



SoCalAMX



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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

2016 AMO National Convention

July 27-30, 2016
Rockford, IL
amonational.com

Pacific Gold Rush AMC Meet

July 29-30, 2016
Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, CA

2016 & 11th Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 4-5, 2016
Hoover Dam Lodge, Boulder City, NV

2017 Kenosha Homecoming

July 25-29, 2017
Kenosha, WI
kenoshahistorycenter.org/events.html

Check the online Calendar at socalamx.net

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

EDELBROCK 2016

I was hoping to increase our number of AMCs at the Edelbrock show this year after last year's total of five. It was not to be but myself, Hobie with his 69 AMX and Jim Weil with his 70 AMX, had a good time never less. They parked us in a good spot close to

last year's placement, but this year we had the good fortune of having a nice big shade tree over us.

In addition to the three of us there was Edelbrock employee Dennis Allen parking in the employee's parking lot area with his 70 AMX, and over in the VIP parking area was John Hayes with his Chevy powered, super charged 68 AMX. Carl and Mary Ann Gunther were present with a 70 Dodge Superbird they recently purchased. I mention them because they also happen to own a beautiful Saturn Blue 68 AMX (not at the show).

My favorite car at the show was Huge Bug. Someone had taken a normal sized VW and used it as a template to make a new and bigger VW, 40% bigger. What do you think?

Next year if we can get together at least 10 AMCs we will have our own class for trophies. Plan ahead to 2016!

MARK MELVIN



Herbie on steroids?



Cars of the 3 AMC amigos, Jim, Mark & Hobie!

PLAYMATE AMX REPORT

Well, well, so that's what the Muckenthaler Concours car show is all about. I had heard of this show located in Fullerton but never attended. So I pre-entered the Playmate AMX early in the year and soon after received an acceptance letter.

On the day of the show, May 15, I was up before the crack of dawn so as to go get my trailer and car hooked up to the truck and get to the car show area before 7am. The staging area for trailers was several miles away so it was nice to unload in a big empty parking lot for a change and get the car warmed up for the big 2 mile drive over to the show site.

After arriving and getting parked and receiving my registration packet I began to look around. For the somewhat small size of the show I was surprised by the high quality and variety of cars

One of the guys in my class was a nice guy named Frank. I've met him before and seen his 68 GT 500 Shelby Mustang. Last month he was at the La Jolla Concours with a 69 Barracuda, which I beat by only several points for a first place win. Would he be cool with the pink AMX on the prowl again? Yes, I talked to him for several minutes as he detailed his car.

In the early afternoon I was in the outhouse taking care of business when I heard my name being called over the loudspeaker, "Mark Melvin, please return to your car." Oh no, what now I wondered? After a brisk walk back to my car I was informed that I had won 1st place and needed to get my car in line for the drive in front of the main stage and announcement. Sorry Frank, got ya two times in a row!

So after receiving the award and returning to my parking spot, a young man came by and asked what year Pinto my car was. I pointed to the letters AMX on the quarter panel and he thought I was kidding, "like really, what year Pinto is it?" he asked again. We really have our work cut out for us to educate the younger generation!

MARK MELVIN



LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

Four months to the 11th Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion. That's it. Amazing how it sneaks up on you. Well if you don't have your hotel reservation you should get it done quickly before they're booked up. For all I know it might be too late already. I really don't know!

This year the show has been moved to a new location, the Hoover Dam Lodge in Boulder City. It's not too far from the Railroad Pass Hotel, just on the other side of town closer to the Hoover Dam itself. It's the same location where the first two Las Vegas AMC shows were held before moving to the Railroad Pass Hotel years ago.

Here's the critical info:

When: November 4-5, 2016

Where: Hoover Dam Lodge, 18000 Highway 93, Boulder City, NV 89005

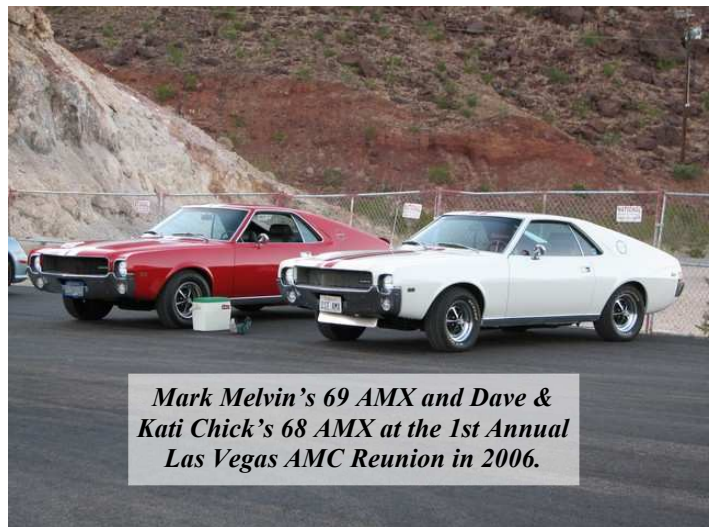
Reservations: <http://www.hooverdamlodge.com/>

Call 1-800-245-6380 or 702-293-5000. Make sure to mention code AMC2016 for the special room rate.

