



SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Veterans Memorial Car Show

October 2, 2011
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October 9, 2011
Old Town Moorpark, CA

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LATE, LATE, LATE!

Well, for the first time I missed publishing an issue of SoCalAMX's newsletter so I'm making this a special double issue and calling it the July/August 2011 issue. In this issue I'll cover our recent road trip to Sedona, AZ. for the 2011 AMO National Show, and my road trip to Kenosha, WI for the Kenosha Homecoming Show. The most recent trip to the "Picnic by the Bay" car show in San Diego will be covered in September's issue due out mid-month...

The annual road trip to Las Vegas for the AMC Reunion is only two months away. Please help out Mark Ogulnick and their club by sending your entry fees in early so they can better plan the great event they put on! The date for it is Nov. 4-5, 2011 and the web site is <http://snamc.amcrc.com/>.

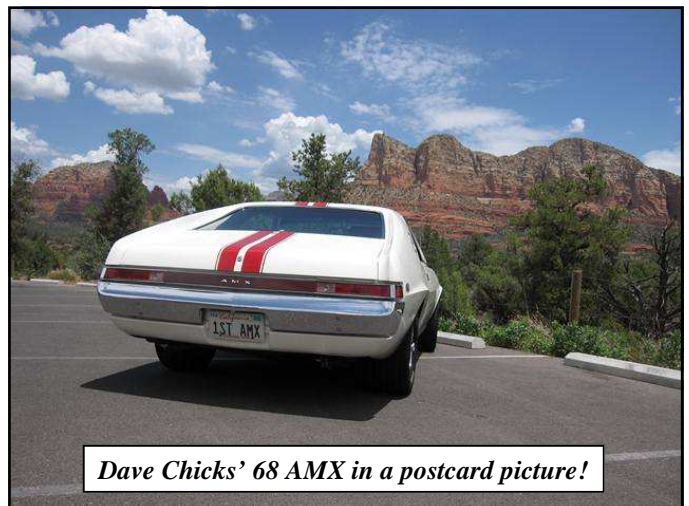
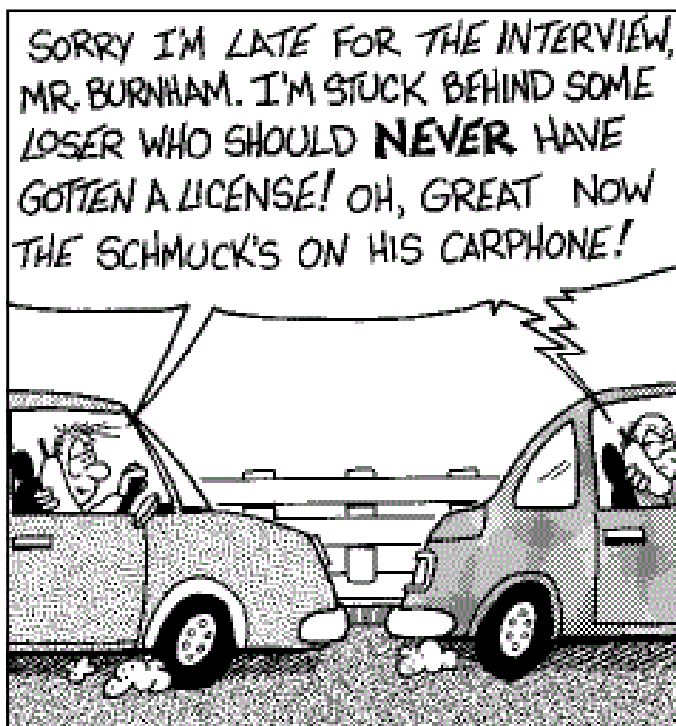
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2011 AMO NATIONAL SHOW

