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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

27th Annual Burger Run

January 11, 2014
Vista, CA

<http://www.burgerrun.info/>

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/join.htm

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

Cruise the Rose Parade!

Come one, come all! This year on New Year Eve's day (Tuesday, December 31) I am going to drive my AMX to where the old Fuddruckers in Pasadena used to be, nearby Foothill & Rosemead off the 210 freeway. There starting from 7am will be around 300 or more classic cars meeting up to check out each other's cars and drink coffee and grab some food. Then at 10am everybody jumps in their cars and head east on Foothill which turns into Colorado Blvd.

Hey, that happens to be the Rose Parade route and there will be thousands of people sitting on the curb getting into position for the parade the next day—and will be bored and find very exciting to see hundreds of cool cars cruising down the street in front of them. At the west end of the route everybody hangs a U-turn and cruises back in the opposite direction. I welcome anybody to join me. Contact me on Yahoo Groups if you have any questions..

Mark Melvin

Now AMCRC!

It's official! AMCRC has accepted our application to join them as a chartered club. I emailed our application in last Friday to AMCRC President Brian Yacino and had a response by the same evening. I was able to communicate with AMCRC Membership Chairperson Sandy Busque and get the membership numbers listed below before our club members even received them.

By being a chartered club we will now be eligible for event insurance for our annual car show held in May each year.

Each new member should shortly receive from AMCRC a starter package of sorts which should contain an issue of their quarterly publication called Rambler Reader, a window decal, and other goodies.

Thank you for everyone who stepped up and joined up for AMCRC. I was hoping to get at least five people and ended up with 18! Here's the list..

Steve Fox 8634
Randy Kirby 9399
Mark Melvin 9470
Ron Akerman 9476
Dominic Silvestri 9551
Jeff Jung 9554
Dale Crum 9583
Roger Realsen 9605
Jim Weil 9630
Jerry Le Mon 9633
Dave Chick 9634
Allen Tyler 9636
John Siciliano 9637
John Caley 9638
Richard White 9639
Keith Magee 9644
Robert Welther 9649
Nat Powers 9650

Orphan Car Show

October 19th, 2013 was the date of the 10th annual Southern California Cougar Club & Mercury's car show in Anaheim. The show features mostly Ford powered cars but also cater to odd-ball and orphaned cars, which hey, includes AMC, so that's why we were there! We had six cars there from our club; myself, Bob Martinez, John Siciliano, John Hayes, Randy Kirby, and Jerry Le Mon.

Winners of trophies in the AMC class were John Hayes (68 AMX) (2nd Place), and Jerry Le Mon (68 AMX) (1st Place). John's AMX has a super-charged Chevy power plant in the engine compartment which draws many looks from spectators.

Jerry is the original owner of his AMX. He told me he bought it in 1968 in Long Beach when he was 29 years old. After 45 years of ownership

Dave Chick and I attended this unusual and quite interesting show a couple of years ago (this year, on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013.)

Here's a description of what you will find there: This is an event we look forward to all year long. Restricted to pre-1933 cars (although everything shows up,) the morning starts with a casual car show of up to 400 cars—ranging from unrestored Model T Fords to meticulously restored Duesenbergs. Many cars that are never seen on SoCal roads show up for this event. In mid-morning the cars head out onto local streets for a tour mapped out by the Horseless Carriage Club. No pre-registration; just show up for a great day. If you don't have a car to drive, come anyway, just to look.

Holiday Motor Excursion
Irwindale Motor Speedway,
Live Oak Ave at the 605 Freeway, Irwindale, CA

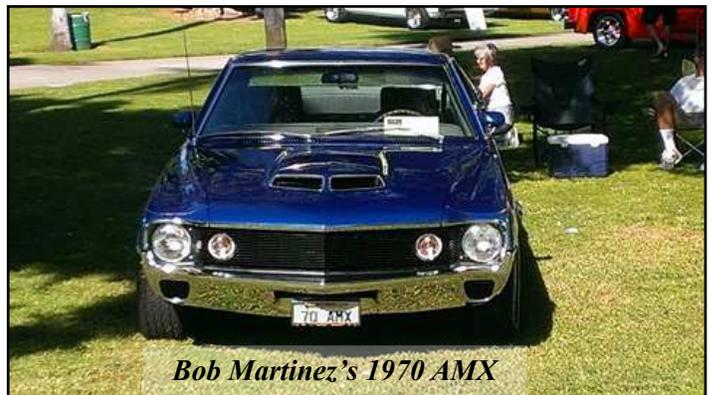
I'll be attending this interesting show this year...anyone else? Just show up early (like 8:00 am or before) to see cars you have probably never seen before.

