

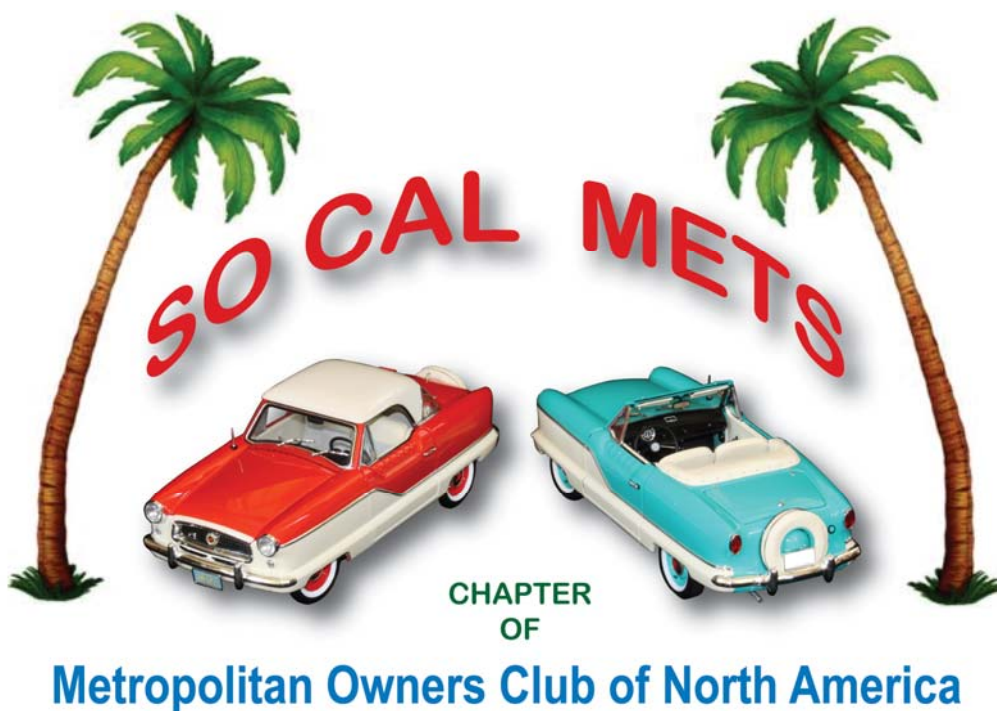
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# 2011

## SO CAL METS Calendar

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Club website: [www.socalmets.com](http://www.socalmets.com)

Workshops: Every 3 months normally. Meetings: Every 3 months normally. Outings: Every Month

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location &amp; Hosts</b>	<b>Start</b>
Sunday, April 10	Meeting	1400 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> St., Sp 195, Upland George & Norma Mocabee 626-945-5988	1:30 PM
Sunday, May 22	Breakfast @ Pepper Shaker NW Corner Harbor & Imperial, La Habra 10:00AM	Meeting afterwards @ 722 Archwood, Brea Ed & Betty McCallister 562-690-6263	10:00 AM
Sunday, May 29	Car Show & Lunch	Original Mikes 100 S. Main St., Santa Ana	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday, June 4	Work Shop	1538 Howard Access Rd, Upland Hosts: George Mocabee 626-945-5988	9:00 AM
Saturday, June 25	CLUB PICNIC Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N State College Blvd. Fullerton 50/50 Raffle, White Elephant Sale Bring quality items for the sale	10:30 AM
Sunday, July 17	Meeting & Cruise	1949 Smokewood Ave., Fullerton Host: Gwen Tolleson 714-525-8830	1:30 PM
Wed July 27- Sat July 30th	INTERNATIONAL METRO MEET	KENOSHA, WISCONSION See Flyer	
Saturday, August 6	Coastal Cruise	We'll cruise Orange County's upscale coast Details forthcoming	
Sunday, September 4	Street Fair & Show	427 W. Malvern, Fullerton 714-992-1486 Hosts: Martyn & Chuck Tourdot	
Saturday, Sept 24	Tour of Bauman & Leuer Collection's	1944 Spruce St., Riverside Hosts: Ronnie & Barbie Bauman 951-683-8060	9:00 AM
Sunday, October 9	Meeting	427 W. Malvern, Fullerton 714-992-1486 Hosts: Martyn & Chuck Tourdot	1:30 PM
October 19-23	Run-To-The-Sun	Lake Havasu City, AZ	
Saturday, November 12	Workshop	17002 Bolero Lane, Huntington Beach Hosts: Ken & Judy Conner 714-846-5003	9:00 AM
December	Christmas Party	Plans TBA	
Saturday, December 10	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	Directions TBA	