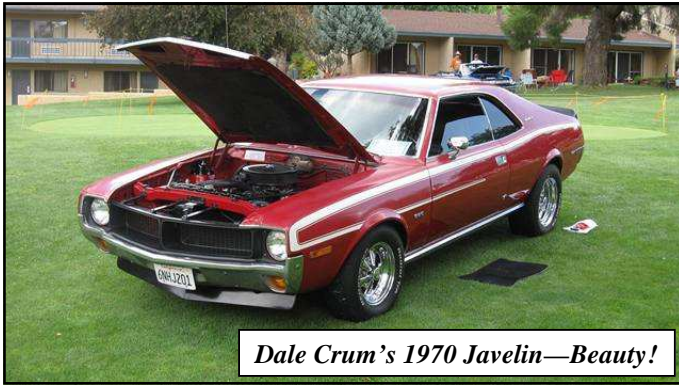
The July road trip to Sedona for the AMO National Show is already many weeks behind us, but don't let that stop me from reporting on it and sharing the details with those who could not join in on the fun.

First I'd like to say that the Arizona club, the Cactus Cruisers, who put on the show did a really

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Dave Chicks' 68 AMX in a postcard picture!



Dale Crum's 1970 Javelin—Beauty!



Gorgeous day!

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bang up good job! There are so many angles to cover and organize in preparing for such a large show, and the club, led by Kirk Fletcher, seemed to have everything running smoothly. This was the second AMO National Show I've been to hosted by the Cactus Cruisers and I enjoyed both.

The show was hosted at a fancy resort/golf course in Sedona. On July 6th the first wave of SoCalAMX members headed to the show met in Barstow early to form up a convoy, and to beat the heat! In this group leaving on Wednesday were myself, Randy & Cindy Kirby, Bob Martinez, Dale Crum & wife, Steve Fox, and Dave & Kati Chick. Our wheels were rolling by 6am and we headed east, with Kingman, AZ planned as our first stop for gas and then breakfast—although if we would have stopped for breakfast first we would not have needed to stop for gas. Sorry, lame joke.

Anyway, back on the road our new but not final destination of the day was Flagstaff, AZ, because that's where we made our turn south towards

Sedona and its red rock canyon walls. We took highway 89A through Oak Canyon, a hilly and windy road, which added time to our trip, but was enjoyable for the scenery. We finally arrived at the resort called Poco Diablo and checked in and called it a day.

Thursday brought the arrival of yet more SoCalAMX members. Those fine folks would be Stacy Thompson, John Caley, Allen Taylor & wife, and John & Shelly Siciliano. They made it to the resort early enough to get unpacked and get their cars ready to go back up the hill to Flagstaff for a cruise to a dinner joint there. Lots of fun but more importantly we all got back to the hotel before a major thunderstorm hit the area and gave us lots of rain and a lightening show. Tom Dulaney arrived later

with his AMX/3. Friday afternoon had us cruising to a local bar on the other end of town for a bar-b-q which was canceled. Maybe they heard I was coming and would go broke with me hanging out around the bar-b-q grill?

Saturday was the big show day. They had us pull



AMC T-shirt Models..



Allen Taylor's beautifully restored 1968 RWB AMX



Can you tell which SC/Rambler belongs to Steve Fox?

around to the back side of the resort so we could enter the golf course and park in our pre-planned locations. We were spread out pretty well and did not feel cooped up at all. It was unfortunate the total count of cars was lower than expected, because there was plenty more room to park cars. I think almost all of our members volunteered to help judge the cars. In the spirit of friendship and camaraderie thank you to all that helped the Arizona club out. The more judges they get the quicker it can be completed.

We had a nice little set up in the center of the show field with several shade canopies, chairs, and coolers. Even a tree overhead to help out was a plus!



In order to get any points for my "trunk" I had to empty out everything I carry. Ugg, it took 20 min. to unload and about 30 min. to load back up. After some 6 hours out on the grass the show was over, and a great one it was. The nice soft grass to park and walk around on, the blue skies and white clouds, the red rock canyon walls—it was literally a picture perfect day!

Saturday evening was the awards banquet in the main hall. The meal was really good, but better yet was the company around us, all enthusiasts and members of the AMC family! It will be many years before the AMO National Show returns to this side of the nation. But hey, another great national organization, the AMCRC, will be putting on their annual national show next year in the Reno, NV area from June 21-24, 2012, at the JA Nugget Hotel and Casino / Victorian Square. See you there—better yet join me on the road convoy to get there!

