



# SoCalAMX



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## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

### 29th Annual Burger Run

January 9, 2016  
Vista, CA  
[burgerrun.info](http://burgerrun.info)

### Grand National Roadster Show

January 29-31, 2016  
LA Fairplex, Pomona, CA  
[rodshows.com/gnrs](http://rodshows.com/gnrs)

### 2016 AMO National Convention

July 27-30, 2016  
Rockford, IL  
[amonational.com](http://amonational.com)

### 2017 Kenosha Homecoming

July 25-29, 2017  
Kenosha, WI  
[kenoshahistorycenter.org/events.html](http://kenoshahistorycenter.org/events.html)

Check the online Calendar at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net)

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above. Go to [socalamx.net/1/join.htm](http://socalamx.net/1/join.htm)

Check out “[socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com)” for listings of shows in SoCal!



### 2015 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

The annual pilgrimage to Las Vegas for the much heralded AMC Car Show, run by car show master, Mark Ogulnick, is definitely past us now, almost 6 weeks so, so it's best I get a tail wagging and publish the report before the current year runs out on us all.



So on the first weekend of November 2015, I took off for Las Vegas on Thursday afternoon, after I got off work earlier in the day. I did that so I could sleep in Friday morning, which of course I did not do, because I had to hit my favorite breakfast diner, the “Coffee Cup” in Boulder City, early to beat the locals there and not have to fight them for a seat. It is quite a popular spot in town.

Friday marked the beginning of the mass arrival of AMC kin folk from the local area and surrounding states. There was a tour of a local mine scheduled, which many people attended. I stayed back at the hotel with the intent to get my 68 AMX out of its trailer and fired up in time to drive it to the much-anticipated bar-b-q to be held mid-afternoon. Good thing I allowed extra time to do this. The car at first did not want to start.

With Allen Tyler's assistance, we soon had it running. Seems there was a loose wire on the starter solenoid. The car ran fine to the bar-b-q and back to the hotel.

Saturday morning, the day of the show, greeted us with a cool reception, as in a cool breeze. The sky was clear so it did not take long for the sun to warm us up. The weather was perfect for a car show.

Personally, the one thing could make it even better next year, would be if there was a Brats and Beer vendor on site. Otherwise, Mark Ogulnick and his SNAMC Club did another knockout job of hosting their show.

As for awards, after the raffle prize numbers were announced, we headed indoors to the awards room to hand out the hardware. With a gap of time just before the awards, there was an informal "Happy Hour" in Dave & Kati's room, attended by SoCalAMX and local SNAMC members. Thank you to the Chick's for doing this each year. It is a blast!

When everyone gathered inside the banquet room, the awards ritual began and the dazzling and coveted awards were ceremonially called out, and received by their delighted recipients. By the end, there were just two trophies left, "People's Choice" and "Best of Show." The announcer, Mark Ogulnick, stated the winner of each trophy was the same person, and it was a unanimous decision.

Then he called my name. Wow, I was very surprised, but humbly so. It was not so much as me winning, as it was the car being the winner. Moreover, that could not have happened without much help from fellow club members Allan Tyler and John Siciliano. Thank you for your help in restoring the Playmate AMX the past three years.

I am ready for the 2016 Las Vegas AMC Reunion. How about you?

MARK MELVIN



For more pictures visit:

<http://tiny.cc/snamc15>



# PLAYMATE AMX REPORT

Well the pink Playmate AMX has come full circle. Shortly after buying it in July 2010 I brought it to the Las Vegas AMC Show that year as is, before the restoration began. It was still as the day I first saw and bought it. Five years later it was back at the 2015 Las Vegas AMC Show, fully restored, winning Best of Show at the awards presentation.



Playmate AMX article now available in January 2016 Muscle Car Review



I was honored to have a second "Playmate Pink" AMX park next to me. A note of AMC history on this second pink AMX. In 1969 there was a school teacher in Missouri that ordered a pink 69 AMX from the local dealership. Her 69 AMX and the 68 Playmate AMX are the only two 2-seater AMXs known to have been painted "Playmate Pink" at the factory. It only took some 47 years for these two special cars to meet each other at an AMC car show. Thank you Mike Dundon for bringing your car to the show.



Next up for the Playmate AMX is the Grand National Roadster Show in January at the LA County Fairgrounds "Fairplex." Come check it out and many more cool custom cars.

MARK MELVIN



*The Best Of Show Trophy*



*I hereby announce my candidacy for President of the Playmate AMX Club.*



*My mom stopped by to see what was going on and couldn't resist the chance for a photo-op in the Playmate AMX.*



## 36th Annual Room'n Relics Car Show

The annual car show in Moorpark, this year in 2015 it was just Hobie and myself. I had my camera fully charged and loaded with memory but wasn't too much into taking pictures that day. One car did interest me and I took several of that car as see.

MARK MELVIN





### Burger Run—January 9, 2016

It's that time of the year again, the big Burger Run in Vista. Next year it is on January 9, we meet early nearby so we can find a large enough spot to park our cars together. The planned meeting place is the McDonalds around the corner, usually around 6:30am. Contact me or Randy for details. Let's see you there with or without your car!

### Grand National Roadster Show 2016

The GNRS is coming up in January from the 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. The Playmate AMX will be on display inside one of the buildings. Dave & Kati Chick with their white 68 AMX, and myself with my 69 AMX, will be driving in and parking next to one of the buildings. Come on down and check out all of the many gorgeous custom cars on display!



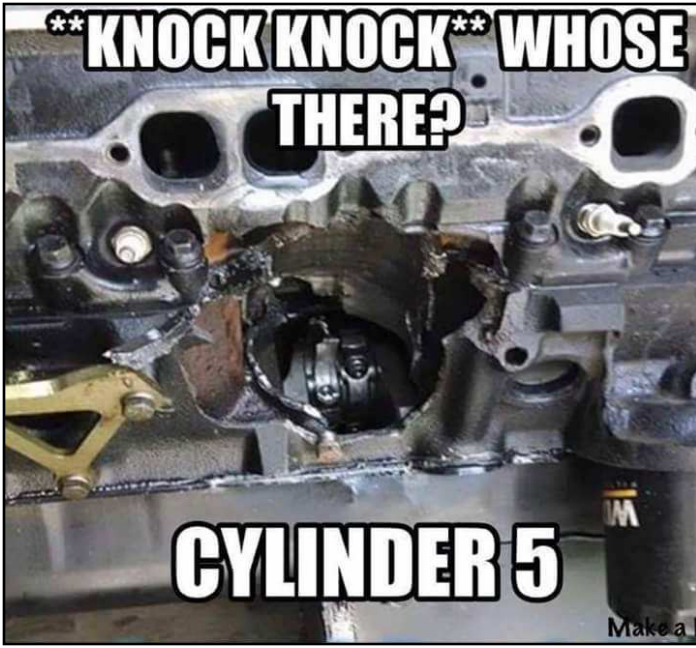




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Pepper Tree Frosty  
Vista, CA

29th Annual  
January 9th 2016

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Car Show in  
San Diego County



Enter Eucalyptus Ave. & Civic Center Dr.

Gates open at 6:00 AM for Participants

Check us out on our web site at [www.burgerrun.info](http://www.burgerrun.info)

Pepper Tree Frosty, 270 So. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, Ca.

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PRE ENTRY BY JAN. 4TH - \$10.00 OR \$15.00 AT THE SHOW

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