# Cruise to Tom's Farm



Not until the morning of the cruise were we sure the weather was going to smile on our Mets. It did however and shortly after 10:00 AM six Mets headed up the old Santa Ana Canyon Road Rd. At Gypsum Canyon we had to get on the 91 Freeway for 2 1/2 miles, then across upper Corona on Ontario Ave and finally South near I-15 to Tom's. We arrived just early enough to park our now seven Mets in a prominent row near the main entrance. George & Norma Mocabee met us there. The cruisers consisted of Ed & Betty McCallister, Ronnie Bauman & Gwen Tolleson, Ken & Judy Conner, Tony Bilotti, Al Albarico, and Martyn & Charlie Tourdot followed by husband Chuck and son Auggie in their X car.





Meet new members Rolly & Joan Bitterman. They live in Canyon Lake where rain forced them to drive their X car down to meet us. Rolly brought a great album on his Met. We hope to see the real thing soon. Welcome to the chapter Rolly & Joan!



A scene from the porch of the Mexican restaurant where we had lunch. Our Mets garnered their fair share of affection throughout our stay.



**LEFT -**  
**AN APPROPRIATE PAIR:**  
 Known for his mechanical ability to locate the problem, Chapter president Ed McCallister holds a pet Ferret handed him by a visiting Met admirer.



TOURDOT BROTHERS PANNING FOR GOLD



Left - The Tourdot's  
Chuck,  
Martyn,  
Auggie &  
Charlie





The following article appeared in the March Magazine of the Metropolitan Owners Club in the United Kingdom.



### **A Sunny November Day in Fullerton, California.** **(Visiting with the SO CAL Met group).** from John Dowling

.November 22<sup>nd</sup>, a day when the UK was in the midst of an extraordinarily early period of really deep snow and ice, found Rosemary, our L.A. based daughter Michelle and I driving out of Los Angeles towards the very pleasant town of Fullerton. Traffic on the local Freeway was, as ever, particularly bad and we were relieved and pleased to arrive both safely and in good time in order to meet up with the good folks of the recently formed Southern California chapter of MOCNA.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by the sight of 5 pristine Mets lined up outside the beautiful home of Gwen Tolleson, who is Secretary/Treasurer of the group and had graciously offered to host the special meeting (which was not one of the scheduled, usual, club meeting dates.. The 'brunch' was delicious, thanks to the combined efforts of Gwen, Betty McCallister and Judy Conner.

The meeting arrangements had been organised by Ken Conner, who is the editor of the 'Metropolitan Manifold' - the official newsletter publication of SO CAL Mets. Ken and Judy had travelled extensively in Europe during last summer and visited Gaydon and many other places in the UK, during which Ken purchased one of our new MOC grille badges. Subsequently, when we travelled to the States on holiday and went on to visit the group, I was able to take along a substantial number of badges for any other SO CAL members who might have been interested. As a result, we were able to sell a considerable number of badges on the day.

Before we arrived, the chapter's President, Ed McCallister had been busily writing out the chapter's new membership cards and I was delighted when he actually issued me an Honorary Membership of SO CAL (Rosemary and I still retain our MOCNA membership, some 10 years after our return to the UK from Pennsylvania - excellent value for money by the way).

Apart from SO CAL members, we were particularly pleased to have Wayne Metz, The National President of MOCNA, join the proceedings later - when he arrived from his home (way up in Central California) towing a very pretty pink hard-top in an enclosed trailer. Wayne's world consists of his Real Estate business, his Metropolitan Restoration & Sales business and the MOCNA organisation (not counting a vigorous and thriving family, grand-kids etc).

Another bonus from the visit was the enrolling of both Wayne and Ken/Judy Conner into the MOC.

The following page is 'lifted' from the inaugural copy of The Metropolitan Manifold and provides a little sunny taste on the Metropolitan Life in sunny (Southern) California. Can't wait to go back in late 2011!



