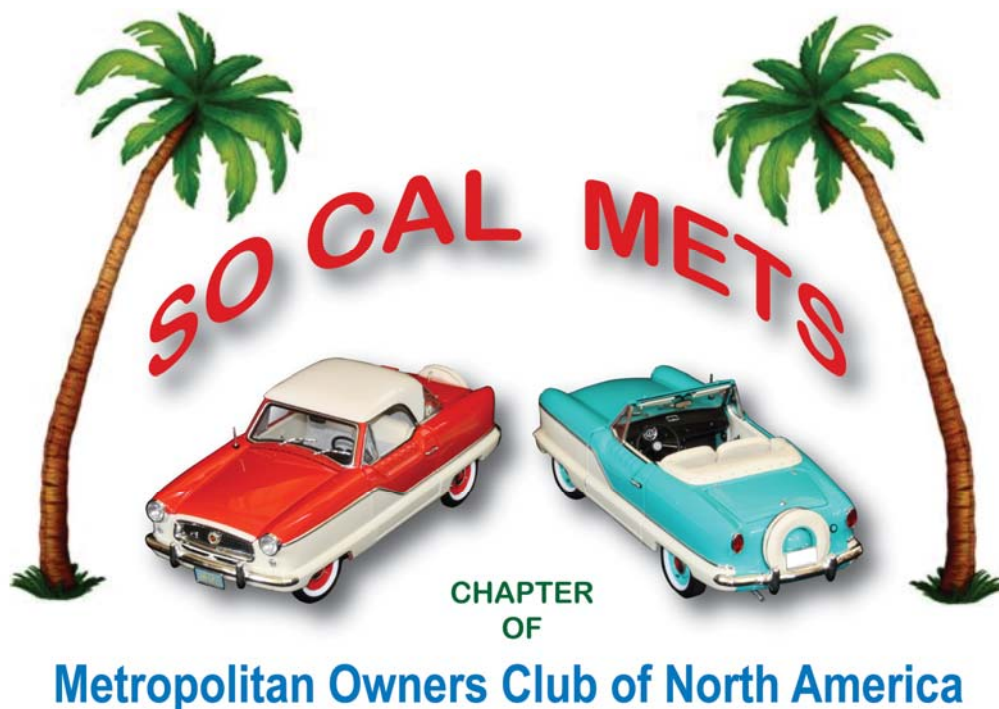


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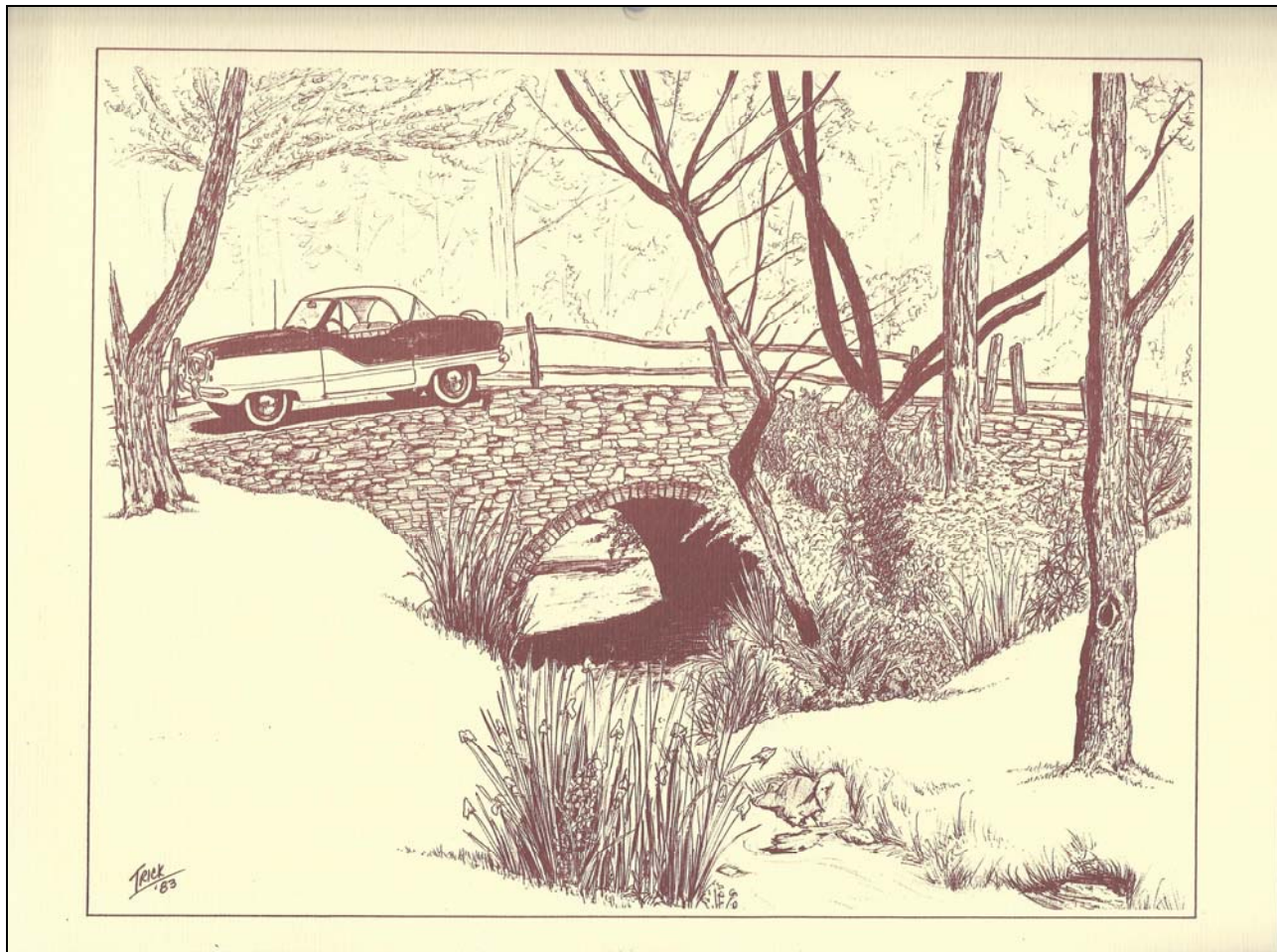
## SO CAL METS Calendar

