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SOCALAMX CALENDAR

2014 Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 7-8, 2014
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino
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Las Vegas **AMC REUNION** 2014

The Las Vegas AMC Show is less than two months away. Mark Ogulnick who runs the show wanted to pass along some hotel room information to you through the newsletter. The dates and information for the show can be found at the link above. Mark Melvin

I have a gigantic favor to ask each one of you. Please put the word out to any of your members, who have expressed interest or are definitely planning on coming to the show but have not made their room reservations yet, that they should do so immediately if not sooner.

Rooms are selling out quickly and I don't want anyone to miss the chance to book a room. To make a reservation, they must CALL (do not use the Railroad Pass website) 800-654-0877 and mention code AMC114. Thank you. Mark Ogulnick

Pictures from last year's 2013 Las Vegas Show



2014 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION



Registration Form



November 7 - 8, 2014 @ Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Club Affiliation _____

VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ Year _____

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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 ___

TOTAL OF ALL FEES \$ _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change)

Friday, November 7th:

12pm-2pm: Tour of Shelby Plant and Museum (no charge). Depart Railroad Pass at 11am (maps will be provided)

3:30pm-6:30pm: Free BBQ at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City

7:30pm: Early Registration in banquet room

Saturday, November 8th:

6:30am: Show field open for set-up

7am-10am: Registration

9am-3pm: Car Show and swap meet *1:30pm: Deadline for voting ballots *2:30pm: Raffle prize drawings

4pm-5:30pm: Awards presentation in banquet room & presentations by clubs hosting 2015 shows

5:45pm: Dinner in the Boxcar Buffet (\$10.95 per person)

Sunday, November 9th:

8am: Breakfast buffet in The Steak House

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

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Signature

RANDY'S RAMBLINGS

Mopar Show

This is a little late, but when an AMC gets a trophy, we have to let people know! Other than an AMC show, we don't really see many. On July 19th the San Diego Mopar Club had its annual All American Show, and we had 6 cars there. My Machine, Steve's SC/Rambler, John's Blue 69 AMX, Allen's RW&B 68 AMX, Rick's Silver 71 Jav/AMX, and Richard's Blue 68 AMX.

We met up at Lenny's for chow before the show, took our time, pulled into the show about 10, just so everyone there would have to notice us! Somewhere between 225 & 250 cars, beautiful day, and there was some shade to sit in. But the best part was Allen getting another trophy for that Beautiful Red, White, & Blue 68 AMX that he restored every inch on—well deserved!

Charger Steve's Wild Rides

Aug 24th we ended up with 3 cars here, Cindy & I in our BBG AMX, Jay with his BBO AMX, & Richard in his Aqua'ish Blue AMX.

This show is in the very heart of Pacific Beach, on Garnet, one block from Crystal Pier! I can't believe he can do this show here, but hey, I ain't complain! Every other door is a bar or restaurant.

We were here and parked by 8am, we had no choice, the street is closed from 8am till 3, NO Leaving, Period! So we spent half the day Cruisin' (on foot), and half the day on a bar stool.

Jay has an Immaculate Real Deal 1969 BBO AMX, with all the bells & whistles, even a story board. Needless to say, he got one of the few trophies from this show, that's that 3 foot tall thing on top of his car! NICE! AMC still Rocks! C U on the Road.

