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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

West Coast All AMC Car Show

May 30, 2015
911 Design parking lot
5505 Moreno St, Montclair, CA 91763
Next door to Pegasus Hobbies
Hosted by SoCalAMX
socalamx.net/carshow

Lake Tahoe AMC Regional Show

June 27, 2015
Biltmore Hotel
<http://www.tahoebiltmore.com/>
Hosted by High Desert AMC
<http://hdamc.amcrc.com>

AMO National Convention

July 22-25, 2015
Cleveland, OH
<http://www.amonational.com/>

Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 6-7, 2015
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino
Henderson, Nevada
snamc.amcrc.com

Kenosha Homecoming

July 25-29, 2017
Kenosha, WI
<http://www.kenoshahistorycenter.org/events.html>

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!

SoCalAMX Car Show

May 30th, 2015, in Montclair, CA

The 9th Annual SoCalAMX car show is on! Permission to use the same location as last year has been obtained. The t-shirt design has been finished. The pieces are starting to fall together. But the word about the show still needs to get out.

One big word or phrase to spread around is that at the beginning of the show at 10am there will be a short presentation of the “Playmate AMX Reveal.” The Playmate AMX has been undergoing a three year restoration, and will be on display at the show—after its car cover is pulled off at the presentation.

I received several positive comments about the site we used last year, no negative comments, so I pursued the possibility of again hosting our show there—and with the help of Tom Macomber—and we have the whole parking lot to ourselves.

As for food, I will once again have pizza delivered around noon time for everyone. Cold drinks & water will be on hand for everyone.

Some changes I have made for this year’s show deal with the trophies. Instead of multiple classes of cars I have decided to have simple Top 10 Car trophies, and a Best Of Show. This will make balloting easier, and will allow relaxed parking rules for the show cars. Pretty much everyone can pick where they want to park, although I will try to get all the AMX’s and Javelins to park together along the long row on the east side of the parking lot.



Playmate AMX REVEAL?

Okay, a majority of people have seen the Playmate restoration throughout the past two years. Recently the video of the car on Jay Leno's garage was put out on the Internet. Photos have leaked out and it's no longer a secret the car turned out really nice. The car is finished!



But before the Playmate AMX is taken on the road to car shows there will be a public

“unveiling” of the car. That will take place on May 30 at our club's annual AMC car show in Montclair at the 911 Design parking lot, same location as last year.

So even if you don't have a car come to the show to see the car cover pulled off the Playmate AMX to officially send it on its way towards a successful car show career.

Be there by 10am because the “Reveal” will be at the start of the show right after the national anthem.

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<http://socalamx.net/carshow/>



AMXS ON YOUTUBE!

In last month's newsletter I wrote an article about being invited to Jay Leno's Garage for a taping of the Playmate AMX for a future episode of his show. Since the publishing of the last newsletter the video has actually aired on the Internet. The video as of today has over 192,000 hits and growing daily. You can view the 21:05 minute video at the following link. The tiny.cc links will redirect your browser to the correct YouTube videos..

<http://tiny.cc/jlg>

Within the past week another video focusing on the AMX has become available on YouTube as well. Several months ago a video production crew approached Hobie Kaptan about doing a segment on his 1969 AMX. The resulting 6:23 minute video can be viewed at the following link.

<http://tiny.cc/hobie>

2015 CACTUS CLASSIC

The 2015 Cactus Classic car show is in the books. On Friday April 10 I took off for Phoenix by myself and arrived about 6 hours later. I drove by the Penske History Museum, didn't see any AMC cars in the area, and went to my hotel to check in since it was getting warmish. In the late afternoon I took off for Dan Curtis' home where everyone was meeting for a bar-b-q. Wasn't a huge crowd but not too small either. Dan put on a good meal for all attending such as burgers and hotdogs. A Ross Peterson, an AMC guy from the east coast, happened to be in town on business and was at the bar-b-q and next day show.

The next day arrived quickly, as they always do. The hosting club, the Cactus Cruisers, moved the show to a new location at a mall, where another bigger car show was going on currently. The AMC people were located up on the second and top floor of an adjoining parking structure, and over looked the Cruise on Central car show below.

The surprise visitor to the show was the pink 69 AMX, now owned by Mike Dundon. The car was originally purchased by a school teacher in Missouri, changed ownership a few times, and after a restoration by Scott Campbell in Ohio, the car made its way to Vermont and Mike.

