



SOCALAMX CALENDAR

Roam'n Relics Car Show

October 9, 2011
Old Town Moorpark, CA

Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 4-5, 2011
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino
Henderson, NV
<http://snamc.amcrc.com/carshow.html>

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COFFEE CRUISE SHOW

For years I have heard of a group in the La Cañada/Flintridge area (about 5 miles NW of Pasadena) that holds a weekly Saturday morning coffee cruise. Several weeks ago I woke up and that morning decided to drive on over in my AMX and check it out.

What I discovered was that this group called the "Early Rodders" has been meeting weekly at their spot for some 10 years now. People start arriving around 7am and most are ready



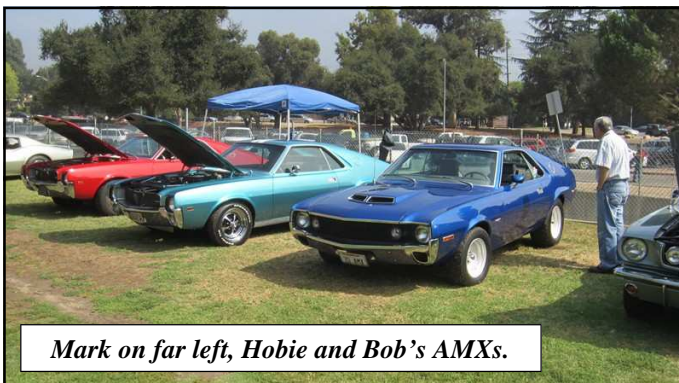
One Sweet looking Corvette. Very clean.

to leave by 9-10am. There is a Starbucks and a bagel/coffee café both within about 50 yards of walking.

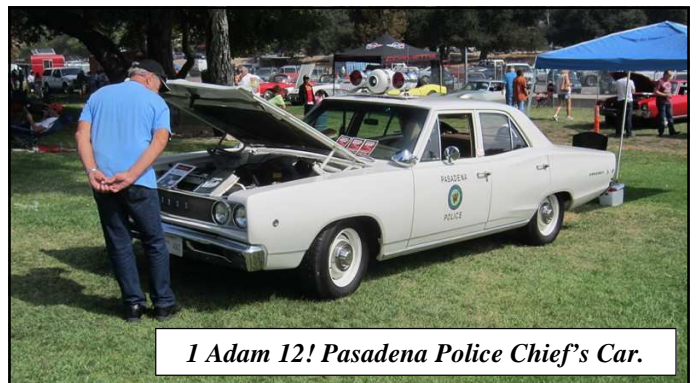


A 1955 Ford Fairlane?

In total about 75 cars showed up that morning and the drivers all seemed to be very friendly. I talked to one guy who was one of the original founding members from 10 years ago, and learned he was a retired LA City Fireman. I told him I knew a father/son duo also in the LA City Fire Dept, and he said, oh ya, I know them



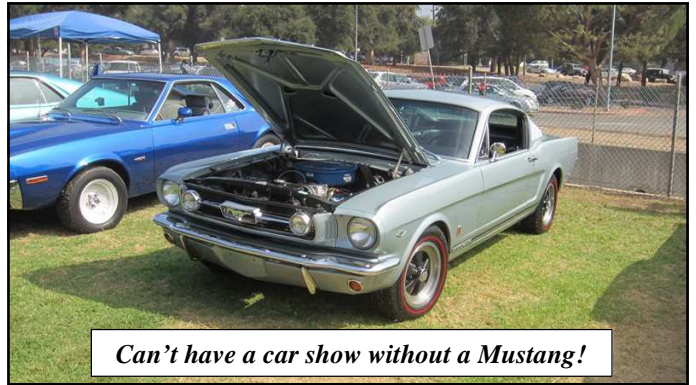
Mark on far left, Hobie and Bob's AMXs.



1 Adam 12! Pasadena Police Chief's Car.



Funeral Cruiser for rent. Leave this planet in style!!



Can't have a car show without a Mustang!

very well—small world, eh? It turns out there are 3-4 other guys there, whom I did not get to meet, who work in the elevator trade as well as myself.

