



## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

### Roam'n Relics Car Show

Sunday, October 24, 2010  
Moorpark, CA

<http://www.roamnrelics.com/events.html>

### Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 5-6, 2010  
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino  
Henderson, NV

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

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

## Mechanical Mayhem Maybe?

Okay, in April earlier this year I bought one of the Keisler AMC transmission kits to fit a Tremec TKO-500 5-speed in my AMX. There was a delay recently to wait for a Lakewood bell housing to arrive to replace the Quick Time unit they initially sent me. This week the yoke arrived so that after the transmission is in place we can have the drive shaft shortened locally. It looks like next weekend is going to be when we try to make it happen. I hope it goes smoothly. I will take lots of pictures and have a full report in next month's newsletter!



I had intended to have the conversion done months ago because I wanted to make a car show in Sedona, AZ on Oct. 9. Well as long as it is in and running good by the first of November I'll be happy. That's the weekend of the big AMC show in Las Vegas! I'm guessing I'll be getting 18 mpg's on the way there! I'll be saving so much on gas it'll almost be a free trip!!

*Mark Melvin*

1968 AMX  
1969 AMX



# CORONADO SPEED FESTIVAL 2010

This is a great show, it's Saturday & Sunday, with a car show on both days. They have all kinds of racing going on "all day" with NASCAR, Trans-Am, Formula, FIA, Sports Production Cars, name the car & it was probably there. Only one RW&B this year, there were 4 last year.

I was the only AMC on Saturday, so I got 1<sup>st</sup> Place AMC & I got to take 2 laps on the track. I didn't know I could lay back & I only fell back a little, but I had my headers open & I got on it a few times, I was told she sounded Great!

Sunday we had 4 cars go, it was supposed to be 6 or 7 but things happened. My 70 AMX, Steve's 68 AMX, new guy Dale Crum with his 70 SST Javelin (we met him in El Segundo), also from San Diego is another new member Brian Jones & his 72 Javelin that we met that day.

So Dale got 1<sup>st</sup> place & Brian got 2<sup>nd</sup>



place for AMC class. It was a very hot weekend but a good time, and we should have two more cars going to Vegas! Dale & Brian both plan on going!

Vegas is only a month away & I can't wait! We might have 8 or 10 cars on the cruz! C U in Vegas!

## Randy Kirby

BBGAMX

Found a little clip from Coronado, but you can't hear my car till I'm out of the pix.....it was fun though!





# Playmate AMX Update

Not much to report on regarding the progress of the Playmate AMX restoration other than I have been watching eBay a lot and have won the auctions of several nice parts. I have several pictures below showing the current parts and the new parts.

I plan on taking the car to Las Vegas next month for the AMC reunion and after it returns home the restoration will progress with more focus.

Also I have already found an AM/8track radio in nice condition to put back in the really nice new radio pod I found. Also have a really nice hood lined up too. Things are coming together!

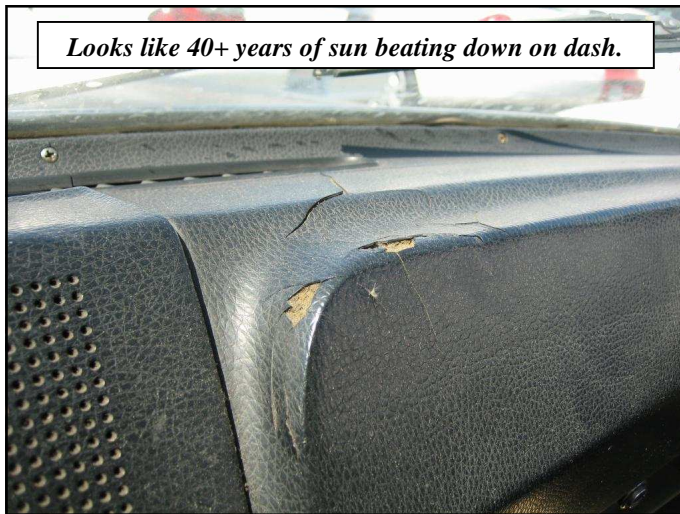
A new update next month..

## Mark Melvin

1968 AMX

1969 AMX

1970 AMX someday? Not now Randy.. :(





# LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

Okay, that's it, only 1 month to go before we leave for Las Vegas and the 5<sup>th</sup> annual AMC Reunion. You should know the drill by now—cruise to Vegas on Friday with a tour of Hoover Dam that afternoon, followed by an afternoon picnic. Then the AMC show on Saturday followed by the awards ceremony that evening.

