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Prez Sez...

Wow!!

It's amazing how fast this year has gone by. We have just had a Regional that was unbelievable. We had over 25 cars in attendance and got to renew some old friendships and create some new friendships with other AMC people. I can't explain the several different feelings that I felt during this event. Mostly it was joy and gratefulness.

The joy was from seeing all of the AMC owners that showed up enjoying the common company of others with AMC's. The gratefulness was for what a few of our members accomplished in such a short time. Mary and Steve Williams, Craig Caudle, and J.R. Garcia did an unbelievable job putting this event together.

Robin Parkinson put together an amazing shirt and Brian West created a great banner for the event. I don't know what this club would do without them.

I couldn't believe the generosity and kindness that the Czech Inn of West, the town of "West" and the Wild West Steak house showed us AMCer's. We also raised some money for the Childrens burn unit at Parkland Hospital while we were at it.

In other parts of my AMC world I finally took my Gremlin (below) to the track. It ran a 9.64 at 137 mph. Just kidding, HA! HA! I made it about 2/3 of the way down the track in Denton and shut it off. After that one partial pass I had oil pressure issues and fuel pressure issues. After that and several more dollars I took it to the Muscle car race at the Motorplex and passed tech. Yeah, I passed tech just in time for it to start raining. That is the last time I took it out since my truck is having problems (Transmission) towing it. I am confident that soon I will get to run it all the way down the track.



I would like to thank everyone that is a member of the club. If it wasn't for all of you it wouldn't be possible to have a club at all. Please remember to renew the memberships for next year and be sure to tell us what you are interested in doing with the club. After all, the more turn out we can get to events the more fun for everyone involved. Does anyone want to do a poker run, an autocross, the Autorama, local car shows, drag races? Let us know and we will try to get something going.

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or call my home at (972) 416-2764

Please don't hesitate to call for any reason at all. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events.

Gary

V.P.'s Ramblings

Well, the end of the year is here already. It seems like just awhile ago we were having our Christmas party, and here it is, time for another one (December 16). Where does the time go?

Looking back over the past year we have had many fun NTAMC events and meetings. We've had some new faces at our meetings and some return that we haven't seen in awhile. We've tried some new venues to meet at (I look forward to getting back out to "Keller's Hamburgers" as soon as the weather warms up).

We had a great picnic in September at Sandy Lake Park and a terrific regional in West in November (Thank you Craig, Mary, JR, Brian and everybody else that helped put the regional together). If you didn't make these events, you missed out on some really good times.

I look forward to having another year of great events and good times. Maybe I'll have my javelin back together and make some more of the races in 2007.

Maybe Santa bring me some rods and pistons for Christmas? I can only hope so!

Merry Christmas and Happy NewYears!

Matt Manska (VP)

Money Talk's

Hello AMC'ers,

Thanks for everyone who attended and helped pull off the 2006 "Lonestar Regional" It was a great event, and if you missed it, be sure to check out Craig's recollection of the event in this edition.

I'd also like to thank all of you for your continued support of our club. I'd like to think we seem to be hanging in there fairly well. 2006 was a good year for membership and I hope that 2007 should be even better.

As you may not be aware, 2006 club memberships expired in October of last year. So far this year we have about 12 members, with quite a few who have not renewed yet. Hopefully the ones who have not renewed is due to an oversight and we have not alienated anyone throughout the 2006 year. It seems that Matt and Gary are doing everything they can to keep this club going and I hope you all will do the same. They have both come up with some great ideas already for 2007, so please hang in there and renew your memberships.

For the January 2007 Newsletter, we will be mailing it out to every member from 2006 along with a renewal form. I will attach a sticker near the mailing label if you are not current, so make sure you check so that we can keep this club rolling and maybe draw some of you out for some events. I know they are already talking about having a club gathering at Kellers Drive in, which is a 50's style burger joint that attracts some really nice cars on weekend evenings. Incidentally, this is where we were supposed to have the 2006 Regional.

