



SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Roam'n Relics Car Show

October 27, 2013
Old Town Moorpark, CA
roamnrelics.com

2013 Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 8-9, 2013
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino
snamc.amcrc.com

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/join.htm

Check out
“socalcarchulture.com”
for listings of shows in SoCal!

AMCRC MEMBERSHIP

Last call to be a founding member of a chartered club of AMCRC. The following members are going to be on the list of names I send to the AMCRC Membership Chairman soon. Go to amcrc.com and signup, then let me know ASAP when you get your membership number.

Steve Fox #8634
Randy Kirby #9399
Mark Melvin #9470
Dominic Silvestri #9551
Jeffery Jung #9554
Allen Tyler “Pending”
John Siciliano “Pending”

Mark Melvin
mightypilot@gmail.com

Car Show Comments

I know this year's AMC show is already 5 months behind us but I wanted to thank Jay and Mike for their comments on the show. It was indeed a fun show and I'm looking forward to next year. I need to get going on it! I hope to see more cars next year! Mark Melvin

Hello Mark,

I wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much I enjoyed the AMC show last Saturday. I have been to many shows in my time, AMC and others, and the show you put on was a step beyond. It was not a stuffy sterile ego session, but a very friendly, warm atmosphere with people who truly love their AMC cars. It was quite obvious that many of you are not just fellow enthusiasts, but personal friends as well.

I also know how much work and time go into planning a show like the one we had, and wanted to personally thank you for the dedication and time that you put into the event. Thanks again, Jay Baker

Mark:

Excellent show!

I am glad I went. Here's something I need to tell you. Thanks for all your hard work!!! Michael Kozicki

Out on a Sunday ride..



EDITORS' NOTES

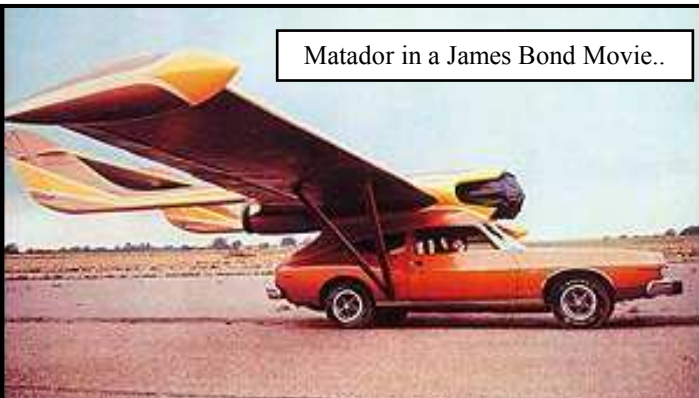
Okay, I messed up and I need to apologize to many new members who signed up to join SoCalAMX's Yahoo Groups email list. Somehow at some point many months ago I incorrectly changed the email address of where Yahoo sends the notices to me, and when I discovered the error there were a bunch of names waiting to join our group. Anyway, here they are—and welcome to SoCalAMX!

Joe Rome, 70 AMX, San Diego
Hal Lynch, 70 AMX, Palos Verdes
Randy Swanson, 68 AMX, Sacramento
Roger Realsen, 67 Rambler Rebel Conv.,
Rancho Santa Margarita
Robert Welther, 69 AMX, Woodland Hills
Kraig & Kat Arvidson, 70 AMX, Santa Fe Springs
Don Hollmann, 72 Javelin SST, Santee
Lyudmyla Sukhomlyn, 72 Jeep CJ-5,
Albuquerque, NM

To all of the new members, I want to let you be aware of the upcoming AMC Car Show in Las Vegas next month. As a group we travel to this show each year, this year's edition being the 8th annual show. Mark Ogulnick the club president there does a bang up job each year drawing in 50-60 cars. Be part of the group and jump right in and join us there. We travel there on Friday usually and partake of a Friday day event. The show is on Saturday the 9th this year at the Railroad Pass Hotel. See you there!

I also need to apologize for the absence of a newsletter the past four months. I was busy with daily life stuff, and my upstairs computer in the summer is too hot to get motivated to do much of anything. Now that it is cooling down I'm back to poking at the keys.. Mark Melvin

Matador in a James Bond Movie..



An AMX/3 has come up for sale for the first time in 15 years. The price has just been lowered to \$895,000. Read the full article online at "snipurl.com/amx3"



AMC AMX JAVELIN CAR ART BY ARTIST MICHAEL IRVINE

Some pretty nice AMC artwork is available online. Check it out..

