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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Las Vegas AMC Reunion 09

AMC Rambler Club Southwest Regional Meet
November 6-7, 2009
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino
Henderson, NV
<http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html>

23rd Annual Burger Run

January 9th, 2010
Vista, CA
<http://www.burgerrun.info/>

Grand National Roadster Show

January 31, 2010
LA County Fair Grounds, Pomona
<http://www.rodshows.com/gnrs/>

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Vegas Show Update

The big trip to the Vegas AMC Show is just a week from now—are you ready! Yesterday I called Mark Ogulnick, president of the Southern Nevada AMC Club, to see if there were any updates for us to be aware of, and by golly there is! The main thing he wanted to stress to me is to be early to the Lake Mead paddle boat tour. It starts on Friday at 2pm and that doesn't mean to arrive at 1:59! Mark is planning on leaving the show's host hotel—the Railroad Pass Hotel—at 12:30 to convoy our AMC's through the streets of Boulder City, and arrive at the boat dock around 1pm. After the boat tour there is a bar-b-q dinner back in Boulder City for all AMC participants.

As for the SoCalAMX folks convoying to the Vegas area, I just looked up on maps.google.com and it shows that from my house in West Covina to the Railroad Pass Hotel is a 271 mile trip, taking 4 hours and a few minutes, at a 60-65 mph pace. I'm thinking that I should be leaving from my house around 7am, to allow extra time for a fuel and/or food stop along the way and still make it to the hotel by 12:30pm. There will be a final round up point in the Victorville area for the San Diego, Orange County, San Gabriel Valley areas to meet at. There are still time/meeting place arrangements to be worked out with the others convoying Friday, and the best place to work that out is through Yahoo Groups from now to when we leave on Friday.

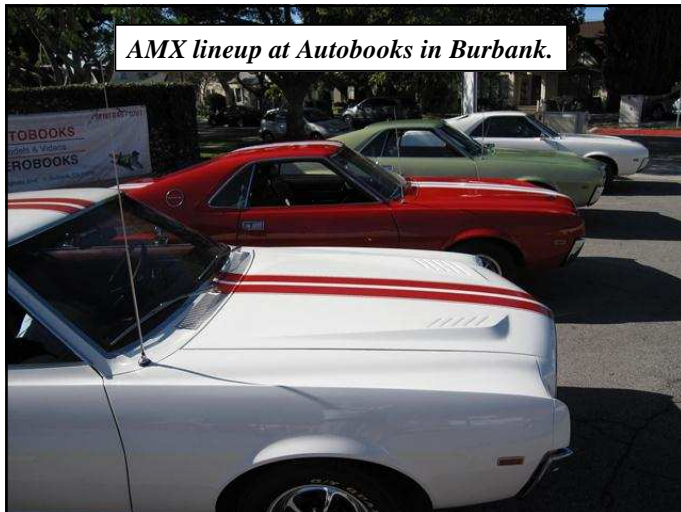
On the following list are those whom I'm aware that are going to Vegas next weekend. If you're planning on going but not on the list let us know through Yahoo Groups that you are coming! Mark..

John Caley 68 AMX
Dave and Kati Chick 68 AMX
Steve Fox 68 AMX
Mark Melvin 69 AMX
John Siciliano 69 AMX
Randy Kirby 70 AMX
Bob Martinez 70 AMX



SUPER SATURDAY!

October 17 was Super Saturday for anybody that made it to the three events planned for the day—the Autobooks store in Burbank, the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, and the Route 66 Car Show in Santa Clarita. Steve Fox was a real trooper for coming all the way from San Diego and still arriving early, along with John Caley from Mission Viejo.



AMX lineup at Autobooks in Burbank.

Event One:

The Autobooks store every Saturday morning in Burbank hosts a coffee cruise of sorts. I've heard reports in the past about the place being swamped by hundreds of cars parked on the surrounding streets. However on the morning of October 17th when we visited, it was rather quite subdued, with less than 20 cars maybe. Steve and John arrived first, and Dave and Kati, and Mark soon after. Regardless, the browsing in the store of all kinds of auto books



AMC's at the Nethercutt Museum!



