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Roam'n Relics Car Show

October 25, 2015 Old Town Moorpark, CA roamnrelics.com

Las Vegas AMC Reunion

November 6-7, 2015 Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino Henderson, Nevada snamc.amcrc.com

29th Annual Burger Run

January 9, 2016 Vista, CA burgerrun.info

Grand National Roadster Show

January 29-31, 2015 LA Fairplex, Pomona, CA rodshows.com/gnrs

2016 AMO National Convention

July 27-30, 2016 Rockford, IL amonational.com

2017 Kenosha Homecoming

July 25-29, 2017 Kenosha, WI kenoshahistorycenter.org/events.html

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VEGAS IN JUST THREE WEEKS! By Mark Melvin

The annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion is just three weekends away as I write this story. I know how these events can sneak up on one so if you haven't made your hotel reservations yet I'd think you'd need to do so soon?

The Vegas car show is the first weekend in November, this year on the $6^{th} \& 7^{th}$. Mark Ogulnick, President of the Vegas club has worked really hard to prepare for this show, like he has all the previous years. He expects a few more cars than last year, probably 65-70 or so.

Today Mark O. also informed me that the pink Missouri school teacher 69 AMX will be at the show. Together with the Playmate AMX it will be the first time, hopefully not the last, which both factory painted Playmate Pink AMXs will be shown together.

Mark asked me to share the following words about the show next month:

Please pass the word that anyone, who is definitely planning on coming, should book their hotel rooms now. If you know of anyone thinking about coming but haven't decided, I suggest they book a room now too. They can always cancel if they decide not to come. I've been told rooms are going fast. Don't delay, book today!

The rate for Sunday-Thursday will be \$45 plus tax, and Friday & Saturday will be \$65 plus tax. For room reservations, call Railroad Pass at 1-800-654-0877 or 702-294-5000. Make sure to mention code AMC1115 for the special room rate.

The schedule of events for the 2015 Las Vegas AMC Reunion is coming together. On Friday, November 6th we will be cruising to the Techatticup Mine at Eldorado Canyon. It's the oldest, richest and most famous gold mine in Southern Nevada. If you're into history and "old stuff", you'll love it. It's about a 25 mile drive from Railroad Pass to the mine. We will be departing from the hotel at 9:30am. The cost will be \$10 per person (payable at the mine, please do not pay in advance).

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After everyone is finished at the mine, we have a really cool idea. Another six miles from the mine, you come to the end of the road. The scenery is spectacular with beautiful blue sky, mountains and the Colorado River as the background. It's the perfect place to take photos of your car. We are seriously considering hiring a professional photographer to take the photos. We're still working on this so we don't yet what the cost would be.

The second event on the Friday calendar is our now famous and totally FREE barbeque at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boulder City. Once again, Andy Ray will serve as your host and grill master. It's one of the highlights of the weekend and something everyone really enjoys. We guarantee you'll leave with a full stomach. If all goes according to plan, we should start "serving up the grub" around 3:00pm.

Finally, we will hold early registration in the banquet room at Railroad Pass from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. We may have a presentation by a special guest during registration but we're still working on that.

The itinerary on Saturday, November 7th is the show field opens for set-up at 6am, registration on the show field is from 7am-10am, the car show and swap meet is open from 9am-3pm, the drawing of raffle prizes takes place at 2:30pm, the awards presentation and presentations from other AMC clubs hosting a show in 2016 is scheduled from 4pm-5:30pm and dinner in the Boxcar Buffet (\$10.95 per person) will be immediately following the conclusion of the awards presentation.

Don't forget the breakfast buffet on Sunday morning in The Steakhouse.

Registration is \$40 per car. In exchange, you'll receive our awesome event t-shirt, dash plaque and goodie box.

This is our 10th annual show. We want to celebrate by making this our biggest and best show yet! If you've been thinking about coming but haven't made it yet, we hope you'll decide to come this year. Do you really want to miss one of the largest regional AMC shows in the country?

For more information, visit our club website http:// snamc.amcrc.com

Or contact Mark Ogulnick at chicagoo516@yahoo.com or 702-985-7647.

WHEELS AND WINDMILLS CAR SHOW

The Wheels and Windmills Car Show in Solvang. I've been wanting to take my AMX to this show for several years. I had read that the collection of cars is high in quality, and quantity of spectators equally generous. A few months ago I noticed the approaching show and posted a message about it on our Yahoo Groups message board. Like clockwork several other members jumped in and said it sounded fun, let's do it. Although the show sells out quickly, myself, Randy Kirby, Keith Magee, Stan Kelly, and Steve Fox were able to get our entry forms in on a timely manner and were accepted by the show officials.



A few of the others choose to go up to Solvang on Friday and spend the night. I was feeling a bit cheap so I decided to get up early Saturday morning (2am) and drive the 3 hours there just before the show. When I arrived there was a slight delay for everyone lined up to get their information packets, but they worked through the snag and had the line moving



again shortly. Because we notified the officials ahead of time we were able to park all of our club's cars together. Right around the corner from us was parked a beautiful custom Marlin that had appeared at the SEMA show last year.

Like I mentioned before, there were scores of people everywhere. Solvang is a major tourist destination, replicating a Danish town, and tour buses were



dumping off their passengers all day long, adding to the glut of spectators. There are many places to eat in Solvang. Keith Magee and I were eating at one sidewalk café when I happened to look up and see John Siciliano nearby looking at a car. I called out his name and he came over to join us to form a trio of hungry car show gawkers.

