



# SoCalAMX



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## **SOCALAMX CALENDAR**

### **14th Annual Las Vegas AMC Reunion**

November 8-9, 2019  
Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino  
Henderson, Nevada  
[snamc.amcrc.com](http://snamc.amcrc.com)

### **AMO National Car Show**

June 17-20, 2020  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
<https://amonational.com/2020-amo-national-convention/>

Check the online Calendar at [socalamx.net](http://socalamx.net)  
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Check out "socalcarculture.com" for listings of shows in SoCal!

## **LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

(subject to change)

### Friday, Nov. 8th

10:30am: Meeting in Parking lot at Railroad Pass Departure

11:00am: Arrive approximately for tour of Atomic Motors in Las Vegas (maps will be provided)  
704 West Sunset Road

11:00am-2:00pm: Tour of Atomic Motors

3:00pm to 5:00pm: FREE BBQ at Bi-Centennial Park, 999 Colorado Street, Boulder City

7:30pm: Early Registration in hotel meeting room AKA banquet room until 10:00 PM

### Saturday, Nov. 9th

6:00am: Show field open for set-up

7:00am-10:00am: Registration on show field

9:00am-3:00pm: Car Show and Swap Meet

1:30pm: Deadline to turn in voting ballots

2:30pm: Drawing for raffle items

5:00pm: Awards Presentation in Banquet Room  
Presentations from other clubs hosting a meet in 2020

NOTE: Following the awards presentation, you are free to do whatever you want.

### Sunday, Nov. 10th

8:00am: Sunday Morning Breakfast (Eat in the Steak House )



**"That's right, I own 12 AMX's !"**



## **PLAYMATE AMX REPORT**

A total of 130 vehicles in 25 classes were hand-picked for display at the Dragon Ridge Country Club for the inaugural Las Vegas Concours d'Elégance. One of those vehicles was the famous pink Playmate AMX. The weekend was designed from start to finish to be grand and spectacular. It did not disappoint and was memorable for everyone.

After months of anticipation looking forward to this show it was finally upon us. Victoria and I were up early on Friday to meet the others in our group in Victorville for breakfast. After breakfast our convoy of trailers lined up and pressed onward towards sin city.

We weren't the first ones to arrive at the designated parking spot for trailers. There were some 50 other cars in front of us. The car show organizers really pushed to get as many cars parked on Friday as possible so there would be fewer to park the following morning right before the start of the show. I took my time getting the pink lady, known as Angela, out of the trailer while I waited for the line of cars to shrink down. When I was ready to go, I was able to go all the way up the hill directly onto the golf course green for placement in our spot. While driving down the street we passed a red, white, and blue 1970 Javelin unloading and honked at them as we whizzed by. They would end up parking directly next to us.

I didn't have much time to clean the car Friday afternoon but before leaving was able to place our car cover over the top for its overnight stay outdoors. We made our way to the hotel so we could relax for a few minutes, but not for too long. We had to get cleaned up and dressed so that we could make our way across town to the downtown area for a "Gala" dinner that was being put on by the car show organizers.

There was no dress code posted in advance that we were aware of. Never less I figured it would be a good idea to not wear short pants and t-shirt to this shindig. I dressed up by wearing a casual pair of slacks and a dress shirt and no tie. Everyone in our group dressed the same and we were out done by most everyone else there at the Gala who dressed up in suit and ties, and some even in tuxedos.

While waiting in line at the Gala everyone was greeted by a pair of Flamingo dancers with full head gear, and a juggler. Once inside there were multiple open bars where you could saddle up to the counter and get free drinks. For food there were tables around the perimeter of the eating area loaded with various foods. It was kind of a buffet style dinner so each of us had to go get our own plates and bring them back to the table. After most of the people had finished eating a visual audio program started on stage along with speakers and big screen TVs and such. When we sensed the Gala was ending our group got up and headed for the doors. We wanted to beat the mad rush to the valet line to get our cars and beat the traffic crush out of the area.

Saturday morning dawned early it seemed. Victoria and I met our friends in the café downstairs at the hotel. After a satisfying meal with coffee we were off again for the show. We parked our truck in front of our trailer and flagged down an electric cart to give us a ride up to our AMX on the golf course. The Javelin team parked next to us was already busy working on their car, shining it up in anticipation of the arrival of the judges.

Since I was parked on the end of the row of cars in our class, of course the judges decided to start with me. I wasn't quite done cleaning the car but had to wrap it up early. The judges were very through, going over the car in detail, and spent a good ten minutes talking amongst themselves about their observations before marking their score sheets and moving on to the next car and extending the same courtesy.