There were many people checking out my AMX, and before I left they enthusiastically welcomed me to join them the following week at a park nearby for their 10th Anniversary Car Show. After a few phone calls I was able to get Hobie and Bob Martinez to join me the following weekend for the show.



I think we're talking a few bucks here!

The show was very nice all around. It started with a nice cool overcast morning ending with a sunny warm afternoon. In between was a great day of car looking and picture taking, two live bands performing for most of the day, and two food trucks selling gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers. It really was an idyllic setting for a car show with grass for the cars to park on, and plenty of shade trees to sit under and stay cool.



Bob & Hobie checking out the Fire Chief's car!

I hope we can get a few of the AMC guys in the Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley area to join me some Saturday morning for the Early Rodders coffee cruise. I'll even buy the coffee if you come! See you then... Mark Melvin



Grass for the cars, shade for the people!



Surf's Up! Load up the Monster Woody!



From Kenosha to Pasadena, UNFORD makes the rounds.

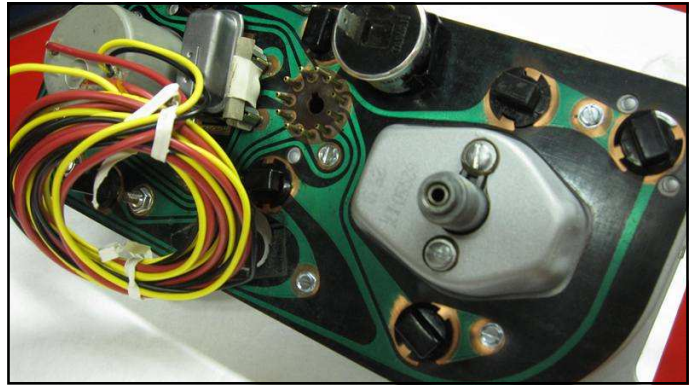
INSTRUMENT CLUSTER MAKEOVER

I was perusing the pages on eBay for AMC parts recently and an auction for a refurbished 1969 AMX Instrument Cluster caught my eye. The unit was for sale but actually the seller was using the auction to generate business leads to restore units for others. My instrument cluster was in bad shape, having the needles of both the tach and speedometer fall off inside, so I contacted the eBay user about



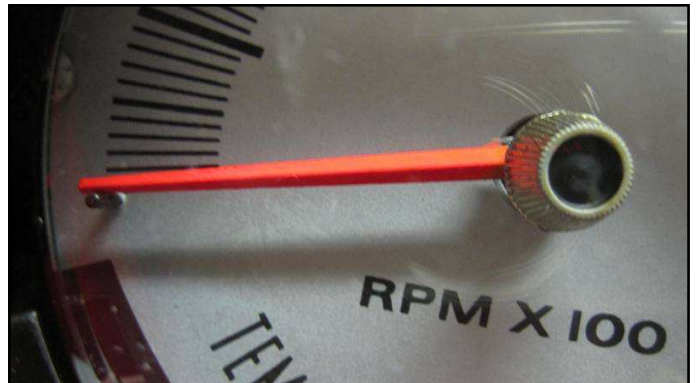
restoring mine. In the end I ended up buying the unit he had on the auction, and in return gave him my unit as a core, along with cash. I just received the unit back and don't have it installed in my car yet, but I can tell you it looks great!

What he does to each unit when he receives it is to disassemble it and clean all parts. Then the tachometer is replaced with a brand new unit and calibrated. The speedometer is overhauled, lubricated and calibrated. The gas gauge and water temp gauges are also gone over and calibrated—needles painted! The voltage regulator, all light bulb sockets and



electrical traces are checked out as well. And finally he guarantees his work that your unit will function like new, or to factory specs.

The first time I talked to him I mentioned I do a lot of driving in my AMX and one of the shows I go to each year is the Las Vegas AMC Show. He replied, "Oh, my brother is a member of



that club." I asked what his brother's name was and he said, "Ray Hatcher." I told him, "I know your brother! What's your name?" "Rod Hatcher," was his response.

