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FROM THE PRES **...by Jeff Puras**

I was reading through the current AMO newsletter and there is a letter to the editor from SOCAL AMC. They were announcing a new benchmark for their club membership. They are proud to boast of a club membership count of 600 members! Ok, I'll wait for that to sink in.....600 members for a local AMC club. I'm awaiting their approval to join in their club's Forum to maybe gain a little knowledge on how this was accomplished. Could it be that the Southern California car culture is still alive and well enough draw that kind of membership numbers to an AMC club? It must be, and along with that and the hard work of the club members they have truly have achieved something to be very proud of. Congratulations!

The Southern Regional will be here before you know it. Is there anybody not looking forward to some cooler October weather? All the major plans have been made and the small details are about worked out. We'll be having our usual popular specialty awards again this year. The most popular award and the one which always gets everybody in a good mood is the Golden Hook Award. If you haven't heard, this is awarded to the car and driver who is most likely going to need a tow truck to get off the show field after all the festivities are done. So don't be shy about getting out the tools in full view of everybody. It might pay off!

We also have a spark plug changing contest which has pitted man against woman and father against son. Sadly, however, cheating has been spotted in the past during the competition. Sadder yet, the cheating was by the event official. We hope to have this person who shall remain nameless (Brian) back this year to do another great job at the show.

The custom Hard Luck award is ready for this year and this time the trophy features moving parts. The materials for the hard luck award are produced on the race track and this year is no different. It's a chance to have a little of AMC racing history of your very own. We hope to see everybody and the meeting/social this month and for sure in October!

Be safe out there!

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NEW MEMBER

...by Doug Baker

By the time the newsletter is published this person will be a member of the Peach State AMO. His name is Harris Goodkind and he lives in Johns Creek, GA. He grew up in the backseat of his parents' Pacer as a kid and has always wanted another one. He was lucky enough to find one not far from his home. He scored this 1975 Pacer DL from the original owner complete with a history log the original owner kept. Harris works at the headquarters at NAPA in Norcross. He will be a welcome addition to our club. He will not be able to make it to our next meeting as on Monday Aug. 1st his Pacer was chosen by Hagerty Insurance company as America's Sweetest LeMon and he and his car will be flown to Monterey, California for the Concours D' Lemon at Seaside City Hall in Seaside Calif. He will lead the Parade at the "Concours D' LeMon" on August 20th. See below. Welcome Harris.

HAGERTY NAMES AMERICA'S 'SWEETEST LEMON'

By Hagerty

June 29, 2011

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Hagerty's Search For America's "Sweetest LeMon" is over! Harris Goodkind, of Johns Creek, Ga., and his 1975 AMC Pacer received nearly 17,000 votes. Mr. Goodkind and his Pacer will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the 2011 Concours D'LeMons to lead the Friday, Aug. 19, tour, and the Pacer will be celebrated as America's "Sweetest LeMon" during the concours, held at the Seaside City Hall in Seaside, Calif., on Saturday, Aug. 20.



2011 AMO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEDONA, AZ

...by Bobbie Mistretta

WE were the only members of the Georgia club to risk the drive to Sedona. A beautiful trip in many places, others it seems we were on the moon. I would move there in a heartbeat, it's absolutely GORGEOUS, but the place is VERY expensive. We took a helicopter tour and my being an "air head" could have stayed up there for hours.....days even. I loved the feel of the wind and the beauty of the area was stunning! Wanted to land in Al Pacino's back yard, but couldn't talk the pilot into doing that. BUMMER!!

The only quarter car wash in the city was broken, so Zippy was detailed, (at least that's what Bud paid for) and then we headed back to the resort and he spent another 5 hours getting all the dirt off from the drive (1700 miles) there.

The resort was lovely, probably the nicest we have ever stayed in on one of these events, although, again we paid dearly for that it was on a par three golf course with ponds and fountains and the mountains all around. VERY NICE!! We had a refrigerator in the room so we shopped at a great grocery store and had meals there expect for dinner. Sat on the deck overlooking the ponds and relaxed with nice meals. Very few vendors this time aroundmaybe three total, so didn't do much shopping.

It was good seeing some of the folks from the Ontario club, and the Dakota Club. The event day was perfect weather, hot, but dry so not as oppressive as the humid heat from Georgia (and Minnesota this summer.....July here was 5.6 degrees hotter than normal and very humid, we actually had to use the AC this summer.....unheard of!!) The monsoon that they frequently get at night did start during the banquet, but otherwise the electricity didn't go off (where was that????..... St. Louis?) so we didn't suffer in the heat indoors. Thankfully the banquet didn't go ON and ON and ON as it can, needless to say (as we have been told over and over again that we never will), "Zippy" did not win the American Cup.....a trailer queen did.....I won't go any further with that! So hope you have a great regional down thereBobbie Mistretta

2011 KENOSHA HOMECOMING SHOW

...by Jim Graubard

Chris and I have just returned from the 2011 AMC Kenosha Homecoming show. We did not bring a car as our goal was to be vendors and hopefully sell out our supply of embroidered hats, shirts, towels, etc. To this end we were successful, the only item we did not really sell were the custom denim jackets Chris spent the winter embroidering with **American Motors** on the back and the two **AMC** logos on the front. Guess the thought of a denim jacket in the heat that is gripping the nation was the last thing on people's mind.

While the show is a several day event with different cruises planned for each evening we did not arrive until Thursday afternoon with Ron Frost towing his AMX right behind us. Another reason Chris and I wanted to attend is so I could look over the Metropolitans that were there for their national meet which was also being held in conjunction with the homecoming show.

Friday is the vendor day and they were out in force, counting well over 50 and we started early, setting up at 7am and then sitting back and waiting and sweating. Even up in Kenosha it was **HOT** and humid, just as it is everywhere this summer. After sitting for a few hours I started to get worried as there were not much sales, but then I realized that the people hitting the vendors were swarming the parts first, which made sense, our hats and shirts will be there when they are done looking. Finally around 11am things picked up and we ended the day selling about \$800 worth of items. I also had brought some Metropolitan parts that I had acquired last year such as a hood, trunk lid and rear window, as well as smaller parts. Many of the Met people stopped by and wanted the large items but most of them had driven their cars to the show and had no where to put these large items. Believe it or not there were at least 5 who drove their Mets from California!!!

Turned out there were 55 Metropolitans on the show field on Saturday along with, and this is a guess, 450 various American Motors/Rambler/Nash cars as well. The weather on both days was great, **hot** but great and on Saturday afternoon a nice breeze was coming off of lake Michigan which made things much more pleasant. The show was wonderful, lots of nice cars but being I was there to vend I did not spend much time taking them in. Saturday sales were similar to Friday's, slow in the early hours but picked up nicely as the day progressed. We were going to pack up at 1pm and head south but decided to stick it out till 3:30 and we are glad we did. In those last 2 ½ hours we sold about \$400 worth of items, selling out all of our hats, totes and duffel bags and just about selling out our fire extinguisher snuggies and embroidered shirts. Finally, of the 300 red/white/blue shirts I bought 2 years ago and Chris embroidered **American Motors** on them, we are down to about 6 left over!!

We got to speak with some really nice people and I was able to pick up some pointers and information for my continued work on Chris's **Metropolitan**. While I did go shopping with the other vendors I did not find anything I needed, but I did not need much and what I did need was really for the Metropolitan and it turned out I was the only one selling Met stuff!!! There were, however, lots and lots of parts for just about every AMC ever made. Several people even had garage sales at their homes before the swap meet, I made a visit to two of those on Thursday after we arrived. One person had lots and lots of small items, like clips, screws, etc. that were all NOS from the AMC factory where I suspect he worked for many years.

All in all it was a great trip, a wonderful show and lots of nice people to meet. We took a slow drive home, stopping at a few museums on the way. When we did get home Chris was surprised to find an invitation from the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance committee inviting her Metropolitan to be in this years show, so now I must stop writing and get to work finishing the car!!

YOU MIGHT BE A RACER IF ...

- You think the primary purpose of wings is to PREVENT flight.
- You take your helmet along when you go to buy new eyeglasses or check out cars.
- You are happiest when your street car's tires are worn to racing depth and the wear bars are showing.
- When something falls off of your car, you wonder how much weight you just saved.
- Your email address refers to your race car rather than to you.
- You've paid \$8.00 a gallon for gas without complaining.
- You bought a race car before buying a house.
- You bought a race car before buying furniture for the new house.
- You're looking for a tow vehicle and still haven't bought furniture!
- The requirements you give your real estate agent are (in order of importance):
 - 1) 8 car climate controlled garage with an attached shop.
 - 2) Outside parking for 6 cars, a motor home, a crew cab dually, a 28' enclosed trailer and a 34' 5th wheel.
 - 3) 3 phase 220V outlets in the garage for your welder.
 - 4) A grease pit.
 - 5) Deaf neighbors.
 - 6) Some sort of house with a working toilet & shower on the property - or - hookups for the motor home.
- You sit in your race car in a dark garage and make car noises and shift and practice your heel and toe, while waiting for your motor to get back from the machine shop.
- You have enough spare parts to build another car.
- More than one racer supply store recognizes your voice and greets you by name when you call.
- You think the last line of the Star Spangled banner is: "Racers start your engines!"
- People know you by your class, car number, and car color.
- You astound the clerk at Sears by bringing in a snapped breaker bar every other week or so.
- Your family brings the couch into the garage to spend time with you.
- A neighbor asks if you have any oil, to which you query, "Synthetic or organic?" and they reply, "Vegetable or corn."
- You enjoy driving in the rain on the way to work.
- You always want to change something on your street car to make it handle better.
- You've tried to convince your wife you needed that flow bench to fix the air filter on her station wagon.
- You save broken car parts as "momentous".
- You've found your lawnmower runs pretty good on 108 octane gas (but doesn't particularly care for alcohol).
- The local police and state highway patrol have a picture of your car taped to their dashboard.
- Instead of pictures in your wallet, you have time slips.
- You quote your street tire wear life in weeks rather than miles.
- After you tell your wife where you'd like to go on vacation she answers: "Why...is there a race there?"
- You know at least three 1-800 numbers to aftermarket parts houses by heart.
- You are on a first-name basis with owners of every local speed shop.
- You want to take apart and rebuild things, even though they are not broken.
- You have the monetary equivalent of a lunar rocket invested in it, but your car still won't cut a good light or run the number.
- You own a vehicle that has at least 500 horsepower more than when it came out of Detroit.
- You look for hi-po cars in the movies and try to guess what engine size, tire size, and whether or not it has nitrous in it.
- You are the type of person who goes postal when you have to sit in a traffic jam for more than five minutes, yet you can spend five hours in the staging lanes.
- Every stoplight becomes a practice tree to test your ability to tree the guy in the other lane's eyes out.

- You wash your car like it was your firstborn child, you tend to its needs like it was your own body, you protect it like it's your family, then you drive it like you stole it.
- You understand racing is a way of life, not just a means of transportation.

2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION QUILT

The Connecticut AMO chapter has finished the quilt to be raffled off as a fund raiser for the 2012 National Convention in Boston. The 54" by 42" quilt has all the chapter's logos who sent them in. Raffle tickets are available for the price of \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Anyone interested in tickets can contact Jim Peloquin at rwbamx@verizon.net or send a self addressed envelope with amount of tickets needed to Jim Peloquin, 70 Glenwood Drive, Leominster, MA. 01453. The quilt will be raffled off at the 2012 Nationals on Saturday July 14th at 2PM on the show field, the winner need not be present to win and the quilt will be shipped for free to the lucky winner. For any information on the 2012 nationals visit us at AMO2012@ctamo.com.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 2:00 P.M.