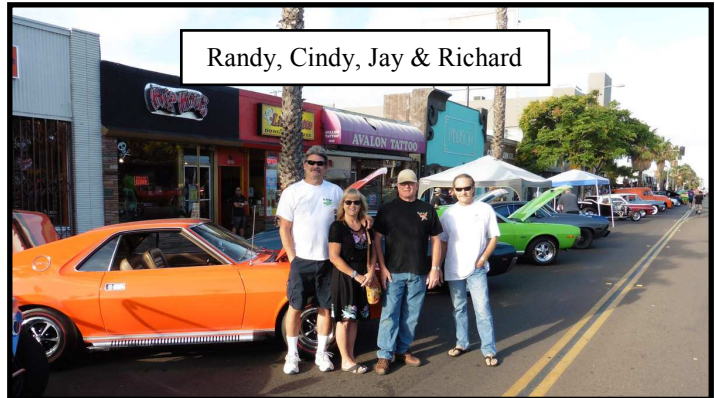
RANDY KIRBY



The San Diego Mopar Show



Allen Tyler wins a trophy for his RWB 68



Randy, Cindy, Jay & Richard



Jay Baker's 1969 BBO AMX



AMC RACING

Each year, for over 20 years now, the AMC faithful who like to race one another, meet in Cordova, Illinois at the Namdra Nationals (National American Motors Drivers & Racers Association) hosted at the Cordova Dragway Park.

I had never attended these races so I thought why not this year, after attending the AMCRC National Show, and Kenosha, both in July. So back on the road I went. I decided to fly first class after checking prices. Didn't seem too high for a somewhat short flight, and had never flown up front before so why not?

Well my flight started out well in Los Angeles, as I approached the TSA checkpoint to be screened I saw the line was very long. Too bad for the others, because I had "TSA-Pre" printed on my boarding pass which green lighted me to go to the front of the line and not wait. Yes! And First Class was nice too. As soon as I sat down the flight attendant came by to serve drinks, even as the others in the back section were still streaming in. I'll have a beer please, free of course! The seat was empty next to me and I saw a really beautiful young woman coming down the aisle. I said to myself, "Please let this empty seat be hers!" And almost on cue she sat next to me. This was going to be a great flight.

But when I arrived in Dallas/Fort Worth to change planes guess what, my connecting flight had been cancelled, so I had my flight changed to the next available flight out of town. We loaded up on that plane, then the pilot came on over the PA to announce that flight was cancelled as well due to a mechanical problem. So I ended up spending the night in Dallas. Errrr.

Finally the next morning I made it to Moline, IL, rented a car and headed northeast to Cordova. I parked and started walking around looking at the cars, and parts vendors. Then I heard someone call out my name. It was Bob Hodson from Florida there to race his SC/Rambler one time. We hung out together for several hours and off in the distance everyone saw some dark threatening clouds approaching.

I'm a California home boy but even I knew it was gonna rain real soon. Before the rain came although the organizers were able to pull off a free bar-b-q (hamburgers and hotdogs) for everyone. Later in the afternoon it started to get windy, then after I decided to head back to the hotel, as I got into my car, a

heavy rain down pour let loose and everyone disappeared somewhere.

The next morning, Saturday, dawned without a cloud in the sky. The temperatures were cool, everything was set for a good day of racing. I hit the part vendors a second time, saw two other people I know, Mark Stone from Iowa and Merle from Illinois, and we hung out together in the grandstands for a few hours to watch the racing. I saw Bob Hodson make his one run in his SC/Rambler. The racing I saw was all bracket racing. So quite often you'd see a Rambler up against an AMX, with the Rambler winning in some cases. It was great seeing the AMX vs AMX races. There were a few high dollar cars there that really stood out. Sunday I headed back to the Quad City airport and had one more notable memory to survive.

As I was going through the TSA security screening they pulled me aside and said they would need to hand search my bag because there was a knife inside. "Say what?" I said to myself! Sure enough as the agent opened my bag he pulled out a pocket knife with a nice black rubberized handle. "Holy cow" I said to myself this time!

Then I remembered, it indeed was my knife, and I had bought it for like \$3 at a gun show in Oregon, and evidentially stuffed it in my bag then and forgot about it. The funny thing, or not so funny, was that nobody discovered the knife in my bag at the Oregon airport back in March, nor discovered it in Los Angeles two days earlier when I left on my trip.

"Whoops, my bad," as I admitted the ownership of the knife to the TSA agent and tried to explain its existence. He said not to worry, but that they'd need to keep it if I wanted to continue through the security checkpoint. I certainly wasn't going to let a \$3 knife keep me from getting home for sure. Besides, I had to be at work that night back home! Let's get the show on he road!