So if you want to contact Rod about working on your cluster you can contact him through email at this address: rodhrod@comcast.net

MARK MELVIN

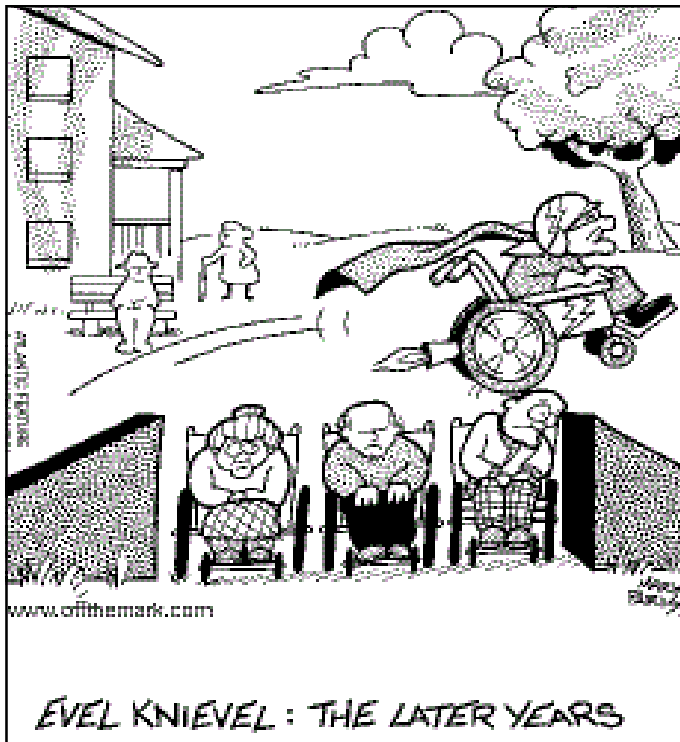


Vegas Baby!

I'm caught up on doing the monthly club newsletter and am publishing this issue the first weekend of October. Therefore this will be the last issue before the Las Vegas AMC Reunion next month in Boulder City from November 4-5. This is the last reminder to send in your show fees to Mark Ogulnick so he can better plan the great event he and his crew puts on. Look at the show flyers in this newsletter for more information. Make your hotel reservations now while you're thinking of it.

This year Mark has an interesting afternoon planned for us. First on the schedule is a tour of the oldest gold mine in Nevada. The plan is to leave the Railroad Pass Hotel at 12:30pm sharp to convoy to the mine. The cost is \$10 person and you can pay on the day of the tour. After that event is over we'll be heading to a local park for the now famous annual Bar-B-Q.

The past two years at least we've had about 9 cars from our club go to Las Vegas for the show. I'm sure this year won't be any different. In past years we have met in Victorville on Friday to form up a convoy. Because of the mine tour schedule it's possible a few people



might leave on Thursday so they can sleep in on Friday.

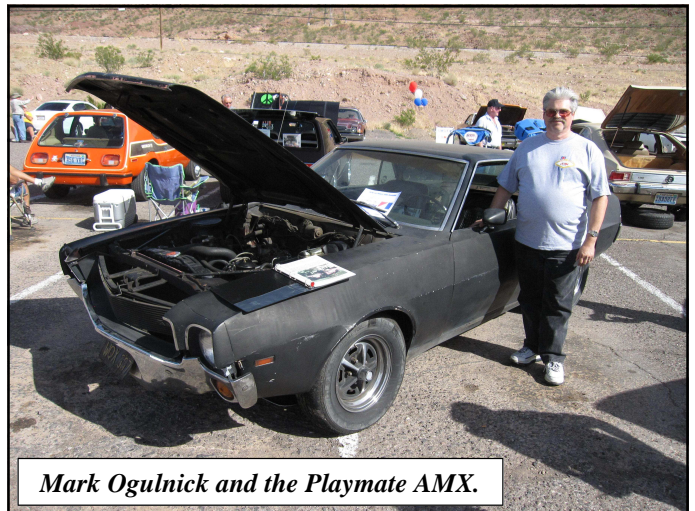
There's still a month left before the show to arrange convoys, departure days, and times—on Yahoo Groups of course. See you in Las Vegas!

MARK MELVIN

Pictures from last year's AMC Reunion!



Dale Crum's granddaughter and Randy Kirby's 70 AMX.



Mark Ogulnick and the Playmate AMX.



