



SoCalAMX



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SoCalAMX Calendar

2018 Cactus Classic

Hosted by the Cactus Cruisers AMC
Bar-b-q on Friday, April 13, 2018
Show on Saturday, April 14, 2018
Buckeye, AZ
cactuscruisersamc.org

2018 Spring Fling

April 15 2018
Hosted by CPW
<http://www.cpwclub.com/springfling.php>

12th Annual SoCalAMX AMC Show

Saturday, May 19, 2018
Cable Airport, Upland, CA
socalamx.net/carshow

3rd California Central Coast AMC/Rambler Show

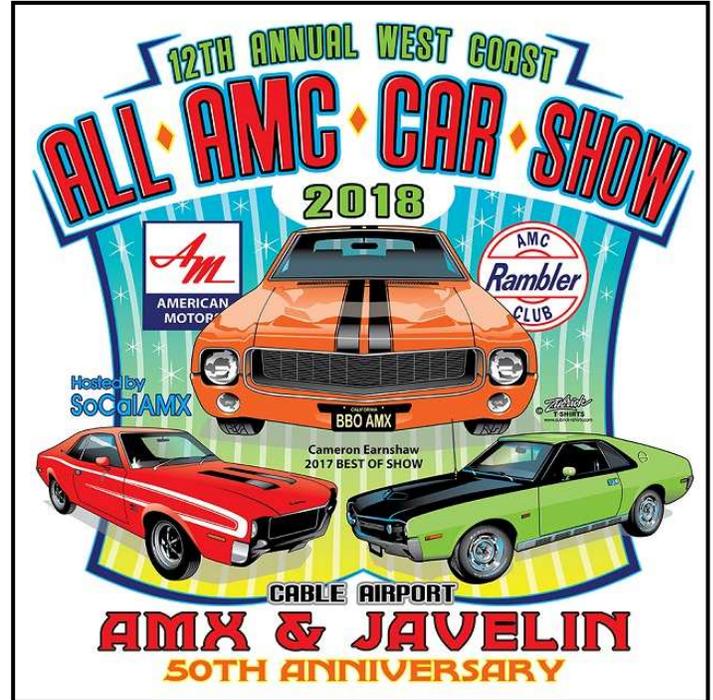
Hosted by Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers
September 7-8, 2018
Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, CA

Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 2-3, 2018
Hoover Dam Lodge
Boulder City, Nevada
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/1/join.htm

Check out "socalcarculture.com" for listings of shows in SoCal!



The next SoCalAMX Car Show is just a few months away. The date has been set for Saturday, May 19, at Cable Airport, the same location as last year's event.

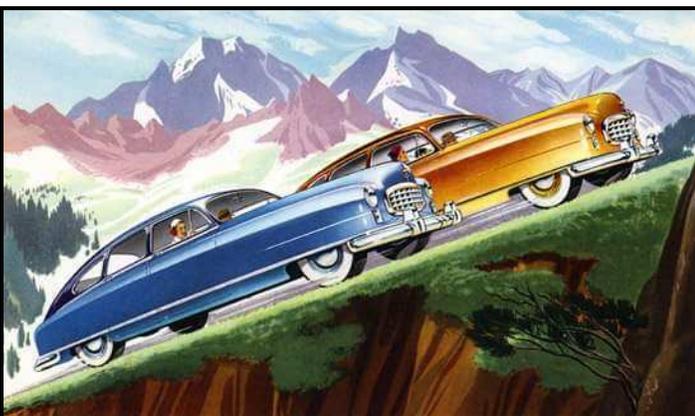
The entry form is available on the club web site at socalamx.net. Click on the car show link and the "download" link is at the top on the right on the very first page.

To get an accurate count of attendees, for ordering t-shirts, sending in your entry form promptly is appreciated.

Once again, we will have 12 "Dirty Dozen" trophies to go along with a Best of Show winner.

The theme of this show is the 50th Anniversary of the AMX and Javelin. At one of our shows in the past, 29 AMXs showed up. Awesome! I'd like to see a repeat of that this year.

Mark Melvin



(My contact with Jay Leno's group asked me if I knew anybody with a Rebel Machine for a future taping at the Jay Leno's Garage show. I did, so I set up Dan Hallisey with Jay's people and the rest is history, or should I say will be shown for the first time soon on a show's episode? The following is Dan's report from his experience that day at Leno's garage." Mark Melvin..)

