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Jim's Ramblings... **...by Jim Graubard**

Well, here I sit on Thanksgiving day trying to be creative but thinking about the turkey that is, at this moment, cooking in the oven. What do I want to give thanks for this time around? Hummmm.....

Thanks for AMC for allowing us to pursue a hobby that is most rewarding and sometimes frustrating as well.

Thanks for having club members who go out of their way to help us "rookies" who need so much in getting our rides right.

Thanks to the hard working members of our club who are the heart and soul of Peach State AMO.

Thanks to the wives who not only put up with our hobby but go out of their way to assist as well.

Thanks for indoor plumbing, if ya know what I mean.

Thanks for the chuckle heads at car shows that give me a laugh when they ask about my AMX "what kind of Camaro is that?"

Thanks for letting me write this as I do not have to help the wife and her friend put up the Christmas, err, holiday trees today.

Thanks to the person who invented the remote control

Thanks to e-bay (yes, I know it is a love-hate thing) which has provided a huge venue for us poor AMC people to find those hard to locate parts

Thanks to all those who sacrifice so much to keep our country strong

Thanks to Dwight Eisenhower for the interstate highway system

Thanks to Jack Daniels and his first cousin, Johnny Walker

Thanks to my wife for not shooting me when I came home with 'Ol Rusty (story to follow sometime in future, but think "humpster")

Thanks for you all who are reading this, shaking your heads and wishing me a hardy "get well soon"

Upcoming Meetings...

December

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party (is it that time of year already!!!) to be held at Karen & Steve O'Neal's house on Saturday, December 8th. Festivities to begin at 5pm and, as always, we will have an ornament exchange. This has become a large focal point of the party as it offers the opportunity for some to "steal" someone else's selection. If you missed last years party you really want to attend this one just to see the magnificent display of holiday items that the O'Neals produce. If you have not advised what side dish you plan on bringing please please let Karen know.

Directions:

From the South:

85 North, exit STEVE REYNOLDS and take a RIGHT, go to 2nd light which is CLUB and take a LEFT, stay on Club until it ends at CRUSE (approximately 2-3 miles)***** and take a LEFT on CRUSE, go to the next light at BETHESDA SCHOOOL and take a RIGHT, go to the third street on the left and take a LEFT into SYCAMORE CROSSING subdivision (Wyndham Place Circle is the street name) (Before Believer's Baptist Church), then take your FIRST LEFT, which is SUMMERFIELD WAY- straight ahead to 2629—additional parking down driveway to the right.

From the North:

85 South, exit PLEASANT HILL and take a LEFT, go to CLUB (approximately the 5th light) and take a LEFT, stay on CLUB until it ends at CRUSE (approximately 1-2 miles)- follow directions above straight at asterisks.

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February

Our February meeting will be held either at George and Libby Doughtie's home or at Jeff and Geneva Puras's. I guess we will determine that at the party in December and I will advise which it will be in the next mini-newsletter.

New Members...

Welcome Joe Lashley, Decatur Alabama. Joe current owns a 69 AMX, 390, 4 speed.

....Ron Waters

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From the Pres... ...by Steve O'Neal

Last club meeting:

- Members were treated to a great lunch by the Regional show "kitty" in appreciation for team activities
- Jeff related some of the positive feedback from attendee's
- Club voted & passed to host the Regional next year unless Jeff gets feedback from Carolina or Florida club they want to sponsor. Tentative timing somewhere between last 2 weeks of Sept to 2nd week of Oct so mark your calendars and start thinking of the needs.
- Jeff will start the ball after contacting them at the motel for open dates

Next club activity

- Christmas party at the O'Neal's.
- There will not be a Dec meeting.

Next club meeting locations, watch newsletters for confirmation

- Feb - George Doughtie (or Jeff P?)
- April - Jim Graubard.

Peach State Web Site Update... <http://www.peachstateamo.com> ...by Ron Waters

STILL NEED PICTURES OF YOUR CARS FOR WEB SITE!!! You can email them to peachstate@classicone.com

Upcoming AMC Events...

