



## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

### Heights Cruisers

#### Monthly Donut & Coffee Run

1st Saturday each month - 7:30am  
Krispy Kreme Donuts Store  
@ the Puente Hills Mall  
Azusa & 60 Freeway, Hacienda Heights, CA

### Cactus Classic XII

March 22&23, 2013  
Hosted by the Cactus Cruisers, Phoenix, AZ  
<http://cactuscruisers.org>

### West Coast All AMC Car Show

May 18, 2013  
Hosted by SoCalAMX, NHRA Museum, Pomona, CA  
[socalamx.net/carshow](http://socalamx.net/carshow)

Check the online Calendar at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net)

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above. Go to [socalamx.net/join.htm](http://socalamx.net/join.htm)

Check out  
“[socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com)”  
for listings of shows in S. Cal!

## May 18 AMC Car Show

Hi everyone, this year’s annual “West Coast All AMC Car Show” is now just under three months away, to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The location is the same as last year, the Wally Parks Motorsports Museum in Pomona, previously known as the NHRA Museum. Fliers are being sent to last year’s attendees, and are being handed out at car shows to other AMCs when encountered, and the date has been posted on various web sites.

The entry form is available on the SoCalAMX.net web site. Just click on “Carshow” and use the entry form links. You can even register online and pay with PayPal. Help me out by registering for the show early so I can update the database and print necessary materials in a timely fashion.

A new class is being added to the show this year called the “Performance” class. This class is for those cars that have been modified with big slick tires, bored and stroked motors, blowers or turbo chargers—basically for those who race their cars!

A few of the already pre-registered cars are a Nash



Bob Segui's 1953 Nash Healey

Healey from up north, and a SC/Rambler from Arizona.

I hope to see you and your car on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The show starts at 10am but plan to arrive a little bit early.

Mark Melvin  
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1968 AMX  
1969 AMX



The Dukes of Hazard would be proud of this jump!

# 26th Annual Burger Run

January 12, 2013

Can't believe a new year has started. Damn Cold & EARLY too. Me, Mark, Allen, Jon (70 Jav), Even Tom (70 Jav) made this show, and we got to park in the church parking lot where we did the first 3 years.

Last year we had 13 cars, our best showing here, but cars were down, people were sick, and it was COLD! Like maybe 30ish.

We all went on our walkabouts, I heard there were around 650 cars here, Beauties! We all ended up back at our cars after noon, a guy came around and asked who Mark was, so I pointed to El Presidente standing next to me, and the guy sez, "You won a trophy!" So be there at 1pm for the presentation! Cool!

So we took some pix of us with our cars and another person was also, he also asked us to stand next to our cars for another pix. He said he was a photographer for Drive Magazine and he was going to try to get it into the June or July issue....Also COOL!

It was a great show, sorry so many people missed it, but we still have next year....and the next....and the next....

Lots of good shows this year coming up, March is Phoenix, May is Pomona, August is Colorado, November is Vegas, plus we have Spring Fling & lots of regular shows to choose from.

C'Ya on the road..

*Randy Kirby*

1970 BBG AMX  
1970 Rebel Machine



## AMCRC

SoCalAMX has decided to join a national AMC organization called the AMC Rambler Club, or AMCRC, and become a chartered club. The foremost reason for this is to automatically have insurance coverage through AMCRC for our club events, mainly our annual car show in May each year.

We haven't filled out the chartered club application form yet but already we have at least the required minimum of five AMCRC members. A number of SoCalAMX members are already AMCRC members from when we went to the AMCRC National Show in Reno last year and signed up.

We'd like to get many more SoCalAMX members to join as well and increase the size of our soon to be AMCRC chartered club. The web site address to sign up at is: [AMCRC.com](http://AMCRC.com). The benefits of signing up are, in addition to being a member of a chartered club, a nicely produced quarterly newsletter, and access to a national roster of members. Email me with your AMCRC member number when you receive it.

Mark Melvin: [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto:mightypilot@gmail.com)



## Chicago Auto Show

American Motors styling vice president Richard Teague beams with pride as seven year old Karie Sexton toots the horn in Teague's 1904 Rambler Model L Surrey, a highlight of a special vintage auto display at the 1971 Chicago Auto Show.

