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FROM THE PRESIDENT

...by Jeff Puras

This is a little story about the Return to Daytona '98, a big snake and a chatterbox named Bubba.

Return to Daytona '98 was a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the 1968 AMX. A caravan left Kenosha, WI for Daytona with stops at points of interest along the way. I met up with the troupe at the Corvette museum in Bowling Green, KY. We picked up members along the way and by the time we arrived in Daytona we were an impressive group.

We took our places inside the speedway and began enjoying the show. The real fun began when a friend of mine, Mark, named after Mark Donohue arrived. He was holding what looked like a big pillow case. Yeah, in the bag was Mark's pet snake. A big boa constrictor. So naturally he gets it out and hangs it around his neck and we go walking around to see the cars. You would be amazed, or maybe not, how easy it is to get through crowds when a big snake is part of your group. Some folks would move away and some would want to come up close to see Mark's pet. The kids were mostly fearless.



After a while Mark had to check into his job, being a Vet Tech on call. This was slightly before cell phones were in as common use as they are now. We found a bank of pay phones and waited for one to get open. I guess everybody had a lot to say that day. Mark decided to just get in line and wait. He didn't have to wait long. One of the long winded folks on the phone got a look at what was in line behind him and that was all it took. "See ya, bye, gotta go" and suddenly it was Mark's turn on the phone. The person I happened to be standing near was waiting for Mark's victim to get finished with his call. It seems he had been on the phone for a while. As his friend was almost running towards us he remarked laughing, "Well that got Bubba off the phone!" Everybody in ear shot had a good laugh except for Bubba. He looked a little pale and wondered where is beer was.

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The complete Return to Daytona '98 story has been told before. I will tell you that the experience was one of the high points of my years of AMX ownership. The trip had it all! Great sprints through the mountains, open expressway, seaside cruising, carburetor problems and wheels falling off. Plus, meeting the greatest people in the world enjoying their cars together. That is what seems to be important to me these days.

Everybody be careful out there...Jeff

JIM'S RAMBLINGS

...by Jim Graubard

Here we are, almost half way through 2009, how did that happen? The economy is still shaky to say the least and with what is happening to GM and Chrysler the auto industry is really up in the air. Some of us who had been laid off have found new employment, so that is some good news. Gas prices are starting to creep back up unfortunately, just hope they don't get too high too fast so I can still tow my car out to St. Louis for the AMO nationals in July. I would like to have some money left over to shop the vendors there. At the few car shows I have been to this year attendance seems to be pretty good so that is another positive sign.

Speaking of car shows, recently several Peach State AMO members have attended a few shows together. There were five PSAMO cars at the Mopar Southern Classic at Atlanta Motor Speedway and we again duplicated that number at the Norcross show two weeks later. It was certainly nice to not be the only AMC at a show for a change, and it gave the public a wider view of our product. At the Norcross show we even had all 3 years of the AMX represented along with a 2nd generation Javelin. Fortunately Doug Baker brought his '66 Rambler American Wagon to prove that AMC did produce other cars then the AMXs, but it would still be nice to see more of us at some local events.



Norcross 2009

Jeff Puras, The O'Neal's, Jim Graubard, Ron Frost & Doug Baker



DJ House accepting an award at the Mopar Southern Classic.

The information is out on the Southeast Regional event to be held in Ocala, Florida in conjunction with the Mopars for Big Daddy show the second weekend of November. The past two years the show has been held here in Atlanta with PSAMO as the host. We asked the Florida club to come up to our show and they did along with others from many other states. So I would encourage all to make an effort to reciprocate and travel down to Ocala for this year's show and it is an easy drive, straight down I-75. Event information can be found on our club web site on the upcoming car show page.

Some good news for us AMCers is that more reproduction parts are becoming available from several vendors. Mirrors, taillights, door handles and emblems are just a few of the items now available. And the quality of these items seems to be a bit better than in the past. When I first started 5 years ago and got a few reproduction parts I was disappointed as the quality was sometimes poor however now it seems that this problem has been remedied somewhat.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS...