Steve Fox



he is now 70 years old and ever more the proud owner of his car! Jerry told me he will never sell the car, not until the day he dies. By the way, Jerry was excited too for winning 1st Place at the car show. He hasn't won a piece of hardware like that since the 70's he said.

Mark Melvin



Hi Mark,

Just posted a quick introduction and have attached pictures of my road racing prepped 1970 AMX. It features a 1975 Bobby Allison NASCAR engine, NASCAR drivetrain and Trans Am suspension yet remains street legal. It was at the 2011 AMO Nationals in Sedona and featured in the Sept 2012 edition of Hemmings Muscle Machine. Thanks!

Hal Lynch



Rebel SST

My name is Roger Realsen. I have been a SoCal resident since preschool (defacto native I would say). Now in my late 40's, I am a telecommuting IT Consultant and actually do like what I do. Have been doing the "Work from home" thing for about 4 1/2 years now. About 1 year in to it, having my Yukon Denali sitting in the driveway 95% of it's life seemed a waste, so we sold it. About 1 1/2 years later, having to play car-jockey with my wife's vehicle was getting to be a pain so I went on the search for a "small, cheap" solution ... so eBay, Auto Trader and Craigslist became my daily ritual.

Now, I am not a "car guy" in the sense that I know mechanics ... I would probably mess up attempting an old change these days (last time I did that, I was in high school). However, I have always loved and appreciated older cars. I tend to watch nearly every car or car related show on TV (really like Overhaulin').

So one day in June 2012 this 1967 AMC Rambler Rebel SST came up for sale on eBay. A true running, daily driver that looked immaculate from the pictures. Even better yet it was local. I



Emailed the seller and went to test drive it. It drove fine for what I could tell (again I am not a tech guy at all). Anyway, I ended up making a successful offer and have been the wonderfully happy owner ever since.

So here I am ... I joined SoCalAMX, AMCRC and just about every Facebook Group I could relating to AMC and/or AMX.

Sincerely, *Roger Realsen*

Las Vegas Show Report

Here's the report on our annual trip to Las Vegas for the AMC Reunion put on by Mark Ogulnick's club. On Thursday after getting off from work I met up with Randy & Cindy Kirby



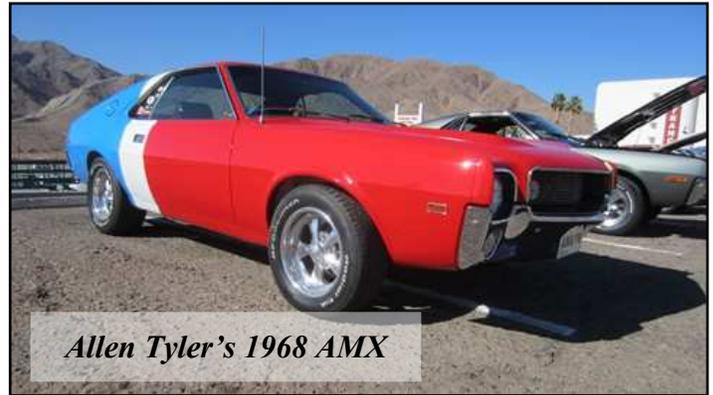
(70 Rebel Machine), John Siciliano (69 AMX), and Allen Tyler (68 AMX) at the usual McDonalds in Hesperia. From there we convoyed to a lunch stop in Barstow at a local Italian eating joint, and further convoyed to the Railroad Pass



Hotel and arrived mid-afternoon. The rest of the day was spent equally between the gambling tables, slot machines, drinking beers with the local AMC'ers, and eating dinner at the hotel's buffet.

I started Friday off by going to a favorite breakfast café in Boulder City called the "Coffee Cup" and loaded up on an omelet, pancakes, and coffee. Around noon time those there at the hotel convoyed to downtown Las Vegas to visit an automotive museum called the "Sunbelt Collection."

