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SoCalAMX Calendar

2nd Annual California Central Coast AMC/Rambler Show

*Hosted by Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers
September 8-9, 2017
Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, CA*

Las Vegas AMC Reunion

*November 3-4, 2017
Hoover Dam Lodge
Boulder City, Nevada
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SoCalAMX's

AMC Car Show

I apologize for the late reporting of this year's All AMC Car Show held at Cable Airport in May. As always, I hope it's better late than never.

To give me a break in the planning of the annual car show, Dave and Kati Chick took over the reins and planned this year's show. They decided to see if Cable Airport would host our show and they agreed. Except for the heat radiating off the asphalt, the site worked out well for us. We had a total of 40 cars show up. There was a small glitch in the fact I had not placed enough signage out to properly direct the arrivals to the show field. If the show returns to the airport next year that will be easy to fix—most of the attendees will already know which gate to go through.

I personally created additional work for myself by bringing both of my cars to the show. I first had to drive one down early. Then have John Caley follow me home to get the other car. At the end of the show I had to reverse the process. Thank you to John for helping me out.

Last year's Las Vegas AMC Show's "Best of Show" car (a yellow 68 Rebel convertible) was at our show. Sadly, the owner Nacho Chavez was not. In-between the Vegas Show and ours he passed away. His family proudly brought his car to the show one last time and posed for a group photo afterwards.

With the proceeds from the car show, a donation was made to the Cable Airport Foundation.

Thank you one more time to Dave & Kati Chick, including daughters Ashley & Karley, for running the show this year.



SoCalAMX Car Show—Upland Airport



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Best Javelin—in the model class.



2017 Kenosha

Homecoming Road Trip

I was already going to Kenosha, WI for this year's AMC homecoming, done deal. And Tom Dulaney from San Diego was added as a passenger for the ride out. Done deal. The only question was when to leave. Originally, I thought leaving Saturday a full week before the Kenosha show would give us plenty of time to get there and partake of the AMC related activities for the early arrivers.

Then, I realized if we left a few days earlier on Thursday we could make it to West Jefferson, Ohio for the AMCRC Richard Teague Memorial AMC Car Show to be held Sunday at Jeff Kennedy's place. Tom agreed and the trip was put into motion starting at 5am on Thursday morning as planned.

Except for a short six hour stop near Tulsa, Oklahoma to visit Tom's Aunt Sue, we were driving continuously expect for refueling of course, and arrived in Ohio about 56 hours later on Saturday, just in time to join the group there for dinner, who had been working all day on the show field setup. There was a cozy joint in town we ended up at for prime rib. Must be a good place. 6 US Presidents have eaten there over the years starting back in the 1800's.

On Sunday the anticipated car turnout was hoped to be higher than last year. But a possible soggy forecast kept a few cars at home and the turnout was average. The weather fully cooperated the entire day except for a short lived light sprinkle, and the show was a complete success.

Monday, the next morning, found Tom and I, and Bob Hodson from Florida, hooking up our trailers at 5am to get an early start on our trip up to Kenosha. Damm mosquitos were out full force early and made mincemeat out of me which I felt for the rest of the week.

We took the long way around Chicago to avoid traffic and "gunfire." Our route took us through Rockford, IL, site of last year's AMO National

AMC Show. Upon arriving in Kenosha, I was able to drop my trailer off at a friend's house for the week, which made it a lot easier to get around town in just my truck.

Tuesday, Tom Dulaney and P-O from Sweden joined me for the day at the nearby Oshkosh EAA Airventure Air Show.

What is the EAA Airventure? It's the largest airshow in the world. It's so big it lasts for a full seven days. It's so big that there's room at Whitman Airport for thousands of motor homes and camper trailers to set up home there for the week. It's so big that over 5000 small aircraft fly in and park for the week, and pitch tents under their wings and camp there. It's so big that there are more planes that want to fly in that can fit so they must tie-down at Fond du Lac airport 30 miles away and the pilots get bused in. It's so big that it takes 5000 volunteers to help run the show.

Beforehand I told Tom and P-O that the air show was big. Afterwards they agreed, they were not disappointed. That night Tom and P-O returned to Kenosha but I stayed behind in Oshkosh for a second day of fabulous aviation action on Wednesday.

Thursday was spent driving around with Bob Hodson from Florida and Larry Daum from Nevada to 5 different private addresses where new/old AMC parts were being sold. I picked up a few items for Allen Tyler for his car. That evening they had a cruise-in to a local eating joint named Mason's. The Playmate AMX just made it inside the roped off area. The entire parking lot was packed with AMC cars. To say it was a great turnout is an understatement.

Friday morning saw just about everyone down at the show field to see what goodies the part vendors had for sale. You'd have to see it to believe it just how much stuff is still out there. If you needed it, it was probably there—somewhere. You just had to look for it and find it.