MY REBEL MACHINE ON JAY LENO'S GARAGE

The day at Jay's was incredible. We arrived early at around 8am and Jay was behind us in his brand-new Tesla. We unloaded the car and drove it into his garage area. He has under 1 roof 150 cars and around 100 motorcycles. He had some incredible cars including Bugatti's, Auburn's, McLaren's and even a Nash Rambler. His car collection is truly the best I have ever seen!

He then took me over to his work shop where he does all his own restorations in house. He has a complete machine shop, sheet metal fabrication areas. The area is over 40,000 square feet. He can ultimately build a car from scratch. He had a 31 Rolls Royce frame and installed a Merlin engine out of a P-51 Mustang. Built his own sheet metal and interior. He couldn't find an intake manifold for his Weber carburetors, so he fired up the 3-D printer and made his own!

The Rebel "Machine" was up against a Facel Vega and a brand new 2018 Toyota supercar. I was surprised at the dollar amount that Donald Osborne said the Rebel was worth!! I am not allowed to say how much but if it's true I will hold on to car for a few more years as a nice retirement nest egg.

I really appreciate Mark recommending to the Jay Leno Show since it was a dream come true to spend the day watching them film the show and get to have a "one on one" with Jay to talk cars.

I believe they said it would air on TV in May... next season.

Daniel Hallisey



*Dan
Hallisey*

Midnight At The Oasis

This has been a fun show to attend for the past few years for our club. It's a long running big time car show held in Yuma, AZ the first weekend in March each year.

This year it ended up only being Randy and Cindy Kirby, Jon Gardner, and myself as Dale Crum had to bow out on Friday.

To set the scene this location years ago was the spring baseball training grounds for the San Diego Padres. There are 4 baseball fields with their backstops up against each other. Cars entered in the show park on the grass of the infield and outfields.

On Friday around 5pm for those interested you can participate in a parade led by one of the city's fire trucks on a closed 5 mile loop course, the route loaded with cheering fans on each side. Afterwards there is an all-you-can-eat BBQ dinner for everyone, followed by a concert on the main baseball field.

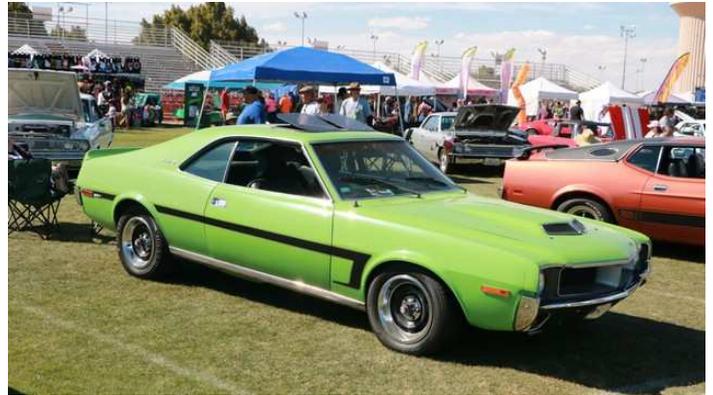
Saturday is the main show day, everyone has an assigned parking spot so there's no hurry to get there early, and you can come and go as you like. There is an afternoon all-you-can-eat BBQ tri-tip lunch, followed by another concert outdoors.

The event has a food vending area for the public, jumpy air houses for kids to play in, and the sheriff's department has a team of officers on hand to cover crowd control and traffic duty. Very well organized.

For those who haven't started home early on Sunday, there is the awards breakfast with an all-you-can-eat meal of eggs, sausages, tri-tip, and fruit.

All in all, it's a show to look forward to each year.

Mark Melvin



For more pictures of this show visit:

<https://goo.gl/UHp9Wu>

BLUE ANGELS CAR SHOW?

I got the invite from Steve Fox to join him in El Central, CA at the Naval Airshow, featuring the famous Blue Angels flight team. Steve had noticed an invite from an area's car club to join them at the air show, with a sort of car show within the airshow. All cars who come would be parked in a hanger up close to the flight line, and out of the sun! As it turned out that wasn't important because it was overcast all day with a short period of drizzle mid-morning.

Joining Steve Fox (SC/Rambler) and myself (69 AMX) for the day were Gordon Hamman from San Diego (74 Javelin AMX,) and Adam & Tasha O'Reilly (67 Rebel.)

