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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH IF POSSIBLE

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
March 13 th & 14 th Fri & Sat	Unique Little Car Show	Avi Resort, 1000 Aha Macav Pkwy, Laughlin, Nevada John Hill swulcs2020@gmail.com 602-549-0929	
March 21 st Sat	Cruise & visit San Juan Capistrano	Chris Di Tommaso, 3321 E. Vine Ave., Orange	9:30 AM
April 25 th Sat CANCELLED	Floral Park Home Tour & Car Show	Upscale/Oldtown Santa Ana Meet at: Barns & Noble park lot 791 S. Main, Orange	8:30 AM
May 16 th Sat CANCELLED	Carbon Canyon to Chino Airport	Gwen Tolleson, 1949 Smokewood Ave., Fullerton	9:30 AM
June 6 Sat CANCELLED	Blind Children 5k walk/run	18542-B Vanderlip Avenue in Santa Ana	TBA
June 28 th Sun CANCELLED	Annual Picnic Potluck	Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton	10:30 AM
June 28 th Sat	Cruise to San Clemente	Mike & Kim Dahlberg, 18142 Theodora Dr., Tustin	9:30 AM
July 30 - Aug 1st	NorCal Redwood Mystery Tour	Lauri Brownson The57MetLady@hotmail.com Crescent City, CA 541-840-4777 November Met Gazette page 10	TBA
Aug 29 th Sat	Visit Sherman Gardens in CDM	(2647 PCH, Corona Del Mar) Chris Di Tommaso, 3321 E. Vine Ave., Orange	9:30 AM
Sept 13 Sun CANCELLED	Belmont Shore Car Show	Join up location TBD	
Sept 27 th Sun	British Cars Meet Up in Van Nuys	Queen's English All British Car Show, Woodley Park in Van Nuys, http://www.queens-english.org/	8:30 AM
Oct 3 rd Sat	Parade in Tustin Tiller Days	Mike & Kim Dahlberg, 18142 Theodora Dr., Tustin	TBA
Oct 17 Sat	Harvest Festival	Costa Mesa Events Center, OC Fairgrounds	TBA
Nov 7 Sat	Knotts Berry Farm	Market Place	TBA
Nov 14	Day Family Museum	2525 Wardlow Rd., Corona Meet at: Knowlwood Rest. 5665 E. Lapalma Ave., Anaheim	TBA
Dec 6 th Sun	Xmas Party	?	TBA
Dec 12 th Sat	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso), Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pankcake House & 7-11.	8:15 AM

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Our Palos Verdes Adventure



After we sorted through cancelled events due to the pandemic, South Bay resident Jeff Gordon treated us to a fun cruise around the Palos Verdes Peninsula on July 25th. The mostly Orange County contingent met at Ken Conner's home in Huntington Harbour & headed west on coast highway. We cruised through Seal Beach, Long Beach, over the Vincent Thomas bridge & ultimately to the intersection of Palos Verdes Dr North & East. There we met up with Jeff & Donna Gordon who treated us to a fun & beautiful drive. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch at the Yellow Vase restaurant in Malaga Cove. Before we departed Jeff photographed each Met with its occupants.





Donna steps away from Jeff Gordon's beautiful lead Met.



Ken Conner



Leah & John Perrotti & their Pooche Morgan



Nancy & Patrick Halbert



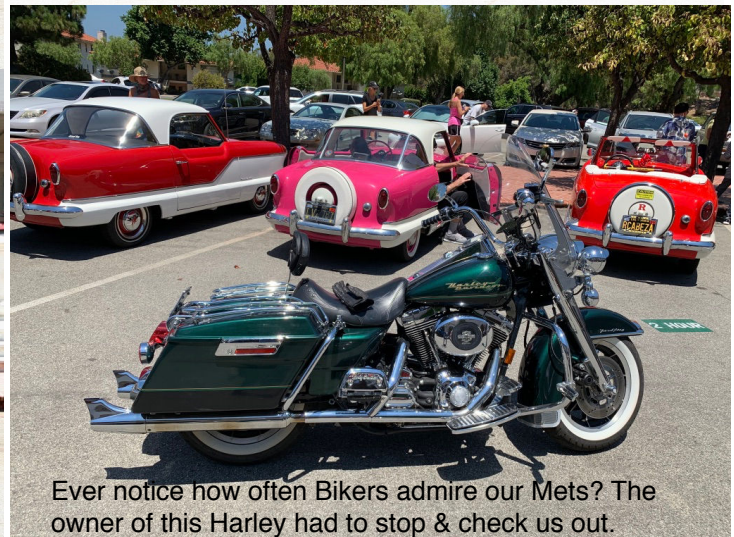
Marcia Jones



Tony Bilotti who was a bit side tracked



Cindy & Bill Harris



Ever notice how often Bikers admire our Mets? The owner of this Harley had to stop & check us out.