My second visit there but I enjoyed it more this time around. There are pictures of these special

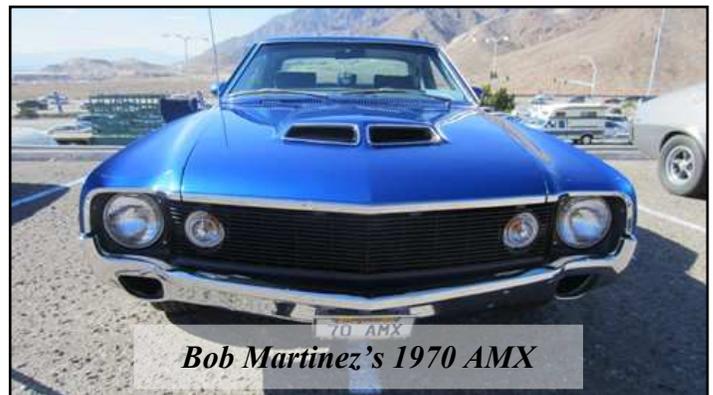


cars at the museum at this link: <http://goo.gl/nNts5f>.

Arriving later on Friday were Hobie Kaptan (69 AMX), Bob Martinez (70 AMX), Dale & Carol



Crum (70 Javelin), Richard White (68 AMX), Steve Fox (69 Scrambler), and Steve Dawson (69 AMX). After the museum visit everybody headed over to the local park where the

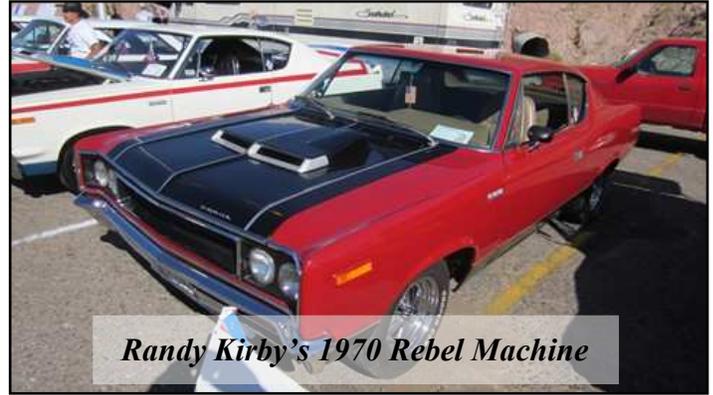


SNAMC club put on another one of their great bar-b-q's. Sweating over the stove was once again Andy Ray, with beer in hand. Burgers & hot dogs were cooked until the packages were emptied.

Saturday started with another trip to the Coffee Cup with myself and Dave & Kati, Hobie, Bob,



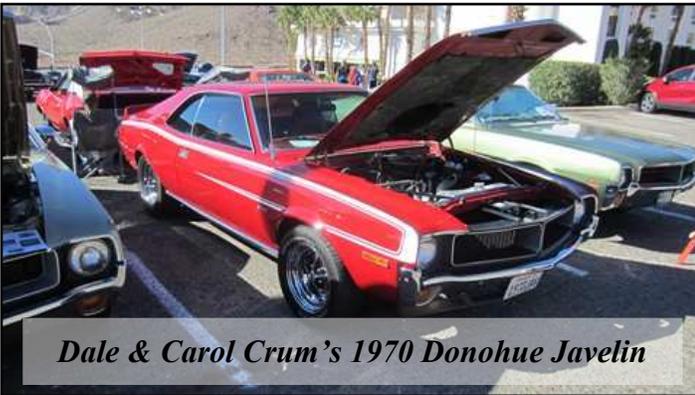
Hobie Kaptan's 1969 AMX



Randy Kirby's 1970 Rebel Machine

Randy & Cindy. Soon after arriving back at the hotel the car show was on. This 8th annual show set a record for AMC vehicle attendance at 65 cars! A lot of miles were put on the shoes of everyone walking up and down the lines, talking to one another, and taking pictures. Pictures of the show can be viewed at this link: <http://goo.gl/HCTUKU>.

mance. Before the buffet banquet everyone met in the Chick's room for happy hour. Sunday morning dawned early and I headed towards the, now often visited, Coffee Cup restaurant. As I warmed up my AMX I noticed that John S., Allen T., Steve D., and Steve F. had already started their trek home. After motoring over to Boulder City I bumped into Dale and Carol and joined them for breakfast. Together we followed each other home and waved goodbye at the 15 & 10 freeways.



Dale & Carol Crum's 1970 Donohue Javelin

At the end of the show everyone moved into the hotel to the meeting room where trophies were presented to the winners of each class. From



Steve Dawson's 1969 AMX



Steve Fox's 1969 SC/Rambler

our club we won four trophies; Dale Crum 2nd Place Javelin, John Siciliano 2nd Place Stock AMX, Allen Tyler 1st Place non-Stock AMX, and Randy Kirby 1st Place Specialty/High Perform-



Two New Friends!