One word, "Nice!"

was great—they even had a small AMC section. And the prelude to the book store was a one block walk to Porto's Bakery, with an outstanding glass showcase of an unimaginable magnitude of pastry delights! John Gallagher,



Rolls Royce

his 69 Javelin still in New York, joined us for the entire day. Welcome to the group John!

Event Two:

After several hours of the Autobooks scene we headed for the Nethercutt Car Museum in Sylmar. We originally had planned to visit both the Museum and "Collection," but late in the planning process we got butted out of the "Collection Tour." That will work out okay because we'll have an excuse to return to the Nethercutt, on a future "Super Saturday II." On this particular visit to the Nethercutt we were able to tour the Museum and look at a wide variety of cars with seldom heard names. Each car on display was ready to be driven at a mo-

ment's notice, including oil in the case, gas in the tank, keys near the switch, and most importantly, vehicles licenses registered at the



Steve Fox checks out this Pontiac Catalina..

DMV! There was one wall to the side with showcases full of car nick-nacks, such as horns, lamps, trophies, and more. At the end of the visit we toured an old locomotive and private passenger car outside. When finished with the museum we headed to Bear's Bar-B-Q Pit for lunch. The food was good, but the bar-b-q beans were really outstanding. Anyone got the recipe?



Picture by Hobie.



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Steve Fox's 68 AMX on far end wins "Best Stock" trophy!

Event Three:
One of our favorite shows to attend, the Route 66 Car Show in Santa Clarita was the finale for the day. For the first time since we've attended



A 1948 Tucker

the show there were a few empty parking spots. The weather wasn't cold so maybe it was the economy? We were there and that's what counted! At the end of the night when awards were announced we were pleased to hear Steve Fox's name as recipient of the "Best Stock" car. I'm sure it was a shorter drive home to San Diego for Steve with a trophy in the front seat! By the way, who left an orange Colorado sweat shirt in my trunk?

A future Super Saturday is in the works, with a return to the Nethercutt to tour the "Collection," and two other events in the area TBD.

Mark Melvin
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ROAM'N RELICS 2009

Wow, the Roam'n Relics Car Show is planned for the early birds for sure. I was up at 3am to get ready and meet Steve Fox at 4:30am, to convoy to

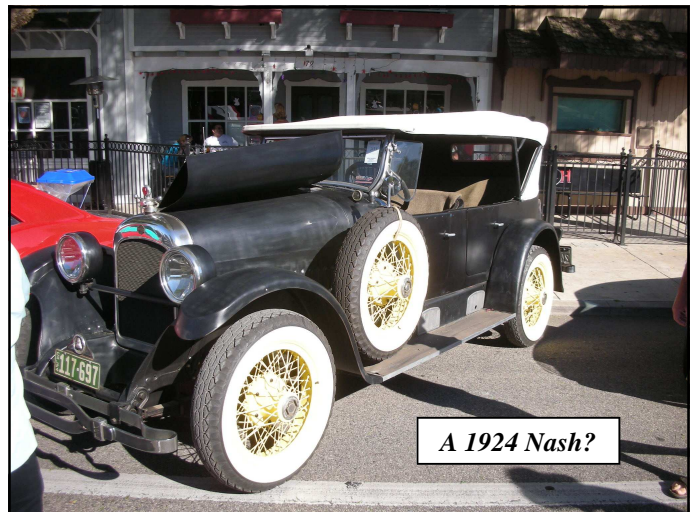


Hold the camera still Hobie!