FOR SALE

1958 Met Priced to sell
Someone should enjoy this beautiful car, rather than have it sit in my garage any longer.
Red over silver. Runs and drives well.
Bumpers smoothed and tucked.
New Polyurethane paint. New wiring loom(s). 1500 MGA engine.
Pertronix electronic ignition / Flame Thrower coil.
New muffler/exhaust.
New weatherstrip, wheel trim and hubcaps.
New starter, generator. New valve job.
New wheel cyls, Rebuilt master/clutch cyl
New brakes, tires.
New window regulator.
Temp/oil pressure gauge. New horn/turn signal assy.
Spin on oil filter conversion.
Has a TRUNK LID! (1959 was 1st year for trunk lids)
Custom Tow Brackets.



Presently registered non-op.

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The Nor-Cal Redwood Mystery Tour



Ten Metropolitans from our nations west coast congregated in Crescent City, California recently. The three day event at the end of July was an enjoyable experience put on by the Cascade Met Club from Southern Oregon & Northern California. Thanks to their president Lori Brownson and her small staff, we got to cruise by majestic redwood forests and stunning seascapes. All that despite the fears and cautions about traveling during this pandemic.

It is 760 miles from Huntington Beach to Crescent City. That probably explains why Judy & me were the only Metter's from Southern California. Doing what I've done in the past, I flat towed the Met much of the way. We towed it the first 500 miles to Cloverdale, CA. That's where our grandkids live. We stayed there & waited for Metter's from the San Francisco Bay area to come up and meet us. The next day Chris Vetter from Crows Landing plus Brad Swiggart from Lincoln with John Hill from Phoenix driving one of Wayne Metz's "extra Met's" arrived late in the day. Missing however, was Wayne Metz from Antioch, who was driving his dark yellow Met! So the story goes, Wayne's Met broke down in Napa as they were passing through world famous wine country. The Met's broken alternator support bracket was not able to be fixed immediately so he stayed in Napa overnight while



it was repaired. The only problem, at this point, is that Wayne's cell phone had somehow been left in his extra Met John & Brad were driving and it was now in Cloverdale! By either the tow truck driver's cell or the motel's phone, Wayne was able call us in Cloverdale and tell us he should be on the road the next day. Knowing that, Brad called Wayne's wife Gail and updated her. That call didn't go too well when Brad hinted that Wayne had been picked up by some Russian women. Gail accused the "guys" of abandoning her husband!

Thursday July 30, we left Cloverdale for the 270 mile drive to Crescent City. I had unhooked the Met from our tow car so now three Mets, followed by Judy driving the RX400h headed north on highway 101. Our first stop was in Willits (previous page) where there is an interesting NAPA store front with a great mural of almost life size autos including an early Metropolitan. From there I led our convoy to Leggett where the Underwood family has owned a redwood grove since the 1920's. Their prize redwood is called the "Chandelier Tree" and in 1937, they cut the drive through portion that is still in use today. Of course it will cost you ten dollars to drive your car through it. After a whole lot of photos taken everyone continued north on scenic 101 to our hotel in Crescent City.

About 10:00 pm that night Wayne Metz rolled up to the hotel parking lot in his yellow Met. It had been a 340 mile drive from Napa, through the woods, in the dark, alone in Big Foot country!





Friday, July 31st was our first full day as a group. We started late for the Trees of Mystery Tour so we could get a primo parking spot for a photo shoot. By the time we had explored the high suspension walkways, forest trails, gondola ride & gift shop, the parking lot was clear of tourists. They lined our Metropolitans up at the base of Paul Bunyan and the Blue Ox. The perspective of giant Paul Bunyan towering above our Mets truly made them look like toys! What may be the Metropolitan photo of the year was captured by Brian Cotariu using his drone for an unbelievable overhead shot. I have thought about using Photoshop to erase the tire marks & oil spots visible in the parking lot but, maybe that would look too perfect







Although Wayne's Met made it to Crescent City, it had ignition symptoms that bugged the guys even on the first day down to Trees of Mystery. Everything (?) got checked. Points, condenser, spark plug gap and electrical continuity. Dale Carrington readjusted the distributor and said that the ignition wires should be "carbon" for a stronger spark.

The second day August 1st we cruised through Redwood National Park, scenic Pebble Beach Drive and the Battery Point Lighthouse for more photos. That evening we gathered in the hotel's hospitality room where the silent auction winners were announced. There was an abundance of houndstooth stuff thanks to our host Lauri Brownson. She did a great job as MC and had MOCNA President Brad Swiggart say a few words. The following morning Mets and their owners headed home.





Postscript 1: Wayne's yellow Met still did not run perfectly on the way home but it made it. Once home it did need a fuel pump and his mechanic spotted a spark plug with a crack in the enamel. That might account for the bucking, snorting & backfiring as Wayne described it. So after new plugs, wires, cap & condenser Wayne says the Met is now purring like a kitten!

Postscript 2: Remember that car hopping Cell Phone of Wayne's? On the last leg of their drive Wayne's Cell Phone ended up in Chris Vetter's car. Since Chris lives 66 miles past Antioch, Wayne's daughter picked it up at a half way point. You can now call Wayne.