To get there I had to leave around 1:30am to put in the 4-hour drive to make it there in time for the early arrival at the military base to be escorted to our parking spot. Good thing I left early, there was a bad accident on the 10 freeway through Indio where all lanes were closed for a period. I got stuck in the mess for close to an hour and my AMX overheated after 45 min with no airflow through the radiator. I rolled silently to the side and waited about 30 minutes for it to cool off before resuming my drive.

After our group of about 60 classic cars were led to the hanger we parked in, we were free to meander about and take pictures of the military planes on display—before the public was officially allowed to enter the area.

It turned out to be a cool day with overcast skies. The grey skies didn't help picture taking but I had no say on that. The Blue Angels classy flight performance brought the show to a thunderous conclusion. After a majority of the crowd dispersed, we were led back out on the road we arrived on. The only thing that stood between me and home was another 4-hour drive.

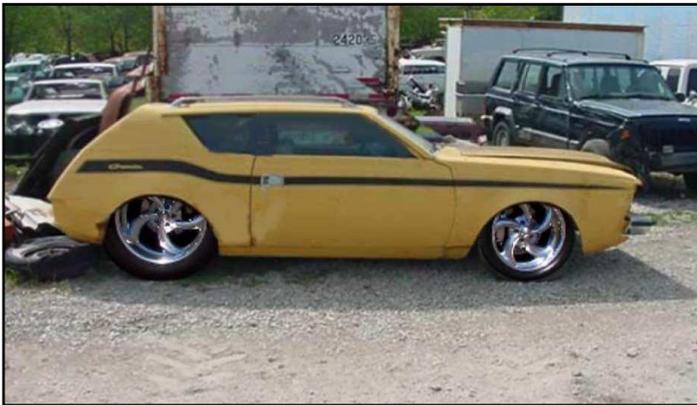
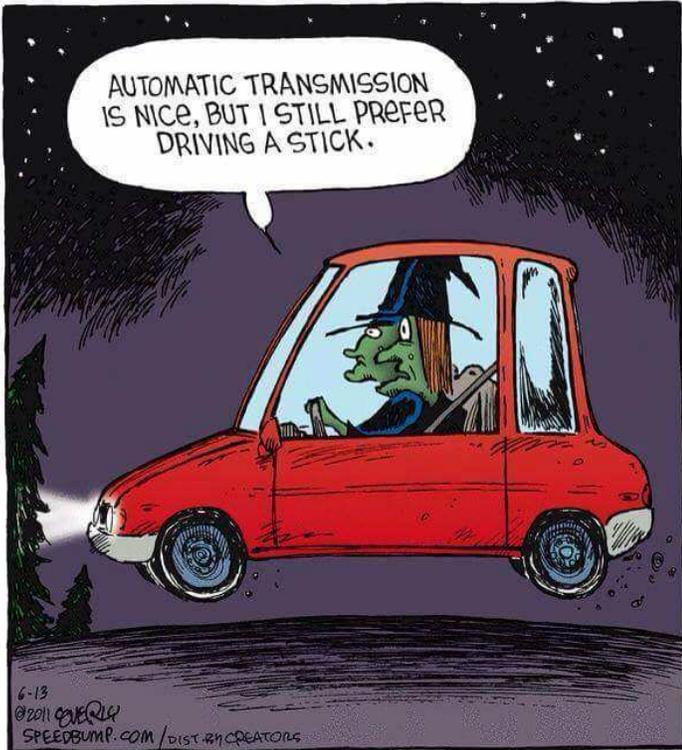
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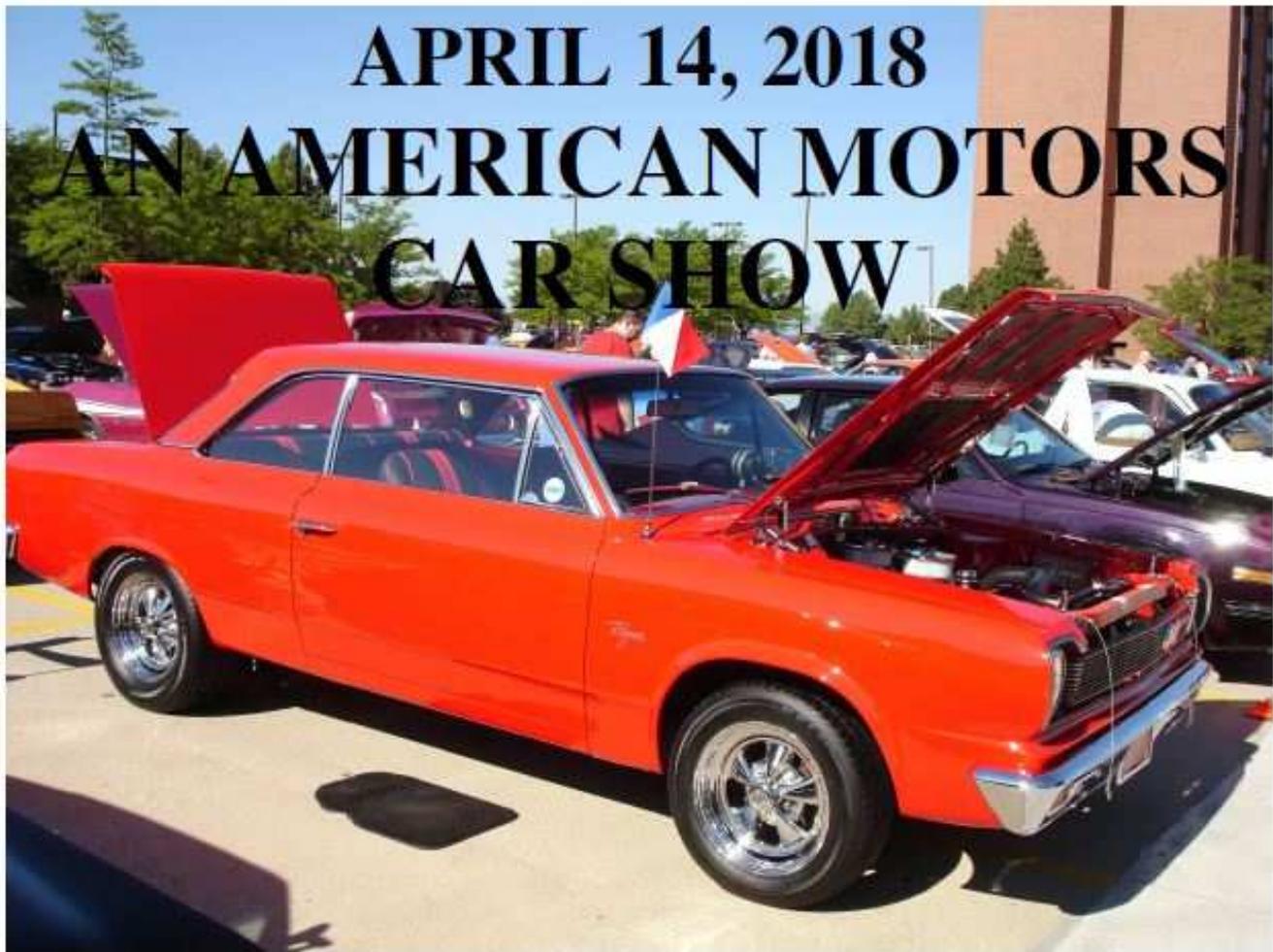