Stopping at Peggy Sue's for lunch.

AMX PALM BEACH

The AMX Palm Beach was the first experimental shown by a fledgling American Motors, but it was really an artifact of a bygone era. Here's the story of the belated Italo-American hybrid that's been all but forgotten.



Although the initials AMX weren't used until 1965, they would have been appropriate for a much earlier car that technically qualifies as the first "American Motors Experimental." Called Palm Beach, it was a striking two-seat coupe with running gear and a slightly stretched chassis borrowed from the lowly little Rambler, graced by handsome bodywork from master designer Pinin Farina.

It was first displayed around the middle of 1956 on the PF stand at major European auto shows, then made its American debut the following spring--at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, of all places.

American Motors officials understandably said as little as they could about the Palm Beach when it arrived in Detroit. The reason: it was not an AMC project but a holdover from the Nash days, likely the last advanced design effort at the old-line independent before its 1954 merger with Hudson that produced AMC.

It was also the last tangible evidence of the relationship Nash president George Mason had forged with the Italian coachbuilder back in the late Forties.

There's more to read on this car at:
<http://snipurl.com/amx-pb>

THE UNDERSLUNG CAR

The American Motor Car Company was founded in 1906 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. It produced its first car in 1906 and the first 'Underslung' in 1907. However, the name 'Underslung' was not derived until 1912.

The underslung design was an attempt to make the car as low as possible. Harry C. Stutz, an engineer who would later produce cars under his own name, is credited with creating the design. Although Stutz created the chassis design, it was American's chief engineer, Fred I. Tone, who turned the chassis upside down. Tone decided to place the

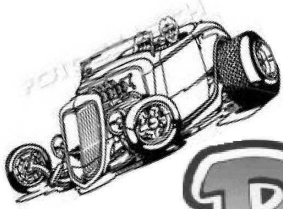


frame below the axles, instead of the tradition design of placing them above. The semi-elliptic leaf springs were mounted above the frame. Due to achieving such a low ground clearance, 40-inch wheels were needed to give the vehicle ample space between the frame and the ground.

The Underslung models provided safety that many other early manufacturers could not guarantee. The Underslugs were virtually impervious to roll-overs. Sales documentation stated that the vehicles could be tilted up to 55 degrees without rolling over.

Even with the ground clearance advantage, the Underslung was not as competitive as other vehicles that featured larger engines. This was proven in 1908 when American Motor Car entered an Underslung Roadster in the Savannah Challenge Cup Race. The four-cylinder engine was not enough to keep pace and as a result it finished last. Also, due to large wheels, and high center of gravity created partly by the raised engine sub frame, the car suffered from poor handling and frequent tire changes..

There's more to read on this car at:
<http://snipurl.com/undercar>



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Roam'n Relics

CAR SHOW

OCTOBER 9, 2011

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2011 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

AMCRC Southwest Regional Meet

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2011 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

Registration Form



November 4- 5, 2011 @ Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Club Affiliation _____

VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

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

Please indicate shirt size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Additional t-shirts available for \$18 per shirt: Qty ___ Size(s) _____

Swap Meet: \$20 per space (20' x 20') No. of spaces _____

No. of people for Eldorado Canyon/Techatticup Mine Tour (Nov 4th at 1PM): _____
(\$10 per person, payable at time of tour. This guided above and below ground mining tour will take you into the mine and the history of the oldest and most famous gold mine in Southern Nevada. This tour will consist of a walking tour of the old Techatticup Millsite. This is where the ore was brought out of the mine to the stampmill, crushed to a powder and mixed in cyanide tanks where the gold & silver were separated. We'll then proceed into the Savage Mine some 500 feet where you will view up and down stopes and actually see the veins they chased. This mine was once owned by Senator George Hearst and was claim jumped in 1874 which resulted in numerous murders. If you're into history, you'll love this tour. For more information, go to www.eldoradocanyonminetours.com)

TOTAL OF ALL FEES \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: SOUTHERN NEVADA AMC CLUB

Mail to: Las Vegas AMC Reunion c/o Raymond Hatcher, 8300 Opal Cove Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128

RESERVATIONS: The Southern Nevada AMC Club reserves the right to restrict participants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities. If for any reason, participants or their vehicles, their behavior or their appearance is deemed objectionable, the participants shall be subject to removal.