<http://snipurl.com/amcart>



An interesting project going on over in Las Vegas. Andy Ray recently obtained a true blood SC/Rambler and is putting an engine into it. Maybe we'll see it next month at the show?

LAS VEGAS AMC SHOW!

AMC and Las Vegas. A great combination! Our show has grown into one of the largest regional AMC shows in the country. The schedule of events is coming together and I have some very exciting announcements.

If you come in on Thursday and you're looking for something to do, we will have free passes to the Auto Collection at the Quad (formerly Imperial Palace) on the world famous Las Vegas strip (if you want passes, please let me know well in advance so I can get them).

On Friday, we are touring one of the best private auto collections in the country, the Sunbelt Auto Collection. This is a private collection of over 300 classic and antique cars, trucks and rare specialty vehicles that is not open to the public. The tour is free and we are scheduled from 1pm until 2:30pm.



From there, we will head back to Veterans Memorial Park in Boulder City for our awesome barbecue for show participants and guests. The barbecue will run from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. We guarantee you won't go away hungry. Then it's back to Railroad Pass for early registration and a presentation by Dan Curtis of AZ AMC Parts and Restorations followed by AMC DVD's.



The itinerary for Saturday will be the same as last year (show field set-up at 6:30am, car show and swap meet from 9am-3pm, awards presentation from 4pm-5:30pm and dinner from 6pm-7:30pm (all you can eat steak and shrimp for \$10.99.)

There is one very exciting addition to the schedule on Saturday. For the first time, we will have a guest



speaker after dinner. He is Rick Titus, host of Drivers Talk Radio. Rick is an accomplished automotive journalist and a racing champion.

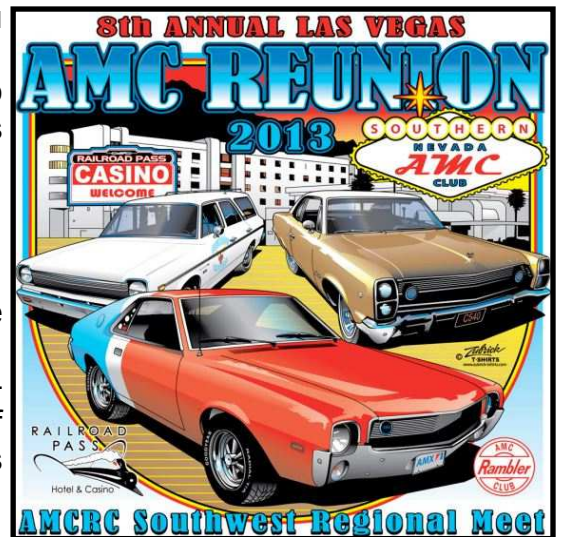


Following in the footsteps of his father, legendary racer, Trans-AM champion and automotive journalist Jerry Titus, Rick served as team crew member in the early '70s and went on to capture 11 pro wins on the SCCA Endurance Road Racing circuit. Titus' hands-on involvement with cars and trucks, including a stint as head of engineering at a leading automotive accessories manufacturer, led to an outstanding journalism career. His credits include over 350 articles or segments for Motor Trend



(Technical Editor), Popular Mechanics (West Coast Automotive Editor), TNN (NASCAR Editor), Mustang and Fast Fords (Engineering Editor), Road & Track Specials (Features Editor) and Sports Car Magazine (Technical Editor.) You won't want to miss this unique opportunity.

We are shooting for a minimum of 60 cars this



year. Don't wait to make your hotel reservations. Room rates are incredibly low; \$30 + tax for Thursday night and \$40 + tax for Friday and Saturday. Call 1-800-654-0877 or 702-294-5000 and mention code "AMC1113."

For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Mark Ogulnick by email at chicago0516@yahoo.com or phone 702-985-7647.

playmate amx update



Time for another Playmate AMX update. I last reported in April of this year that the car had been moved to Allen's house and he was going to take over and clean the bottom of the car and paint the bottom. In some six months Allen has indeed cleaned the bottom and painted the bottom, but has in addition done almost all of the upper-body body work. The shell of the car should be in primer in a few weeks and Allen will begin block sanding. Allen has worked tirelessly on this project and has brought it along much, much faster than any auto body shop would have ever done. My hat is off to Allen for his help!