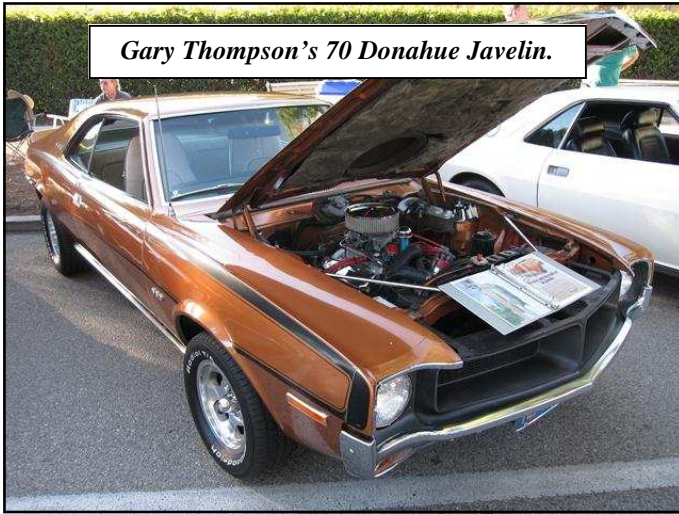
this great car show in Moorpark. The two of us arrived exactly at 5:30am at the Grinder restaurant to meet up with John Caley, Gary Thompson, and Hobie Kaptan, and a few of his friends. Shortly after we motored a few blocks over to the staging



Happy Thanksgiving!



A 1924 Nash?



once all day to take a break, one girl told me. We even returned for lunch at the same café.

As for the show we were parked on the main street near shade, and had lots of lookers all day. The most repeated comment overheard was, "Man, I haven't seen one AMX in a long time, let alone 5 at once!" Gary Thompson, original owner of his 70



area and line up for the show, and Bob Martinez joined us there. We were one of the first ones parked on the main street, and we headed straight to the Cactus Café for a early morning breakfast and watched the car show parking traffic jam mate-



Donahue Javelin joined us in the display of AMC coolness and brotherhood. We walked up and down the street and saw many great cars. Also we couldn't resist two trips to the "Frostie" cone trailer to nourish our sweet teeth for the day! We dropped a few bucks in the raffle buckets but came up empty handed when numbers were called.

Well that's it for car shows in October. There's a two week break in the action to get ready for the Vegas trip next weekend. Get those wheels aired up and let's go!

rialize before us. The food attendants there sure work hard all morning and afternoon, not stopping

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LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION 09

The show is one week away! It's shaping up to be great. We have some incredible cars already registered. We have cars coming from Arizona, California, Idaho, Washington, Utah, Colorado (I hope) and, of course, Nevada. It looks like we'll have an AMX that is featured in an upcoming horror film (and the director may be there as well) and possibly a Pacer X that has never been sold, titled or licensed since it was delivered to the dealership in 1977. If you haven't decided to take the trip to beautiful Boulder City yet (only 30 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip), maybe this will convince you..

- Fantastic Lake Mead Cruise on an authentic paddlewheel boat (November 6th at 2pm)
- Sumptuous BBQ hosted by the Southern Nevada AMC Club at one of B.C.'s nicest parks (following cruise)
- Very accommodating hotel area to wash your car very near the show field roped off show field next to well-traveled highway (great exposure)
- Around the clock security
- DJ playing great music (yes he has "Beep, Beep")
- Great food and beverage specials
- Door prizes from Meguiar's, Mothers, POR-15, California Car Duster, AMSOIL and many more several raffle items with a combined value of over \$1,000
- Terrific (if I do say so myself) goodie bag
- Magnetic Dash plaque
- Awesome (I do mean awesome!) event t-shirt
- Awards
- Other AMC clubs invited to promote their upcoming events

Have I convinced you yet? We want Railroad Pass to be overrun with Red, White and Blue. SEE YOU THERE!

