



SOCALAMX CALENDAR

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

Spring Fling XXVI

April 21–22, 2012
Woodley Park, Van Nuys
<http://www.cpwclub.com/>

West Coast All AMC Car Show

May 19th, 2012
NHRA Museum, Pomona, CA
www.socalamx.net/carshow

2012 AMCRC National Show

June 21-23, 2012
Sparks/Reno, NV
<http://amcrc.com/meets/meets.htm>

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above. Go to socalamx.net/join.htm

Check out
“socalcarculture.com”
for listings of shows in S. Cal!

2012 AMC Car Show

The 2012 AMC Car Show hosted by SoCalAMX, known as the “West Coast All AMC Car Show,” is scheduled for May 19th at 10am, and is back at the NHRA Museum. Once again all AMC’s are welcome to enter in the show, including Nash, Hudson, and Jeeps. All paid car show entries will include 2 free passes into the NHRA Museum. The show is coming up quickly; please help out by sending in your entry form as soon as possible!

For the Friday event of the weekend we have made reservations for our group to visit the Nethercutt Collection Car Museum in the city of Sylmar, close to where the 5, 405, 118, 210, and 170 Freeways meet together. The museum is split into two buildings, one is open each day to the public, and the other is available by tour only, which is the one we will be seeing. The private tour will include very special and rare cars, clocks and watches, and a room of fascinating music machines, which will be demonstrated—live! The tour time is set for 1:30pm promptly so be there early. The following link is for the Museum.

<http://www.nethercuttcollection.org/>

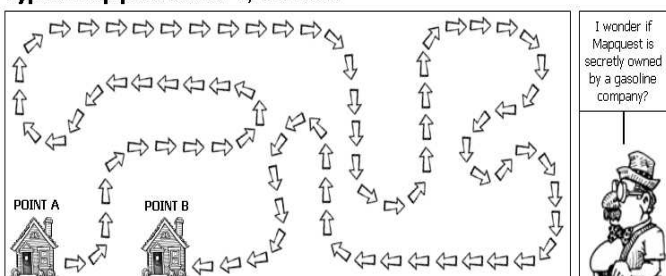
The following link is for all the addresses related to the car show weekend.

<http://g.co/maps/nrdfd>

After the museum tour we will be heading to one or more local Friday night car cruises in the area for food and friendship. Maps to the hangouts will be ready to handout at the museum.

See you in May at the AMC Car Show!

Typical Mapquest Route by Eric PerLin



2012 AMCRC NATIONAL SHOW

The 2012 AMCRC National Show is being held in the city of Reno/Sparks, NV from June 21 through June 24. Some of us are going to leave a day early on Wednesday and meet up in Bishop, CA with members of other clubs coming from Arizona and Nevada headed also to Reno. There we will have a bar-b-q in town, and spend the night before continuing on to Reno on Thursday.

Steve Fox has reserved a block of rooms in Bishop at the Ramada Inn on Wednesday night. The number for you to call and make your own reservation is 760-872-1771. Steve asks that you let him know if you make a reservation at the Ramada under the name "SoCalAMX."

The host hotel in Reno is the JA Nugget Hotel and Casino and their number is 800-648-1177.

Two years ago a large number of SoCalAMX'ers attended the 2010 AMCRC Show in Sacramento, and it looks like this year will be the same. See you in Reno!

Heights Cruisers

For the AMC'ers who live in or near the San Gabriel Valley there is a small but growing car cruise on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Krispy Kreme in Hacienda Heights.

The coffee and & donut shop is located at Azusa and the 60 freeway. The show gets going around 7:30am and lasts for no longer than a couple of hours.

Of course I have been the only AMC to ever show up there, but I was hoping next month on May 5 a few of you would join me there and shake things up!

As an added incentive to join me there I will buy the coffee and donuts for any other AMC that shows up!

MARK MELVIN

SWEDEN AMC!