June Meeting (Pool Party) - Note: Meeting will be the 2nd Sunday, June 14th

Sunday, June 14th, 2:00 at Doug & Andrea Baker's House:
2552 Wild Rose Circle
Lawrenceville GA 30044
770.339.7916 (Phone)
404.307.9166 (Cell)

From 285 take 85 N. To Exit 105 Boggs Road. Turn RT. Stay in the Left lane. Go 1.1 Miles to Old Norcross Road turn L. Go 1/10th of a mile and take the first left on to Beeblossom Trail. RT on to Wildflower. The 3rd left is Fern Hill. Take it. Wildrose Circle is on the right.

From 85 going south. Take Exit 108 Boggs Rd/316. Follow signs. Left onto Boggs Road. THEN SAME AS ABOVE.

11th Annual Show & Co.

For everyone who doesn't think Alabama is the other side of the country, please take this as an open invitation to come over. It's about 3.5 hours from downtown Atlanta, and an easy drive by interstate. Saturday, June 20th at the Huntsville Dragway. AMC Class: 1st -3rd Place & Survivor Class: 1st - 3rd Place. For more information: <http://tvmoparclub.com/show>

2009 AMO International Convention

July 16-18

St. Louis, MO

For more information and a registration form: <http://www.gatewayamc2009.com/AMO2009.htm>

2009 Southeast Regionals

November 7-8

Don Garlits' Museum of Drag Racing

Ocala, FL (Interstate 75 Exit 341)

For more information and a registration form:

http://www.peachstateamc.com/uploads/AMC_Southeast_Regionalin.pdf

More information on upcoming car shows can be found on our website:

<http://www.peachstateamc.com>

PARTS DEPARTMENT

...by Jim Graubard

Let us remember that club member Ron Waters business is **Classicone** and sells many performance and restoration parts for our AMC cars. His web site is www.classicone.com and, of course, this site is on our club web site link page. You many very well find the parts you need from Ron and maybe save some money on shipping as well.

The Pinto's, who have traveled in the past to our regional shows, produce many fine reproduction emblems and other parts for various AMC products. They can be found on e-bay under the seller name of **14744amc** and their e-bay store is **AMC Emblems**. I have just installed a set of their chrome trim pieces on the taillights of my '68 AMX and I am very happy with the quality. I know they have lots to offer and you can contact Lynn via e-mail at cherokee49@cfl.rr.com

The Northern Ramblers Car Club in Canada should, by now, have a new stocking of the AMC red/white/blue jacket that many of us are familiar with. I got one of their jackets last year and it is of excellent quality. I believe they are having the original maker of the jacket produce the ones their club sells. As of this writing I cannot get their web site but if you are interested in a jacket you can e-mail Ron Morrison at ronmorrison@rogers.com. If memory serves me the jackets run in the \$85 area plus \$12 shipping but are well worth that price.

I recently purchased a set of outside door handles from a gentleman on e-bay. They are very nice and I look forward to having them installed on my Javelin. Once I do I will probably buy another set from him from him for my AMX. I am not sure if these are the same that we can get from vendors such as Kennedy and APD but the ones I got are of very good quality. His e-bay ID is **RamblerJim** (no, not me) you can find him by entering his ID in the search section of e-bay. I believe he also offers other AMC items such a mirrors as well. And like all e-bay sellers sometimes they do not have items for sale when you are looking so try to drop them an email if you have any inquiry. His name is Jim Rae and his e-mail address is jim.rae@sympatico.ca

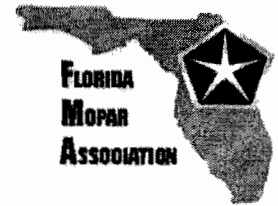
I am sure we are all familiar with Eddie Stakes at Planet Houston AMX. He has many items for sale on e-bay ranging from package trays for Javelins, sail panels, AMC compass as well as lots of other parts. He has a warehouse full of old amc items as well as these new reproductions parts I just mentioned. His e-bay ID is **eddiestates** and his web site is [www. planethoustonamx.com](http://www.planethoustonamx.com) His web site is also accessible via our web site link page.



