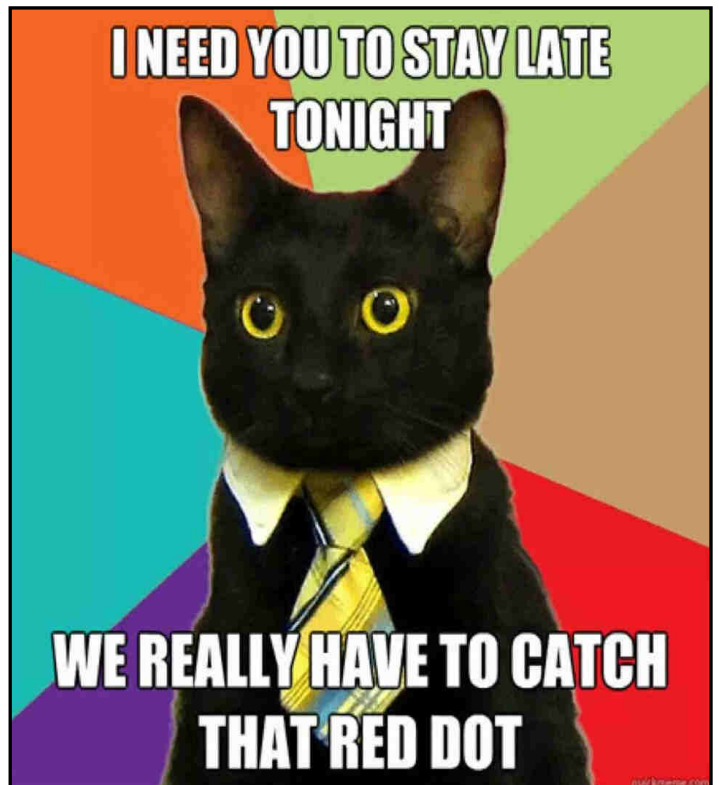


Here are Tom with his BBO 70 Javelin (no, it's not red), and Jon with his BBG 70 Javelin, he did "NOT" put the sun roof in it, it was there when he bought it, so don't slam him! Doug's in the background talking to Timmy & Priscilla, future AMC'ers.



Hope to see you at the Burger Run next Year!

RANDY KIRBY



THE VON PIRANHA AMX

It took eight years but I finally found out what the heck these oddly customized AMX's were that I first saw in 2007 in Denver at the AMO National AMC Car Show.

Of over 200 beautiful cars there I remember one that stood out, an AMX that had odd scoops on the roof and side, with alterations to the "louver" section on the hood that was cut up.

I recall chatting with several people there while looking this odd car over, and just about everybody was saying, "What the bleep bleep is that all about?"

This week I saw a post on Facebook by Eddie Stakes about a "Piranha AMX" that was for sale in Colorado. I took a look at the eBay auction photos and I instantly recognized that car as the one I saw 8 years ago in Denver.

Curious I read on to learn more about the mystery car. The description on eBay said this..

The "Von Piranha AMX" was a limited-production (AMC Regional Special) custom commonly known as The Piranha AMX., sold out of the Denver, Colorado region in 1968-69. It is unknown how many total were modified.

They added the roof air scoops (nonfunctional) and side scoops that function to cool the rear brakes. The hood was modified as well. These cars were built for the drag strip and road course.

The red one below was raced by Ron Hunter at the Continental Divide Raceway near Pueblo, CO, and may have seen some duty at Pike's Peak although unknown.

This particular 68 Piranha AMX had a 390cid AMX V8 & Borg-Warner M12 Automatic along with Edelbrock R4B intake manifold and large

950 cfm Holley 3-barrel carburetor, backed up with a 3:15 rear gear. There is a Bittersweet Orange 69 one known to still exist.



So I looked through my pictures from the 2007 Denver trip and found pictures of the red Piranha AMX. As a bonus I also found a picture of the Bittersweet Orange Piranha AMX that was there as well.

So there you go, now you know—The Piranha AMX!