LIABILITY: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants, and spectators, by execution of this form, release and discharge Southern Nevada AMC Car Club, the Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino, MGM Resorts International, and their officers, directors, employees, representatives, members and servants, and anyone else connected to the management from any causes or damages whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property. Further, each entrant, participant or spectator expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of any participant assisting or cooperating with entrant and under direction and control of entrant.

Signature

2012 AMCRC National Convention Registration Form

HOST HOTEL: John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave., Sparks, NV 89431. West Tower Deluxe: Thurs \$69; Fri-Sat \$89/East Tower Premier: Thurs \$79; Fri-Sat \$99 (plus tax). Mention code "AMC" to get special rates. For reservations, call 800-648-1177 or www.janugget.com to make online reservations. Reservations must be made **NO LATER THAN** May 21st to get these special rates. Check in time is 3PM and check out time is 11AM.

SHOW RATES: Show for all AMC, Rambler, Nash, Hudson, Metropolitan and 1970-1987 Jeep vehicles. Registration fee is \$15 for the first vehicle registered and \$10 for each additional vehicle. **VENDORS ARE FREE** but are requested to **PRE-REGISTER**.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact: Michael Lakin (e-mail: amcowner@cccmm.net; phone: 775-427-2695)

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MAY 21ST, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

AMCRC Membership Number _____



VEHICLES REGISTERED: (please use reverse side of form if you are registering more than two vehicles)

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Body _____

Style _____ Color _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Body _____

Style _____ Color _____

Class: _____ Entry #: _____ (to be completed by show staff)

Vendor: Yes _____ No _____. If yes, number of spaces requested: _____.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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BANQUET: (Advance Reservations Only)

Adult tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Kids tickets (ages 5-11): _____ @ \$13.75 = \$ _____

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**Michael Lakin
2615 Sorensen Rd.
Fallon, NV 89406**

CAR REGISTRATION: One vehicle @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

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SHIRTS: (Please Order in Advance)

Event T-Shirt: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

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NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM TOUR: \$7.00 per person Number of tickets: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

WE'LL SEE YOU IN RENO-SPARKS!

33rd Annual
AMCRC NATIONAL SHOW
AND CONVENTION
June 21-23, 2012
Reno/Sparks, NV

Thursday, June 21st

All day: Check-In and Informal Gatherings. This is also a good time for chapter meetings. You can sightsee, dine, take in a show, gamble, relax by the indoor pool at the Nugget or visit the Sparks Farmer's Market at the Sparks Victorian Square Plaza across from the Nugget from 4PM – 8PM. Enjoy the best in produce and a wide variety of seasonal items, musical performances, food, beverages, arts/crafts and community booths at Whole Foods Hometown Farmer's Market. Held in Victorian Square in downtown Sparks, the market is an exciting summer event that you don't want to miss.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Early show participant registration in lobby of Nugget.

Friday, June 22nd

8:00 AM–3:00 PM: Vendor check in to receive space assignments (Victorian Square show field)

Swap Meet (vendors may start selling as soon as they are set-up)

Show participant registration (Victorian Square show field)

Enjoy breakfast and/or lunch at one of the many restaurants at the Nugget or Victorian Square

1:30 PM–3:00 PM: Guided tour of the National Automobile Museum (approx. 7 minute drive from the Nugget)

4:00 PM–5:30 PM: AMCRC membership meeting in meeting room at Nugget

6:00 PM–8:00 PM: Friday Night Cruise-In at Summit Racing Equipment in Sparks (4 minute drive from the Nugget)

Saturday, June 23rd

7:00 AM–9:00 AM: Final vendor check-in and set-up (Victorian Square Show Field)

Final show participant registration (Victorian Square Show Field)

Show Cars may begin entering the show field

9:00 AM: Car Show and Swap Meet open
Show participant registration closed

2:00 PM: Judging ballots due at registration tent

4:00 PM: Car Show and Swap Meet close

6:00 PM: Happy Hour

7:00 PM: AMCRC National Banquet and Awards Presentations



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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

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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.