



NorCal AMCs Monthly Meeting

Date: 09.21.17

Round Table Pizza Parlor

Attendance: Ross Guistino, Mark Ehinger, Asif Chaudhri, Chris Schleth, Dave Pekonen, Connor & Gean Stumbaugh, Richard DeCroff, Charlie Zanella, Doyle Lockabey, John Andrews

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$637.36 (\$32 from August raffle)

Club Cars Driven Raffle: Mark was the sole driver tonight so he gets the \$10 gift card

OLD BIZ: - Tyson said that if we were going to go to Safari West, that we would need at least 25 people @ \$25/person. It was decided that there isn't enough interest to pursue it this year.

- And speaking of SW, Tyson's wife Marie made the Press Democrat a few weeks ago when she assisted in the birthing of a giraffe.
- Connor bought a '77 Wagoneer in Morgan Hill.
- Tyson mentioned there was a running 74/75 Matador in Salinas for \$700.
- Former Club member Sue Davis' Marlin is slowly rotting away thanks to the lack of interest from her brother-in-law who bought it awhile back. Here's what it used to look like: →
- Charlie's working on the Hornet.
- Gean and his brother drove a tank.



Next Club Meeting: 10/19/17

Club Picnic @ Tyson's House:

SATURDAY 9/30/17

1 pm-6pm

NEW BIZ: - Doyle bought a '64 Rambler American 2-door convertible. He said it has the same front end as an AMX so he'll be putting in an AMX front end. Dave P. said that the '64 was the best year for the Ramblers, he liked the round head lights with the rounded fenders.

- Doyle also bought an AMC 360 engine that was cut away showing the inner workings. Bought from Galvan's.

- Chris talked about the Green Hornet Sportabout that won a burnout; it was smoking with just one tire powered by a 258 6 cylinder engine. Click on the link below to view the burnout at around the 10:30 minute mark. This car was purchased for \$1300 in California and driven back to Georgia and was worked on by Jacob Davis and Mike Finnigan:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxdEVgcbWHY>



Here's one of the episodes that they talk about rebuilding the engine:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=50&v=SuMHZ5omhel

- Gean talked about his experience driving the tank with his brother. He said a guy in Marin had a bunch of tanks and after he died all of the tanks were sold off. The tank driving took place at the American Armory Museum in Fairfield where Glen Giolotti sponsored an event to raise money for the Miracle League North Bay and Ranger Road Veterans. About 25 people were there and only 5 got to drive the tanks. Pic'N'Pull donated 10 cars which the lucky drivers were able to drive over. Gean said everyone was given a 5-minute lesson on how to drive a tank. As an aside, Patton's Jeep is housed at the museum. Here is a video of the event, unfortunately they were having sound issues so it's a silent film:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owNc_gJ928&app=desktop

- John hasn't painted his American yet but did put some gas in the tank.
- Gean's company sponsors a Day of Caring every year and this year's event had 380 people show up to Canine Companions. Last year Gean made friends with an 81 year old maintenance guy who showed him two old Willy pickups in the back lot. The guy said he was trying to sell them but when the trucks were still in the same spot this year, he decided to give them to Gean.
- And on a sad note, Mark and Terri had to put down one of their cats. It's always hard letting a pet go.
- Charlie announced that last Saturday was the Toy and ComicCon at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, with special guests Walter Koenig and Nichelle Nichols from Star Trek. Website for the event:



<http://santarosatoycon.com/>



- Not sure how the subject came up but Dave mentioned that Elvira, Mistress of the Dark, is doing her last event at Knott's Scary Farm this year. More news here: <http://horrorfreaknews.com/2017-will-elviras-final-season-knotts-scary-farm>
- Chris once again was at Wednesday Night Drags where he went out early due to a lower radiator hose leak.
- And not to be out done, Mark said the last time he went racing the Hornet started to make some odd noise.
- Charlie continues to work on the Hornet, the engine is in and he added dual fans, and a new mini-fuse box in the engine bay so he now has some wiring to do.

- SEMA news from Dave and the gang: The guys will be starting at the Wheels & Tires section this time around to take a look at the “tire racks”. Ask Dave for the meaning of that reference. This is a family newsletter.
- And last but certainly not least, Dave announced that he’ll be 75 in November. Happy Early Birthday, Dave
- Meeting adjourned with the after-meeting meeting taking place in the parking lot.

AMC Trivia: Cecil Pond began making a small farm tractor in his garage in 1946, and eventually turned this idea into a tractor people could use to cut grass. Pond’s company was called Wheel Horse Products and it made 22 attachments including snow and garden plows. Pond sold his company to AMC in 1975 and it was later sold to Toro.

Editor’s Note: Please send adds or changes to these meeting minutes to me at rossg@sonic.net or give me a call at 707.799.3191. Thanks, Ross