Written by Tom Dulaney and P-O Wallin

Over the Christmas holiday and New Year's 2011-2012, I had the opportunity to visit with several very loyal AMC'ers in Sweden. My host, P-O Wallin, is the Big Daddy over there when it comes to AMC, he and his family were very kind to your humble narrator.

P-O did the newsletter for the Swedish AMC club for 15 years and has quite a collection in his 22,000 square foot building that used to be a train maintenance facility during WWII. Beautiful cars in a beautiful building. We went to several towns and visited with the local AMC'ers.



P.O. Wallin in Sweden



P.O.W. and Stefan

Stefan, has a 1967 Rebel 2dr., and Patrik has a 1969 Ambassador Wagon, imported from Oregon.

Carl, who has owned over 50 AMC's over the years and currently has a 1970 Javelin, a 1969 Karmann Javelin, and a 1967 Rebel Wagon.

Johan, who also has owned many AMC's over the years and currently has a 1967 Marlin and a 1965 Ambassador Convertible. He was president for the Swedish AMC Club 15 years. Andreas, who also has owned many AMC's over the years but has downsized to half a dozen today, with a nice 1969 Ambassador 2dr as the primary cruiser. His wife, Jennifer, is American and grew up in a 1969 Ambassador Wagon and has a brother living in Vista.

The nice weather for summer cruising is only three-four months long because they are so far north, but they take full advantage of the weather when it arrives. The Swedish all makes car show "Power Meet" has almost 15,000 cars and is the biggest in Europe.

Europe speak English and have relatives and friends in the USA.

I was impressed how many people from this club attended the Denver AMO meet in 2007, there were twelve people walking around wearing their club T shirts. Actually, before Kenosha 2002 the main AMO event was called the "Nationals", but after the Nordic invasion that year AMO renamed it to the "Internationals"....



Parts cars, like these humpster Javelins come in handy when you are restoring a car so far from Kenosha.



Patrik has a beautiful 1969 Ambassador Wagon

The summer show that is specific to AMC is hosted by the Swedish club every third year, by the Finnish club every third year, and by the Norwegian club every third year, and they have been known to have almost fifty AMC's at their meets. This year they are all meeting up in Finland. Most people in northern



Carl displaying case of AMC memorabilia

CHARIOT

The end of the road is here for Rachel Veitch's beloved "Chariot."

After 576,000 miles -- or more than a trip to the moon and back -- in the same 1964 Mercury Comet Caliente, the 93-year-old Orlando grandmother is stepping on the brakes due to age-related macular degeneration in both eyes. She realized her vision had completely failed her in early March after running a "bald-faced red light," Veitch told FoxNews.com.

"I am legally blind, so I can no longer drive my lovely Chariot," she said by phone. "They don't have to take it away, I would not dream of driving that car again."

Veitch, a retired nurse who told FoxNews.com in July 2009 that the car had outlasted three marriages and three sets of shocks, said she last drove on March 9. The following day, her worst fears were confirmed when she couldn't read large headlines in the newspaper, the result of years of deteriorating vision for the near-obsessive car fanatic.

"I know I'm not safe enough to drive," she continued. "But I have taken it in stride."

Veitch bought her beloved ride for \$3,289 in February 1964 from a dealer in Sanford, Fla. The car, which has been appraised at \$12,000, has gone through 18 batteries, eight mufflers and countless oil changes. She credits her near-obsessive dedication to the car as the main reason why it's spent nearly half a century in her care.

"When I buy gas, I write down the mileage, the date and how many miles per gallon I got," she told FoxNews.com in 2009. "I've never been a destructive person and I've just taken care of everything, except my husbands."

In July, Veitch's classic car will travel to Wisconsin to appear in an antique car show, but it's unclear what will happen to it after that trip. Veitch, who appeared on "The Tonight Show" in August 2010, said she might consider selling it to host and classic car aficionado Jay Leno if he's interested.

"I haven't talked to Jay Leno yet, but I'm wondering if he's interested," Veitch said early Thursday. "But I don't think I should start talking about it now."