## 2011 International Metropolitan Meet

July 27, 2011 - July 30, 2011

Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ MOCNA # \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75/person by June 30, 2011 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85/person July 1 or after ..... / ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ b

Name Tags to Read: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/shirt (white) \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL(\$12) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ c

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/shirt (gray) \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL(\$12) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ d

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 ..... Cruise Night at Wendy's

Wednesday, July 27, 2011 ..... Cruise Night at Andy's

Thursday, July 28, 2011 ..... MOCNA Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2011 ..... Cruise at McDonalds in Racine

Friday & Saturday, July 29-30 ..... Swap Meet, Kennedy Park

Friday, July 29, 2011 ..... Ice Cream Social at Nash School,  
 AMC/AMO/AMCRC/and Mets drive from School to downtown to display cars  
**Met Club Fish Fry at Bristol Oaks Country Club**

Saturday, July 30, 2011 ..... Car Show at Kennedy Park  
**Met Club Banquet at Parkway Chateau** (near headquarters hotel)

Judging: all vehicles are required to have a Fire Extinguisher for entry to the show field.

People Choice Car Show: 54/55 Open \_\_\_\_\_ 54/55 Closed \_\_\_\_\_

56/58 Open \_\_\_\_\_ 56/58 Closed \_\_\_\_\_

59/62 Open \_\_\_\_\_ 59/62 Closed \_\_\_\_\_

Modified / Custom \_\_\_\_\_

Concours Judging: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Chassis Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

\$25/car Limited Space ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ e

(Contact Gary Bosselman, Chief Judge)

TOTAL: a, b, c, d and e ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Host Hotel Info: Comfort Suites, 7206 122nd Ave, Kenosha, WI 53142  
 262-857-3450. Ask for Metropolitan Car Club rate of \$65/night.



# Workshop March 5th



Our first workshop of the year was held at your editor's residence in Huntington Beach. Pictured is Tony Bilotti, Ed McCallister & Ronnie Bauman helping Martyn Tourdot get her clutch adjusted.



Rather than the usual doughnuts, Judy celebrated an early Mardi Gras featuring Beignets made from the New Orleans Café du Monde recipe, and a delicious King's Cake. From left to right Betty McCallister, Barbie Bauman & host Judy Conner.



George Mocabee worked on his Mets windshield wipers. Below is the windshield wiper cable in its armor, which George took out and later cleaned and reinstalled.





At the work shop I heard different opinions as to what the black stuff on the front of my Zenith carburetor was . I suspected gas residue. I did find a crack in the short fuel hose leading to the carburetor just above the black scum. I replaced the fuel line hose and cleaned the fuel filter. So far there is less black build-up and It does seem to run better .





Accolades to Greg & Kiki Hahs for an outstanding car show. Historic downtown Upland was an ideal locale for the 143 cars that participated. City officials estimated the attendance at 2400. Our unusual 2011 spring weather cooperated nicely. The band in the traffic circle band stand was great. Greg reports that they are proudly donating \$2700.00 to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of So Cal, Claremont.

There were at least nineteen beautiful Metropolitans at the show. Photos show six convertibles and thirteen hard tops. At the awards banquet Saturday evening Ronnie Bauman took home a “dip stick” trophy for “best engine compartment for all show cars”. Thanks to Wayne & Gail Metz, the owners of Mets judged third and second place in class took home beautifully embroidered shirts. First place winners received cool letterman’s jackets also embroidered.

Proving that earlier looking Mets are just as classy, new member Rolly Bitter took 1st place with his 1955 hard top. 2nd & 3rd place awards went to Ken Conner’s ’61 & John Hill’s ’56 respectively. The lettermen jacket for best con-



vertible went to Joe Englehart for his ’61. 2nd place went to Gwen Tolleson’s ’57 and 3rd to Al Alberico’s ’58. A microcar from San Francisco took the award for furthest driven. However Three Mets driven from Antioch deserve recognition. As a trial run for the July drive to Kenosha, WI, for the International Metropolitan Meet, Wayne Metz, Brian Cotariu & Bob Mc Carl and his wife drove their Mets down for the show.

Other MOCNA visitors were incoming president Brad Swiggart from Nebraska and Barry Mann from Texas. Thanks to George Mocabee for making the great banner.



Thanks to Martyn Tourdot for making the terrific antenna pennants.