For more pictures of this air/car show visit:

<https://goo.gl/UuyhND>







On April 14th the Cactus Cruisers AMC Club presents their seventeenth annual Cactus Classic Car Show. The show will be at the Verrado Community Center, 4239 N. Village St., Buckeye, Arizona 85396. The show begins at 9:00am and trophies will be presented at 2:00pm. This show is open to all American Motors (AMC) vehicles produced from 1954-1988 and all Jeep vehicles produced by American Motors Corporation from 1970–1988. Information at cactuscruisersamc.org and on Facebook at Cactus Cruisers AMC.

For additional information, you can contact Kirk Fletcher by phone (602) 689-9222 or by e-mail: fletchkirk@hotmail.com

(New Location)

CACTUS CLASSIC XVII
Cactus Cruisers AMC Club of Phoenix, AZ
April 13th, & 14th, 2018



Cactus Cruisers AMC presents our **Seventeenth** annual Cactus Classic AMC Car Show. This will be a two day event this year starting with a Friday afternoon gathering at AZ AMC Restorations, a Friday evening BBQ, the Saturday Car Show and a Saturday Cruise-Night.

FRIDAY 4/13/18 1 pm to 4:45 pm AZ AMC Restorations

Afternoon gathering at the AMC Restoration shop of Dan Curtis, 10728 N. 96th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345.
602-317-2018 <http://www.amcmusclecars.com/>

FRIDAY 4/13/18 5 pm to 9 pm Cactus Cruisers AMC BBQ (New Location)

Welcome BBQ at Kirk & Terry Fletcher's home hosted by Cactus Cruisers AMC. Our new address is 9614 N. 86th Lane, Peoria, AZ 85345, Cell# 602-689-9222. It is located Southeast of W. Mountain View Rd. & N. 87th Ave.

SATURDAY 4/14/18 9 am to 3 pm Cactus Classic XVII Car Show (New Location)

Car Show will be held at the Verrado Community Center parking lot, 4239 N Village St., Buckeye, AZ 85396. North of W. Main St. & East of N. Village St. Registration Starts at 8 am and the show begins at 9 am. Trophies will be presented at 2 pm. This show is open to all American Motors (AMC) vehicles produced from 1954-1988 and all Jeep vehicles produced from 1970-1988. There is a Legacy class for 1953 and older models of Hudson, Jeep, Rambler, Nash and Willy's. There is also one Open Class for all cars from the White Tank Customs & Classics (Verrado Community). <https://www.verrado.com/residents/my-community/the-center-on-main/> & <https://www.whitetankcc.com/>

SATURDAY 4/14/18 4 pm to 9 pm Mixteca Cruise Nigh

Cruise Night at Mixteca Mexican Restaurant. Located at 6731 W. Bell Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308, 623-776-3511, Southwest corner of Bell Rd. and 67th Ave. <https://www.mixtecafood.com/events>

A Close Hotel to the Show: Days Inn Buckeye, 623-386-5400

25205 W Yuma Rd, Buckeye, AZ 85326. Rooms start at \$95 per night currently for April 13th & 14th.
www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/buckeye-az/days-inn-buckeye/overview?CID=LC:DE:GGL:RIO:National:10083&lat=00065402

For additional information contact
Kirk Fletcher 602-689-9222 fletchkirk@hotmail.com

CACTUS CLASSIC XVII
April 14th, 2018
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Verrado Community Center Parking Lot (New Location)
4239 N Village St.
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Please complete and return this form with your check for the correct amount to **Cactus Cruisers AMC** and send to:
 Kirk Fletcher, 9614 N. 86th Lane, Peoria, AZ 85345. 602-689-9222 e-mail fletchkirk@hotmail.com.
 For multiple vehicle entries please use a separate entry blank for each vehicle.
Please Print Clearly

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Registration Verification: e-mail address _____

Club Affiliation (Yes/No): AMO _____ Cactus Cruisers AMC _____ Other _____

Vehicle Information

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Engine _____ Trans _____ Rear Axle _____ Class Code _____

Car Show T-Shirt M,L,XL,2X,	\$15.00 _____	Size Requested _____
Car Show T-Shirt 3X & 4X,	\$18.00 _____	Size Requested _____
Car Show Entry postmarked before 3/17/18	\$20.00 _____	
Car Show Entry (after 3/17/18, Day of Show)	\$25.00 _____	Will you be participating at these Events?
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' before 3/17/18	\$20.00 _____	AZ AMC Restorations Yes _____ No _____
Swap Meet Space (after 3/17/18, Day of Show)	\$25.00 _____	Friday Night BBQ Yes _____ No _____
Display Only	\$15.00 _____	Saturday Night Cruise Yes _____ No _____
Cactus Cruisers AMC Dues 4/1/18 to 3/31/19	\$12.00 _____	
Total \$	_____	

This show is open to all American Motors Corporation built vehicles from 1954 through 1988; Jeeps built between 1970 through 1988; 1953 and older legacy Vehicles built by Hudson, Nash, Rambler & Willy's; and cars owned by the White Tank Customs & Classics Car Club (Verrado Community area).

By signing this form, the entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and release from liability (both jointly and severally) the Cactus Cruisers AMC Club and American Motors Owners Association. Participants agree to release all officials of the aforementioned organizations (jointly and severally) from any liability from a loss or damage to property and to assume all risks, including Acts of Nature, Civil Disobedience, Riots, Public Commotion or Violence of third parties arising from or related to this event. Alcoholic beverages, fireworks or illegal firearms are not permitted at this event or any other event produced by Cactus Cruisers AMC.