Editor's Email: [kconner@socal.rr.com](mailto:kconner@socal.rr.com)

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Planning Meetings: Every 3 months normally. Adventures: Every Month

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
Sunday, January 20	Planning Meeting & Tech Session	17002 Bolero Lane, Huntington Beach Host: Ken & Judy Conner 714-846-5003	1:30 PM
Saturday, February 16	Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15	11:00 AM
Saturday, March 2	Festival of Whales Parade	On PCH in Downtown Dana Point	TBA
March 29, 30 & 31st	Unique Little Car Show	Las Vegas, NV at Sam's Town	TBA
Saturday, April 13th	Museum Tour	Peterson Automotive Museum 6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles	TBA
Sunday, April 28th	Planning Meeting & Tech Session	722 Archwood Ave., Brea Host: Ed & Betty McCallister 714-562-6906263	1:30 PM
May?			
June 20th -23rd	MOCNA International Meet	Lincoln, Nebraska	TBA
June?	Annual Picnic		TBA





“ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE”



Thanks to Robert Escalante and his assistant Cal Soest we got the deluxe tour of Custom Auto Service in downtown Santa Ana. They are normally closed on Saturdays but were gracious enough to open the doors for So Cal Mets on November 17th. At 302 French St., the building is smack dab in historic downtown Santa Ana. In both the shop and showroom there are antique signs etc that were originally owned by other establishments in the city. However all things PACKARD are the prominent objects, be they toys, parts or actual grand automobiles. Cars from the shop have competed successfully at Pebble Beach & the Newport Concours.

Their website is: [www.customautoservice.com](http://www.customautoservice.com). Another office in the showroom is that of the Packards International Motor Car Club. After a great visit, Robert & Cal joined us at nearby “Original Mikes” for lunch.





So Cal Met members from top to bottom: Renee & Nick Anderson, Jeff Gordon, Mike Dahlberg, Paul Van Wig, Matt Remfert, Barbie & Ronnie Bauman, Tony Bilotti, Marcia Jones & brother Bruce & Ken Conner.



Some of us couldn't help notice the styling similarities between this fifty's era Clipper and our little Mets.



# Original Mike's



Jeff Gordon braved the chance of rain and we got to see his freshly restored Met. The Metropolitan Pit Stop did the restoration. It is beautiful!



# A GOOD IDEA



If Santa didn't bring you a Hood Safety Cable, then consider getting one. They help prevent your hood from flying up in the event that the hood catch and factory safety catch fail!

They are available from the folks at Metropolitan Restoration Service. Phone 570-922-0012.