Mike recently moved to Arizona to work at Dan Curtis' AMC Restoration shop, and brought the car with him. So now the pink AMXs of the Playmate and school teacher are both on the west coast. There's a very good chance both will be in Las Vegas in November at the 10th Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion.

The Southern Nevada AMC Club hosting the Las Vegas Reunion is already accepting entries. Get yours in early, I'll see you there..

Pics: tiny.cc/cactus15 MARK MELVIN



Tom Buckley's beautiful BBG 69 AMX



What? A BMW powered Rambler?



Suzanne Edmonds' 65 Rambler Wagon



The school teacher pink 69 AMX.



The other car show going on just below us.

EDELBROCK 2015

Last weekend I attended the Edelbrock Car Show with my 69 AMX for the first time, along with 4 other AMX's and one SC/Rambler.

I had signed up for the show in advance several months earlier thinking I'd be attending by myself, but meeting me in the morning around the corner at a McDonalds was John Hayes 68 AMX, Hobie Kaptan 70 AMX, Keith Magee 69 AMX, and Allen Tyler 68 AMX, and Steve Fox 69 SC/Rambler.

Together we drove in and by chance were corralled together in a side parking lot on the back side of Vic's Garage. Eventually two food trucks were also parked there, which was good for us because that drew more visitors to our cars, and we didn't have to walk far for food and drinks. Additionally in the afternoon the building created plenty of shade from the warm sun.

The show was very nice by itself. There were plenty of cars, but not such a big crowd. You could walk around without too much of bumping into other people. The Edelbrock Demo trailer was there. I got many answers to my questions about the EFI system I am interested in for my 69 AMX. Vic Edelbrock was there signing autographs. And what big show wouldn't be complete without a beer garden. Yes, Keith and I were not disappointed!

I'd like to see a bigger AMC presence there next year. How about it? For pictures check out the following link:

tiny.cc/edel15 MARK MELVIN



Edelbrock employee Dennis Allen's 70 AMX



Hobie Kaptan's new toy, a 70 AMX



John Hayes' super charged 68 AMX



Keith Magee's 69 AMX



Soon to be retired Steve Fox & his SC/Rambler

KENOSHA 2017

It's still two years away but it's not too early to start thinking about attending the 2017 Kenosha Homecoming. This show is unquestionably the largest AMC car show in the world, at any given occurrence. And why shouldn't it be? The cars were made in the city after all.

I bought my first AMX in 1977. My uncle called it a "Kenosha Cadillac." "Why's that," I asked. He said because they were made in Kenosha. "Where's that," I wondered. After buying that red AMX, and learning they were made in Kenosha, I also found out a certain Playmate owned a pink AMX. Little did I know then.

Recently I've also learned that the Kenosha Homecoming is the place to be if you own an AMC. The event had been on my bucket list of things to do for many years. Finally in 2011 I was able to make the show. I drove my AMX from California to Wisconsin and proudly parked my car among the hundreds of other AMC'ers.

Last year in 2014 there was another one of these Homecoming shows. Although I didn't drive this time, I made sure I was there, enabling me to witness another great show.

The 2014 show started on Wednesday with a cruise-in to Andy's Drive-In. Thursday there was a UAW car show in the afternoon followed by a cruise-in to Culvers, where AMC cars took up half of the parking lot, double & triple parking in the rows. Finally the entrance was blocked off because no more cars would fit. Friday there was the parade of cars, led by a fire truck, from the Nash Elementary School to downtown Kenosha, which was a show within itself. And lastly on Saturday there was the main show at Kennedy Park, next to Lake Michigan, where hundreds of every model AMC ever built were parked. Wow!

So if you've ever thought about making a Kenosha Homecoming Show, maybe now is the time to plan for 2017. This show is organized only every three or four years or so. This next show could be the last show, you never know.

You don't have to drive to the show like I did, it's just the funniest way to get there. You can fly too like I did last year. You should just plan to go. Someday. Period.

It was of course, the easiest decision I've made since restoring the Playmate AMX, to attend the 2017 Kenosha Homecoming. It'd be really neat to have other SoCalAMX members there to share the experience with me. Start thinking about it now! I made my decision, how about you?