Lunch turned out to be quite an experience of its own. All car show entrants when they were ready were loaded up on a bus and shuttled up the hill to the model homes being sold for the country club resort. Expensive property here. I asked one of the workers there about property values. He said well first the plot sells for \$1 million, then you build your home for what ever your pocketbook can handle. Ya, these four level homes were nice. We walked in the front door to the kitchen level where we loaded up on the goodies; sandwiches, chicken wraps, pasta salad, fresh fruit, water, beer, wine, take your pick. After grabbing our grub, we headed upstairs to

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find seats to sit down and eat. The last condo unit was set up just for dessert. Cheesecake squares, brownies, cookies, fruit, drinks.

Back on the grassy green of the car show we continued showing off the pink AMX. Victoria was busy all day talking to everybody who walked by and stopped to check out Angela. While she was busy doing that, I slipped away to check out the other cars on display. There was a nice assortment of cars, not only of different types, but also from where the cars came from—all across the nation. This was not just a west coast car show.

I was sitting in my lawn chair when the judge's golf cart pulled up to hand out awards. I watched as they walked up to the 1970 Javelin parked next to us and presented the blue first place ribbon to the team and shook hands and exchanged congratulatory words. The judges then turned towards me and I realized we had won a trophy as well. "You got second place. Congratulations," was the word from the chief judge as he handed the beautiful red ribbon to me. Third place was awarded to the blue 1967 Camaro.

I was truly excited to receive an award at this show. One because of it being a large inaugural show, and secondly because I didn't feel as prepared for this show as I normally would be. I just didn't think the car was going to win that day. What a great day for AMC to win 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at such a prestigious event.

But we weren't done yet. In addition to the ribbon presented to us at the car, all winners got to drive across the winner's stage and receive a cool trophy from the gorgeous trophy girl.

On the way home on Sunday Victoria and I detoured a tad eastward to Bullhead City to visit with my dad, before pointing our rig towards home.

So, to sum up the car show weekend we had a blast. It was a level above all the other Concourse shows the pink AMX has had the privilege to attend. I hope this show's organizers can continue to operate this show in the future so new attendees can experience such a show.

MARK MELVIN

## THE PINK PAINTER

At the recent Las Vegas Concours Show I was busy cleaning the pink AMX when I heard out of one ear, some guy talking to Victoria, "Do you remember me? I painted your car brown years ago."

It is known that Victoria received her car from Playboy in its original factory color of "Playmate Pink." We also know that within the first year of ownership, she painted the car brown, because she was amongst many reasons, getting pulled over by cops for autographs and guys following her around because they all knew that the pink AMX was owned by a Playmate.



Apparently, this guy who introduced himself to Victoria at the show was the same guy who 50 years ago painted her car from the original pink to its next color, chocolate brown. The gentleman happened to be at the show because he had a Mercedes Benz Gullwing car entered in the show.

Imagine his surprise when he looks a couple of cars over and sees a pink AMX. "Hey, I painted a pink AMX some 50 years ago. I wonder if that's the same car?" he must have thought.

So, he approached the car and saw on the placard in front of the car that said Playmate Coupe and knew it was the same car. Victoria and he chatted it up for several minutes to get caught up on old times.

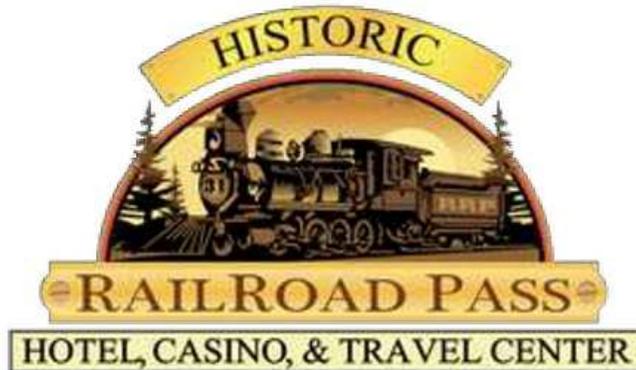
2019 Las Vegas Concours d'Elegance





# 2019 LAS VEGAS AMC REUNION

14<sup>TH</sup> Annual AMCRC Southwest Regional  
November 8-9, 2019



**1500 Railroad Pass Casino Rd, Henderson, NV 89002**

**For room reservations, call Railroad Pass at 702-294-5000**

**Make sure to mention code AMC Car Show for special room rate available Wednesday night Nov. 6 to Sunday night Nov. 10  
Must complete reservation by July 30 to get special room rate**

## Show Features:

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

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