I had a great Sunday two weeks ago. I made new friends with 4 people, all of which are involved in the separate restorations of two 69 AMXs.

First I met up with Robert Welther and his son, at their Woodland Hills home to deliver a set of exhaust manifolds from the previous week's Las



Cameron & Robert Welther

Vegas Show. The father and son team are restoring a 1969 390 Auto Go-Pack AMX. This is the first car for 15 year old son Cameron and the car is well under way in its restoration. It has already been stripped down and is hanging on a rotisserie.

They have a three car garage just for the project, complete with one of those "gas station" type lifts in the middle bay. If possible I hope to keep everyone updated from time to time on the progress.

Later the same day I drove from Woodland Hills to Temecula to meet up with Jim McBreaty and Alan Cooper to look at some parts I had for



Jim McBreaty's 1969 AMX

sale. Jim is restoring a 1969 AMX in the San Diego area and will be joining us when the car is finished.



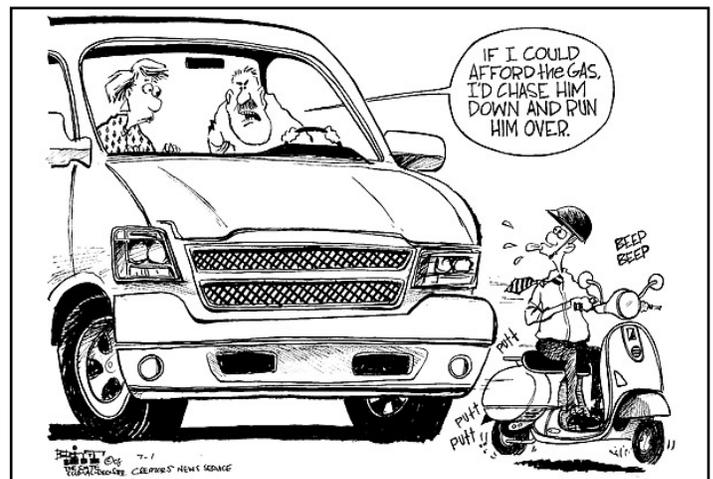
WEBSITE FACELIFT!

The website you see now at socalamx.net has mostly remained unchanged since 2001 when I first designed the page and put it online. It is a static site that never changes unless I make changes to it, and doesn't give anybody a reason to revisit it after an initial viewing. A new site should be dynamic and change daily and bring members to the site often for updated information.

After months of consideration and thought I think I am ready to make the plunge and bring the website up to today's standards. The new site should have, amongst several things, a forum, and a member's car area. It will have an integrated calendar in which Randy Kirby, our club event chairperson, will be able to log in remotely and add events to the calendar. I will try to have it running sometime early in 2014.

Unless my mind changes in the next few weeks I will be using the Word Press software. I have already been testing a version of it. It's very popular among developers and there are almost unlimited modifications available. Stay tuned for updates!

Mark Melvin



MORE 1950's CONCEPT CARS..



