



# SoCalAMX

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## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

8th Annual

### West Coast All AMC Car Show

May 31, 2014

Pegasus Hobbies Store,  
5505 Moreno St, Montclair, CA 91763  
Hosted by SoCalAMX  
socalamx.net/carshow

### 2014 Las Vegas AMC Reunion

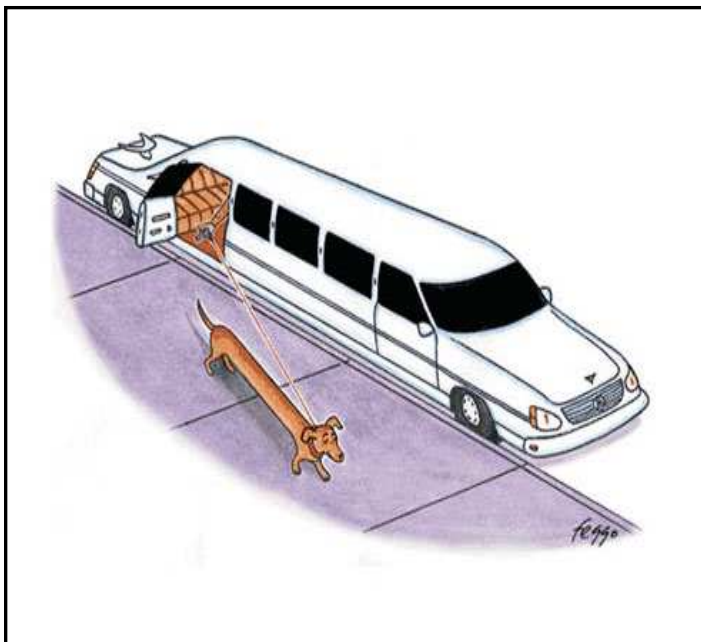
November 7-8, 2014

Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino  
snamc.amcrc.com

Check the online Calendar at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net)

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above. Go to [socalamx.net/join.htm](http://socalamx.net/join.htm)

Check out “[socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com)” for listings of shows in SoCal!



## WELL WISHES

First off I'd like to say thank you to all the well-wishers over the past two months for your get well thoughts during my medical event I had recently. It's nice to know I have so many friends in the club!

For those of you who have not heard, I'll get you caught up on the details. In mid February I had a minor stroke and spent five days in the hospital. I was off work for three weeks total. I say a minor stroke because I felt great just a few days later after all this started. I am already back to work, and the only debilitating aspect of the whole ordeal was my body's balance has been slightly affected.

I can walk and drive a car fine, but sometimes if I'm not careful and focused on the path in front of me of walking from point A to Z, I might end up taking a few steps sideways along the way. I would say my balance is 95% of what it used to be. It might be getting better too because I think about the lack of balance less, so I might be adjusting to it.

So next on the list of things to do is host an AMC car show. I hope to see everyone at the show on May 31<sup>st</sup>..

Mark Melvin

*Recently there had been talk about putting together an AMC Car Show in Palm Springs towards the end of the year. Please note the proposed car show has been canceled for 2014.*

# SoCalAMX Car Show In May

This year's 8<sup>th</sup> annual "West Coast All AMC Car Show," hosted by SoCalAMX, is still on! Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, this year the NHRA Museum was not able to host our show like they have in the past.

The show will still be on the same planned date of Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and the hours will remain from 10am to about 3pm.

One of our club members, Tom Macomber, stepped forward and offered the availability of his hobby shop's parking lot, and talked the business owner next door into the same, doubling the number of available parking spaces, so we could still hold our event.

By the way, the new address is listed on the updated Car Show flyer and on the web site but here it is again. Pegasus Hobbies Store, 5505 Moreno St, Montclair, CA 91763.

This is going to work out very well because the original date of May 31<sup>st</sup> will not have to be changed, and this new location is just minutes away from the NHRA Museum, allowing anyone who still shows up at the old location, enough time to zip over to the new address.