Mark Melvin

My pictures of Sedona are at the following link:
<http://snipurl.com/amo2011>

Kenosha Homecoming

I made up my mind years ago that the next time a "Kenosha Homecoming" was held in the city of the birth place of our cars, I was not only going myself, but was also driving my AMX there as well. The fact I had hotel reservations a year ahead of the event shows how much my mind was made up to go on this road trip. To use an odd analogy, just as a devote Muslim should go to Mecca once in their life to worship; I felt strongly that once in the life of my AMX it should return to its birthplace, a homecoming of sorts. I missed the past two Kenosha Homecoming shows I was aware of, but decided this time I must go—with my car of course!

I have previously driven my AMX from SoCal to Denver in 2007, and St. Louis in 2009, for the annual AMO National shows, but this trip to Kenosha, WI was going to be the furthest yet for me. I had my route planned out, to go north on the I-15 through Utah and then onto S. Dakota and Mt. Rushmore to see the 4 EL Presidentes on top the granite hill, then head east on I-90 to Kenosha for the big AMC show. After the show I was going to drop down onto I-70 heading west and stop in Kansas to visit my cousin's son Tanner, who is playing his first season of football for the KU Jayhawks. My last stop would be the Denver area to see a good friend I've known since we were both nine years old.

Then came the change of plans!

Kelly Jean, an Arizona Cactus Cruisers member, contacted me to ask if I would be willing to assist her with a problem of moving a cat from Phoenix to





Wednesday night cruise to Andy's Drive-In



AMC parts swap meet extraordinaire!

Minneapolis, MN. She recently heard that I drive long distances in my AMX and was soon going to Kenosha. She reasoned that I could detour through Phoenix and pick up the cat, and stop in Minneapolis to drop it off, without adding too many miles onto my trip. I agreed to help her and went about the task of planning a route to accommodate my new feline passenger, known as "Samantha."

To start off my trip I spent all day Sunday on July 24th packing my bags and loading up my AMX. I left SoCal around 4pm and arrived in Phoenix around 10pm just in time to be greeted by a thunderstorm—lightening and rain both! I found the Buckley's home, and after receiving final instructions, loaded cat food, vet papers, and the cat's cage into my car. At 11pm I was off into the dark stormy night headed north to Flagstaff first before turning east onto I-40. For the next 17 hours I was either driving my AMX or pumping gas into it, to get me and Samantha to La Junta, CO and arrive there around 4pm on Monday.

It was really warm and I was tired, so I decided to stop and get a hotel room, some food, and sleep if possible, before continuing my journey. After a shower and an email check on my computer I tried to get some shuteye—as I had been awake for some 36 hours at this point. I had no luck falling asleep and decided I was wasting good cool night

time driving hours so I loaded the cat into the car and we were back on the road at 9pm. I zigzagged my way up back country roads (thank God for GPS's) to reach I-70 and continued my trek east. Upon leaving La Junta, CO I drove for the next 20 hours through Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota, to arrive in Minneapolis on Tuesday at 5pm, right at the height of rush hour traffic. Fortunately the rush hour traffic in Minneapolis is nothing like the stuff in Los Angeles and it wasn't much longer before I arrived at the cat's new home. After meeting the new owner and debarking my passenger from the car I headed to the nearest motel, had dinner, and slept real well that night.

In total it took about 50 hours to get from SoCal to Minneapolis, and minus the 30 min. stop in Phoenix, and the 5 hour stop in La Junta, CO, it was about 44.5 hours of solid driving from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon—although that time did include gas and food stops. But guess what, I'm not even to Kenosha yet. Wednesday morning I got up early and hopped back into my car for another 7 hours to finish my odyssey in getting to AMC Nirvana land.