1955 LINCOLN INDIANAPOLIS



1955 MERCURY D524



1956 BUICK CENTURION II



1956 OLDSMOBILE GOLDEN ROCKET



1956 PACKARD PREDICTOR



1956 PONTIAC CLUB DE MER



1957 CHRYSLER DIABLO



1958 FORD X-2000



1959 CADILLAC CYCLONE



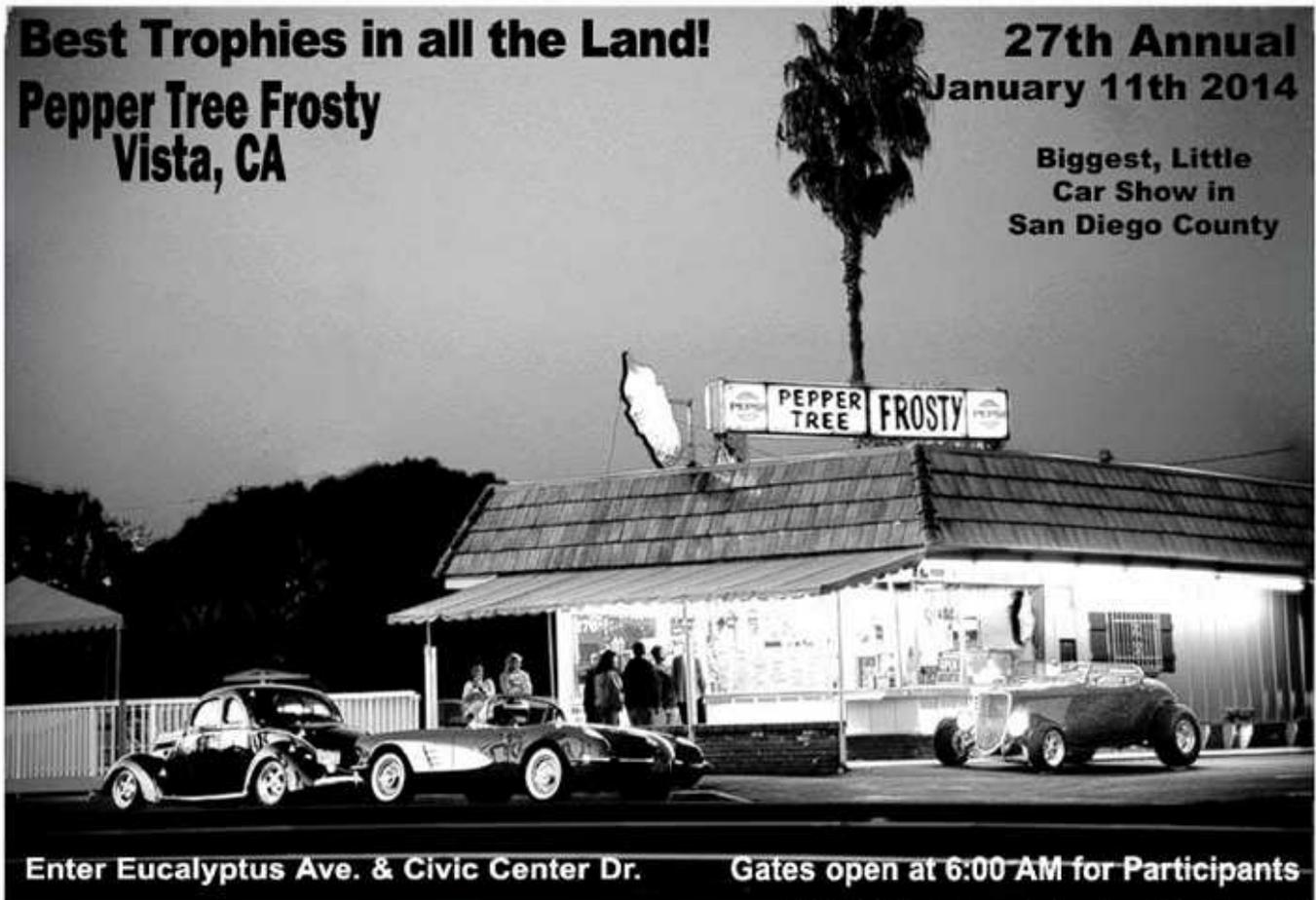
1959 GM FIREBIRD III

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CACTUS CLASSIC XIII
Cactus Cruisers AMC of Phoenix, AZ
April 4th, 5th & 6th, 2014



Cactus Cruisers AMC presents their Thirteenth annual Cactus Classic AMC Car Show.

Friday 4/04/14 2 pm to 4:30 pm Garage Tour

Meet at the AMC Hobby Shop of Dan Curtis, 10728 N. 96th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Afterwards, caravan over to the Cactus Cruiser BBQ at the Fletcher's.

Friday 4/04/14 5 pm to 8 pm BBQ at the Fletcher's

Cactus Cruisers Annual BBQ sponsored by our club and hosted at Kirk & Terry Fletcher's home, 12115 N. 73rd Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have everything except alcohol, BYOB.

Saturday 4/05/14 8 am to 3 pm Cactus Classic XIII AMC Car Show

Car Show will be at the North Hills Church of God parking lot, 15025 North 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023 South of Greenway & East of 19th Ave. 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 AMC, Rambler, Metropolitan, Nash, Nash-Healey, Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, Willys & Jeep vehicles of all years. There will also be two classes for Mopars and two classes for all Orphan makes with the classes divided at 66 and older & 67 and newer.

Saturday 4/05/14 : 4 pm to 9 pm Cruise Night at K-Mart / Mixteca

Glendale Saturday Cruise Night hosted by K-Mart, Mixteca & Nancy Perry Productions. We will have a section reserved for our AMC's. The location is at 6767 W. Bell Rd, Glendale, AZ 85000, 5 miles West of the I-17, 3 miles East of the Loop 101, Southwest corner of Bell Rd. & 67 Ave.

