



SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Super Saturday

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Auto Books Coffee Cruise
Nethercutt Car Museum
Route 66 Car Show
<http://socalamx.net/ss.htm>

Roam'n Relics

October 25, 2009
Moorpark, CA
roamnrelics.com/events.html

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>

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"socalcarculture.com"
for listings of shows in S. Cal!

Speed Festival 2009

Attending the Speed Festival in San Diego this year was my first trip to this racing event. The others had been harping on me how much fun it was so I had to go check it out for myself. Early on the morning of September 27 I met John Caley in Mission Viejo and the two of us convoyed to the Vista area to pick up



Introducing the Cardin Javelin.

Come in and slip into a two-door sporty model.

There are few designers in the same league as Pierre Cardin. Maybe it's because he's just as good at thinking as he is at designing. ("People should feel like they're sitting in a living room instead of sitting in a machine.")

That's why we asked him to take the sporty feeling of the outside of our Javelin SSI and carry it through to the inside.

Only Pierre Cardin can make upholstery look so elegant, door panels so classy, and a headliner so chic.

And only American Motors can give you a Cardin label at the price of a Javelin.

Besides that, the '72 American Motors Javelin is backed up with our Buyer Protection Plan. Which takes the frustration, aggravation and inconvenience out of owning a car.

Step by your American Motors dealer and try on a Javelin for size.



Tom Dulaney, as a passenger, so he could ride in with us.



We met up with the others as we got closer to San Diego and more or less arrived together on Coronado Island.



After parking we started checking out the other cars there as part of a car show. Then we headed over to the pit area to see the cars that were going to be racing



there later in the day. We heard rumors that the three AMC Javelins there had won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place the previous day of racing and wanted to check them out. In doing so we met Dwight Matheson who was there racing a 1969 AMX that had raced at The 12 Hours of Sebring in 1970 as well as numerous SCCA A & B productions races.



Finally after several hours of waiting and watching other classes of racing, the trio of red, white, and blue Javelins took the course, and due to their finishes the day before had the "pole position" on Sunday and never looked back as they finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the second day in a row! You should have seen the Mustangs and Camaros trying to catch up!



At the end of the day on the way out I had a close call with another car (van) as our two lanes narrowed to one as we started up the incline to go over the Coronado Island Bridge. We both survived!

Mark Melvin
1969 AMX



AMC Parking Only!



Dwight Matheson



John, Steve, Randy, and Mark..



ROAD

TRIP

TIPS

How to minimize getting stuck on the side of the road...Or, how I didn't get stuck on the side of the trail the other day when my mtn. bike chain broke!

I went mtn. biking the other day with a couple of buddies. Ten minutes into the ride my chain broke! Mind you, this wasn't my bike—it was borrowed from a buddy who wrenches at a local bike shop and he's a competent mechanic. Ninety times or more out of one hundred chain breakage times, I'd have to walk the bike back home or to the car. Not this time—one of the guys had a chain breaker tool and a master link to repair the broken chain. I couldn't believe they carried this stuff—no one else I know carries this equipment. Fifteen minutes later, with some strong arms and the chain tool, we were off and enjoyed the rest of our ride.

What does this have to do with enjoying our classic cars? During a read of one of the several car magazine publications I subscribe to (<http://skinnedknuckles.net/pages/index.htm>), the author of the article talked about how to minimize getting stuck on the side of the road. If you're like me, you carry a few tools, perhaps—some wrenches, screwdrivers, and other such things. The way I figure it, my towing coverage is approximately 150 miles, so from San Diego to LA or thereabouts, so I can get a flatbed tow back home due to breakdown. In early November, many of us AMC folks are travelling to Lost Wages (Oops, I mean Las Vegas) for the Southern Nevada AMC Club car show (<http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html>). This isn't your run-of-the-mill travel experience. From San Diego, it's about 325 miles to the hotel. Do the math—this means 175 miles of non-towing coverage. What if I break down? What if you break down? Do you have the parts and ability to fix common issues that can plague our classic cars?

Before your car breaks down in the middle of the desert, it might be prudent to inspect your vehicle before the trip. What's the condition of your under-the-hood hoses? Are they cracked or bulging? How about the drive belts. Are they frayed or cracked? If you have any of these issues, maybe they should be addressed before the trip. When was the last time you flushed and refilled your radiator? Do you have the tools to perform an on-the-car repair? My guess is that you'll need to bring extra radiator hoses and drive belts, along with a socket set and pry bar, at the very least.