MARK MELVIN



MORE PICTURES FROM THE NAMDRA RACES



Playmate AMX Update

Not a lot visibly to show in pictures, but a lot of loose ends were cleaned up on the car the past few weeks. We were having a problem with the shifter console and the indicator lining up correctly. The transmission would be in park, but show on the console being in reverse. It was a simple fix.

We had the indicator plate in the console backwards. Okay now.

We were having a time setting the timing on the engine. Very erratic. Turns out the distributor bushings were worn out. I had a friend several years ago give me a bunch of parts from his AMX because of the engine swap he was doing.

Turns out one of the parts was a number matching distributor in good condition, so we're just going to swap some parts over from the old distributor to the new one, and put it in.

Stuffed the gas tank sending unit wire down from the trunk to below the car and hooked it up. The fuel sending unit in the dash is working fine now.

At this point the car is about 99% mechanically finished. Everything electrically is working, Turn signals, headlights, courtesy lights, dash lights, dash gauges. I mean everything, including the headlight warning buzzer, and even the light in the shifter console.

The newly rebuilt engine is running fine. Just needs a bit more tuning after we put the distributor back in.

The interior is finished except for the door panels to be put on. Glass needs to be adjusted some more. I was lucky to find a really nice used pair of door panels a few years ago, since there are no repos of a 68 panel. Both doors on the car had been replaced by the original owner, and the new doors had clear glass in them.



So I spent a ton of money trying to find replacement clear glass, when I should have been looking for tinted glass all along, since it is an AC car. Got lucky again, but had to pay a lot of cash, to secure a pair of pristine tinted windows with door tracks, for the PM AMX.

The last thing now to finish the car is to block sand and paint the car. The bumpers have been fitted already, so after the car is painted we'll just bolt the bumpers back up and be done. The window trim has been re-polished already. All the badging and emblems have been purchased.

The license plates were in real bad shape, they have been restored and are waiting to go back up on the car.

Here are the original plates, and then after being restored. Right after buying the car I took it to the 2010 AMC show in Las Vegas. My bad, one letter of the front plate fell off during the road trip, the restoration shop had to re-create the letter and graft it in place. That letter would be the "W."