The next major step is to get the front and rear suspension on the car so we can take it off the rotisserie and get it back on the ground. Then we'll be able to paint the upper body. It's all downhill after that to put it all back together!

John S. has been helping out greatly in the engine department by helping reassemble the engine. The AMC 290 in 1968 had painted valve covers so it doesn't have a flashy bling-bling look to the engine but it looks really clean. As I helped John reassemble the engine we checked the clearances on the bearings and piston rings, and everything was right on the money. We expect it to be a good running motor. I hope to report additional updates before the end of the year.

Mark Melvin

The after pictures below. Allen in his bunny suit spraying the pink juice on the rails, the finished product is very pink, and the engine is shaping up nicely!



Right after the running gear has been removed. Yuk!



Denver National!

Two months already have slipped by, I guess it's about time I report on the 2013 AMCRC National Car Show in Denver. I won't get too wordy here and will keep it short so I have more room for photos.



I left on the Tuesday night before the show around 9pm. It was a good choice because the desert in August is quite hot during the day. As I rolled through Utah and Cedar City before dawn it was in the 50 degree range and I had to put my sweat shirt on.

In the late morning going through Grand Junction, CO it was warm but not bad. Going over the Rockies I ran into a thunder storm



and got a bunch of rain, lightning, and thunder in a 30 minute period, but survivable. I arrived in the Denver area after 18 straight hours of driving.

Beating me to Denver via a more southerly route was Dale Crum and his 70 Javelin. Coming up later were Allen Tyler & Steve Fox

in a rental car, and John Siciliano and Randy and Cindy Kirby in John's motorhome.

Friday we went to the famous Rambler Ranch, my second visit, and perused all the fabulous AMC cars. Later that night Allen and I and a few others went to the home of a local AMC'er, where I bought a brand new, still in the original factory paper wrapper, a front bumper for the Playmate AMX.



Saturday's show was nice, beautiful weather, and great friendship with other car owners. Of course it was all over too soon, but before the



day ended I walked away with a trophy tied for 3rd place. It's been two months so I don't remember if Dale won a trophy as well, but I'm guessing he did!

I stayed around in the Denver area for a few days visiting a good friend I've known since the age of nine, but by Tuesday I was back on the road pointed westward, and duplicated the 18 hour non-stop trip back home. This time I left at 10am which put me going



through the Utah and Nevada deserts in the middle of the night during very cool hours.

The National Show for both AMO and AMCRC are on the east coast next year. It looks like the closest show to go to is the Kenosha Homecoming in July, 2014. Who wants to drive out there with me? It'll be my second time there.

Mark Melvin



For more pictures of the Denver show point your computer to snipurl.com/denver13

1950's CONCEPT CARS



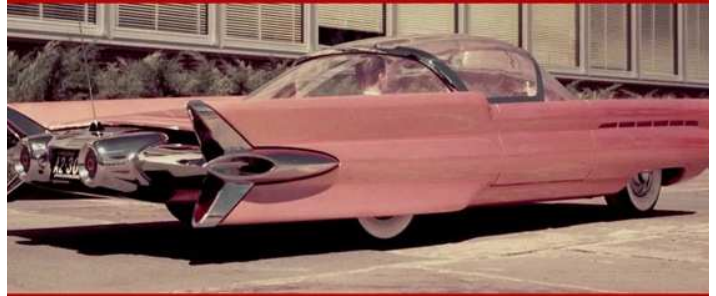
1951 BUICK LESABRE



1954 DE SOTO ADVENTURER II



1951 BUICK XP-300



1954 FORD LA TOSCA



1952 CHRYSLER D'ELEGANCE



1954 OLDSMOBILE ROCKET F88



1953 CADILLAC GHIA COUPE



1955 FORD MYSTERE



1953 FORD X-100



1955 LINCOLN FUTURA



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2013 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION



Registration Form



November 8 - 9, 2013 @ Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone _____

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Club Affiliation _____

VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

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 8th:

1 pm- Tour of incredible Sunbelt Auto Collection (no charge). Depart Railroad Pass at 12:30 pm

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

7:30 pm- Early Registration in banquet room and presentation by Dan Curtis, of AZ AMC Parts & Restorations

Saturday, November 9th:

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

7-10 am- Registration

9 am-3 pm- Car Show and swap meet

4 pm- Awards presentation in banquet room, live auction & presentations by clubs hosting 2014 shows

6 pm- Dinner in the Boxcar Buffet

Sunday, November 10th:

8 am- 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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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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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.

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