March 28-29-30, 2008

Return to Daytona II: The AMX 40th Reunion

Presented by: First Coast AMC Club of Florida

All AMC, Rambler, Hudson, Nash, and Jeep are invited to celebrate "the American Motors AMX"

Friday: show and shine, swap meet

Saturday: Judged show and swap meet, awards dinner

Sunday: Driving Tour of beautiful Volusia County, Florida

For more information, hotels and registration:

Contact Cliff Danley at am401@comcast.net or (904) 783-4177 (evenings)

Held at the Spring Daytona Beach all-makes Car Show and Swap Meet.

July 1st to July 6st, 2008

2008 AMO International Convention

Car Show and Swap Meet

All AMC Cars from 1958 to 1988 including: Ambassador, American, AMX, Classic, Concord, Eagle, Gremlin, Hornet, Javelin, Jeep, Marlin, Matador, Metropolitan, Pacer, Rambler, Rebel, Spirit.

Hosted by AMO PLUS of Ontario

Being held in Kingston Ontario

Expecting Participants from around the world

Host Hotel is: The Ambassador Hotel & Conference Center

Contact: 1-800-267-7880 or 613-548-3605

Pre-registration for Show & Pre-booking of Hotel recommended

For more information visit our website: www.amontario.org for full details or Contact: Don @ 613-372-5101

2007 SOUTHERN REGIONAL AMC HOMECOMING...

...by Jim Graubard

I realize this will not be read by you all until sometime down the road in the next newsletter but I wanted to write it while everything was fresh in my mind. It is 7:44pm on Saturday night and our regional show ended just 4 hours ago. I am tired but I cannot imagine how tired Jeff and Teresa are. We started out on Friday night with early registration for those who came to stay at the hotel. Karen O'Neal, despite being under the weather, did a wonderful job in hosting the hospitality room, so many goodies I think many of us did not want to leave. Eventually several of us mingled out in the parking lot, I am not sure it was for the fresh air or to keep an eye on our rides, oh who am I kidding, we wanted to keep an eye on our rides. It turned out that there was a parking problem as the hotel was sold out and additional guests were coming in for the evening as well. The parking lot which had been blocked off for our show held only a few of our vehicles on Friday night, leaving many open spaces that became highly sought after by the visitors coming in for "casino night" at the hotel, part of a fraternity reunion that was hosted that weekend. We tried our best but most of the visitors were young ladies and they were able to sweet talk their way into our lot. Jeff Reeves and Ron Waters as well as others stood guard but by 1am we had to throw in the towel and turn in for the night. Fortunately most were gone by the time we awoke (I guess a few got "lucky").

Show day provided excellent weather with the clouds helping to keep the heat down (yes, it was October but still hot most days). Participants quickly filled the parking lot and we went into overflow mode by 11:30 ish when David Campbell showed up with his fleet of Big Bad AMX's. Judging commenced around noon time with, I think, about half of the 60 some odd cars being judged. At this writing I do not have the official count of how many cars we had but I believe it was in the 62 +/- area. Besides being able to stroll around and look at all the terrific cars (especially that beautiful '68 Calcutta Russet Metallic AMX—heck, I am writing this newsletter) we were able to do quite a bit of shopping. There were numerous vendors selling a variety of parts, die cast cars, T-shirts and such. I am sure we were all quite pleased, except maybe those wives who want us to keep a lid on our wallets.

This is the first regional show I have been to since I joined the AMC fraternity 2 ½ years ago, but I have attended lots of car shows and this one, in my opinion, ran smooth and not only on time but even a few minutes ahead of schedule. I think the way Geneva Puras and Libby Doughtie handled the door prizes was fantastic. Every show I have ever been to just calls out the number, over and over and over again, sometimes the same numbers for hours, it seems. This time they just took a prize, err, prizes, put the ticket on the prize package then had everyone come up and just match their ticket to the prize, what a great idea!! No one had to page number 72732616 a hundred times, what a great thought. Of course it was possible due to the fact that we had so many prizes to give away thanks to the efforts of several members, such as George Doughtie, Ron Waters, Jeff Pruas and others. I know I have not mentioned all that contributed but it was an effort that proved to be a successful formula.