If anyone has any AMC items they wish to buy or sell, please let us know and we will be glad to include them in the next edition.

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Member Input

To keep from getting sued over this section I am going to keep this vague.

A couple of club members would like to recommend to everyone **Do not use the Allstate Transmissions in Richardson.** If you are not aware of what this place has done please call me at home (972) 416-2764 and I will tell you about it.

How the West was won!!! (Or simply, “a Rambler got deputized”)

by Craig Caudle

Ah, it has been sometime since the Ramblers cruised the ‘wild West’, but there they were!! Thirty cars from all of the Texas AMC clubs assembled in the ‘heart o’ Texas’ for the 16th Annual AMC Lone Star Regional. This year’s event was hosted by North Texas AMC, but traveled to a new venue for a different style Regional than years past. For 2006, a ‘relaxed’ atmosphere was the order of the day, and no official judging was done. This year relied on all participants to make their choice for a winner, another choice for ‘under construction’ and City of West police chief James Lawhorn picked the “Best of West” award. Class awards were given out from a random drawing, and everyone had an equal chance of winning.

The day started rather overcast and cool, but slowly warmed and a steady breeze kept things comfortable. Normally, the Lone Star Regional has been held in the sweltering heat of early summer, but this year, a combination of events lead to it being held in the fall. And for what its worth, there was not a single heat related emergency, puking radiator, or 2nd degree burn reported from kneeling on the ground to see that awesome ceramic-coated exhaust system! For the most part, jeans and a light windbreaker were the order of the day. Oh, and to top it all off, we had Air Force One fly by, as our Commander-In-Chief was en-route to Crawford!!

But before the story is told, allow me to give some insight on hosting this event. Now, anyone that has been involved in hosting a regional car show has seen or heard this before, but please allow me some freedom here. First and foremost, special thanks must once again be given to Mary Williams for all of her hard work and wonderful organizational skills that are rarely seen by participants of a car show. This was the third time that NTAMC hosted the Regional, and for the third time, Mary has stepped up and kept all of the details in order. Single-handedly, Mary created, printed and mailed registration forms to all potential attendees, and then received all entries, organized spreadsheets for entries, t-shirt sales and dinner coupons, purchasing and stuffing the welcome bags, arriving early on Friday night to set up the registration table, and sell t-shirts. And all the while that she was doing this, she made time to get her and Steve’s Matador back on the road, as a surprise for Steve!!! Mary is an AWESOME lady, and it is always a great pleasure to work with her. I hope everyone understands and appreciates how lucky we are to have her as a member of North Texas AMC.

Now, back to the story. With cooler temperatures prevailing, attendance of the show had a large mainstay of ‘driver’ vehicles and fewer trailered cars than events prior. Cars from Carrollton, Bonham, Plano, Rhome and Houston, all cruised to West with no reports of overheating, exhausted drivers, flat tires, or any other malady. Tom Taylor, the original owner of a ’69 Bittersweet orange Javelin, drove up Friday night from Houston and garnered the ‘Long Distance Award’ for his efforts. In addition this car has only 43,000 miles on it, and is still in its original paint and ‘mod’ packaged 343 and automatic transmission; truly, a survivor car in the purest sense of the word.



Almost as predictable as the sun coming up, the Schneider family from Alamo AMC arrived in West in their vintage motor home and trailered in their slightly-modified Rebel Machine along with a recently acquired Rambler convertible. The Schneiders, who are also chili cook-off competitors, made a batch of brisket tacos for everyone attending, and sold them for a \$1 per plate. Being great stewards of generosity, they then donated all of the proceeds to our charity, the Parkland Hospital Children’s Burn Camp. In addition, ALAMO AMC donated \$100 along with our 50/50 raffle money for a total donation of \$238.