I went to Harbor Freight Tools recently and stocked up on some inexpensive tools that will do most common repair jobs on our cars. The author of the Skinned Knuckles (Weiss 38-39) suggests, at the very least, "a couple of screwdrivers, Crescent wrenches, pliers, flashlight, extra wire, tape, and a set of 3/8" drive and 1/4" drive socket wrenches, and a fire extinguisher." The "long" list is quite extensive, but includes lots more wrenches, sockets, a hammer, allen wrenches, socket extensions, and more pliers. He adds ".....to be on the safe side, add a can of Fix-A-Flat (in a ziplock bag in case it leaks), two gallons of potable water, two quarts of oil, and WD-40...." Personally, I added a very light work suit made out of Tyvek (so I keep my clothes clean), a tow rope, ground cloth, extra fuses for that fuse that might blow, a gallon of premixed coolant, nitrile gloves, and hand cleaner, among other things. I'm sure that each one of us has our own special tool kits that contain what we think we might need. As Ben Franklin once said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Weiss, Terry. "ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD—A Tool Kit for your Vintage Car." Skinned Knuckles, May 2009: 38-39.

Steve Fox
1968 AMX

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LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION 09

The show is in less than a month. 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

<http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html>



2009 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

AMCRC Southwest Regional Meet



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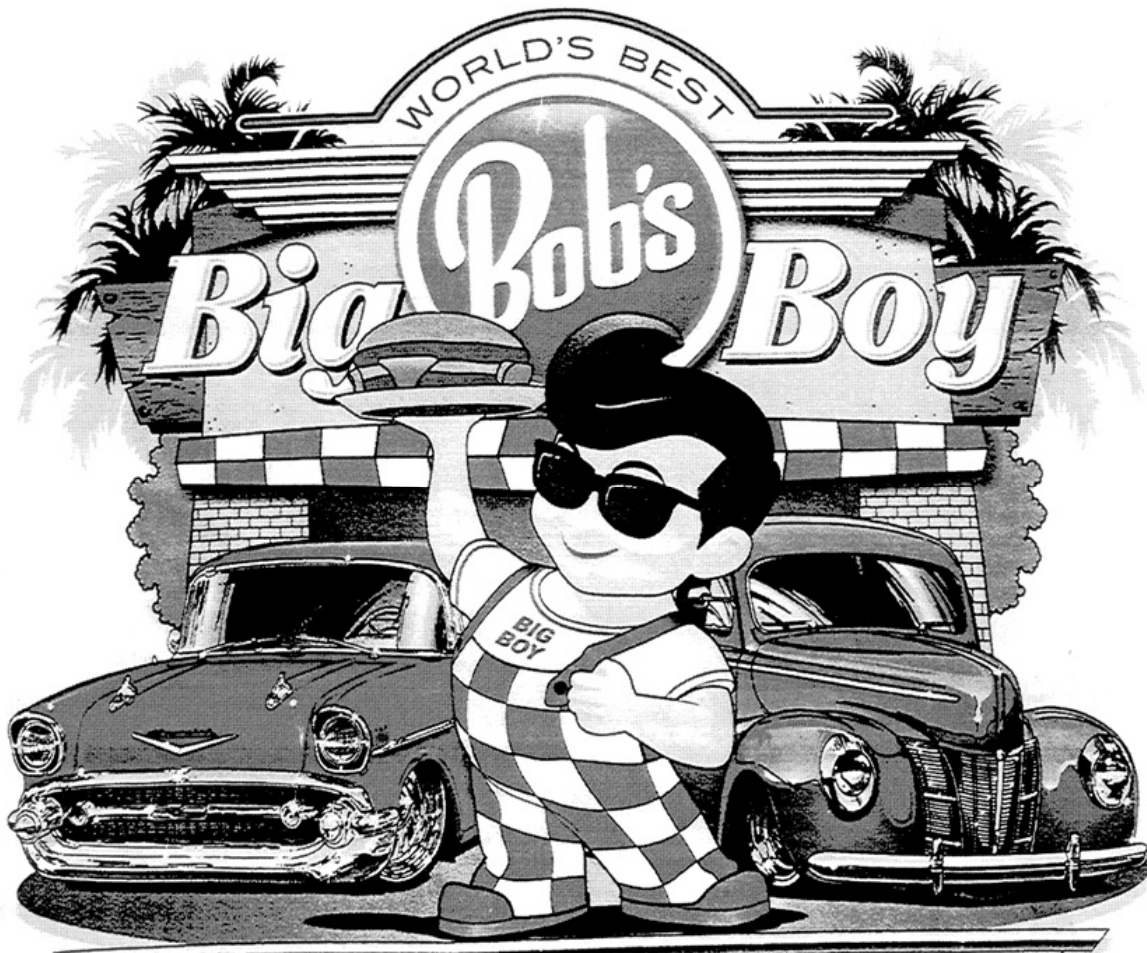
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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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