I can't stress enough to make your room reservations now, and especially for the Hoover Dam tour. We're going to meet up in the Victorville area again, at the McDonalds at the Bear Valley exit off the 15 freeway.

If I recall correctly the time was 8 o'clock last year. And 8 o'clock means the time we leave so make sure you arrive early and your tanks are

topped off before you grab breakfast at McDonalds!

Here are more pictures of last year's great Las Vegas show in Henderson, NV!



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

## Las Vegas AMC Reunion

AMC/Rambler Club Southwest Regional Meet

November 5-6, 2010

Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino, Henderson, NV



Car Show for the vehicles of American Motors Corporation:

1955-1957 Nash/Hudson, Metropolitan, Ambassador, American, AMX, Classic, Concord, Eagle, Gremlin, Hornet, Javelin, Matador, Marlin, Pacer, Rebel, Spirit and 1970-1987 Jeep.

Located at 2800 S. Boulder Highway, 25 minutes from Las Vegas

# LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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## **REGISTRATION FEE:**

\$30 per car (registration includes event t-shirt)

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Additional shirts available for \$18 per shirt: Quantity (\_\_\_\_\_) Size(s) (\_\_\_\_\_)

## **SWAP MEET SPACE:**

\$20 per space (20' x 20') Number of spaces (\_\_\_\_\_)

## **HOOVER DAM BUS TOUR:**

\$26 Per Person—Number of People (\_\_\_\_\_)

**TOTAL OF ALL FEES.....** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to: Las Vegas AMC Reunion  
c/o Raymond Hatcher  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ***Friday Tour of Hoover Dam***

We have an exciting and interesting tour planned for Friday afternoon. We are chartering a 56 passenger bus and traveling to Hoover Dam for a three hour tour which includes VIP passes for the Powerplant Tour.

### **THINGS TO SEE AND DO ON THE POWERPLANT TOUR**

To get the most enjoyment from your visit to Hoover Dam, we recommend the following guide:

To enter the Visitor Center, take the escalator or elevator across the road from the Visitor Center down below street level to the security checkpoint/ticketing area:

#### **Visitor Center Presentations and Exhibits - Theater Level**

- **Theater Level Displays:** After you purchase your ticket (you'll already have yours), you'll find yourself in the lobby of the Visitor Center's Theater Level. Displays, maps, photos and other displays provide an introduction to Hoover Dam.
- **Theater:** The Visitor Center Theater is also on this level. A 10-minute film describes the contributions of Hoover Dam to the developing West, and the massive construction effort behind the engineering marvel.

#### **Inside the Powerplant**

- After exiting the Theater, join the queue on this same level to enter the Hoover Dam Powerplant. From here, a 70-second elevator ride takes you 530 feet down through the rock wall of Black Canyon to begin a 30-minute guided tour. You'll exit the elevator into a tunnel drilled in the 1930s for construction, and take a short walk to the Penstock Viewing Platform.
- **Penstock Viewing:** This location is atop one (of four) of the huge 30-foot-diameter pipes that can transport nearly 90,000 gallons of water *each second* from Lake Mead to the dam's hydroelectric generators. An animated display helps describe the complexities of the construction of the dam, and how it presently operates.
- **Powerplant Generators:** A quick elevator ride up to the Nevada powerplant balcony takes you to a panoramic view of the 650-foot-long Nevada wing of the powerplant and eight of the dam's 17 huge generators. Also, don't miss the beautiful and intricate terrazzo floor designs under your feet. A great spot for pictures!

#### **Visitor Center Presentations and Exhibits - Exhibit Level**

- You'll exit the powerplant balcony through the canyon tunnel and return to the elevators, which will carry you up to the Visitor Center Exhibit Gallery (one floor up from the Theater Level you departed from).
- **Exhibit Gallery:** This gallery houses numerous audio, visual and interactive exhibits, including a full-scale model of the huge buckets used to move concrete for Hoover Dam construction, a walk-through model of generator, and a detailed diorama of the dam. Also featured are interactive exhibits that allow you to test your skill at managing power generation, conserving energy, and other skills.