There's a Super 8 motel close to the new address. It's only about a mile east of the car show site, and is a lot lower in price as well, for those out of towners who are budget minded. Try using this link to make reservations. <http://snipurl.com/8motel>

Pegasus Hobbies has an outdoor dirt RC car track and will make available to car show attendees, the free use of his store's cars so you can test your skill at driving a RC Car. If you own your own RC dirt car, feel free to bring it and drive on the track with the others.

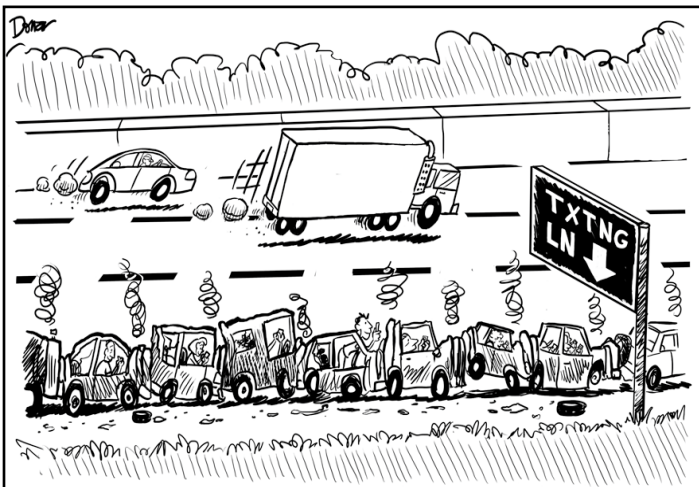
As for food I am working out a deal with a food vendor that will cater a Bar-B-Q Tri-tip and Bar-B-Q Chicken lunch. You still might want to bring your own beverages. There is a 7-11 and a McDonalds nearby within walking distance.

After the show around 4pm there will be a short cruise up the street to a joint called "The Hat," which has some of the best junk food around like Pastrami sandwiches, and Chili fries!

A couple more things to mention, I am going to be able to set up a small parts swap meet area. If you want to bring some of your dusty AMC parts from the garage and try to sell them and make some room for new parts, then plan on selling those parts from an area that will be set up to the side of the car show area. I am going to ask \$10 for each space you use for selling your parts. Please don't plan on setting up your selling space next to your car if you have it entered in the show!

The show's entry form is elsewhere in this newsletter. You can also download it at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net) and click on the car show link. You can even sign up and pay for the show online at the previous mentioned link.

*Mark Melvin*





# Playmate AMX Update

The Playmate AMX project marches on! The car has been hanging in the air for over 12 months while the bottom was stripped of all parts, cleaned, painted, and all suspension parts cleaned, painted and reinstalled. Finally in early March it was time to put the car back on the ground so we could move onto the next step.

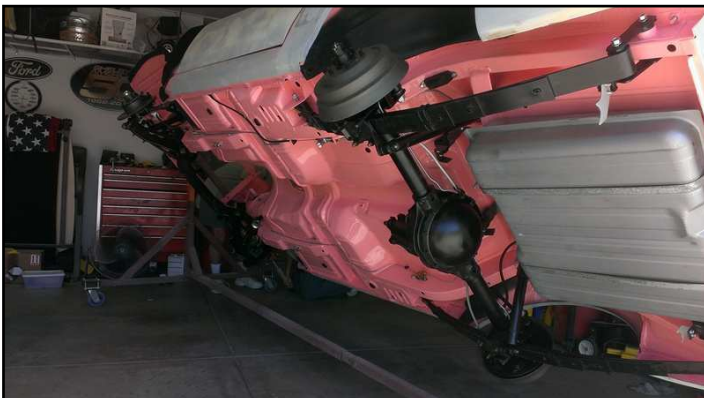


Two weeks ago John S. Allen T., and myself, used an engine hoist to one-at-a-time, lower the front end, then rear, back onto the ground. For good measure because there were still several hours of daylight left in the day we were able to put the recently rebuilt engine back in the car, and also hook up the transmission.

The following week Allen was able to hook up most of the engine components and wiring. The engine will be running within a month-maybe! Next we plan to install all of the interior, then lastly do the final block sanding and painting of the body.