So Wednesday afternoon as I'm approaching the city of Kenosha the feeling of pride of owning an AMC, and returning my "Kenosha Cadillac" to its



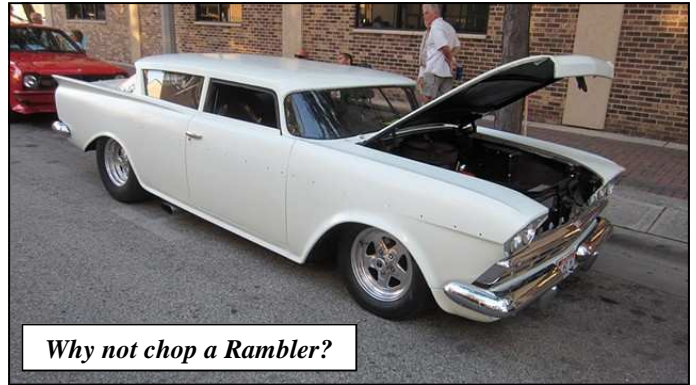
Just a typical AMC cruise in Kenosha..



Parts, parts, parts! Who needs parts? Everyone!



Nothing better than Mets at McDonalds!



Why not chop a Rambler?

birthplace for the first time since it left home in 1969, grew stronger as each mile passed. I was so looking forward to seeing all of the other owners, with the same pride as me, driving around town, waving to each other from their cars, except it didn't happen. The town on Wednesday was devoid of almost all AMCs. I saw one or two parked in a hotel parking lot here or there but no AMC hurrah to be seen anywhere.

The absence of AMC hoopla was short lived actually. Upon checking into my hotel I met up with friends from other national AMC shows around the country I've met, such as Bob Hodson from Florida, and that evening at Andy's Drive-In about 40 AMC cars showed up out of nowhere and made for a great evening of picture taking and slinging the bull. As the week progressed towards the big show on Saturday each day itself got better and better with AMC activity. On Thursday and Friday mornings there were several parts vendors in town who opened up their garages and parts stock for us eager AMC buyers to get all the good stuff we could find. Check out the pictures I took of the trays and boxes of parts. I picked up a pair of used but good quality original door sills for my AMX for \$50. All they need is a good shinning! I picked up a nice coil for Steve Fox with the correct part number on it for a song.

Thursday night there was a big cruise to a McDonalds in a neighboring town which was run

really well by the regulars. I had a few comments from onlookers mentioning they don't see California license plates in Kenosha too often. Friday night's cruise event was a gas. About 150 cars met at a place called Nash Park around 5pm and then we all took off in single file towards downtown Kenosha and had a nice Rambler parade going on. There were locals lined up and down the street for most of the route cheering us on and brought similes to everyone's faces! We took up a large part of old town Kenosha when we parked, and walked around. It didn't last long however, as there wasn't much to do other than talk, and the event broke up before it got too late. Hey, the big show was the next day and everyone needed their beauty sleep, right?

Saturday morning arrived with an awesome clear sky and barely cool temperatures. The past two days had been really balmy and muggy with rain showers—spectacular thunder and lightning—but this day was just simply going to be gorgeous from the outset, as if the weather Gods knew how special this day was going to be. Right on cue, around 10am, just as it started to warm up and feel uncomfortable, a nice breeze picked up off the great lake and kept it nice all day.

I got up early Saturday morning to eat breakfast and get my car cleaned before driving onto the show field. I parked my car on one line of cars and had an empty space on each side of me.



Nuff said!



The Kenosha Homecoming 2011



Amazingly the first one to park directly next to me had an AMX in the exact paint scheme as Dave Chick's 68 AMX, it was also Frost White with Matador Red stripes. Each time I looked at the car I wanted to look around and find Dave and Kati in the crowd. I'm guessing there were 400-500 cars there and I spent hours walking up and down the lines taking many pictures. The Metropolitan Club was having their National Meet there and had some 60 Mets lined up in two rows.

As for friendly faces in the crowd I saw the two TeGantvoort brothers from the Northern Calif. AMCRC club there, as well as Mark Fletcher from the Arizona Cactus Cruisers club, who now lives in Minnesota. In addition to Bob Hodson from Florida as I already mentioned, two of his friends from New York, John and Lou, whom each had Gremlins, kept us entertained with their New York style banter. Needless to say I'm looking forward to seeing them all next year in Boston—although I haven't decided if I'm driving there in my AMX or flying.