The city of West was founded over 100 years ago, along the railroad line, and has a rich Czech and farming history. The police and authorities were more than cooperative with letting us borrow their main street and the West Bank and Trust literally ‘trusted’ us with the use of their parking lot. Folks from all clubs made stops at the world famous ‘Czech Stop’ for kolaches and other pastries. Police Chief James Lawhorn came by and spent quite some time perusing cars and was given the chore of picking our “Best of West” award. He made his decision based on several things, not just ‘best paint’ or ‘most money spent’ etc. He chose Paul and Bev Johnson’s ‘66 Rambler 440 Convertible as his winner, because as a youth, Chief Lawhorn worked at an AMC/Rambler dealership and spent much of his time prepping and delivering cars very similar to the Johnson’s Rambler, below.



Around 3:00, things were wrapped up, and folks staying at our host hotel, the Czech Inn of West, went back to clean up and get ready for dinner. Back in town, cleanup crews made sure we left “Main Street” and the bank, just as we had found it, and then proceeded over to the Wild West Steakhouse for our awards presentation and dinner.

(Right: Matt Mortimer’s ‘under construction’ winning Gremlin)

(Below: Absolutely FLAWLESS Pacer Has entered AMO senior-level judging.)

Upstairs, the Wild West wait staff kept cold beverages flowing and hot steak and chicken were the order of the day. Everyone in attendance got to sit together and once again rekindle the friendships that exist between AMC of Houston, Alamo AMC and North Texas AMC. Its always great talking with the folks that you only see about once a year at the Regional, and find out how things have been and what has changed since their last visit. Once dinner was finished, final awards and door prizes were handed out, along with a few more t-shirt sales, lots of hand-shaking and back-slapping, and final farewells till next year.

Below: Matador from NTAMC, Convertible American from Alamo AMC, and AMX, Gremlin, and 'Machine' from AMC of Houston.



Above: Lowered and 16" tire shod Matador with 401 and '70 Javelin with fuel injection and five speed.

Below: Registration and early setup. Banner was courtesy of Brian West, NTAMC.



Below: Crowds gathered and friendships renewed! What a great day!!!



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Club Member Bio.

From Brian West,

I was born June 3, 1961 in Sacramento, California. My father worked for a motorcycle dealer and raced them on the weekends. My grandfather would take my brother and me to both the Sacramento Autorama and the Oakland Roadster show in the early 70's. I was fascinated with the wild customs like the Bathtub Mobile and the Pink Panther. That was basically my introduction to cars. Growing up in northern California, I was aware of the late 60's and early 70's muscle car craze. My cousin had a 68 440 GTX that would scream. I graduated high school in 1979 and then attended college in Santa Barbara. I moved to Los Angeles in 1985 and stayed until 2005. I knew someday that I would be able to afford my dream car – a 1970 AMX. Finally, in October of 2005, I purchased my AMX from a guy in San Diego, CA. He had owned the car for 9 years and did all the work to get the car in it's condition today. I put in a stereo and bought rims and tires but that is about it. I plan on attending car shows with my wife, Laura and my two children Hannah who is 3 and Frankie who is 1. We moved to Grapevine, Texas in October 2005. We truly enjoy Grapevine and look forward to weekend trips in the AMX.



I (Gary) would like to note that this is one of those cars I would love to own. Thanks Brian for being so active in this club since becoming a member. I think you have been to every event since you joined. If you ever want to trade me for the tan beast just let me know. HA! HA! I might even throw in a couple hundred bucks.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Fee \$20 (October – annually)

Date ____/____/____ (Very Important)

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Spouse _____ **AMO Membership #** _____

Children _____

Address _____ **APT#** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home Phone# _____ **Work Phone#** _____

E-mail Address _____

AMC Vehicles Owned _____

Areas of Interest (Restoring, Racing, Showing, etc.) _____

Other Club Memberships _____

Please tell us a little about yourself _____

Annual Dues are \$20 per year (Due in October). Please make checks payable to: NTAMC and write in the memo space of the check that it is for NTAMC Dues. Mail membership form and annual dues to the following:

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