For more info contact Mark Ogulnick chicago0516@yahoo.com



Dave & Kati Chick chatting at the 2006 Las Vegas Reunion at the Hacienda.



Mark Melvin's 69 AMX and Dave & Kati Chick's 68 AMX at the 1st Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion in 2006.



The 2006 Show. Check out the Torino in the upper left corner.



SoCaLAMX's All AMC Car Show

The 10th annual SoCaLAMX Car Show, also known as the West Coast All AMC Car Show, is in the books. After all the preparation and worrying, it's a done deal. Speaking as a car show promoter, the best thing about a car show is when it's over!

Having said that although, without certain people's help my job would not have been possible, or at least much harder, I have to thank Tom Macomber, owner of the hobby shop Pegasus Hobbies next door to the show, for helping me in advance and during the day to set up the show area and to allow use of his building's restrooms. Once again the Chick ladies, Kati and Karley, came through in the clutch running the registration booth and selling raffle tickets, and Kati printed up the car window sheets in advance—great job. And without his permission to use his property (parking lot) the owner of 911 Design Loren Beggs must be thanked!

The biggest acknowledgement must go to each of the owners who brought their cars to the show, each entry was an AMC treasure. There were quite a few new faces in the crowd which was great. At the same time I was disappointed to not see some of the faces of past shows. I am going to do my darnedest over the next year to promote next year's show so we can get an even better turnout.

The weekend started out with a tour of the nearby "Planes of Fame" Air Museum at Chino Airport. At the end of the tour everyone present accepted the invitation to have dinner at the onsite diner known as Flo's Café. The special of the night was Prime Rib, which they were well stocked, and several of us enjoyed tremendously!

So Saturday morning I was once again up early, to meet Tom Macomber at the airport for breakfast, to buy him breakfast as a bribe for helping out with the show. Afterwards we were both down at the show site shortly after 8am giving us plenty of time to set up and rubber cones and yellow safety tape, to cordon our area off from the parking area of the building's tenants. It worked! It appeared all day, that although the businesses were busy, there was always at least one open parking spot for their customers.

We had a different DJ guy than year's previous due to the fact the other guy was already booked.

The new guy was Tracy and he did fine. The gasoline powered generator I bought for his use quit once but fired right back up after refueling. The following day I tried to start it up to see how reliable it'd be and it refused to run for more than a few seconds. What do you expect for \$94 from Harbor Freight?

I tried to get out and walk around and see the cars and talk to the owners and take pictures. I didn't succeed as well as I wanted to on the pictures. However I asked Tom Dulaney present at the show to take pictures for me and he did a great job. I'll post all of his and my photos for everyone to see.

So the end of the show came around all too quickly. Five hours, from 10am to 3pm, what do you think of the total time? Too much, not enough? Four hours certainly is too short, but I feel 6 would be dragging it out too long on a hot day, that's why I make it five, plus the start time of 10am means you don't have to get up so early. At least not as early as me!

Last year I switched from having trophy classes to a Top 10 arrangement. It makes it simpler to park the cars, to vote on a ballot sheet, and to order trophies. So here's the list of winners from the show. I had a 4 way tie for the last three Top 10 spots so I drew straws and the unlucky person to be dropped out of competition was Dave Chick. Tom Macomber, owner of the hobby store next door, ran over and came back with a plastic 70 AMX model as a consolation prize, which was awarded to Dave thereafter. Thank you Dave for understanding.

Best of Show

Megan Hallisey, Red 1971 AMC Javelin

TOP 10

Jim Weil, Frost White 1970 AMC AMX
Mark Fletcher, Blue 1967 AMC Rouge
Jason Fisher, Yellow 1941 Hudson Convertible
Chris Pomykala, RWB 1970 AMC Rebel Machine
Steve Fox, RWB 1969 AMC SC/Rambler
Dan Hallisey, Bittersweet Orange 70 AMC Machine
Jay Baker, BBO 1969 AMC AMX
Tom Buckley, BBG 1970 AMC AMX
Thomas Garcia, Maroon 1963 Rambler American 440
John McKee, RWB 1969 AMC SC/Rambler