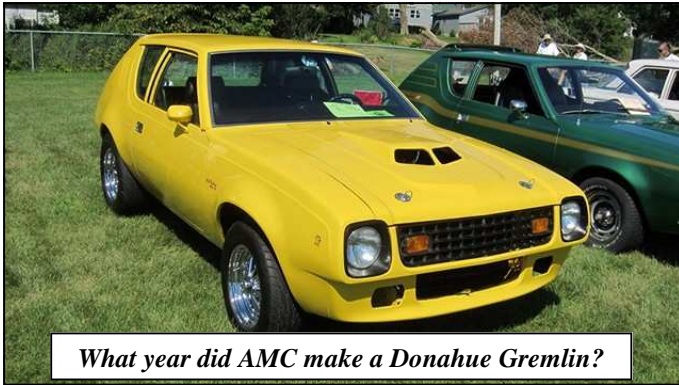
The show on Saturday lasted a good 6 or 7 hours, but as usual, all good things must come to an end. I stuck around Kenosha for an extra day and left Monday morning at 3am. 12 hours of driving on a northern route on I-90 put me in Chamberlain, MN on Monday afternoon and I found a hotel to get some sleep and air conditioning. Tuesday I was back on the road again by 3am, to take advantage

of cool driving hours, and swung through Rapid City before dropping down south to Keystone, SD to visit Mt. Rushmore and see the cuatro Presidentes on the hill. After staring at the granite faces for 10 minutes one soon realizes there's not much else to do there so I was back on the road. It happened to be the annual "Sturgis" motorcycle rally the following weekend in S.D. and there were thousands of "Hogs" riding hard past me towards their "Mecca." By 4pm Tuesday afternoon I arrived in Denver and found a Motel 6 to get some sleep.

On my final full day of driving to return home I was once again on the road by 3am and drove up and over the Colorado Rockies and motored across the hot Utah desert. At one point I encountered a heavy thunderstorm and downpour. Good thing I fixed my windshield wipers just before I left on the trip. They were still unfastened from when I took my AMX apart back in 2004 for its restoration.

After 12 hours of driving on Wednesday I arrived in the northeast corner of Nevada called Mesquite. Two years ago, coming back from my St. Louis trip, I made the mistake of not stopping, and drove through Las Vegas, Baker, and Barstow in the middle of the hot day. Not this time, I stopped around 2pm as it started to get really hot and checked into a fairly new Casino and Hotel for \$39. The next morning I was on the road again at, yes, 3am, and arrived home at 10am.





What year did AMC make a Donahue Gremlin?

Although I don't have air conditioning, in the future a better planned trip of driving in the early cool morning hours, and stopping by early afternoon, would make for a much more pleasant trip, instead of driving non-stop.

I kept very accurate logs of miles driven and gas consumed. In total of about 6 days of driving I drove 4730 miles, burned 295 gallons of gas, which cost \$1190. Looking back at the trip I would do it all over again in a heart beat, probably when the next Kenosha Homecoming comes around in four years or so.

It would have been great to have a few of my SoCalAMX friends join me on this past trip, however it's great to be back home with everyone. Oh, and one last word about my AMX's performance on the trip. It operated purrrrfectly—like a cat!!

Mark Melvin

To view my pictures of the 2011 Kenosha Homecoming use this link:

<http://snipurl.com/kenosha11>

To view my spreadsheet of gas consumption use this link:

<http://snipurl.com/marksmiles>



Dave & Mark?



There were hundreds of miles of sky cotton candy!



UNFORD makes it through the Utah desert!



Check out this story on Margaret Dunning, who is still driving her 1930 Packard at the young age of 101.

"Her car has black fenders and a red leather interior with a cigarette lighter, map light and glove compartments on each side of the dashboard. The windshield pushes outward, and there is a rumble seat and storage compartment in back. The transmission is a 4-speed — manual shift, of course." Margaret Dunning

Story here at this link:
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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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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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