MARK MELVIN

My pictures of the 2014 Kenosha Homecoming:
tiny.cc/kh14

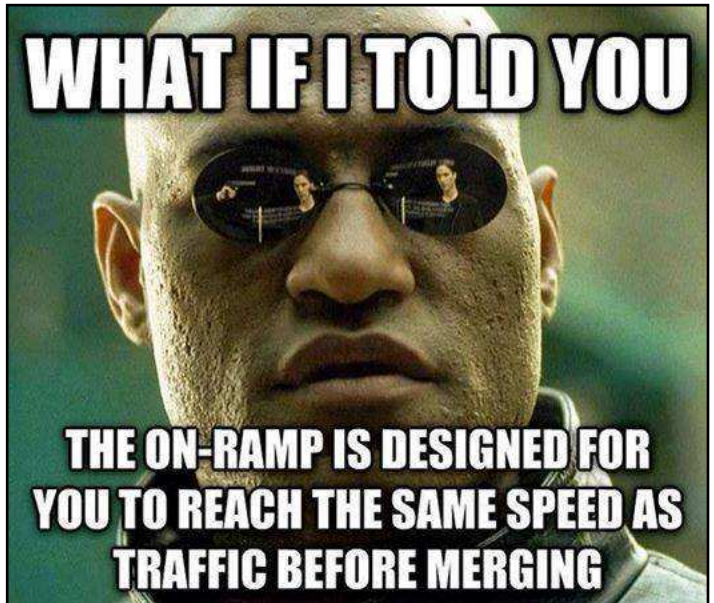
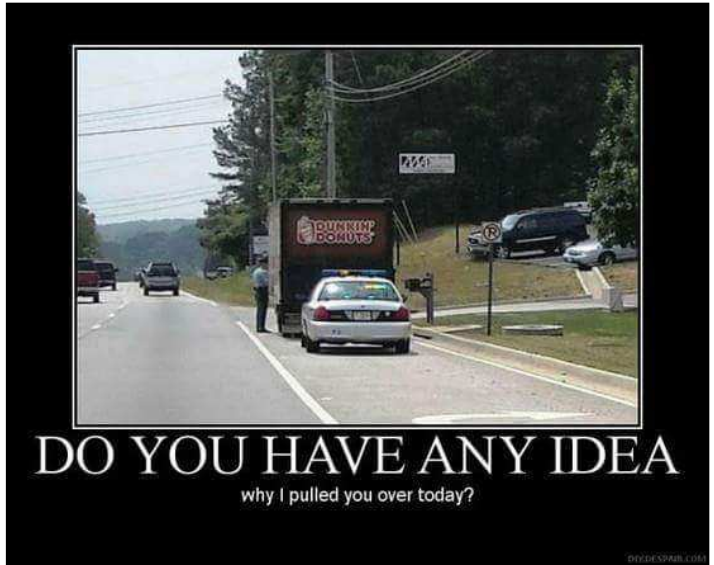


AMC STUFF

The AMX Wagon. For moms! Never made it into production..



JUST STUFF



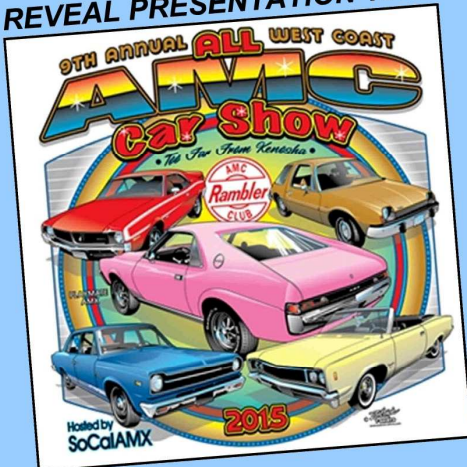
NINTH ANNUAL

West Coast All AMC Car Show

Hosted By SoCalAMX



THE PLAYMATE AMX
REVEAL PRESENTATION 10am



Saturday, May 30, 2015

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

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2015 All AMC Car Show



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

www.socalamx.net/carshow

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Location: The Parking Lot of 911 Design

5505 Moreno St, Montclair, CA 91763

Next Door To Pegasus Hobbies

Car Show Starts at 10am and Ends At 3pm

TOP 10 & Best Of Show Trophies The Playmate AMX "Reveal" at 10am

**Car Show T-Shirts are limited and guaranteed with Pre-Registration only!
Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 23, 2015
Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed**