Signature _____ Date _____

Participant Choice (Voting) for all Classes except Display Only			
CLASS	CODE	YEARS	NOTES
AMC	(AMC)	1970 - 88	AMC's from 1970-1988 (except those that fit into other classes)
AMX Modified	(AMXM)	1968 - 70	AMX's More than three Modifications like Exhaust
AMX Stock	(AMXS)	1968 - 70	AMX's Less than four Modifications like Tires
Display Only	(DIS)	1954 - 88	Non-judged participating vehicles, will have separate parking
Gremlin , Pacer & Spirit	(GPS)	1970 - 83	Gremlin's, Pacer's & Spirit's of any trim level
Javelin	(JAV)	1968 - 74	Javelin's (Base, SST & AMX)
Jeep & Eagle	(J&E)	1970 - 88	Jeep's and Eagle's built by AMC
Legacy	(LEG)	1953 - Older	All Hudson, Nash, Rambler & Willy vehicles 1953 and older
Open	(OPN)	All	All Customs & Classics Cars from the Verrado Community
Performance	(PER)	1969 - 71	SC/Rambler, Rebel Machine, SC/360 Hornet
Race Car	(RAC)	1954 - 88	Cars used mostly for race purposes only
Rambler	(RAM)	1954 - 69	AMC's from 1954-1969 (except those that fit into other classes)
Rambler American	(RAMA)	1958 - 69	American's in any trim & body style (except those in the Performance class)
Survivor Driver	(SUR)	1954 - 88	Non-restored cars that are used as basic transportation
Under Construction	(UNC)	1954 - 88	Cars that are clearly under construction and are not fully assembled

(All entries subject to review by CCAMC Meet Officials)

SoCalAMX's

50th Anniversary of the AMX & Javelin!

12th Annual

"West Coast All AMC Car Show"

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Location: CABLE AIRPORT

1749 W. 13th St, Upland, CA

Car Show Starts at 10am and Ends at 3:30pm



socalamx.net/carshow



*Cameron Earnshaw—1969 BBO AMX
2017 Best Of Show*

Trophies: Top 13 "Dirty Dozen" & Best Of Show
Parts Swap Meet? Yes, Bring Your Old Car Parts To Sell!
Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 10
Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed
Food Available Onsite at Maniac Mike's Café
Proceeds to be donated to the Cable Airport Foundation



Make Checks (\$30) Payable To "Mark Melvin-SoCalAMX Car Show"
and mail entry form & payment to: 1517 McCabe Way, West Covina, CA 91791
(One registration form per vehicle entered)

(Men's T-shirt Sizes)

(Women's T-shirt Sizes)

(what T-shirt size?) (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

(M, L, XL)

Each pre-registered entry includes 1 event T-shirt. Sizes guaranteed only if pre-ordered. Additional T-shirts are available for \$15 each.

Name Address

City State Zip Code

Phone E-Mail

Car Year Make Model Color

All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX, Cable Airport, and its Organizers, 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.

The 12th Annual

2018 West Coast All AMC Car Show

CAR SHOW DATE & TIME

Saturday, May 19, 2018
10am to 3:30pm

CAR SHOW LOCATION

Cable Airport in Upland, CA

Hotel Information available at www.socalamx.net/carshow

Master Map on GOOGLE MAPS

<http://goo.gl/2Ja8JP>

Car show entrants, please enter the show area using the gate straight ahead from 13th St.

There is a restaurant onsite called Maniac Mike's Café, and restrooms are available there.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **8-9:30am** - If you're an early bird why not come early and have breakfast at the airport's cafe known as Maniac Mike's.
- **9-10am** - The cars being entered in the show should arrive between these hours so they may be parked in time for the show to start.
- **10am** - The 2018 AMC Car Show begins.
- **10am-1pm** - The judging of the cars by their owners. Please turn in all ballots by 1pm so they may be tabulated.
- **2pm** - The raffle number calling begins.
- **3pm** - The car show winners are announced and this year's show will be over.



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

JOIN AMCRC!

SoCalAMX has become a chartered club of the national AMC club known as AMCRC, or AMC Rambler Club. Although membership in AMCRC is not 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 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>

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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 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