Teague, an avid antique car enthusiast, painstakingly restored the car over a period of several years.

Shown seated behind the right side steering wheel



is Teague's son Jeff, age 14.

Mark Ogulnick, President of the SNAMC (Las Vegas) Car Club spotted this picture on the Chicago Auto Show website and put it in his club's newsletter, and I did the same in our newsletter.

Thank you eagle eye Mark O!

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Sorry for being several months behind again on the club newsletter. Recently at work I've been working from 7am to 6pm daily and by the time I get home it's 7pm and time to grab a bite to eat and go to bed to start the whole thing over the next day. On top of that my weekends are filled with working on the Playmate AMX project. When do I ever get a chance to work on the newsletter? Besides the past few months were kind of slow news wise, so nothing new to put in the newsletter.

Some of the upcoming car shows to think about in the months ahead are the Cactus Cruisers car show in Phoenix in March, our very own car show in May, the National AMCRC show in Denver in August, which a few people besides myself are planning on going to, and of course the annual AMC show in Las Vegas in November.

Another item on my agenda is renovating the club web site before the year's end. It has been stuck in its current format since 2001 and shows it. I'm looking for a dynamic web site where SoCalAMX users can post their own pictures of their cars. I am currently evaluating numerous software packages.

I've been working on some nifty handouts to pass out to prospective members whom we meet at the car shows we attend. I feel that when we meet new people at shows and verbally pass along our info to them they say great, but then when they get home its like, "What was that web site name?" And then we never hear from them again.

If you have any comments or suggestions contact me at: [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto:mightypilot@gmail.com).

*Mark Melvin*

### Ferrari Motorcycle?

Not exactly car related but check out this new motorcycle Ferrari has designed. It is said to have 289 HP at the rear wheel..



© Olrik - 2008



Fascinating photos from the 1920s and 30s show the dramatic and tragic side effect of the Golden Age of American Motoring.

The pictures were taken in and around Boston, Massachusetts by Leslie Jones, who was staff photographer at the Boston-Herald Traveler newspaper from 1917 to 1956. Mr. Jones captured everything that happened in the city for five decades and when he died in 1967, his family donated a vast collection of 34,000 prints to the Boston Public Library.

They included these fascinating photos of vintage car wrecks from the great motoring boom. Motor cars became affordable to the masses for the first time in the 1920s. By the end of the decade a Model T Ford cost \$298, just a fraction of the \$1,200 it cost in 1909. By 1929, 20 per cent of Americans were on the road.

Ford, Chrysler and General Motors were all competing for the boom in business and by the time the depression hit in 1929, Ford was producing more than one car every minute.

Technology meant these early cars were capable of achieving speeds of up to 50 miles per hour—but safety measures were nowhere near as advanced as they are today.

Add in the fact drivers didn't need to pass a test before they got behind the wheel, and it's easy to see why accidents were frequent and often spectacular.



*Officers examine a car that has wrapped itself around a tree, spilling its interiors onto the street in Boston in 1933.*



*The scene of an accident in 1935. Information with the photo reveals a car stolen by joyriding children crashed into a lawyer's car, killing him.*



*This truck stood no chance when it came into contact with a tree on a rural Mass. road, disintegrating on impact - leaving just the steering wheel intact.*



*This car came out a loser in a battle of wills with a trolley bus on Boston's South End in 1932.*



**CACTUS CLASSIC XII**  
**Cactus Cruisers AMC of Phoenix, AZ**  
**March 22<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**



**Cactus Cruisers AMC presents their Twelfth annual Cactus Classic AMC Car Show.**

**Friday 3/22/13 : 2 pm to 4:30 pm Garage Tour**

Meet at the AMC Hobby Shop of Dan Curtis, 10728 N. 96<sup>th</sup>. Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
Travel to Kirk Fletcher's home garage, 12115 N. 73<sup>rd</sup>. Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Afterwards we will caravan over to Chilly Bombers Bar & Grill in Glendale.