The car may be ready to take to Las Vegas for the November AMC Show..

*Mark Melvin*





## PROJECTS

There are a couple of AMC car projects going on out there, and I have a few pictures to share with you. First is Jim McBreaty who is restoring a 1969 AMX. It looks like it is half on, half off its rotisserie, but looking like a lot of progress is being accomplished.



Second is Randy Kirby who is freshening up the engine compartment of his 1970 BBG AMX. John S. and Allen T. are giving him a helping hand.

*Mark Melvin*

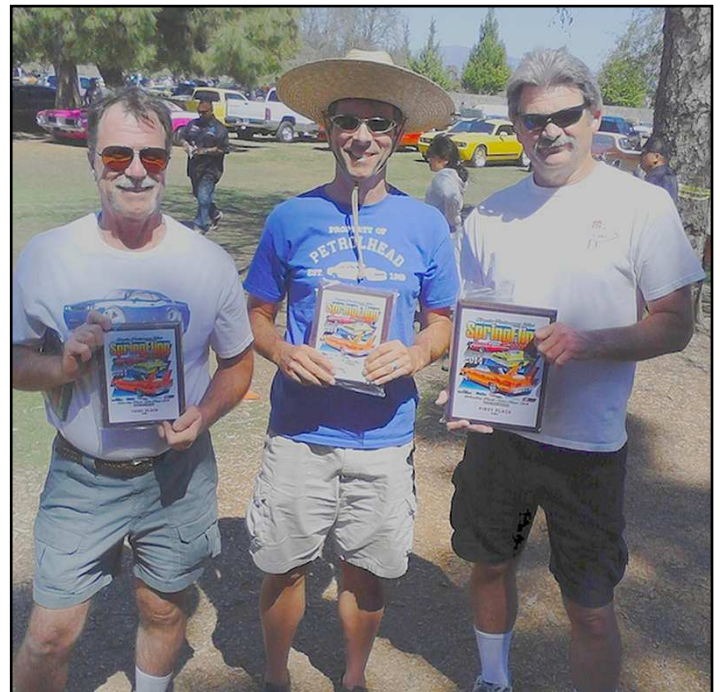


## SPRING FLING

Too bad the annual Spring Fling car show hosted by the Chrysler car club was on the same weekend as the Cactus classic AMC Car Show in Phoenix.

Dave & Katy Chick, Tom Garcia, and myself opted to go to Phoenix for that show, and most of the other SoCalAMX people went to the Spring Fling in Van Nuys.

Hobie Kaptan forwarded this photo of John Siciliano, Steve Fox, and Randy Kirby, trophy winners!





# CACTUS CLASSIC

The annual pilgrimage to Phoenix for the Cactus Cruiser's 13<sup>th</sup> annual AMC Car Show, known as the "Cactus Classic," on the weekend of April 4-6, 2014, is now in the history books.

Dave & Katy Chick drove their 68 AMX to Phoenix on Thursday. Myself and Mark Fletcher drove up on Friday. Thank you to the Cactus Cruisers for putting on another fine show!

*Mark Melvin*





## JOIN AMCRC!

SoCalAMX has just become a chartered club of the national AMC club known as AMCRC, or AMC Rambler Club. Although membership in AMCRC is not absolutely required for membership in SoCalAMX, it is encouraged that everyone join AMCRC to support the national and local clubs, and the AMC hobby in general.



To join AMCRC go to [amcrc.com](http://amcrc.com) and click on the "Join" link on the side.

What do you get for joining AMCRC? You get a Start Up Packet, a quarterly publication, and Services. Read about the details at: <http://amcrc.com/info/info.htm>



At the Motor Show





# EIGHTH ANNUAL

## West Coast All AMC Car Show

Hosted By SoCalAMX



**Saturday, May 31, 2014**

- Car show starts at 10am
- Nash, Hudson, & Jeeps!
- T-Shirt w/preregistration!
- Music by 8-Track Carl
- Spectators enter **FREE!**
- Lots of Raffle Prizes

[socalamx.net/carshow](http://socalamx.net/carshow)



# 2014 All AMC Car Show



For Maps and More Information Visit The Car Show's Web Site:

**[www.socalamx.net/carshow](http://www.socalamx.net/carshow)**

**Saturday, May 31st, 2014**

**NEW LOACTION: PEGASUS HOBBIES STORE 5505 Moreno St, Montclair, CA 91763**

**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 21, 2014**

**Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed**

**Lunch will be available**

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.

