

# NorCal AMCs Monthly Meeting

Date: 08.17.17

## Round Table Pizza Parlor

Attendance: Ross Guistino, Mark & Terri Ehinger, Jim Berg, Chris Schleth, Dave Pekonen, Connor & Gean Stumbaugh, Richard DeCroff, Charlie Zanella, Tyson Barbera, Doyle Lockabey, and for a brief moment, Valerie Bocklund.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$605.36

Club Cars Driven Raffle: Ross, Mark and Connor . Mark's the winner tonight.

OLD BIZ: - Mark and Terri, Grace and Darcy went to Walt's Celebration of Life on July 23<sup>rd</sup>; a good crowd was there, most of which were his large family. Former Club Member Pineapple was also present but didn't recognize Mark or Terri. According to Terri, the event was less of a celebration and more of a complaint-fest by his family. Much to Terri's credit, however, she said some good words about Walt, and isn't that what it's really supposed to be all about?

- Two Wednesdays ago Chris, Mark, Dave, Jim Adams and Javelin Jim went to Wednesday Night Drags where they all went out in the first round. But before the left, Dave got a mention over the loudspeakers as well as an announcement that there were two AMCs on the track.
- Chris mentioned he attended the Penngrove auto show, lots of people, good BBQ



Chris' '70 Javelin SST - 401



- Mark mentioned he had an article on AMC frugal styling methods and how different parts of the car had the same stampings.
- For those of you in the Wikiup area, Buns & Burgers is still having their Friday night car show.
- Gean is running the LeMons race in March and said that new rules are in place dictating that every driver must be in a HANS system ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HANS\\_device](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HANS_device)) which is very expensive with a used condition neck system going for \$400.
- Mark mentioned that there's a free 304 on Craigslist.
- In a recent Jeopardy episode, there was a Pacer-related question
- Connor drilled the bumper cushions to be able to push in his bumpers—looks good.

Next Club Meeting: 9/21/17

Club Picnic @ Tyson's House:  
SATURDAY 9/30/17  
1pm-5pm

NEW BIZ: - Connor has been bitten by the AMC collector bug. He bought a '77 Wagoneer from a kid who was originally going to make a rock crawler out of it. It runs perfect, no smog, no cat, new power steering pump, starter and a bonus ¾ tank full of gas, all for \$900. He plans on pulling the 401 for his Hornet.



- Tyson mentioned there was a running 74/75 Matador in Salinas for \$700, but it sold recently.
- Tyson announced that former Club member Sue Davis is back. She said her son-in-law bought her Marlin but hasn't done a thing with it and it's sitting uncovered slowly rotting away. Sad.
- Last Saturday was a big car show in Downtown Napa, which we dubbed Hot Napa Nights.
- Chris said that top fuel driver Leah Pritchett raced at Sears Point, er, Sonoma Raceway on July 28-30<sup>th</sup>.
- And speaking of racing and Sears Point, Mark got the racing badge of honor at one of his Wednesday Night Drags attendance. He spun his wheels at the starting line due to some water on the track and ended up with "molten rubber" on his quarter panel. Lesson to be learned: avoid the right lane
- Update on Charlie's Hornet: he has the engine and clutch in it.
- Picnic is at Tyson's and Marie's house this year on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm. If you need directions, contact anyone in the Club. Don't want to post an address here.
- Tyson's intake manifold problem was solved by using a manifold from an Olds.
- Gean announced that he was going to Fairfield with his brother who won tickets to drive tanks.



Gean and his brother took a 1950 M47 Tank from WWII for a joy ride. This took place at the American Armory Museum in Fairfield; the tank was privately owned.

Catch the video on YouTube:

[https://youtu.be/8rWYIL1j\\_ac](https://youtu.be/8rWYIL1j_ac)

- Meeting adjourned with the usual BS session in the parking lot.

In keeping with the AMC theme of our Club, Tyson found a song entitled AMX by a San Francisco thrash death metal band called Epidemic. This song was released on their 1994 album "Lament".

AMX by Carl Fulli, Erik Moggridge, Guy Higbey, Mark Bodine and Bob Cochran.

Turning steel ripping torque  
Manifolds breathe and exhale smoke  
Converting power into death  
Donahue's death from the AMX

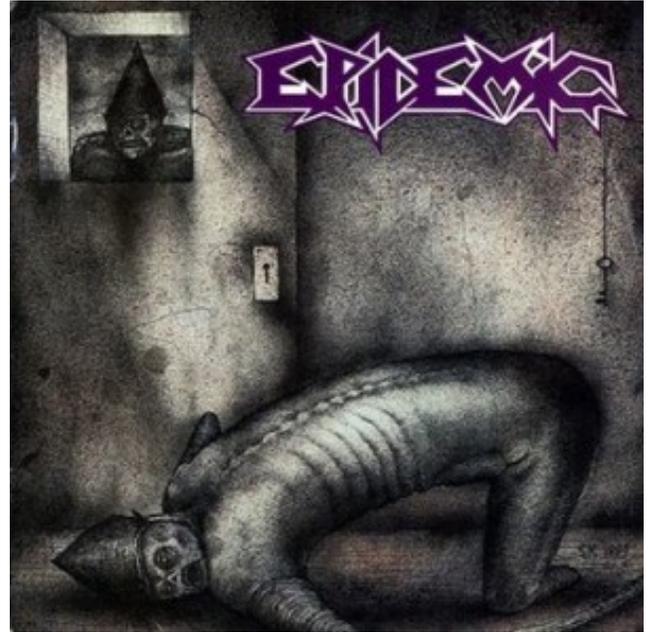
Rocking arms – whipping belt  
Clanging valves – tearing fan  
Carburating – burning fuel  
Secondaries kick – it's a blow out duel

Grinning grill and rusting lamps  
Mallory jolts from twisting amps  
Squealing brakes in the land of hell  
Seizing block – he'll never tell

Fighting plugs – loading wire  
Conquer roads – pounding higher  
Race begins – he leads in fear  
Made the Javelin – hell is here

Strapped in and methane flows  
SST – the blower blows  
Pressure builds in cylinder walls  
Combined power – force the stroke

Power expands – fingers clinch  
Lines full – nerves pinch  
Bye M.D. pray for dead  
Pistons clang thrown through heads



***Editor's Note: Please send adds or changes to these meeting minutes to me at [rossg@sonic.net](mailto:rossg@sonic.net) or give me a call at 707.799.3191. Thanks, Ross***