Asked if any of her 4 children, 9 grandchildren or 11 great-grandchildren have expressed interest in the car, Veitch responded: "It wouldn't matter if they did, they're not going to get it. They couldn't take care of it like I did."

The car saw its lone wreck in 1980, when it endured a rear-end collision while Veitch, who was not injured, drove along I-95 in Georgia.

With nearly 600,000 miles behind her, Veitch, who will turn 94 in August, said she's taking



the end of her time with "Chariot" in stride. After all, she's had a good run: The last time she bought a car, gas cost 39 cents a gallon, Lyndon B. Johnson was in the White House and "The Little Old Lady From Pasadena" was ruling the radio.

"A lot of people are worse off than I am," she said. "I don't have cancer, I don't have Lou Gehrig's disease. I am lucky."

Airshow/Carshow

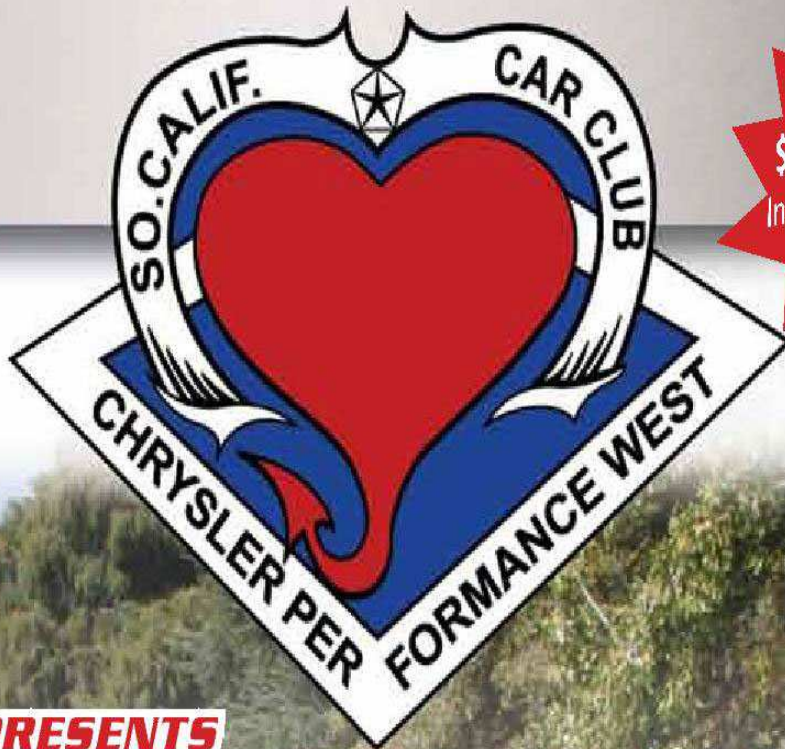
SoCalAMX attended the 2012 Riverside Airport Airshow/Carshow on March 31. Showing up bright eyed and bushy tailed were Bob Martinez and Hobie Kaptan, and Dave and Kati Chick, John Caley, John Siciliano, Allen Taylor, Steve Fox, and Randy Kirby, and myself—nine cars total.



The weather was on the cool side but the walk down the flight line kept everyone entertained for the most part. There were aerial demonstrations of full size aircraft as well as radio controlled models—including a turbine powered model jet. As so much food, there was a mile long row of booths selling everything under the sun—well actually under the clouds. One interesting event to watch was a jet car racing an airplane down the runway. The jet car wins every time!

When I got back from lunch at the airport café about half of our group had left already. The remaining few stuck it out until the end to see several aircraft depart for home—as we did too.





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WILLOW SPRINGS RACEWAY
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PROUDLY PRESENTS

SPRING FLING XXVI

All Mopar Show and Parts Exchange

April 21st & 22nd, 2012

at WOODLEY PARK, VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

Swap Set-up 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Show Car Parking 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Gates close at 10:00 a.m. sharp

KICK OFF PARTY
Picture Car
Warehouse
5-9 pm
Friday

- SATURDAY SHOW AND SHINE
- HUGE MANUFACTURES MIDWAY
- EVENT T-SHIRTS
- DASH PLAQUES (1ST 400 SHOW CARS)
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Web site with flyers, hotels, maps, past show pictures, F.A.Q.:

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CPW Hotline (818) 759-1779

NAME: _____ PHONE: (_____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please check and fill out the appropriate section:

☛ Parts space: # of 20'x20' physically connected space(s): _____ at \$45 ea. = \$ _____

or

☛ Car entry: MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

YEAR: _____ CLASS: _____ CLUB: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER: I release and discharge C. Performance West Inc. and its members of any and all known and unknown damages, injuries and claims from any causes that may be suffered by this entrant if his person or property related to this event. I also agree to permit C. Performance West Inc. to use names, pictures and photos for advertising and publicity purposes, and relinquish any rights whatsoever. C. Performance West Inc. will not be liable for refunding fees under any conditions.

Entry gate opens at 7 am and CLOSSES at 10am
All entrants must remain PARKED UNTIL 1 PM

Signature _____

Date _____

Unsigned forms will be returned

ENTRY FEES includes both days

\$30 Car entry (\$35 day of show)

One registration form per vehicle entered

\$45 per 20'x20' space (\$55 day of show)

End to end length of vehicle and trailer

must all fit into space(s). Will measure.

No trailer disconnecting or vehicle unloading

for swap only. Vehicles not physically

connected must fill out two forms. **No food**

or beverage sold in swap area.

■ **Pre-registration must be postmarked by April 1.**

■ **Confirmations mailed April 1.**

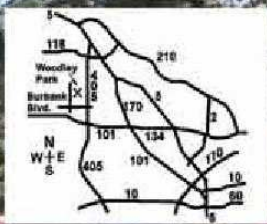
■ *Make checks payable to:*

Chrysler Performance West

PO Box 3127

Granada Hills, CA 91344

■ **Optional Online Payment Available at cpwclub.com**



SPRING FLING XXVI

April 21st & 22nd, 2012



TO WOODLEY PARK

Take the (405) San Diego Frwy. to Burbank Blvd. off ramp, go West to Woodley Ave. North to 6100 Woodley.

SPECTATOR PARKING FREE

Parking at Balboa Park entrance (see map). Obey posted NO parking signs. LAPD traffic enforced & mandated.

www.cpwclub.com - flyers, maps, directions, past pictures, frequently asked questions. CPW hotline 818-759-1779 or info@cpwclub.com
Coastal Carvan from Bay Area, scenic Hwy 1, Friday. Cruise to Malibu leaving from Woodley Park on Friday. See website.
CPW would like to thank Dave Pany for photos.

SIXTH ANNUAL

West Coast All AMC Car Show



Hosted By SoCalAMX



NEW VENUE

We've moved back to the Wally Parks NHRA Museum in Pomona! Plenty of room for trailer parking!!

- Saturday, May 19, 2012**
- 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

2012 AI / AMC Car Show Entry Form



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

www.socalamx.net/carshow

Car Show Fee: \$30. After May 5 & on day of show: \$40

Car Show T-Shirts are limited and guaranteed with Pre-Registration only!
Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 5, 2012

Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed

Car Show Starts at 10am & Ends At 3pm

Wally Parks Motorsports "NHRA" Museum, 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA

Pay Online (PayPal) at: <http://socalamx.net/carshow/entry-online.htm>

Or Make Checks Payable To "Mark Melvin"

and mail entry form & payment to: 1517 McCabe Way, West Covina, CA 91791

(One registration form per vehicle entered)

\$30 Car entry if pre-registered by May 5. (what size shirt?) (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
(\$40 May 6 or later.)

Each pre-registered entry gets an event t-shirt. Additional t-shirts are limited and available for \$15 each.

(additional shirt: what size?) (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Name Address

City State Zip Code

Phone E-Mail

Car Year Make Model Color

If Your Car Is An AMX—Which Trophy Class? STOCK or MODIFIED (circle choice)

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.

33rd Annual
AMCRC NATIONAL SHOW
AND CONVENTION
June 21-23, 2012
Reno/Sparks, NV

Thursday, June 21st

All day: Check-In and Informal Gatherings. This is also a good time for chapter meetings. You can sightsee, dine, take in a show, gamble, relax by the indoor pool at the Nugget or visit the Sparks Farmer's Market at the Sparks Victorian Square Plaza across from the Nugget from 4PM – 8PM. Enjoy the best in produce and a wide variety of seasonal items, musical performances, food, beverages, arts/crafts and community booths at Whole Foods Hometown Farmer's Market. Held in Victorian Square in downtown Sparks, the market is an exciting summer event that you don't want to miss.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Early show participant registration in lobby of Nugget.

Friday, June 22nd

8:00 AM–3:00 PM: Vendor check in to receive space assignments (Victorian Square show field)

Swap Meet (vendors may start selling as soon as they are set-up)

Show participant registration (Victorian Square show field)

Enjoy breakfast and/or lunch at one of the many restaurants at the Nugget or Victorian Square

1:30 PM–3:00 PM: Guided tour of the National Automobile Museum (approx. 7 minute drive from the Nugget)

4:00 PM–5:30 PM: AMCRC membership meeting in meeting room at Nugget

6:00 PM–8:00 PM: Friday Night Cruise-In at Summit Racing Equipment in Sparks (4 minute drive from the Nugget)

Saturday, June 23rd

7:00 AM–9:00 AM: Final vendor check-in and set-up (Victorian Square Show Field)

Final show participant registration (Victorian Square Show Field)

Show Cars may begin entering the show field

9:00 AM: Car Show and Swap Meet open
Show participant registration closed

2:00 PM: Judging ballots due at registration tent

4:00 PM: Car Show and Swap Meet close

6:00 PM: Happy Hour

7:00 PM: AMCRC National Banquet and Awards Presentations



2012 AMCRC National Convention Registration Form

HOST HOTEL: John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave., Sparks, NV 89431. West Tower Deluxe: Thurs \$69; Fri-Sat \$89/East Tower Premier: Thurs \$79; Fri-Sat \$99 (plus tax). Mention code "AMC" to get special rates. For reservations, call 800-648-1177 or www.janugget.com to make online reservations. Reservations must be made **NO LATER THAN** May 21st to get these special rates. Check in time is 3PM and check out time is 11AM.

SHOW RATES: Show for all AMC, Rambler, Nash, Hudson, Metropolitan and 1970-1987 Jeep vehicles. Registration fee is \$15 for the first vehicle registered and \$10 for each additional vehicle. **VENDORS ARE FREE** but are requested to **PRE-REGISTER**.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact: Michael Lakin (e-mail: amcowner@ccccomm.net; phone: 775-427-2695)

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MAY 21ST, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

AMCRC Membership Number _____



VEHICLES REGISTERED: (please use reverse side of form if you are registering more than two vehicles)

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Body _____
Style _____ Color _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Body _____
Style _____ Color _____

Class: _____ Entry #: _____ (to be completed by show staff)

Vendor: Yes ___ No ___. If yes, number of spaces requested: _____.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
AMCRC 2012

BANQUET: (Advance Reservations Only)

Adult tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____
Kids tickets (ages 5-11): _____ @ \$13.75 = \$ _____

MAIL WITH REGISTRATION TO:
Michael Lakin
2615 Sorensen Rd.
Fallon, NV 89406

CAR REGISTRATION: One vehicle @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
each additional vehicle: _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

SHIRTS: (Please Order in Advance)

Event T-Shirt: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
_____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____ XXL ___ XXXL ___

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM TOUR: \$7.00 per person Number of tickets: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

WE'LL SEE YOU IN RENO-SPARKS!

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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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

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

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.