MARK MELVIN



Playmate AMX Update

Another update on the Playmate AMX project. Today our crew (Allen Tyler & Lalo) did some more prep work on the body. By the end of the day we had sprayed the inside of the fenders and fender extensions.



We are getting down to the end for sure. The paint date keeps slipping back but now I think we have a firm date set for the Saturday of Super Bowl weekend, one week from now.

The car is almost finished—Really! After paint there will be the re-assembly of bumpers, window trim, door panels, badging, etc. But the car right now is turnkey as far as the power train. Jump in, turn the key, fire the engine, back out of the garage.

What is likely to happen after the car is finished is there will be a car cover on it until our club's annual AMC car show in May on the 30th. At that time there will be a "reveal" presentation and the pulling off of the car cover. Until then no pictures. It's only four months away.

Shortly after our show the Playmate AMX will be headed to Cleveland, Ohio for the annual AMO International car show. It will be interesting to see if the car keeps the judges busy.

MARK MELVIN



Mixing the sealer.



Lalo at work.



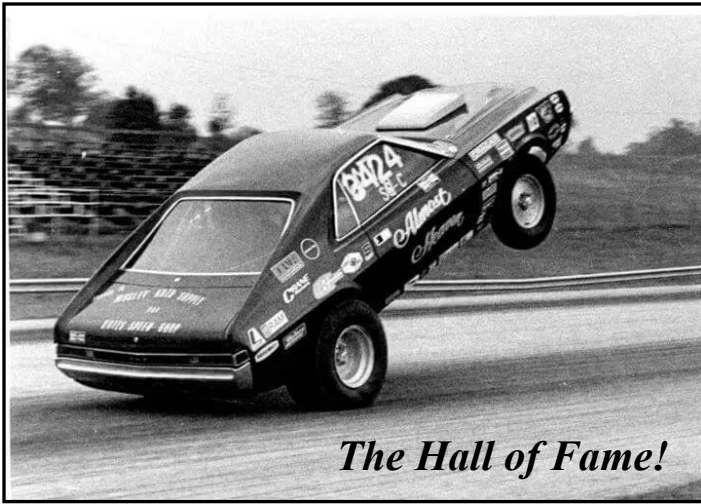
Inside the fenders painted.



Lalo getting in some more block sanding.



Hood & fenders back on for last time.



The Hall of Fame!



The Hall of Shame!

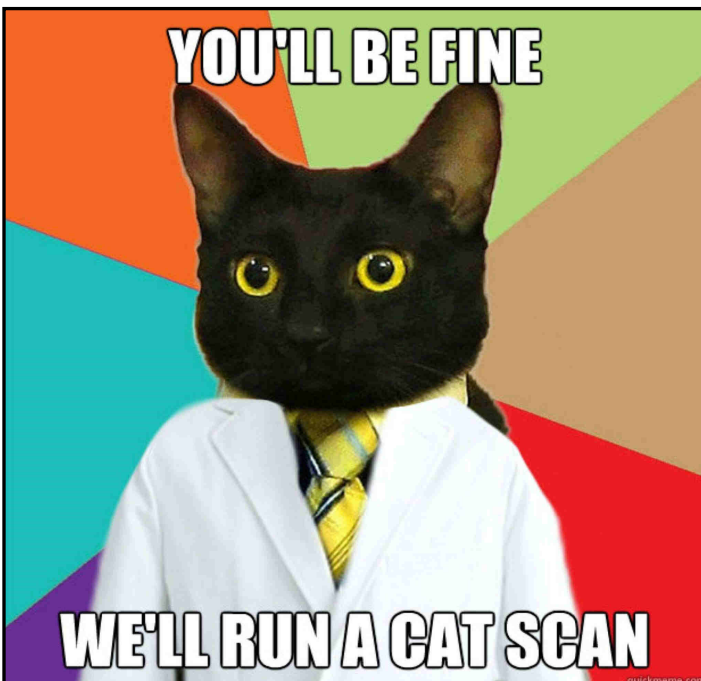


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