



THE *AM*-XCENTRIC

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Membership Profile Featuring : George Burcar



Article provided by Cam Schuster via the internet:

George Burcar, a devoted muscle car enthusiast, has cherished his 1970 American Motors AMC AMX for an impressive 49 years, a journey highlighted in Lou Comstabile's YouTube series, My Car Story. George's high school sweetheart, a Big Bad Blue AMC AMX, stands as a testament to his dedication and passion for American muscle cars, particularly the less mainstream AMC brand.

This particular AMC AMX, one of only 114 cars painted in the striking Big Bad Blue in 1970, is a fine specimen featuring the sought-after Go Package, which includes a larger engine and several performance enhancements. The car's two-seater design and V8 engine made it a fierce competitor to the likes of the Corvette, appealing to the youth market of its era.

George's journey with the AMC AMX began in 1974, and since then, he has gone to great lengths to restore and maintain the car to a condition that surpasses its original showroom glory. The challenges of finding parts for such a rare vehicle are significant, given the scarcity and high costs associated with AMC models.

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Lou encountered George and his prized AMX at the All-Family AMC car show in Livonia, MI, where the unique charm and appeal of this 1970 model were on full display. From the silver stripes accenting its black grille to its distinct design, George's AMC AMX is not just a car but a piece of automotive history, lovingly preserved and passionately showcased. END



George Burcar shows at MCACN Written by Russ Roberts -

This past November George Burcar invited me to attend the MCACN show in Chicago. This is a very prestigious show that is by invite only. It is much larger than our Autorama show..The cars shown here are the best of the best in the country..This is a huge honor to be invited. George entered his 1970 BBB AMX in the Muscle Car Period Correct Class. This class is open to all makes of Muscle cars. A ton of work was put into preparing and detailing everything to make his car period correct. The Judging results for his 1970 AMX were exceptional. George received the coveted Gold award for his class scoring between 95-100 points. He also picked up the Judges award for Best AMC at the MCACN show. George Congratulations and thank you for being part of our GLCAC club. Obtaining these two awards at a prestigious national show MCACN is a once in a lifetime event.

Congratulations George!



Muscle car and Corvette Nationals

The Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals is the World's Largest All Indoor Car Show devoted to Muscle Cars, Dealer Built Supercars and Corvettes. This is a very prestigious show that is by invite only and there is always a very good showing of AMC cars. Several club members including Joe Pinsenault, Bob Wilcox, Rick Jones, George Burcar, Bill Ketchum, and others have been invited to display their cars. Here are some photos from the 2024 show.



Hosted by Rich Corsello, Terry Weiner, and Ian Webb, the Nashnutz American group brought together a fresh collection of AMC Muscle Cars. Multiple AMXs, SC/Ramblers, Javelins, and Rambler American Rogues were on display, adding an exhilarating new element this year.



Editor's Ramblings:

Well it has been a year since I have had enough space in the newsletter to throw in a Editor's Ramblings Page. That is a good thing... The reason? I have had some great help! I want to thank all of those who have contributed to the newsletter in the past year. Among others, thanks goes out to Andy Bellis, Cam Schuster, Bob Lucas, Russ Roberts and Jim Wajda. These guys all help with articles and pictures that really help out and makes it easier to do the newsletter. **Thanks again guys!**

2024 was a heck of a year for me. It started out ok and my priority was to get my SC360 ready for the Eyes on Design show in June. I was doing well with timing until I took it in to have tail pipes put on a week before the show. Surprise! After I dropped the car off I drove two blocks only to be hit in the front by someone running a red light. So my truck is out of commission and I still have to trailer the SC360 to the show. Thankfully I have some very good friends that offered to loan their truck to me for the duration. Thanks goes to Mr. Lucas for loaning his pickup to me to tow my car plus haul of the parts to fix my truck. And it was go go go for the rest of the year. I did get the SC360 done, got the truck fixed, did Route 66, and almost got my shop finished at least for 2024.

My goals for 2025... Enjoying life! Is going to be a priority. My second SC360 is going on the back burner for a while and hopefully I will get time to work on my Machine this year but a couple of other priorities have moved up on the list. Those couple of priorities are my neglected SC/Rambler and my 1969 AMC that have both been sitting way too long.



I haven't driven the SC/Rambler in about 10 years due to a bad radiator and I haven't driven the AMX since 1994 because of reasons that I can't remember. Both need lots of TLC to be presentable again.



My SC360 got a lot of attention in 2024. I took it to the Pure Stock Drags with Joe Pinsenault, ran a 13.681 and got invited to help represent the Pure Stock Drags display at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show (MCACN). Quite the honor for me. During the show, Lou Costabile came up to me and asked me to do an interview with him for his My Car Story on his YouTube channel. Crazy! That is my Daughter and her Boyfriend in the photo at the MCACN show.



Oh and If I don't have enough projects already, I couldn't resist this International Harvester pickup that sort of fell into my lap. (Once a Farmguy...) The first thing I did was to get rid of the crappy wagon wheels and tires and put some new boots and wheels on it. The rest of the plan is to replace the drive train with a AMC 401 and a Jeep AW4 transmission. The truck is kinda drivable but scary so I will also be replacing the front suspension with a complete Rack and Pinion steering and suspension from a AMC Pacer. I will leave flat white patina on it for now. I threw a little pin striping on it to break it up a little. The interior needs redone but what a fun project.