That night there was a parade from Nash Park to the harbor area in front of the Kenosha His-

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tory Center. The Kenosha police department led the parade with 5 motorcycle cops blocking the intersections along the way. Once down to the harbor area everyone parked together (150-200 cars) and a car cruise broke out. Being next to Lake Michigan there was a nice cool breeze, boats would motor up and down the channel next to us, with their passengers waving, and there were 4 food vendors on site to keep everyone happy.

Saturday morning was the big show day. I had to go to my friend's home first to get the Playmate AMX out of its trailer. I took off for the show field while he finished getting his cars ready. He drove his newly picked up SC/Rambler, while his wife drove the 70 AMX and his father-in-law drove his newly picked up 68 AMX.

The show on Saturday was a full 8 hours worth, from 8am to 4pm. It's a laid-back scene where you arrive when you arrive and leave when you need to. There are no trophies, just the satisfaction of being with hundreds of fellow AMC brothers and sisters. I started out trying to take a picture of just about every car there but quickly gave up. There were just so many cars and too many people in the way to get clear shots. After you've taken pictures of 75 or 100 different AMXs, what's the point of one more—unless it's your own? There was a lot of everything there—Gremlins, Pacers, Javelins, Rebels, etc.

Guess who showed up from the left coast? I saw Mark Ogulnick from Las Vegas, Mark Fletcher from CA, and Joe Fulton from San Jose, CA who posts on our Yahoo Groups List from time to time. I already mentioned Larry Daum from Nevada, and Bob (don't know his last name) from Az. Also trailering his 69 BBO AMX from AZ was Cameron Earnshaw. Did I forget anyone?

All too soon as it neared 4pm people started pulling out and heading home and the AMC party broke up pretty fast. I wasn't the first to leave but not the last either. The overall reception of the Playmate AMX was nice. The comments were either "Thank you for taking care

of a piece of AMC history" or "I saw it on TV and was wondering if it'd be there in Kenosha this year. Thanks for bringing it."

Sunday I slept in for the long drive home and after hooking up at my friend's home and saying goodbyes I was back on the road again by 11am. Fifty hours later I pulled into Bullhead City, AZ on Tuesday to visit my dad, aunt and uncle, and cousin and wife for a day before finally making it home by 3am Thursday.

That's it for the report on Kenosha 2017. It was announced over the PA system at the show Saturday that the next Kenosha Homecoming Show is on for 2020. Start making your plans to go now. Drive your car or trailer if it need be. I've done both. Driving my 69 AMX to Kenosha in 2011 was great. Riding in my air-conditioned truck cab this year was really nice too.

MARK MELVIN



Ohio-Richard Teague AMC Show



Kenosha-Thursday at Mason's



Kenosha-Friday Parade & Cruise



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Central Coast 2nd Annual AMC Rambler Show

Radisson Inn

3455 Skyway Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455

805-928-8000

Mention "Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers" "Rambler" or "Fairlane" for special rate



September 8-9

2017

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For more information, visit our website: www.pgrramblers.org or
Contact: Stan Kelly, (408-821-7812) or Ken Norman, (805-878-8096)

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2nd Annual Central-Coast AMC/Rambler Show

Registration Form:

Name: _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ email: _____

Entry Number:

Car Registration:

Before: August 1, 2017: \$35.00 After August 1, 2017: \$40.00

Year / Make / Model

1. _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____
2. _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

2017 Mid-Coast Santa Maria Tee Shirt :

___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL T-Shirt included with Registration

Total Amount Enclosed:

\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers**

Mail this form and payment to: Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers, c/o Stan Kelly 1378 S Newcomb Street Porterville, CA 93257

Hosted by: Pacific Gold Rush Ramblers

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2017 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION



AMCRC Southwest Regional



November 3-4, 2017

**HOOVER DAM
LODGE**
HOTEL & CASINO

18000 Highway 93, Boulder City, NV 89005



For room reservations, call Hoover Dam Lodge at 1-800-245-6380 or 702-293-5000. Make sure to mention code **AMC2017** for the special room rate.

Show Features

Friday Tour followed by FREE Barbeque hosted by SNAMEC
Event T-shirt Dash Plaque Raffles Awards

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www.snamc.amcrc.com www.hooverdamlodge.com



Metropolitan **Jeep**

2017 Las Vegas AMC Reunion Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-mail _____

Club Affiliation (s) _____

VEHICLES REGISTERED:

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$40** per car (registration includes t-shirt, dash plaque and goodie bag)

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

Additional shirts available for **\$20** per shirt: Qty _____ Size(s) _____

NOTE: Due to the limited quantity of show t-shirts, you must register or place your order **NO LATER THAN October 1st** to be guaranteed a t-shirt. After October 1st, there is no guarantee that t-shirts will be available.

SWAP MEET SPACE: **\$30** per space (20' x 20') No. of spaces _____

TOTAL OF ALL FEES..... \$ _____

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

Mail to: Las Vegas AMC Reunion, c/o Larry Daum
80 W. Story
Pahrump NV 89060

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