**Friday 3/22/13 : 5 pm to 8 pm Cruise Night at Chilly Bombers**

After the Garage tour we will caravan over to the local Friday Night Cruise at Chilly Bombers Bar & Grill, 4917 W. Bell Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308, 602-298-0843, [www.chillybombersnightclub.com](http://www.chillybombersnightclub.com)

**Saturday 3/23/13 : 8 am to 3 pm Cactus Classic XII AMC Car Show**

Car Show will be at the North Hills Church of God parking lot, 15025 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85023. South of Greenway & East of 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Registration Starts at 8 am and the show begins at 9 am. Trophies will be presented at 2 pm. This show is open to all AMC, Rambler, Nash, Hudson & Jeep vehicles of all years including Metropolitan's & Nash-Healey's. There will also be two classes for Mopars Unlimited club members.

**Saturday 3/23/13 : 4 pm to 9 pm Cruise Night at Matta's**

Mesa Riverview Cruise Night hosted by Matta's where we will have a section reserved for our AMC's. The location is at 1501 N. Dobson, Mesa, AZ 85201, Loop 202 and Dobson Rd., Southeast corner.

**Sunday 3/24/13 : 8 am to 10 am Breakfast at Denny's**

We will gather for a no-host Breakfast at the Denny's closest to the Peoria Sports Complex before everyone heads home. Denny's, 8131 W. Bell Rd., Peoria, AZ 85382, 623-486-8505. The baseball game starts at 1:05 pm.

**Host Hotel : Drury Inn & Suites Happy Valley**

Drury Inn & Suites Happy Valley, 2335 W. Pinnacle peak Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85027, 1-623-879-8800, Fax 1-888-221-6260, <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2157428>, Group rate of \$119 per night, we have a block of 10 rooms until the cut-off date; February 18<sup>th</sup>. Cactus League pre-season Baseball will be in full swing so don't delay if you want the best rates.

**For additional information contact**  
**Kirk Fletcher 602-689-9222 [fletchkirk@hotmail.com](mailto:fletchkirk@hotmail.com) or**  
**Gary Zinman 623-566-7956 [gzinman@cox.net](mailto:gzinman@cox.net)**



**CACTUS CLASSIC XII**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**North Hills Church of God Parking Lot**  
**15025 North 19<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85023**

Please complete and return this form with your check for the correct amount to **Cactus Cruisers AMC** and send to Gary & Elda Zinman, 20625 N 63<sup>rd</sup> Dr, Glendale, AZ 85308 623-566-7956 e-mail [gzinman@cox.net](mailto:gzinman@cox.net). For additional information you may also contact Kirk & Terry Fletcher at 623-486-3620 e-mail [fletchkirk@hotmail.com](mailto:fletchkirk@hotmail.com). One application form per vehicle. For multiple vehicle entries please use a separate entry blank for each vehicle. **Please Print Clearly** **16 classes now available to choose from!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Verification: e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: AMO \_\_\_\_\_ Cactus Cruisers AMC \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Information**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Engine \_\_\_\_\_ Trans \_\_\_\_\_ Rear Axle \_\_\_\_\_ Class Code \_\_\_\_\_

Car Show Entry, postmarked B4 3/11/13	\$20.00 _____	<b>Will you be participating at these Events?</b> Friday Garage Tour Yes _____ No _____ Friday Night Cruise Yes _____ No _____ Saturday Night Cruise Yes _____ No _____ Sunday No-Host Breakfast at Denny's in Peoria Yes _____ No _____
Car Show Entry postmarked after 3/10/13	\$22.50 _____	
Car Show Entry (Day of Show)	\$25.00 _____	
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' B4 3/11/13	\$25.00 _____	
Swap Meet Space 20'x20' after 3/10/13	\$30.00 _____	
Display Only	\$20.00 _____	

*This show is open to all AMC, Rambler, Nash, Hudson and Jeep vehicles of all years including Metropolitan's & Nash-Healey's. There will also be two classes for members of the Mopars Unlimited Car Club.*

By signing this form, the entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and release from liability (both jointly and severally) the Cactus Cruisers AMC Club and American Motors Owners Association. Participants agree to release all officials of the aforementioned organizations (jointly and severally) from any liability from a loss or damage to property and to assume all risks, including **Acts of Nature, Civil Disobedience, Riots, Public Commotion or Violence** of third parties arising from or related to this event. **Alcoholic beverages, fireworks or illegal firearms** are not permitted at this event or any other event produced by Cactus Cruisers AMC.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Choice (Voting) for all Classes except Display Only (DO)**

