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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Menifee Motor Madness
May 16th, 2009
Mt. San Jacinto Jr. College, Menifee

3rd Annual SoCalAMX All AMC Car Show
May 30, 2009
NHRA Museum, Pomona, CA
www.socalamxcarshow.info/

2009 AMO International Convention
July 17 & 18, 2009
Collinsville, IL (St. Louis, MO)
www.gatewayamc2009.com/AMO2009.htm

Picnic By The Bay
August 23, 2009
Embarcadero Marina Park, San Diego

Wheels 'N Windmills
August 29, 2009
Solvang, CA
www.wheelsnwindmills.com/

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

SHOW TIME!

Ready or not, here it comes! The 2009 West Coast All AMC Car Show hosted by our own club, SoCalAMX, is only four weeks away. It will be here before you know it. Already the pre-registered list is at a pace ahead of last year. Check out the list on socalamxcarshow.info and click on "Attendees."

If you plan on attending the show on May 30 don't wait until the morning of the show to sign up for two reasons. One is that the fewer registrations we have to handle at the sign-in desk the smoother the check-in process will be for everyone. The second reason is that next weekend on the 9th of May the pre-registration fee bumps up to the full Show day price of \$35.

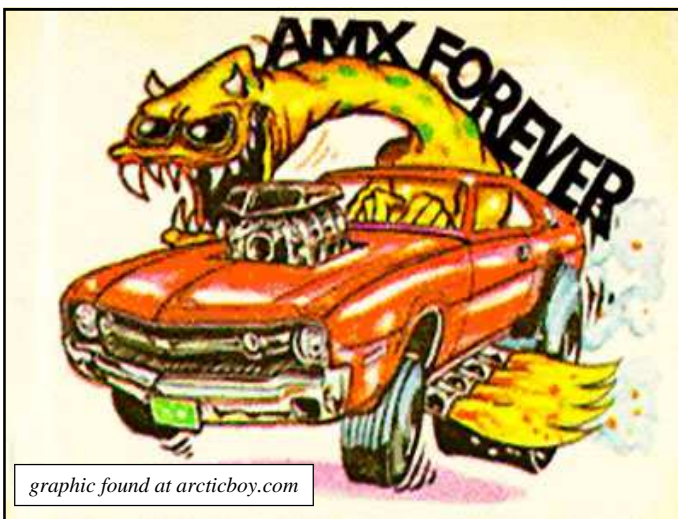
If you haven't noticed the small schedule changes on the show web site I'd like to mention them here. One is that the Saturday After-The-Show-Cruise to Legend's Diner has moved to Friday night.

Replacing that event will be the same as last year, convoying to the Toyota/Irwindale Speedway to drive on the banked-oval track in front of the crowd waiting for the night's races to start. After that we get to sit in a reserved section in the grandstands (next to our cars for security) and watch the races for free that night (two tickets per car.)

Sunday morning, for the early risers, or those out of towners headed back home, there is a Breakfast Cruise to Brackett Airport (Norm's Hanger Café) just ½ mile west of Saturday's Car Show site.

Friday
Cruise To Legend's Diner: 5pm to 9pm

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Saturday

AMC Car Show: 10am-3:30pm

Speedway Races: Convoy at 3:30pm to the Speedway. We must be parked within their gates no later than 4pm and remain there until the races are over. The only exception to leaving early is after we drive on the track, approximately around 6pm.

Sunday

Breakfast Cruise: 9am at Brackett Airport (1/2 mile west of Saturday's Show Site)

A map link on the Show's web site has been added to help guide anyone to the various events.

The show's t-shirts are finished and awaiting distribution to the show's attendees. In fact those who attended the Spring Fling this past weekend have already received their shirt. There will be extra t-shirts for sale at the car show.

The trophies are being finished and should be ready to pick up next week some time. Have your cars looking their show best because I feel you'll really want to win one of these beauties. Here are the categories. The judging will be by driver's choice. A ballot will be included with each registration packet at the show.

17 Trophies Total:

68-70 AMX [1st to 3rd]

68-70 Javelin [1st to 3rd]

71-74 AMX/Javelin [1st to 3rd]

AMC's (anything AMC: Gremlin, Pacer, Rebel, etc.) [1st to 3rd]

Rambler [1st to 3rd]

Best Paint

Best Engine

Best Hi-Performance

Best of Show

There will be a food vendor at the show supplied by the NHRA Museum and LA County Fairgrounds.