I do not know how much work goes into the organization of such an event but I am sure it is a lot. Jeff Barfield did a great job and, once again, his weather guarantee came true. You might want to consider hiring him as a weather consultant if you are ever having an event that needs such a promise. Heck, he even arranged a brief shower Friday night so some of our cars could get a quick free wash. After it rained all I had to do was go outside and dry my car off, how thoughtful Jeff, thanks.

Toward the end of the day Jeff Puras ran the spark plug changing contest which was a huge crowd pleaser I do not have the winner names for you but all had fun, even the poor husband who lost out to his wife (thanks to the shenanigans of George Doughtie's son). The golden hook award was presented by Rita Allen who had a difficult time choosing this years recipient. In the end it was awarded to Julie and Jerry Belk's Gremlin probably just on the basis that it is currently undergoing it's restoration.

After that we had the 50/50 drawing followed by the awards presentations. Everything wrapped up in a timely

fashion and we were on our way home around 4:30pm.

News flash: This show was such a success we have decided that if the other southern clubs do not plan on hosting next years regional show we will once again have it here in its "home town" of Atlanta.

Tech Tribulations...

...by Steve O'Neal

69 AMX Window Replacement on Black Car, part II

In part I what started what I thought would be a simple window adjustment that expanded into a 2 door rebuild with the new glass. The new glass came in while I was out of town without damage but it wasn't because of how it was packed. I laid the new one on the only side I had left; it was close but did have some differences. I followed their shoe location setup method, however the new connecting bar was too wide by 3/4" so it was shortened and re-drilled. Surely since they made the glass they knew how to make this fit best, right...? I set the connecting bar in the vise with shoes attached. I carefully marked the new hole location and distance to bottom (holes in the glass were NOT even nor in the same place on both sides). With the sides shimmed I put the windshield urethane glue in the slot and pressed the glass down & with Karen's help got the plastic sleeves and screws inserted (wear gloves, that urethane won't come off your skin). I took both rear roller tracks and compressed the top 6" in vise to take some slack out of the plastic rollers and loosely re-installed everything in door at original position. The next day the urethane was set up so time to install in doors. I started to clean up the windows and track from the excess urethane, tip I didn't mention above, I'm sure glad I masked it off as it really stuck to everything. After trimming, although no one will see it the joint looks like a machine did it. Then you have to grind off their screws and put some dimples under the fuzzies (they have to be removed anyway to get this assembly in the door slot).

Next comes "alignment time" trying to make new parts fit in old stuff that didn't fit great in the first place. If you don't know the definition of this activity it's loose translation in English is 1pita, then do it again. Lets just say that the factory adjustment slots were not enough and both sides needed modifying. Then I found the drivers side rear side window was too close (it fit the old glass) so I had to pull it and modify it's little mounts to shove it almost 1/4" to the rear. Well, after a couple of rounds what I thought were tight door hinges apparently let loose of their rust and as you know, you can't finish unless hinges are tight. I got the windows in, they fit much better than the old ones and they roll up and down. If you hadn't read this you would probably think just another typical AMC fit. I did get it completed in time to take to the Regional but didn't get to install the new door panels (another story? They are not a bolt in replacement either.). I haven't asked for the judging sheet yet but it either got a silver or gold, the red car got the other one.

Part III, if I get there, will deal with the rear of the window not having enough adjustment to tip in fully. Yes, I know if I glued the shoe on crooked this may not be needed but I'm not sure I could get this apart again. I suspect it will entail how to modify the 2 rollers fixed spacing that control this as the bottom of track is spaced so far out it is causing another problem when window is down. If I had a source, it would be easier to convert to frame doors! Would a narrow Nova frame work?

Swap Meet...

Send Your Swap Meet Listings (For Sale or Wanted) to Ron Waters

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For Sale...

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