Sunday 4/06/14 : 7:30 am to 9:30 am Breakfast at The Embassy Suites

We will gather for a no-host buffet Breakfast at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023.

Host Hotel : The Embassy Suites Phoenix North

Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023 Reservation 602-375-1777 Fax 602-375-4012. Located one block East of the I-17, South side of Greenway Rd.

http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/PHXNOES-Embassy-Suites-Phoenix-North-Arizona/index.do

For additional information contact

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CACTUS CLASSIC XIII
April 5th, 2014
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
North Hills Church of God Parking Lot
15025 North 19th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85023

Please complete and return this form with your check for the correct amount to **Cactus Cruisers AMC** and send to Gary & Elda Zinman, 20625 N 63rd Dr, Glendale, AZ 85308 623-566-7956 e-mail gzinman@cox.net. For additional information you may also contact Kirk & Terry Fletcher at 623-486-3620 e-mail fletchkirk@hotmail.com. One application form per vehicle. For multiple vehicle entries please use a separate entry blank for each vehicle. ***Please Print Clearly*** ***20 classes now available to choose from!***

Name _____

Address _____

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Registration Verification: e-mail address _____

Club Affiliation: AMO _____ Cactus Cruisers AMC _____ Other _____

Vehicle Information

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Engine _____ Trans _____ Rear Axle _____ Class Code _____

Car Show Entry postmarked before 3/16/14	\$20.00	_____	Will you be participating at these Events? Friday Garage Tour Yes _____ No _____ Friday Night BBQ Yes _____ No _____ Saturday Night Cruise Yes _____ No _____ Sunday No-Host Breakfast at the Embassy Suites Yes _____ No _____
Car Show Entry postmarked before 3/30/14	\$22.50	_____	
Car Show Entry (Day of Show)	\$25.00	_____	
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' before 3/16/14	\$20.00	_____	
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' after 3/15/14	\$30.00	_____	
Display Only	\$10.00	_____	

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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 (DO)

AMC Class	(AMC)	1970 - 88	----- All AMC's from 70-88 (except those that fit into other classes)
AMX Stock Class	(AMX)	1968 - 70	----- All 2 seat AMX's Less than four Modifications like Tires
AMX Modified Class	(MOD)	1968 - 70	-----All 2 Seat AMX's More than three Modifications like Exhaust
Display Only Class	(DIS)	1903 - 98	-----All other non-judged participating vehicles, will have separate parking
Driver Class/Survivor	(DRI)	1903 - 98	-----Non-restored cars that are used as daily basic transportation
Eagle Class	(EAG)	1980 - 98	----- All body styles of the AMC Eagle, Eagle Talon's, Summit's & Premiers
Hudson & Nash Class	(H&N)	1957 - Older	----- All Hudson's & Nash's from 57 and older (except Metropolitan Class)
Gremlin	(GRM)	1970 - 78	-----All Gremlins, 2 seat and 4 seats, bases and X-models
Javelin Class	(JAV)	1968 - 74	----- All Javelin's (Base, SST & AMX)
Jeep & Willy's Class	(J&W)	1941 - 91	----- All Jeep's build by Willys, Kaiser, AMC & Chrysler up to 1991
Mopars Older Class	(M66)	1966 - Older	----- All Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge & Desoto vehicles 1966 and older
Mopars Newer Class	(M67)	1967 - Newer	----- All Chrysler, Plymouth & Dodge vehicles 1967 and newer
Metropolitan	(MET)	1954 - 62	----- All Metropolitan's
Orphan Older Class	(O66)	1966 - Older	-----All makes of Orphan Cars & Trucks
Orphan Newer Class	(O67)	1967- Newer	-----All makes of Orphan Cars & Trucks
Performance Class	(PER)	1969 - 87	----- SC/Rambler, Machine, SC360, 77-80 AMX, Renault GTA & R5 Turbo
Race Car Class	(RAC)	1903 - 88	----- Barely or non-street legal cars used mostly for race purposes
Rambler Class	(RAM)	1958 - 69	----- All Rambler's from 58-69 (except those that fit into other classes)
Rambler Legacy	(RML)	1957 - Older	----- All Rambler's from 57 and older
Under Construction Class	(UNC)	1903 - 98	----- Cars that are clearly under construction and are not fully assembled

(All entries subject to review by CCAMC Meet Officials)

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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.