AMC Class	(AMC)	70 - 88	-----	All AMC's from 70-88 (except those that fit into other classes)
AMX Class	(AMX)	68 - 70	-----	All 2 seat AMX's
Display Only Class	(DIS)	03 - 98	-----	All other non-judged participating vehicles that will be parked separately
Driver Class	(DRI)	03 - 98	-----	Non-restored cars that are used as basic transportation
Eagle Class	(EAG)	80 - 98	-----	All body styles of the AMC Eagle, Eagle Talon's, Summit's & Premiers
Hudson & Nash Class	(H&N)	57 - Older	-----	All Hudson's & Nash's from 57 and older (except those in Metropolitan Class)
Javelin Class	(JAV)	68 - 74	-----	All Javelin's (Base, SST & AMX)
Jeep & Willy's Class	(J&W)	41 - 91	-----	All Jeep's build by Willys, Kaiser, AMC & Chrysler up to 1991
Mopars Older Class	(M66)	66 - Older	-----	All Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge & Desoto vehicles 1966 and older
Mopars Newer Class	(M67)	67 - Newer	-----	All Chrysler, Plymouth & Dodge vehicles 1967 and newer
Metropolitan	(MET)	54 - 62	-----	All Metropolitan's
Performance Class	(PER)	69 - 87	-----	SC/Rambler, Machine, SC360, 77-80 AMX, Renault GTA & R5 Turbo
Race Car Class	(RAC)	03 - 88	-----	Barely or non-street legal cars used mostly for race purposes
Rambler Class	(RAM)	58 - 69	-----	All Rambler's from 58-69 (except those that fit into other classes)
Rambler Legacy	(RML)	57 - Older	-----	All Rambler's from 57 and older
Under Construction Class	(UNC)	03 - 98	-----	Cars that are clearly under construction and are not fully assembled

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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO THE FIELD  
 (All entries subject to review by CCAMC Meet Officials)



# SEVENTH ANNUAL

# West Coast All AMC Car Show

Hosted By **SoCalAMX**



**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

- Car show starts at 10am
- Nash, Hudson, & Jeeps!
- T-Shirt w/preregistration!
- Music by 8-Track Carl
- Spectators enter **FREE!**
- Lots of Raffle Prizes

[socalamx.net/carshow](http://socalamx.net/carshow)

# 2013 All AMC Car Show



For Maps and More Information Visit The Car Show's Web Site:

[www.socalamx.net/carshow](http://www.socalamx.net/carshow)

Saturday, May 18th, 2013

Wally Parks Motorsports "NHRA" Museum, 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA  
Car Show Starts at 10am and Ends At 3pm

Car Show T-Shirts are limited and guaranteed with Pre-Registration only!

Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2013

Confirmations Cards Will Be Mailed

Bring your own food and drinks. Subway Store 1 mile away at 10fwy & White

Pay Online (\$30) (PayPal) at: <http://socalamx.net/carshow/entry-online.htm>  
Or Make Checks (\$30) Payable To "Mark Melvin"  
and mail entry form & payment to: 1517 McCabe Way, West Covina, CA 91791  
(One registration form per vehicle entered)

(what size shirt?) (M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Each pre-registered entry gets an event t-shirt. Additional t-shirts are limited and available for \$15 each.

Name  Address

City  State  Zip Code

Phone  E-Mail

Car Year  Make  Model  Color

From The List Below Select The Trophy Class For Your Car!

- AMC (A)
- AMX Modified (XM)
- AMX Stock (XS)
- Javelin (J)
- Hudson & Nash (HN)
- Rambler (R)
- High Performance (P)

All Entrants Hereby Release and Discharge SoCalAMX & Wally Parks Motorsports Museum From Any Known Or Unknown Damages, Injuries, Losses, or Claims That May Occur During This Event. I also agree to permit SOCALAMX and its associates to use my name, likeness, pictures, and photos of me or my property for advertising, publicity purposes, and relinquish any rights whatsoever.



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I hope that grabbed your attention. The SoCalAMX.net monthly newsletter has a nominal cost of \$0.00 per issue due to the availability of Internet delivery. If you have problems downloading the newsletter I will make arrangements with you to send a copy via the United States Post Office, for a small fee to cover postage.

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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](mailto: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

## SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://socalamx.net) and click on Newsletter.