



# NorCal AMCs Monthly Meeting

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## Round Table Pizza Parlor

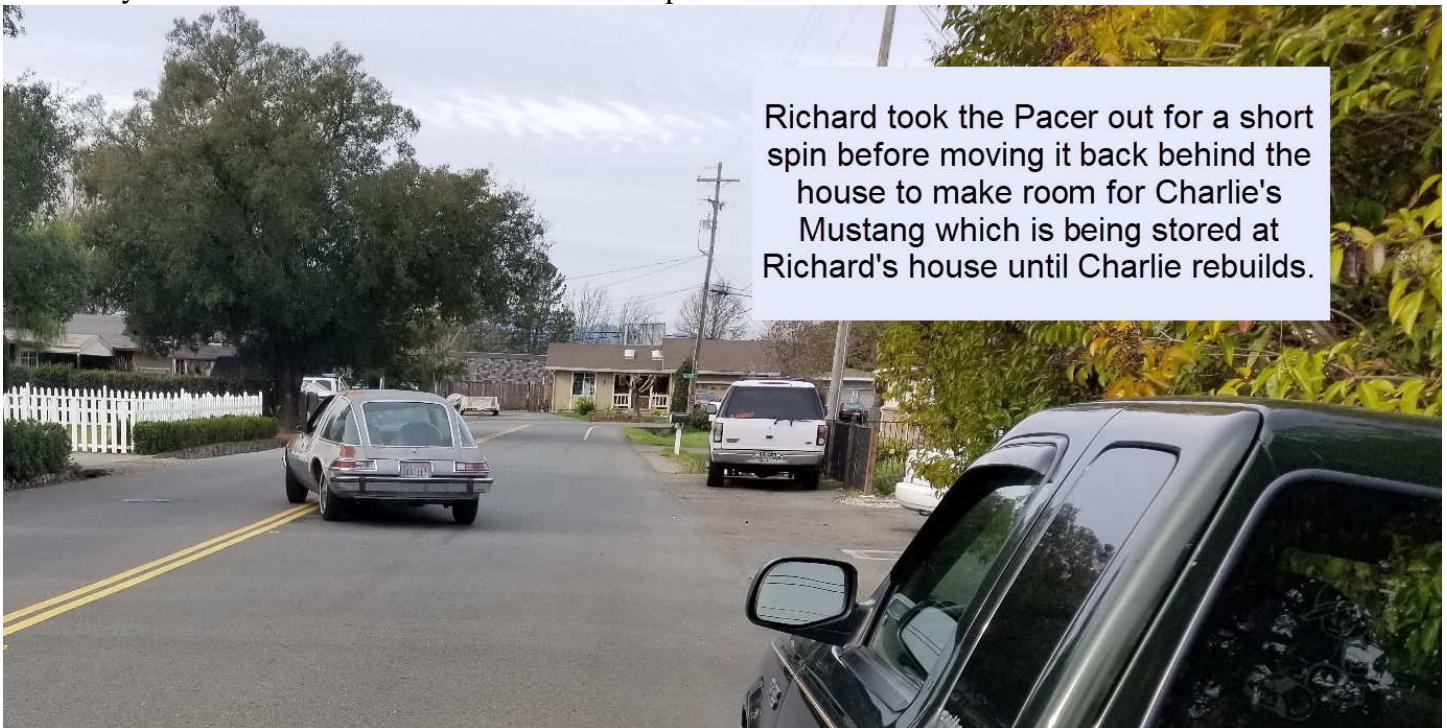
Attendance: Ross Guistino, Richard DeCroff, Jim Berg, Mark Ehinger, Asif Chaudhri, Chris Schleth, Dave Pekonen, Connor & Gean Stumbaugh, Charlie Zanella, Doyle Lockabey, Tyson Barbera

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$560.68 which includes the November raffle of \$43 and less \$155 in picnic costs.

Club Cars Driven Raffle: The only person dumb enough to drive their AMC in the rain was Ross so he got the gift card.

A Word from the President: The NorCal AMC Auto Group (formerly The NorCal AMC Car Club) has been in existence for 18 years. In January it is time to renew your membership—your \$20 dues are due. Thanks.

OLD BIZ: - Charlie's VW Corrado and Hornet have been hauled away, just an empty lot now. He'll rebuild if he can find a contractor; and although we all joked about him building one big garage to store everything in, the rules are you have to rebuild on the exact same footprint.



- Gean went to Nascar with his brother, who's boss owns a Nascar; Gean got to hang out with the crew.
- Connor is getting close to pulling the 401 from the Jeep he bought a few months back. He said head bolt #7 was broken off and JB-welded back on. Compression is awesome. Not sure he'll keep the Turbo 400 transmission.
- SEMA: The boys—Dave, John, Richard and Mark—said they saw lots of wheels and tires, most all from China.
- Ross reminded everyone that new pics of their cars/projects would be nice to have for the 2018 calendar.

NEW BIZ: - Connor's big news of the evening is that he sold the AMX that had developed a knock; he was too uncomfortable driving it with the noise coming from the engine. He sold it to a friend of Asif's who drove it all the way home to Morgan Hill without an issue. He didn't hear the noise at first but later tore things apart and found that it was bored 60 over and for a 390 is a big no-no. He is going to have a shop re-sleeve it. Connor got a good price for the AMX and putting \$\$ into the Hornet.

- Chris installed new crawler arms in his car.
- Chris talked about a racing Javelin show touring all over, was at Sear Point at one time.
- Discussion about the air filter challenge on Engine Masters show, where the guys tested 19 different combinations of air filters to see which ones added or subtracted horse power. A simple metal salad bowl actually gained horsepower. Watch the YouTube video here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkpsydS8JXI>
- Asif mentioned that a young man contacted him from Fresno after seeing his car online. He wanted advice on building a '65 American into a drift car. Apparently his dad has a "Kenosha Cadillac"—in this case an AMX.
  - o "Kenosha Cadillac" - Trucker slang for Any AMC (American Motors Corporation) car as in "I sure don't see many kenosha cadillacs anymore". The nickname Kenosha Cadillac was given its place of manufacture. More specifically, this nickname was used for an automobile brand name Rambler manufactured by the Thomas B. Jeffery Company and its successors Nash Motors and AMC."
- And speaking of drift cars, Connor mentioned Tony Angelo's conversion of a '70 'Cuda into a drift car. See here: <http://www.hotrod.com/articles/hot-rod-garages-drift-ready-fishtail-1970-cuda-slides-tensema16/>



- Gean announced that his LeMons team will be racing again this year on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The LeMons is the largest grass roots race in the world. Only 180 cars will be let in.



<https://24hoursoflemons.com/> His team's theme will be Bob Wilkins and Creature Feature with Creature from the Black Lagoon in the back and Frankenstein in the front.

- Field Trips: Someone suggested we take a trip to one or both of Richard's houses to visit his 32 car collection. Ross suggested we were overdue for a trip to San Rafael to visit Sheldon Donig and his Collector's Museum.
- Terrie will have the 2018 NorCal Auto Group's calendars ready for February.
- And now the moment we've all been waiting for...the Club Officers Election for 2018-2020. And the lineup is.....absolutely UNCHANGED.
  - o Mark will remain President after a desperate attempt to sucker, er, convince someone else to take over. He went so far as to call up John Andrews who was nominated by the group but wisely, John turned down the job. Mark was practically begging me with his eyes but I had no part of that trickery.
  - o Charlie agreed to stay on as V.P.
  - o Terri E. remains Treasurer
- Raffle and meeting adjourned.

**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