Pizza and Cold Drinks will be available for lunch

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 t-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	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>	Zip Code	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>	E-Mail	<input type="text"/>		
Car Year	<input type="text"/>	Make	<input type="text"/>	Model	<input type="text"/>
				Color	<input type="text"/>

All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX, 911 Design, & Pegasus Hobbies 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 9th Annual

2015 West Coast All AMC Car Show

Information Page

CAR SHOW DATE & TIME

Saturday, May 30th, 2015

10am to 3pm

CAR SHOW LOCATION

(Same as last year: 911 Design Parking Lot—Next Door To Pegasus Hobbies)

5505 Moreno St., Montclair, CA 91763

A BUDGET MOTEL CLOSE TO CAR SHOW LOCATION

Super 8 Upland

1282 W. 7th Street, Upland, CA 91786, 909-985-8115

<http://snipurl.com/8motel>

Master Map on GOOGLE MAPS

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

After receiving positive comments about last year's show location, approval was obtained to hold the car show once again next door to Pegasus Hobbies in Montclair.

Car show entrants, please enter the show area using the driveway between the two orange rubber cones.

For lunch there will be free pizza once again for everybody. Also there is a 7-11 store in one direction, and a McDonalds in another direction, both within walking distance. Still, plan to bring your own ice cold drinks or snacks during the show.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 5pm: Bar-b-q at Dave & Katy's home in Monrovia. 162 Poinsettia Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/dclAE>

Saturday, 8am to 9am, Early bird breakfast at Cable Airport 1749 W. 13th St, Upland, CA, 91786

<http://www.maniac-mikes.com/> MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/rcHb3>

Saturday, 10am to 3pm, AMC Car Show at 5505 Moreno St, Claremont, CA 91763

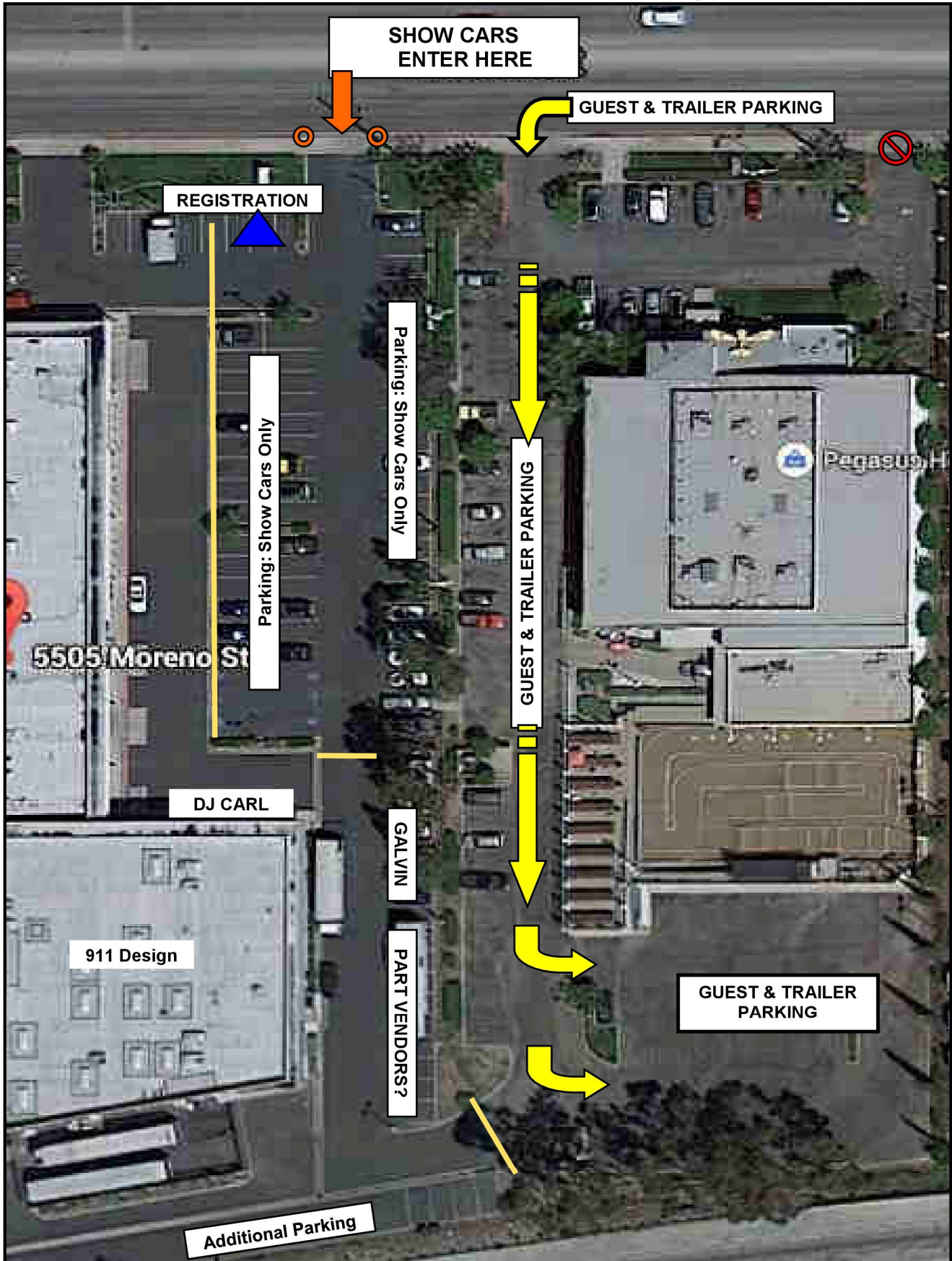
MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/AUlcM>