Mark Ogulnick

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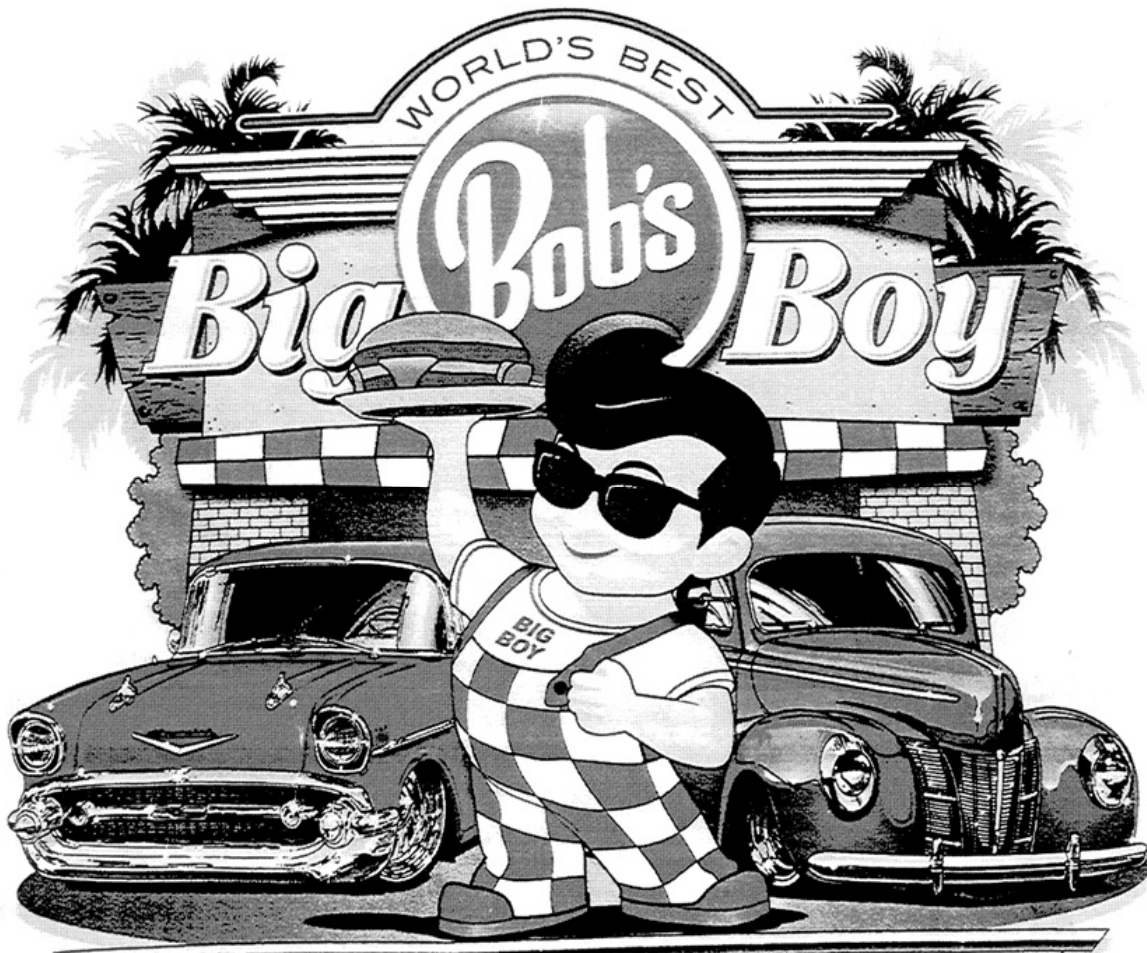
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6. Functional Hood Scoop for cold-air induction.

7. Twin-Grip differential.

8. 10½" diameter clutch.

9. 3.54:1 axle ratio.

10. Power disc brakes (front).

11. Rear axle torque links.

12. Handling package (heavy-duty front sway bar plus heavy-duty springs and shocks).

13. Heavy-duty cooling system (heavy-duty radiator,

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14. A 20:1 manual steering ratio.

15. Special application of new Red, White and Blue exterior colors.

16. Two hood Tie-Downs with locking safety pins and cables.

17. Custom Tear-Drop racing mirrors (one each side).

18. Custom Grille.

19. Custom SC/Rambler-Hurst emblem on front fenders/rear panel.

20. Mag styled wheels, 14" x 6", painted specially to complement exterior color scheme.

21. Five E 70 x 14 Goodyear Polyglas™ Wide-Tread tires.

22. Sports steering wheel.

23. Custom-upholstered head restraints in Red, White and Blue vinyl.

24. All-vinyl charcoal seat upholstery with full carpeting.

25. Individually adjustable reclining seats.

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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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