MARK MELVIN

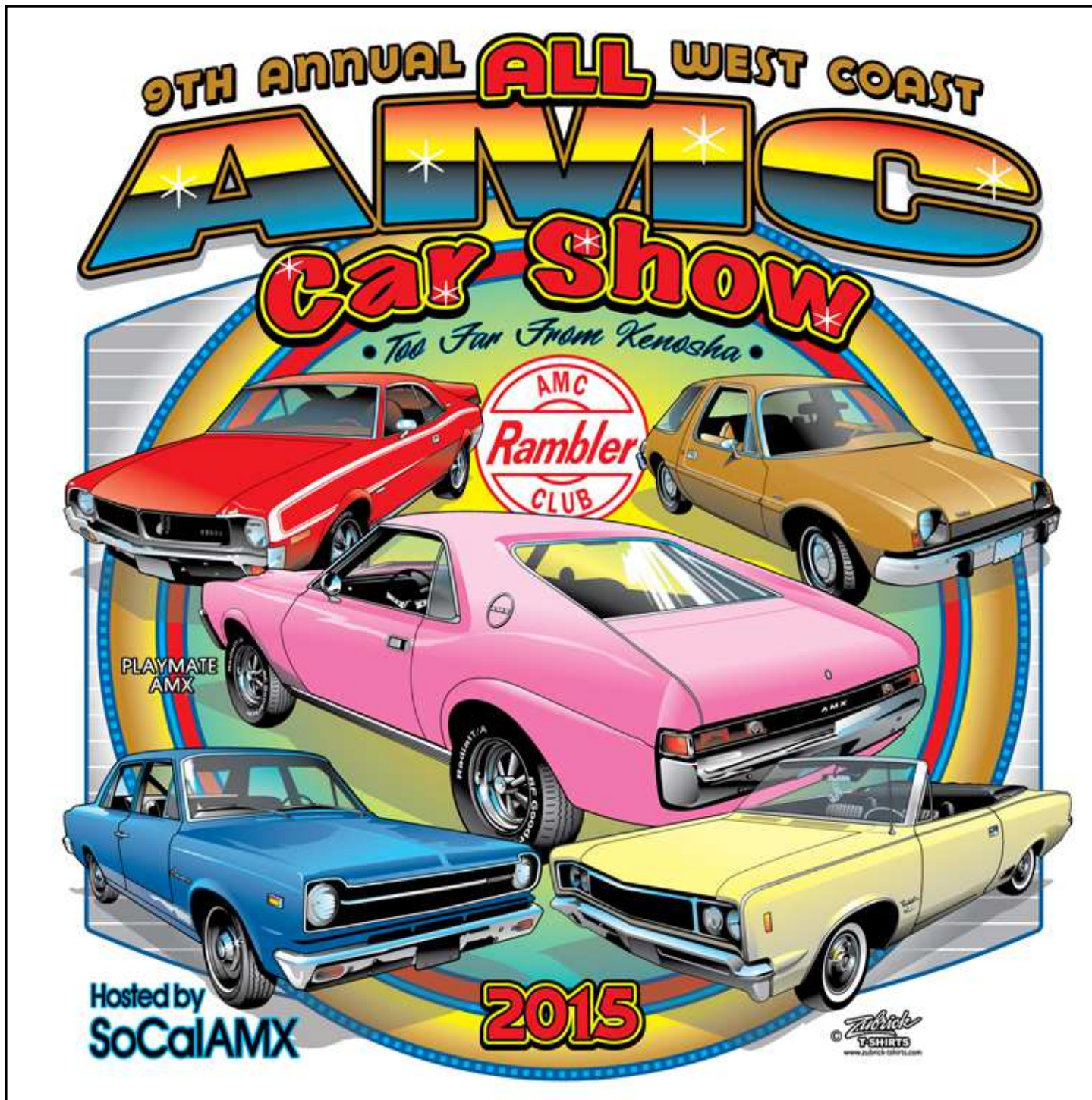


2015 SOCALAMX CAR SHOW T-SHIRT DESIGN PREVIEW

Here's a preview of the t-shirt design for next year's SoCalAMX 9th annual Car Show. I've finally found a t-shirt shop that does great art work for a reasonable price and good quality on the final t-shirt product. The idea for the design was my own. Yes, as for the pink AMX in the middle there's a very good chance it will be at the show. The four other cars were from pictures I took at last year's show..

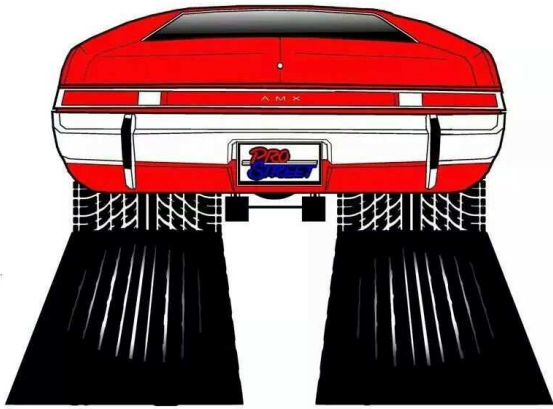
The show hasn't been officially announced yet, or date set yet, but will be at the Las Vegas AMC Reunion in November.

I've added a sub title to the car show's name. Recently I threw out the idea of adding "Too Broke For Kenosha" onto the car show's name. I got a resounding NO to that idea. I just came up with another new idea for a sub title. I've added "Too Far From Kenosha" onto the "West Coast All AMC Car Show." It makes perfect sense for the title, with Kenosha being so far away from the AMC'ers on the west coast. If you can't make it to Kenosha, then at least make it to our show! Mark Melvin



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Mark Melvin,
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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