To install, take the hood safety cable and slide it down the hood prop rod over the lower knuckle attached to the inner fender. Then attach the clip end to the hole which the prop rod slides into.





## A BONNY BOOT

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 we were treated to another visit from John and Rosemary Dowling from the UK Metropolitan Club. It took place at the Riverside shop and museum of our President, Ronnie Bauman.

John and Rosemary were in town to visit with their daughter who lives in LA. She had just had a bouncing baby and the proud Grandparents were there to meet the new family member.

The Dowling's had attended our last planning meeting at member Marcia Jones's house a couple weeks earlier. John is planning to install a Boot (trunk door) in

his earlier Met at home in England this winter. Knowing this, Ronnie brought to the meeting his Met which he has converted. It was only natural that John would want to learn more so Ronnie was kind enough to invite the Dowling's and chapter members over for a "how to" session. Ronnie showed the 'donor' car and how the project was done. The installation is very impressive.





We were also treated to a look at Ronnie's 'Museum' and some of his other cars. Then we got to go into the engine and upholstery fabrication and repair shop.



After having way too much fun at Ronnie's 'Fun Factory' we were led a block or two down the street by Ronnie and Barbie in one of their 'Fire Breathing Mets' to a great Mexican restaurant where the Bauman's treated us all to a great lunch.





Left photo left to right: Nick and Renee Anderson, Tony Bilotti, Rosemary and John Dowling and Ronnie Bauman. Barbie Bauman is behind the camera. :)

It was a great time for all. Anyone with a Met or an interest in Mets couldn't have had a better time.

Thanx again to Ronnie and Barbie.

Tony Bilotti

# Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade



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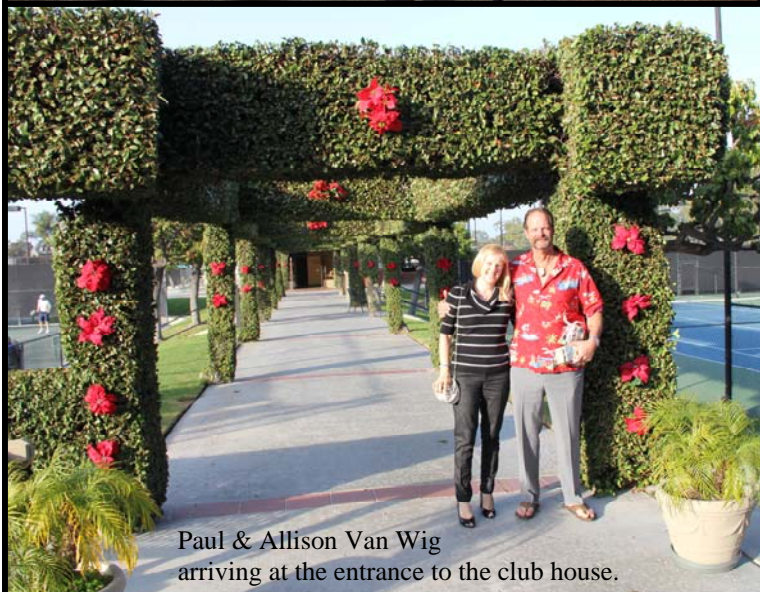
We caused a lot of smiles along the parade route!



# Second Annual Christmas Party



The Racquet Club of Irvine was the site of this years Christmas Party thanks especially to Marcia Jones. Martyn Tourdot kept us busy with games before and after dinner. The grand finale was the gift exchange. There were some very nice gifts brought to the event and many were stolen from the first recipient AND the second recipient. The third recipient got to take it home.



Paul & Allison Van Wig  
arriving at the entrance to the club house.





Left to right: John Fildes, Anita Fildes, Norma Mocabee & George Mocabee.



Left to right: Marcia Jones & Judy Conner



Left to right: Kim Dahlberg, Ronnie Bauman, Barbie Bauman, Renee Anderson, Gwen Tolleson & Mike Dahlberg.



Left to right: Al Albarico, Paul & Allison Van Wig.



Left to right: Chuck Tourdot, Martyn Tourdot, Jackie & Tony Bilotti.



Mike Dahlberg showed his skill a tearing paper in the paper Christmas tree contest.









Left-  
Ron & Barbie  
Bauman, Tony  
Bilotti & Gwen  
Tolleson  
model the  
club's new  
Jacket.

Thank you  
Renee Ander-  
son for taking  
the time and  
trouble to find  
them, order  
them & de-  
liver them to  
us at the  
Christmas  
Party.

HAVE A  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR IN 2013