AMC Southeast Regionals

in conjunction with

Mopars with Big Daddy



presented by

First Coast AMC Club & Florida Mopar Association

November 7-8, 2009
Saturday & Sunday
8 am to 4 pm

Don Garlits'
Museum of Drag Racing
Ocala, Florida
Interstate 75 Exit 341

AMC Judging

Saturday - First Coast AMC JUDGING

AMO points judging
Cars are judged by material condition and show prep
No classes - you compete for points

Awards include **Gold - Silver - Bronze plus FCAMC Choice**
- No limit to number of awards
- One point extra for fire extinguisher
- Two points extra for owner judging

AMC and Mopars are also judged by **participants**, so you can vote for your favorite AMC's & Mopars!

Special FMA Awards

Garlits Choice, FMA Choice, Best of Show

Awards Dinner Saturday Evening for AMC owners.
Info provided at the show. All AMC'ers invited

Sunday - FMA JUDGING

1st - 2nd - 3rd place awards in two AMC classes:

**AMC and Rambler
AMX and Javelin**

No separate class for stock or modified

Special Awards

**Garlits Choice
FMA Choice
Best of Show**

5 additional points for fire extinguisher

Any judging is optional both days - all cars welcome

Host Hotel

Hampton Inn and Suites
2075 SW Highway 484
Ocala, FL 34473

**Located at the same exit as the Garlits
Museum, west of Interstate 75**

Call (352) 347-1600 for reservations. First Coast AMC has a block of rooms at \$95 per night. Includes a free hot breakfast, fitness room, outdoor pool, and wifi. Many more hotels are available in the Ocala area.

Vendors:
MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED - DEADLINE Oct 7, 2009
Subject to Availability

No Phone registration. SPACES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST ASSIGNED BASIS. SPACE IS LIMITED. All Pre-registered Vendors MUST be in place by 10AM Sat. Vacant spaces will then be re-sold.

Vendor gate open 10AM – 5PM Friday 11/06/09 Sat 11/7/09 8AM - 11AM

Vendors: \$50.00 per 20 x 20 space Pre-Registered \$60.00 per 20 x 20 space Day of Show NO REFUNDS

Car Corral: \$30.00 per 10 x 20 space Pre-Registered \$35.00 per 10 x 20 space Day of Show NO REFUNDS

Show & Sell: See Show Car information (Use Show Car Gate, Vehicle Must be driven in)

ATTENTION: All big rigs must be in place Friday 11/06/09 before 5PM (Motor homes, big trailers, anyone needing more than 2 spaces). All vendor property must fit in area- truck, hitch, trailer tongue and/or ramp, canopies. This will be strictly enforced. No vehicles allowed through vendor gate without vendor dash card. To guarantee a vendor space, pre-registration is a must. Fees payable by cash or check. No credit cards accepted.

Send the registration form and check to the address below.
Make checks payable to "FMA"

Florida Mopar Association
PO Box 486
Eagle Lake, FL 33839-0486

Also, please send an e-mail to Cliff Danley of First Coast AMC Club (am401@comcast.net) and include your name, car info, and if you will be attending Saturday, Sunday, or both.

If you need any additional information regarding the AMC show, please contact Cliff Danley of First Coast AMC Club.
Phone (904) 783-4177 after 8 pm,
or e-mail am401@comcast.net

Spectator admission free, parking \$2

Pre-Registration Form (*deadline for preregistration is October 7*)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Make: **AMC** Model _____ Year _____

Class (circle): AMC / Rambler AMX / Javelin

Car Corral (\$30) _____ Vendor Spaces (\$50) _____ Car Show (\$35) _____ Show/Sell (\$45) _____

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, spectators, by the execution of this entry form release and discharge the sponsoring clubs, officers, employees, agents and representatives and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the car show/swap meet of and from any course whatsoever that may be suffered by the entrant to his person or property. Further each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all the foregoing entries, firms, persons and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrant or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrant and under the direction of control of entrant. We reserved the right to restrict inappropriate, offensive, or copyrighted merchandise and to deny admittance.

Signature _____ Date _____

Tennessee Valley



Mopar Club

11th Annual

Plymouth



F1 AMC

Show & Go

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Located at the Huntsville Dragway

Drag Racing, Swap Meet, Car Corral, Door Prizes & 50/50 Drawing!



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1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE!**

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Show from 8 AM to 3 PM

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\$20

Spectator Fee
\$5

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