Name  Address

City  State  Zip Code

Phone  E-Mail

Car Year  Make  Model  Color

**From The List Below Select The Trophy Class For Your Car!**

- AMC (A)**
- AMX Modified (XM)**
- AMX Stock (XS)**
- Javelin (J)**
- Hudson & Nash (HN)**
- Rambler (R)**
- High Performance (P)**

*All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX & Wally Parks Motorsports Museum From Any Known Or Unknown Damages, Injuries, Losses, or Claims That May Occur During This Event. I also agree to permit SOCALAMX and its associates to use my name, likeness, pictures, and photos of me or my property for advertising, publicity purposes, and relinquish any rights whatsoever.*





# 2014 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

**AMCRC Southwest Regional Meet**

RAILROAD  
PASS



**November 7-8, 2014 @  
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino**

2800 S. Boulder Highway  
Henderson, NV 89002  
(702) 294-5000 or (800) 654-0877

## Show Features

|  |                            |               |
|--|----------------------------|---------------|
| Friday - Tour of Shelby American Factory | Free Barbeque (after tour) |               |
| Awesome Event T-shirt                    | Dash Plaque                | Raffles       |
| Silent Auction                           | Awards                     | Food Specials |

For Room Reservations call the Railroad Pass for a special AMC rate  
Just mention the AMC code: [AMC1114](#)  
call (800) 654-0877

For more info visit:

<http://snamc.amcrc.com>

[www.RailroadPass.com](http://www.RailroadPass.com)



# 2014 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION



## Registration Form



November 7 - 8, 2014 @ Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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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 7th:

12pm-2pm: Tour of Shelby Plant and Museum (no charge). Depart Railroad Pass at 11am (maps will be provided)

3:30pm-6:30pm: Free BBQ at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City

7:30pm: Early Registration in banquet room

#### Saturday, November 8th:

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

7am-10am: Registration

9am-3pm: Car Show and swap meet \*1:30pm: Deadline for voting ballots \*2:30pm: Raffle prize drawings

4pm-5:30pm: Awards presentation in banquet room & presentations by clubs hosting 2015 shows

5:45pm: Dinner in the Boxcar Buffet (\$10.95 per person)

#### Sunday, November 9th:

8am: 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

**RESERVATIONS:** The Southern Nevada AMC Club reserves the right to restrict participants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities. If for any reason, participants or their vehicles, their behavior or their appearance is deemed objectionable, the participants shall be subject to removal.

**LIABILITY:** In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of this form, release and discharge Southern Nevada AMC Car Club, the Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino, MGM Resorts International, and their officers, directors, employees, representatives, members and servants, and anyone else connected to the management from any causes or damages whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property. Further, each entrant, participant or spectator expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of any participant assisting or cooperating with entrant and under direction and control of entrant.

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Signature



## FREE! FREE! FREE!

I hope that grabbed your attention. The SoCalAMX.net monthly newsletter has a nominal cost of \$0.00 per issue due to the availability of Internet delivery. If you have problems downloading the newsletter I will make arrangements with you to send a copy via the United States Post Office, for a small fee to cover postage.

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The newsletter is available for downloading at [www.socalamx.net/newsletter](http://www.socalamx.net/newsletter). All back issues will be available as they are published monthly. If you have received a notice for this newsletter and wish to be taken off simply email me at [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto:mightypilot@gmail.com) and I'll get you off the list promptly.

Just think how busy I'll be if articles are submitted to me, by you, members of SoCalAMX? Send all submissions, pictures and text, to [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto:mightypilot@gmail.com) and I'll do my best with them. The deadline for the following month's newsletter is the 15th of the current month.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://socalamx.net) and click on Newsletter.