MARK MELVIN

The Planes of Fame Museum Tour



The 2016 SoCalAMX AMC Car Show

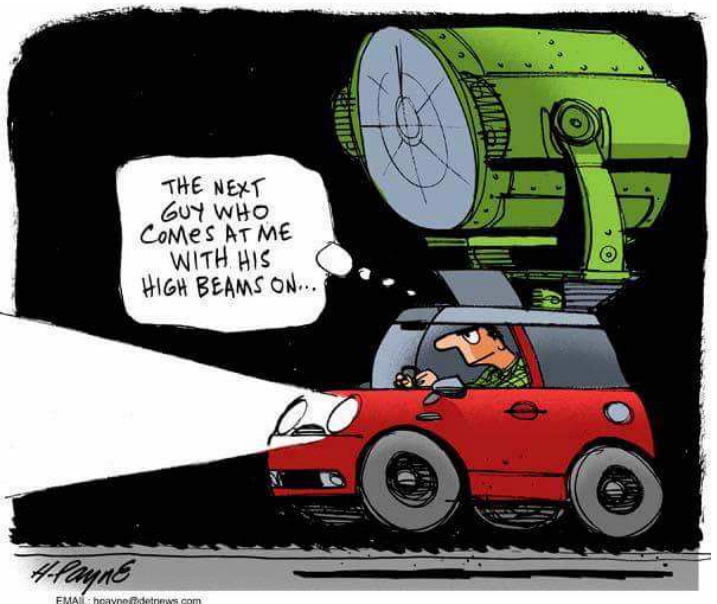
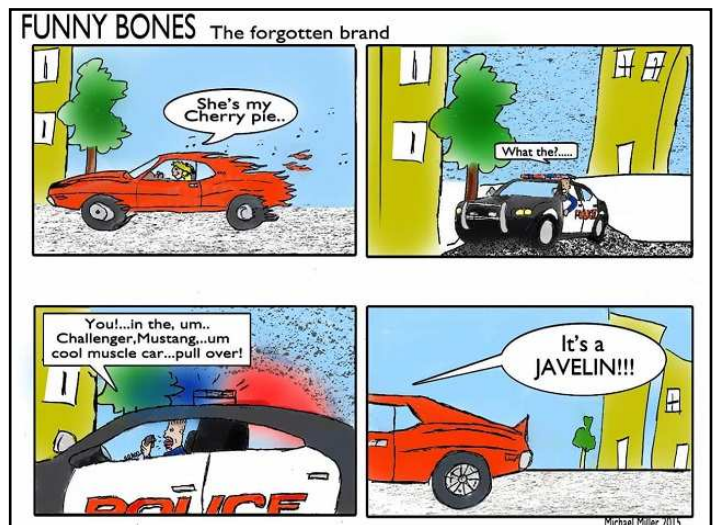


For more photos: <http://tiny.cc/socalamx16>





DRAG RACING
 — YOU EITHER —
LOVE IT
 OR YOU'RE
WRONG



AMCRC Western National

Good Afternoon everyone, Here's an update on the AMCRC Western National meet on July 29—30, 2016 in Santa Maria, CA. Thanks everyone for encouraging us to do this so I hope to see everyone in July. Don't forget to let your friends and family know.

Best regards, Stan Kelly
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408-821-7812

Show Details:

What: AMCRC Western National, Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers.

When: July 29—30, 2016

Where: Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, CA

Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel, 3455 Skyway Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455 805-928-8000 (Mention Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers" to get the show rate of \$139.00/night)

Pre-Registration: \$20.00 per vehicle (before May 31, 2016 After June 1, 2016 \$25.00)

Schedule:

Friday July 29 2016

- Santa Maria Valley Drive tour: 9:00am—1:00pm Stop in Los Olivas for self-guided tour of down town and winery shops.
- Mendenhall's Museum 1:30pm—4:00pm mendenhallmuseum.com/ cost \$10 per person at the door
- Ellen's Pancake House 4:00pm—We have a room reserved for dinner and conversation

Saturday July 30, 2016

AMCRC Western Regional Meet 7:00am—4:00pm

Gates Open: 7:00am

People Choice Balloting: 10:00am—12:00pm

Raffle/drawing announcements: 3:00pm

For More info contact:

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Ken Norman 805-878-8096

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Other attractions in and around Santa Maria:

Santa Barbara, Solvang, Hearst Castle, Paseo Robles Wine Country

2016

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Hosted by: Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers

July 29 – 30, 2016
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Santa Maria CA

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3455 Skyway Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455
Mention "Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers" for special \$139/night rate.



Celebrating Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers 20th Anniversary

Registration Form:

Name: _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ email: _____

Entry Number:

Car Registration:

Before: May 31, 2016: \$20.00 After June 1, 2016: \$25.00

Year / Make / Model

1. _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

2. _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

2016 Santa Maria Tee Shirt Pre-order: NOTE: We are only selling T's Pre-order No additional will be available.

___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL Tee's # _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed:

\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers**

Mail this form and payment to: Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers, c/o Stan Kelly 1378 S Newcomb Street Porterville, CA 93257

For more information, visit our website: www.pgrr.org
or Contact: Stan Kelly, (408-821-7812) or Ken Norman, (805-878-8096)

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[Show Features](#)

Friday Tour followed by FREE Barbeque hosted by SNAMC
Event T-shirt Dash Plaque Raffles Awards

[For more information, visit:](#)

www.snamc.amcrc.com

www.hooverdamlodge.com



Metropolitan

Jeep

2016 Las Vegas AMC Reunion Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-mail _____

Club Affiliation (s) _____

VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$40 per car (registration includes event t-shirt)

Please indicate shirt size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Additional shirts available for **\$20** per shirt: Qty _____ Size(s) _____

SWAP MEET SPACE:

\$30 per space (20' x 20') No. of spaces _____

TOTAL OF ALL FEES..... \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **SOUTHERN NEVADA AMC CLUB**

Mail to: Las Vegas AMC Reunion, c/o Raymond Hatcher

8300 Opal Cove Rd.

Las Vegas, NV 89128

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Signature



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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.

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