Saturday, 4pm to whenever, Let's eat at "The Hat!" less than 10 minutes away. Great chili cheese fries and more!

857 N. Central Ave., Upland, CA 91786

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/fnlcc>

2015 AMC CAR SHOW LAYOUT 5505 Moreno St., Montclair





2015 AMCRC WESTERN REGIONAL CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM



**SATURDAY - JUNE 27, 2015
TAHOE BILTMORE LODGE & CASINO
NORTH LAKE TAHOE**

Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
Contact Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____
Club Affiliation _____

VEHICLES REGISTERED

Model _____ Color _____ Year _____
Model _____ Color _____ Year _____
Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

Registration Fee: \$15.00 first car \$10.00 each additional car

T-shirts available by advanced order prior to May 22, 2015 - Please indicate

Male shirt size:

\$16.00 for S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ and \$20.00 each for XXL _____ XXXL _____

Female shirt size:

\$16.00 for S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ and \$20.00 each for XXL _____ XXXL _____

Long sleeve shirt size:

\$25.00 for S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ and \$29.00 each for XXL _____ XXXL _____

TOTAL OF ALL FEES \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: High Desert AMC Car Club

Mail to: HDAMC Car Club c/o Mike Lakin, 2615 Sorensen Road, Fallon, NV 89406

RESERVATIONS: The High Desert AMC Car 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 High Desert AMC Car Club, AMC Rambler Club, Tahoe Biltmore Lodge & Casino, 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.

Signature

GRAND

NASHIONAL



**SoCAL REGION
JULY 2015**

FALLBROOK, CA

Please join us for the 2015 Grand *NASH*ionals
July 22-25 in Fallbrook CA.

Car show on Saturday July 25 / 9:00 – 4:30
Pala Mesa Resort at the Driving Range - Free admission

This Grand *NASH*ional is presented by The SoCal Region - Nash
Car Club *assisted by* The Northern California Region

Host Hotel: Pala Mesa Resort Fallbrook, California
July 22 – 25, 2015

Pala Mesa Resort 2001 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook California 92028
Call: **760-728-5881** Mention the *NASH* Car club for your special discount rate of
\$129.00 per night. Please book your room as soon as possible to guarantee availability

Please contact: Gary Marchetti - marchetti.gary@gene.com or
Francine Felgemaker - FELGEM51@aol.com for registration forms



2015 AMO International Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.



2015
AMO
International
Convention

July
22-25
Independence,
Ohio

Host hotel:  Holiday Inn

[Holiday Inn Cleveland-South Independence, Ohio.](#)

6001 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131, (216) 524-8050

For additional information visit our web site: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcoastamc/2015>

Event contact: Dale Veverka (216) 524-5977 – Week of event (216) 407-8657

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Please do attach pictures to your email if you have them! Send your stuff to: mightypilot@gmail.com

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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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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor