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FROM THE PRES

...by Jeff Puras

So when does "talk the talk and walk the walk" make your ears hurt? And then there's your bottom and your back and maybe that knee that has never acted up before making you feel a little uncomfortable. Spending a few hundred miles in the '68 AMX did the trick for me. I was getting after folks for not getting their classic rides out on the road to enjoy and for others to see and enjoy as well. Naturally being a fair sort of person I set a fine example by driving to the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival. There was a time that ripping off a nice long drive in that car wasn't a big deal. Hop out of the car and beg for more. That was me! Now its fall out of the car at each gas stop groaning, "Are we there yet?" It was still a fun trip even though father time has had his way with me a little. Not so much with the AMX .

The end of the year is almost upon us and I'm sure there are many of us who won't miss some of the things that 2010 handed us. It has been a rough year for many of us. But heck, let's get together at the Santa's Toy Run Dec. 5th at Road Atlanta and help make Christmas a little brighter for some children with a donation of nothing more than a \$10 toy to get you in the gate for the whole weekend if you want. It's your chance to see a real live AMC on the legendary 2.5 mile Road Atlanta track. Our club Christmas party is coming up too! It is always a ton of fun!

Everybody please be safe in your travels this holiday season.

HOHOHO AMO

...by Karen O'Neal

It's time again for our annual Christmas get-together and hilarious ornament swap! If you've never attended any other meeting during the year, you should definitely attend this one! We had a record breaking turnout last year at Jeff & Geneva's house which included a very real Santa Claus, our dearly departed Doug Sears. The party will be held at our house this year and we will try to make it as entertaining as last year. I'm pretty sure the ornament that got the most laughs was the "Outhouse" won by Jeff Reeves. Kudos to the person who bought that ornament and made us laugh the hardest. Also, if you've never seen any of Jim's Christmas creations, you've missed out! The club provides a Honey Baked Ham and everyone should bring a side dish. Start searching for that perfect ornament...1 per person or couple.

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2010 HILTON HEAD CAR CLUB JAMBOREE

...by Jim Graubard

November 6th 2010 saw Peach State AMO take the show field at the 2010 Hilton Head Car Club Jamboree at Hilton Head Island, SC. Club members Jeff and Theresa Barfield, Jeff and Geneva Puras, Frank and Dorothy Merrifield, David and Martha Campbell, Ron and Robin Frost and Jim and Christina Graubard brought their cars down for the show. They were joined by Ted Marshall from Florida, JP Marshall (no relation) from South Carolina and James Nobel from North Carolina. The owner of SSR restorations in North Carolina, Bjorn (I forgot his last name) also had two AMX's that joined with our cars, making for a display of 11 American Motors cars on this day.

Once again Jeff Barfield came through as the AMC weather guru and the sun dominated the day, although accompanied by some cool winds which were gripping the south on this weekend. Last year when I was at the concours event we were parked along the tree line and I was happy to have the shade. This year when they parked us and we were also along the tree line I thought it was a good thing but we all ended up dragging our chairs out into the sunshine to try to keep warm.

There were many clubs in attendance with quite a variety of cars to view. From Corvairs to Ferraris to Lamborghinis to T-birds. Going into the show I was a bit concerned that our AMC cars would pale in comparison to some of the attendees at this type of event but I am happy to say that was not true. Peach State's AMC cars held their own with all the cars on the show field this day, we had many people stopping by to see them, cars I am sure they have not seen in a long time, if ever. There was also what they call the motoring midway, where they had many unique vehicles for review, such as modern military, WWII trucks, some vintage speedboats and a display of antique farm tractors as well. Club members Louie and Carol Lanthrip were part of this group as the modified cars that were to be in the Sunday Concours show were moved to the motoring midway, a Saturday and Sunday display. This, in my opinion, was better as instead of being in the back of the show field just on Sunday their 1971 Javelin AMX custom creation was now center stage, right past the entrance for all spectators to see. I have been advised they were honored as the top modified car at the Sunday awards presentation. Many car companies were on hand such as Jaguar, BMW, etc to offer test drives of their cars if you were so inclined. Those of us who stuck around for Sunday had some really wonderful cars to take in. Soon I will post some pictures of both the Saturday show and Sunday show on the club web site so you too can see the sights were privileged to view.

Thanks to those club members and non club members who took the time and effort to make it down there and share their love of AMCs with the attendees of this year's Hilton Head show, I am sure they were enjoyed by all.

HILTON HEAD: THE TRIP

...by Jeff Barfield

Jim and Jeff have already told you about the show, I thought that I would share the story of my trip to Hilton Head. Driving my car to any show is always an adventure and Hilton Head was no exception.

I spent several days getting the car ready for the trip. It was already wearing new tires from the trip to Washington D.C. (that's another story). I had the driveshaft balanced to help with a high speed vibration. I worked on the crack in the steering wheel, it looked better, but if you look close in good light you can still see where the crack was. I also changed the flasher to an electronic flasher, something that I have needed to do since I change to LED bulbs in the rear a year or so ago. I tested the blinkers and they were working much faster and better with the new flasher. A little cleaning and the car was deemed ready for the trip.

Friday before the show the plan was to drive to Jeff Puras' house and then caravan with he and Geneva to Hilton Head. When Theresa and I pulled out of the subdivision we had no blinkers. We drove to Jeff's house where we found out that the left brake light was also out. The Three Jeff's shop (temporarily minus

one Jeff) sprung into action. We found that the socket was rusted and corroded. A little help from some sandpaper and we had 2 brake lights.

Next we tackled the blinkers. First I pulled the steering wheel to check the blinker switch. The steering wheel had been off when I tested the blinkers with the new flasher, so an educated guess. Everything looked fine, so Jeff found another flasher and I replaced the electronic flasher with a regular one, and still no blinkers. It was then that I noticed that there was only one wire actually connected to the plug on the flasher. We found a suitable plug and spliced it in to the wiring and we had blinkers.

We headed down the road to Hilton Head and the car was running great. There was still a small vibration at high speeds but not as bad as before having the driveshaft balanced, it was barely noticeable and the trip was going great. We were just making the transition from I-75 to I-16 when the car began to sputter and loose power. I made it on to I-16 and was still going, but getting worse all the time. I tried to make it to the first exit, but it was not to be. I jumped out and popped the hood and immediately saw that the wire from the distributor had broken loose at the coil. I pulled out a ratchet and socket to loosen the nut, stripped some insulation off of the remaining wire and put it back on. While I was doing this, Jeff who was leading, was walking down the ramp from the exit that he made it to. By the time he arrived I had diagnosed the problem and was half way through fixing it. Within 10minutes the problem was fixed and we were back on the road.

The biggest event during the remainder of the trip down was the stop at Cracker Barrel for lunch. The car performed fine the rest of the trip, including the trip home. The "good news" in all of this is I have been wanting to order a new wiring harness, but just could not justify spending \$600 to replace the entire harness, even though I knew it was a good idea. After 3 different problems, all wiring relating, Theresa agreed that a new wiring harness was a good idea.

I currently have the new main (engine compartment and dash) harness laid out in my shop ready to be installed. The rear harness, including tail and backup light sockets, and the harness for the neutral safety and backup light switch are on order and according to Jeff Kennedy, could take 9 weeks to get here. I will be installing the main harness, in the next couple of weeks, and the other 2 when they arrive, but that, as they say, is another story.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

PEACH STATE AMO ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11th

The O'Neal's

2629 Summerfield Way

Lawrenceville, GA 30044

(770) 638-9674

From 6:00 until ...?

Please RSVP via email red1969amx@yahoo.com or (770) 638-9674.

Plug the address into Mapquest or your GPS or give me a call if you'd like for me to email directions to you. Also email or give me a call and tell me what you will bring or I'll be happy to make suggestions of what is needed closer to the date of the party. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

**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

TECH TIP: Lubrication, the forgotten spots
...by Jeff Barfield

We all know that we need to change our oil every 3000 to 5000 miles. We also know that we need to lubricate all of the front end spots that have grease fittings. When we take off our front rotors, or drums, we need to repack the wheel bearings. That is all of the lubrication that a car needs right? Well..... maybe another spot or two.

Door hinges, if we remember to lubricate anything else, it is usually the door hinges. We usually remember this when the doors creak and moan and get difficult to open. While we are lubricating hinges, let's also remember the hood and trunk hinges. I've seen hoods bend because the hinges weren't moving freely. While we are working on doors, we should also lubricate the latches including locking mechanism. Speaking of locks, the actual lock cylinders can use a little lubrication as well.

Another spot that most of us never think about, that will need lubrication is the wiper linkage. Like most people, I learned this the hard way. I was driving home from the "Three Jeff's Garage" one day in the rain and the wipers were working, albeit slowly and then they stopped, and then they started, and then they stopped, and then they started, and then....well, you get the idea. I came home, changed out to a spare motor that I had, and it was even worse. While changing the motor, I noticed that they wipers were hard to move, even by hand. I pulled out the linkage, oiled all of the pivot points and put it back in. The wipers haven't missed a beat since. When I mentioned the fix to Mr. Puras, his comment was "Yeah, every 40 years or so, you should lubricate the wiper linkage."

What is the best thing to use on these parts. WD-40, Free All, and other penetrating sprays are just that. They are great for freeing stuck nuts and bolts, and other items that should be moving, but won't. The problem with these sprays is they don't last. The best thing for most lubrication is oil. Jeff Puras believes in Kroil, which is not easy to find, but does work well. My favorite is regular old 3-in-1 oil, it is easy to find, cheap, and works well. If you need a spray, in hard to reach areas, I reach for the white lithium grease, this penetrates fairly well and lasts for years. Finally, a little powdered graphite in the lock cylinders will work wonders.

I hope some of this helps. Pull out the oil can and get busy.



**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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