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### Heights Cruisers Monthly Donut & Coffee Run

1st Saturday each month - 7:30am Krispy Kreme Donuts Store @ the Puente Hills Mall Azusa & 60 Freeway, Hacienda Heights, CA

### Picnic By The Bay

Sunday, August 26, 2012 Embarcadero Marine Park North Next To Sea Port Village, San Diego, CA http://snipurl.com/picnic12

## Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 2-3, 2012 Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino Henderson, NV http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html

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> Check out "socalcarculture.com" for listings of shows in S. Cal!



## Kenosha Homecoming 2014

Plan to join the Kenosha History Center for five fun -filled days celebrating the history of auto making in Kenosha in 2014. This is the big car show, where over 500 cars (Jeffery, Nash, AMC, Jeep, & Renault) and car aficionados from all over the world are expected.



Drive-in car shows are expected to start the week out beginning on Tuesday July 22nd, a grand parade and the car show in Kennedy Park and ending with the "big" car show on Saturday July 26th in Kennedy Park. Kennedy Park will feature food and refreshments with the car show and vendors.

(I just found this news minutes ago and had to post it here for everyone. I attended the Kenosha Homecoming last year by driving my AMX the whole 2000 miles there. Who is going to join me on the road in 2014? Mark Melvin..)

Hey, in a few weeks I will be in Europe on vacation visiting a friend. After spending a few days in Denmark we're going to drive down into other parts of Europe such as Germany, Holland, France, and hopefully England too. I have been waiting for almost two years to visit an AMC car museum in Holland.

I learned on the Internet that this private museum has about 50 AMC cars in it. I have already contacted the owner, who will meet me there to display his collection. One of the cars is a BBG 69 AMX California 500 Special!

Hopefully I will be posting pictures of my trip daily from Europe. See ya all when I get back! Mark..

## **RENO ROAD TRÍP**... Or Bridgeport Breakdown!

We all made it back home safely from our recent road trip to Reno/Sparks for the 2012 AMCRC National Car Show. Needless to say, those who missed the trip missed out on a good time! We hope you join us in the future at any of our events, wither it's a local car show or an out of towner over nighter.

Six cars from our club started out on this road adventure. Myself in my 69 AMX, Randy and Cindy Kirby in their 70 Rebel Machine, John Siciliano in his 69 AMX, Bob Martinez in his 70 AMX, Dale and Carol Crum in their 70 Javelin, and Steve Fox in his 69 SC/Rambler.

We met up at Kramer Junction in the desert,



where Andy Ray from Las Vegas was waiting for us at Astro Burger. However the burger joint happens to be closed on Wednesdays so we had to retreat back across the train tracks to a nice little truck stop restaurant for a quick lunch.

An hour later at 1pm we were rambling through the rolling desert towards Bishop, our planned overnight stop. Along the way Dale had to stop twice to check on mechanical issues but we made it to Bishop in time for a bar



-b-q with other AMC folks on their way also to the Reno event.

Thursday, the next morning, broke with sunny blue skies over the wind swept, brushy landscape. We were on the road promptly at nine a.m. because we had a good haul ahead of us, taking into account a detour ahead around



a construction zone on Highway 395.

Not too long into the day Suzanne from Flagstaff, AZ, in her 65 Ambassador Wagon, pulled off of the highway due to a severe noise under the hood. Turned out it was the alternator bearing going bad.

She decided to make it to the next town for repairs. Just a few more miles down the road the bearing seized up and the fan belt blew off the pulley.



#### Bridgeport Breakdown!!

The convoy of about 15 cars made it to Bridgeport for repairs to Suzanne's car. The bad news is that the local NAPA auto parts store did not have an alternator for her car. The good news is that Dale Crum had an extra one in his trunk and loaned it to Suzanne so she



could get her car, and our convoy, back on the road.

Thanks Dale! After repairs were completed the convoy quickly got back on the road.

The 395 construction detour started right there in Bridgeport so off and away we went. The route detour made for a pleasant and relaxing drive over the hills, with trees and forests, and panoramic views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, as we motored along. Somehow along the way we got a tad bit separated from each other but ended up mostly together by the time we made it to Reno.

Friday was a very interesting day. We were treated to a tour of the National Auto Museum. It took roughly about two hours to see all the cars, and there were a few I had not seen before. Hey, it even had a Cadillac that Elvis once owned!





Saturday was the big show day. There were slightly over 100 total cars on the show field, which were spread out over the length of a long street behind the hotel, parked on the sidewalks. The show lasted about 7 hours which was about the right length of time. After



spending a lot of money and time to get to the show you don't want to pack it in too soon right? Some people who might think differently were the registration desk folks. A very strong wind hounded them all morning long and forced the removal of the sun shade canopies from over the tables. They were real troupers and did a fine job during the show.

A big congratulation goes to Mike Lakin, President of the High Desert AMC club who ran the show. They are a new club of AMCRC, and this National Show they hosted was their very first show ever. I think the whole club did a fine job and you can thank Mike Lakin yourself in November at the Las Vegas AMC Car Show. I know he'll appreciate it!

For all the pictures and videos I took on the Reno trip last month go to the following link. http://snipurl.com/amcrc12

Mark Melvin..





















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- . Spectators enter FREE!
- . Lots of Raffle Prizes

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# www.socalamx.net/carshow

Saturday, May 18th, 2013 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 15, 2013

**Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed** 

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.
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Mark Melvin, SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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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.