Be ready for a good time on Saturday, May 30th, it will be the Best AMC Show Yet!

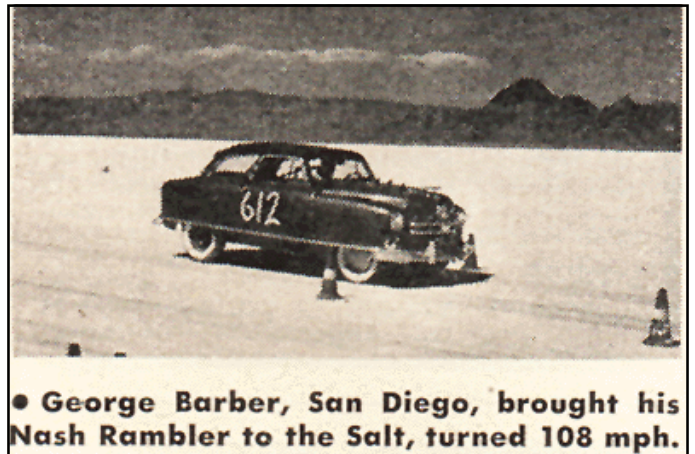
Mark Melvin

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.



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. Thank you Steve for your article this month.

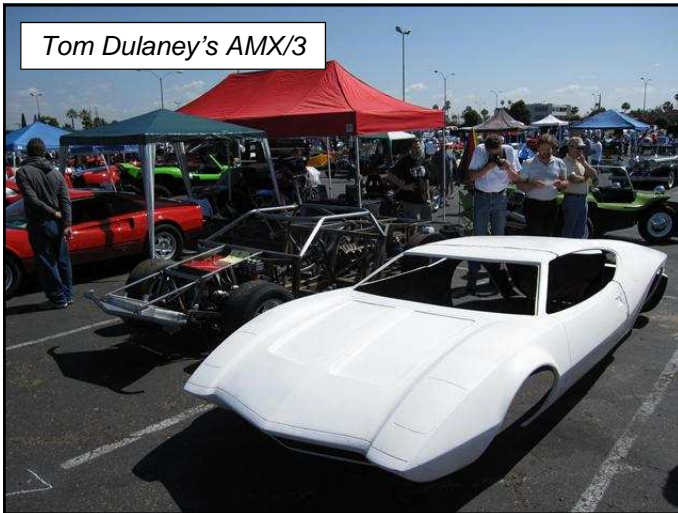
You don't need to be a super writer or own a wizard word processor program. All you have to do is just send me a simple email as your article text and I'll do all the formatting and spell checking for you.

Please do attach pictures to your email if you have them!

Mark Melvin

KIT KAR SHOW

I had not been to Knotts Berry Farm in some years so I thought there was no better reason to go there last Saturday on April 25 than to see Tom Dulaney at the Annual Kit Car Show promoting his AMX/3 project. He already had his space set up with his rolling chassis and body on the ground next to it.



Tom Dulaney's AMX/3



Sharp looking GT-40 kit car

Tom's AMX/3 will be at this year's West Coast All AMC Car Show on May 30 at the NHRA museum. To see the latest progress go to Tom's web site at: <http://www.amx390.com/>

Mark Melvin

There was great interest in the car, with many questions being asked and answered. Vendors were stopping by to see how their products might help out getting the car finished sooner. One guy stopped by to see how his LED tail light housing would look on the car.

The company who makes the transmission that is in the car, Mendiola, happened to have its booth right behind Tom. Mendiola also made the custom bell housing that mates the transmission to an AMC 401 in the AMX/3 chassis.



Tom wearing the first show t-shirt..



Pimp Mobile on Camero Chassis!

OH \$HIT

On October 24, 2008 Randy Kirby and I met up in Ramona, on our way to a Borrego Springs car show. We were cutting corners on the highway and speeding things up a bit—my first mistake. As we rounded a turn on Highway 78, I went a little bit too fast on the downhill turn and the mighty '68 AMX decided to have a love affair with a mountain.

I used to think I could move mountains. Obviously, this was a "super mountain," as it didn't move. The car, however, did move—crumbled, to be exact, at the front end. I

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wasn't hurt, but simply numb and in disbelief. Fortunately, Randy was at the scene and provided unsurpassed moral support.

I was able to drive home and proceeded to a body shop that I'd seen before, very close to my house, that specializes in classic vehicle restoration. One of these days we'll all meet to tour their "museum," a beautiful collection of approximately 30 restored cars, all running.

Anyhow, on my way home, the hood sprung up, bent backwards and damaged the previously undamaged driver's side fender. What else could go wrong? Four and a half months later I took possession of the car and I have to say it looks even more beautiful than before.

I'll be installing a rear anti-sway and larger front anti-sway bars soon to help out with the handling. Plus, I'm driving slower than ever, so if you ever see a white AMX driving in the slow lane at 55 mph, wave "Hi," cuz you know it's me. "Enjoy" the pictures. Next month—what I learned from the paint guy at the restoration shop.

Steve Fox



SPRING FLING 09

It was a great day for Spring Fling 09, with the weather being sunny and warm, but not hot. A total of 10 AMC's made it to Woodley Park for the 23rd annual Chrysler event.



That's Carol Decoeur's 64 Rambler!

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Bob Martinez's 70 AMX



The gang hangs out..



Randy Kirby's 70 AMX

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Several AMC's came up from the San Diego area, including Steve Fox (68 AMX), Randy Kirby (70 AMX), Carol Deocour (64 Rambler) and John Caley (68 AMX) who joined up with them as they passed through Mission Viejo.



Hobie Kaptan's 69 AMX

Bob Martinez (70 AMX) and Hobie Kaptan (69 AMX) and Mark Melvin (69 AMX) along with the



Steve Fox's Reborn 68 AMX!

others met down the road from the show area to form up and arrive together.

Shelby Wright with his Pacer from up north was already there as well as a high performance packaged 69 AMX, whose owner's name escapes me a week later.

It was nice to see Carol, along with Steve, Hobie, and Mark, win an award.

Oh, there were other nice cars there too, including my favorite, the Dodge Daytona Charger Superbird. Nice!

Mark Melvin



The Famous Superbird!

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World's First Car with Carpet Control and the Entourage! Alloy-Frame Seats! Kwik-Set Carburetor! Kicker-Beat! Enlaid Body and Frame!

graphic found at arcticboy.com



2009 SoCalAMX's 3rd Annual

"WEST COAST ALL AMC CAR SHOW"

Date: May 29, 30, & 31 Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Wally Parks Motorsports (NHRA) Museum, Pomona, CA

All AMC Cars are welcome, including, AMX's, Javelins, Gremlins, Nash/Hudsons, Metropolitans, Ramblers, Americans, Ambassadors, Marlins, Rebels, Hornets, Matadors, and Pacers!

Complete Information at: socalamxcarshow.info

2009 ALL AMC CAR SHOW ENTRY FORM



Friday—Cruise at “Legends Diner” Saturday—AMC Car Show
 Saturday—After AMC Show, watch races for free at Irwindale Speedway !
 Sun—Breakfast Cruise

Trophies
 Raffle Prizes
 NHRA Museum



For More Information Visit The Car Show’s Web Site:
www.socalamxcarshow.info

Entry Fee Includes T-shirt with Graphic Shown

Entry Cost: \$30 if you Pre-Register By May 9 or \$35 On Day Of Show

Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 9, 2009
 Confirmations mailed May 15, 2009

Pre-Register By May 9 And Have Your T-shirt
 Mailed To You So You Can Wear It At The Show

All AMC Cars Are Welcome To Any Of The Activities.
 Car Show Starts at 9 am & Ends At 3:00 pm

Pay Online Or Make Checks Payable To “Mark Melvin”
 and mail to 1517 McCabe Way, West Covina, CA 91791

(One registration form per vehicle entered)

\$30 Car entry if pre-registered by May 9. (what size shirt?) _____ (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
 (\$35 May 10 or later.)

Each paid entry gets an event t-shirt included with entry fee. Additional t-shirts are available for \$15 each.

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ eMail Address: _____

Car Year: _____ Car Make & Model: _____

All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX & Wally Parks Motorsports (NHRA) 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.

2009 AMO International Convention



Collinsville, Illinois



July 17-18, 2009

Pre-Registration Deadline: June 15th, 2009 (Must be AMO Member to Pre-Register! - See Below)
Note: Registrations for judging will be cut-off at 9:00 a.m. on July 18th, 2009. No exceptions

Meet Contact Persons: John Schiffko 314-352-1669 or Gary Timmerman 314-921-9713
Please print clearly & your signature is required. Registration# (AMO use only)

Complete and return this form with your check/money order in U.S. Funds to:
2009 AMO International Convention, c/o Richard Haley, 7317 A Fernbrook Drive, St Louis Mo. 63123
Make Payment Payable to: Gateway AMC NOTE: Registration Confirmations will be sent.

Name: _____ AMO # _____ EXP: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: (____) ____-____

Chapter: _____ Alt. #: (____) ____-____

(No/Yes & Yr) (only if Judged per car)

Vehicle Information: Class Code Senior Concours Registration

Year Model (Next Page) Division Judging Fee TOTAL (\$15.00 per vehicle to show + \$20.00 per vehicle Judging Fee)

1st _____ \$15.00 _____ Concourse Judging Fee: \$20.00 _____ Total _____

2nd _____ \$15.00 _____ Concourse Judging Fee : \$20.00 _____ Total _____

Late Registration Fee (after June 15th, 2009, one-time fee / no refunds after this date) \$10.00 _____

Indoor Charge* \$20.00 _____

NOTE- * This is an indoor/outdoor car show. There will be a limited amount of indoor spaces available on a first come first serve basis.
There will be an additional charge of \$20 for indoor parking. If indoor parking is not available, you indoor fee will be returned.
Registration Confirmations will contain the Indoor Parking Requirements.

Limited Number of Banquet tickets available (Prices vary). Please indicate the number of each dinner entrée needed below:

of Chicken Parmesan: _____ # of meals _____ @ \$34.00 _____

of Prime Rib: _____ # of meals _____ @ \$39.00 _____

of Vegetarian: _____ # of meals _____ @ \$34.00 _____

Children under 12, \$17.00 each. Please indicate number of each child's entrée below:

of Chicken Finger : _____ # of meals _____ @ \$17.00 _____

Official 2009 AMO Convention T-Shirts (Please indicate the number of shirts wanted in each size)

SM: _____ MED: _____ LG: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL _____ @ _____ \$20.00 _____

2009 AMO International Convention Coin # of coins: @ _____ \$10.00

Vendor Space (approx. 10' x 20') Number of spaces needed _____ @ \$30.00 _____

Car Corral Space Number of spaces needed _____ @ \$30.00 _____

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Need trailer Parking: _____ Total Registration Fee: _____

I will assist with judging: _____ No. of years' experience: _____

ONLY MEMBERS OF AMO WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AND/OR DISPLAY CARS. Remember to bring your AMO card.
If you are not a member, you may join on the AMO show field. Club officers reserve the right to restrict entrants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities during this event. In consideration of acceptance to participate, entrants and participants by execution of the entry form release and discharge the "meet" committee members of and from any and all known and unknown liabilities and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his/her property or person. My signature on this entry form signifies that

I have read and understand the contents thereof and hereby agree to abide by the concours and convention rules as set forth by AMO.
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS are required for entry to the Showfield!

Signature of Entrant: Date:

DIVISION

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AMO CLASS CODES DIVISION

(JR OR SR)

CLASS)

JN - Javelin Non-stock _____

JS - Javelin Stock _____

AN - AMX Non Stock _____

AS - AMX Stock _____

NP - Non-AMC Powered _____

AMN - AMC Non-stock 1970 - 1988 _____

AMS - AMC Stock 1970 - 1988 _____

RN - Rambler Non-stock 1958 - 1969 _____

RS - Rambler Stock 1958 - 1969 _____

MS - Marlin Stock _____

MN - Marlin Non-stock _____

HN - Hurst Non-stock _____

HS - Hurst Stock _____

RC - Race Car _____

JPS - Jeep Stock 1970 - 1988 _____

JPN - Jeep Non-Stock 1970 - 1988 _____

DR - Driven _____
(Not eligible for indoor parking)

SI - Special Interest _____

DI - Display Only _____
(Not eligible for indoor parking)

AC - American Cup (Non-stock) _____

AHC - American Heritage Cup (stock) _____

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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