Perimeter Sweet Tomatoes

In the Costco Center

6350 Peachtree-Dunwoody Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30328-4527

(770) 913-0203

Join Club Veg and receive Coupons:

<http://www.souplantation.com/>

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS AND ADDITIONAL CLUB INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.peachstateamc.com>

If you would like to add an event please email Jim at jsgchg201@yahoo.com

WANTED:

Alternator Bracket with A/C Idler Pulley. Contact Doug Baker at drxbaker@charter.net



**13TH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AMC CAR SHOW
Atlanta, GA**

**Saturday, October 8, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Peach State AMO

**Show is open to all AMC, Rambler, NASH, Hudson, and all other marqueses that eventually formed AMC
Club membership is not required**

This year will be similar to the 2007 -2008 shows, it will be fun, and we will keep it low key and simple. Judging will be strictly on points (Bronze, silver and gold) with no classes, all cars will park together and be judged on their own merit, not against the other cars. Come see all of your old friends and enjoy the Southern hospitality, Atlanta style.

Host Hotel: Hilton Atlanta NE, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Norcross, GA 30092, (770) 447-4747
For Reservations: Call the Host Hotel at 800 HILTONS and mention the American Motors Owners Association for the special rate of \$94.00 per night. Reservations must be made prior to September 16, 2011 to guarantee the special rate. Reservations may also be made online at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ATLHPHF-AMOA-20111005/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG or follow the link from <http://www.peachstateamo.com>

For more information and registration forms contact:

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**Registration forms and information also available on the Internet at:
<http://www.peachstateamo.com>**

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The show field is in the Host Hotel parking lot.

Friday October 5, 2007

2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Pick up registration packets and goodie bags at Host Hotel
8:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Hospitality room at Host Hotel - follow signs (snacks & soft drinks)

Saturday October 6, 2007

9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Car Show
9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. Pick up registration packets and goodie bags at show field
11:00 a.m. All cars must be on the show field, judging begins
2:00 p.m. Spark plug changing contest
4:00 p.m. Awards presentation at show field

Other activities: Vendors, judging, trophies, door prizes, spark plug changing contest, 50/50 raffle etc.

Charity event: We will be collecting children's video tapes at registration that will be donated to Egleston and Scottish Rite Children's hospitals in Atlanta. The hospitals have installed VCRs in every patient room and these tapes will be donated to help occupy the kids while they spend endless days in bed. Donations are not required to participate in the show. Coloring books and crayons also welcome.

Please Print Clearly Form must be signed

Registration # _____ (AMO use only)

2011 AMC Southeast Regional Atlanta, GA October 8, 2011

Please complete and return this form with your check/money order in U.S. funds to: Jeff Barfield, 394 Creek Crossing Ct. Grayson, GA 30017. **Make Payment Payable to Peach State AMO.** Registration Confirmation will be sent.

Name _____

Address: _____

Email _____

City: _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone (____) ____ - _____

Registration Information

Year	Model	Cost	Amount			
1 st car _____	_____	\$10.00	_____			
	Concours Judging Fee – Add	\$15.00	_____			
2nd car _____	_____	\$5.00	_____			
	Concours Judging Fee - Add	\$15.00	_____			
Late Registration Fee (after September 15 add this fee)		\$5.00	_____			
Official Convention T-shirts (Please indicate number of shirts wanted in each size)						
____SM	____Med	____L	____XL	____XXL	____XXXL @ \$18.00 each	_____
Vendor space – \$10.00				_____		
Car Corral - \$10.00 per car		_____ # of cars	_____			
Total Registration Fee			_____			

Need Trailer parking I will assist with judging

Club officers reserve the right to restrict entrants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities during this event. In consideration of acceptance to participate, entrants and participants by execution of the entry form release and discharge the meet committee members of and from any and all known and unknown liabilities and/or claims from any cause whatsoever, that may be suffered by an entrant to his/her property or person. My signature on this entry form signifies that I have read and understand the contents thereof and hereby agree to abide by the concours and convention rules as set forth by Peach State AMO

SIGNATURE OF ENTRANT _____ DATE: _____

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