#### **Visitor Center - Observation Deck Level**

- **The Observation Deck:** You can access this top floor of the Visitor Center by taking either the stairs or elevator adjacent to the entrance of the Exhibit Gallery. This floor includes open and enclosed observation areas that provide panoramic (and camera-worthy!) views of Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, the Colorado River and other features. On the open/outside deck, an audio presentation offers significant facts about the dam and its surroundings. Inside, view a model of the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge that is presently under construction, and a sculpture portraying many of the benefits that Hoover Dam gives to the Colorado River Basin states.

### Street Level Displays and Exhibits

- **Winged Figures of the Republic:** This bronze masterpiece is directly across the street from the Visitor Center. A presentation at this site discusses the concepts the artist had in mind in creating the statues, as well as details related to the "star map" at its base. A detailed compass framed by the signs of the Zodiac, and bronze seals of the seven Colorado River Basin states are also featured in this area.
- **The Old Exhibit Building:** If you continue walking toward Lake Mead from the Winged Figures plaza, around the corner, you will see the Old Exhibit Building. Originally used as a headquarters for soldiers protecting the dam during World War II, this building served as the dam's first visitor center. It contains educational exhibits and offers a narrative overview of the Colorado River Basin highlighted through a topographical model showing the location of dams and reservoirs along the river and its tributaries.
- **Nevada and Arizona Spillways:** On each side of the dam (toward the lake) are huge spillways that designed to direct high water from Lake Mead around the dam through tunnels in the canyon walls. The spillways are so large that a World War II battleship can be floated in each one!
- **The Nevada Intake Towers:** On top of the Nevada side of the dam, an audio presentation offers information about the role these towers have in Hoover Dam's power generation process, and details about some of the artwork incorporated into the towers on the downstream face of the dam.
- **Top of the Dam:** A walk along the sidewalks on top of the dam provides awe-inspiring views of the dam face, Lake Mead, the intake towers, the Colorado River, and other features around the dam site.

You will be picked up at Railroad Pass. The bus will depart for the dam at 1:00pm. The best part is you won't need to drive your own vehicle and deal with the traffic, security and parking. Going by bus will make it very easy and enjoyable. The number of people who can take the tour is limited to 56 and it is first come, first served. The cost is \$26.00 per person (if all 56 seats are sold). If you are registering for the show, please include the cost of the tour tickets in with your registration.

**PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for purchasing tickets for this tour is October 15<sup>th</sup>.** If all seats have not been sold by this date, the tour may be canceled.

After you return from the tour, we're sure you're going to be hungry. Like last year, we're heading over to Veteran's Memorial Park (maps will be provided) for a BBQ. The festivities kick off at 5:30pm and by the time you arrive at the park, the grills will be fired up and ready to go. We guarantee there will be plenty of food and drinks for everyone.

### Tentative Itinerary for Saturday & Sunday

#### November 6th:

- 7AM: Show Field Set-up
- 7AM-10AM: Registration at Show Field
- 9AM-3PM: Car Show and Swap Meet
- 9:30AM: Start of Hourly Door Prize Drawings (last drawing at 2:30PM)
- 2PM: Deadline to turn in voting ballots at registration desk
- 4:00PM-5:30PM: Awards Presentation and raffle in banquet (hospitality) room
- 6PM: Dinner at Boxcar Buffet (this could change)

#### November 7th:

- 8AM: Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet





# A Great Sunday

I didn't have anything else better to do last Sunday than drive out to Loma Linda and visit with fellow AMC'ers at one of the largest cars shows around, the 2010 Veterans Car Show.

This show every year boasts an attendance number of over 1200 cars. Showing up was John Siciliano 69 AMX, Randy Kirby 70 AMX, Allen Tyler, and myself. Local to the area showing up was Jim Mitcham with his 68 Javelin, and a father/son combo with a SC/ Rambler.

There are so many cars you could spend hours browsing the area to see all the cars. I suggest that next year, as a group, we get a large gathering of AMC's together and flood the area with Ramblers! It'll make for a very fun day!

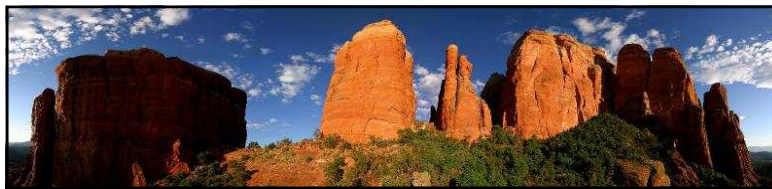
*Mark Melvin..*



*Jim Mitcham's 68 Javelin*



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Mark Melvin,  
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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## Member Spotlight

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