Come trophy time Randy Kirby's BBG 70 AMX was selected as the winner of Best In Class.

John and Shelly brought their motorhome up for a weekend get-a-way, without their 69 AMX. At the end of the day they invited all of the AMC'ers to their motorhome parked nearby at a RV park, to share a burger bar-b-q with them.

It had been a long day for me, having been up since 2am to drive to the show that morning, and now I had to drive 3 hours back. On the way home I was struggling to keep my eyes open so I pulled off the freeway into a deserted parking lot to grab a few zzzz's. Some nearby road noise startled me awake and for the initial moment I thought I was driving and had fallen asleep. I grabbed the steering wheel, stomped on the brakes and held on for the impact. But nothing happened. Then I realized I was stopped in the middle of an empty parking lot, engine off, car in gear, and parking brake on. Apparently the right decision had been made to pull over for needed sleep!

MARK MELVIN





What, another Chevy?



What, another Ford?



John Siciliano and Keith Magee discuss AMXs.



Custom Corvette interior.

Playmate AMX Show Report

Since the completion of the Playmate AMX earlier this year I have been working at scheduling the car to be displayed at many shows. Its first show was the AMCRC Regional AMC Show in Lake Tahoe, and then there were the Richard Teague and AMO National AMC Shows in Ohio in July.

Wanting to fill in a time gap between Ohio in July, and the Las Vegas AMC Reunion in November, I was able to submit an application and get invited to 2 different Concours d'Elegance shows, on back to back weekends.

The first show was the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance on September 20, and the second was the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance on September 26.

For the Palos Verdes show it was a short drive from home, but, I had a small problem early when I tried to gain access to the yard where my trailer is stored. The security keypad was not working and it looked like I might not make it to the show. The yard's owner showed up, let me in, and I made it to the show on time. Allen Tyler joined me there and together we enjoyed the many fine cars.

Also present that day were Mark Fletcher and Richard Truesdell. Richard is a magazine photographer so when he stopped what he was doing to get some water he handed his fancy camera off to Mark to hold until he got back. While he was gone two girls happened to wander by and we got them to pose with the pink AMX. We didn't have to twist their arms at all! Anyway, Mark snapped a picture of them with Richard's camera and didn't tell him. We laughed together thinking Richard would be scratching his head later wondering when he took the picture. Sure enough on Facebook Richard later posted the picture of the girls with the pink AMX stating he didn't remember taking the picture.

At the end of the day they selected me as one of the top three in class so I had to drive my car up to the podium in front of the crowd to receive my award. They called my name first so that meant 3^{rd} Place.

MARK MELVIN

Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance Photos

For more photos visit: http://tiny.cc/pv15



Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

The following weekend I had to drive a distance up north to attend the Ironstone show. It was a bit more of a trip than I first realized, but well worth it after all was said and done. I drove up on Thursday and stayed overnight in Stockton so that Friday I could get my car placed on display early so that Saturday would not be so hectic.

The day trip on Friday from Stockton to Ironstone was an adventure all in itself. Driving east from Stockton it was a solid 60 mile drive to the small town of Murphys in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada's. The final miles were very windy and I had to slow way down with the trailer behind me. The Ironstone is a mature wine vineyard with several large grassy knolls and hedges as part of its complex.

Getting my car placed on display Friday worked out well. There were only a handful of other cars present and everything went smoothly. I was free the rest of the day to seek out a good restaurant for dinner.

Saturday, show day, was outstanding. It was amazing to see so many fine cars on the road arriving together at such a way-out-in-the-middle-of-nowhere place. The highlight of the show for me was seeing not one, not two, but three 1948 Tucker Torpedos on display.

As for awards they had only the Best in Class car drive up to the podium for a trophy, which wasn't me. However I was surprised to find that when I wasn't looking one of the show officials had placed a "Merit of Award" ribbon on the Playmate AMX's console, meaning I think they liked the car. Not every car got one of these ribbons so I guess that's saying something.

During the show one guy came up and said he was at the Palos Verdes show the weekend before and saw the car there and was really surprised to see it again the following weekend. Another guy with his family came up and the guy excitedly asked if this was the Playboy car that was in the recent Automobile magazine. I replied yes and he was just beside himself with elation explaining to his family how this very car was in a magazine he just read and he was telling them the story as he had read it. Very funny to watch his reaction.

After the show I loaded the Playmate AMX into my mobile garage and headed home right from Ironstone. Of course it made for another long day but that's the way it goes I guess..

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Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Photos

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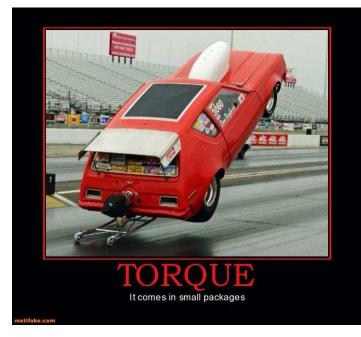


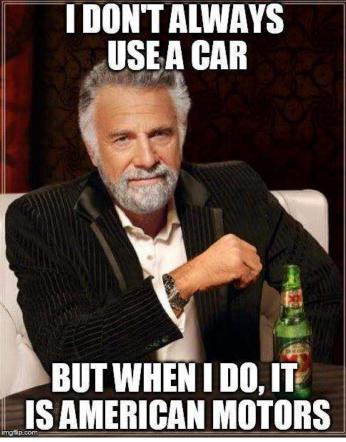
















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