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2013

SO CAL METS Calendar

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

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
January 20, Sunday	Planning Meeting & Tech Session	17002 Bolero Lane, Huntington Beach Host: Ken & Judy Conner 714-846-5003	1:30 PM
February 16, Saturday	Tour Nickey Petroleum	With Model T Club in Yorba Linda. Meet at Kramer & Miraloma, Anaheim	9:00 AM
March 2, Saturday	Festival of Whales Parade	On PCH in Downtown Dana Point	TBA
March 29 & 30	Unique Little Car Show	Las Vegas, NV at Sam's Town	TBA
April 13 th , Saturday	Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15	11:00 AM
May 18, Saturday	Visit Stanley Ranch Museum & Village	12174 Euclid St., Garden Grove 714-530-8871	10:00 AM
June 2, Sunday	Annual 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
June 20th -23rd	MOCNA International Meet	Lincoln, Nebraska See Flyer & Schedule	TBA
July 27, Saturday	Summer Barbeque & Meeting	3725 Blue Key, Corona Del Mar 949-721-1221 Host: Club Member Jeff Gordon	4:30 PM
August 18, Sunday	Lunch & Cruise	Roadside Café 714-283-4901 1822 N. Glassell St., Orange	11:30 AM
September 22, Sunday	Lunch at Ruby's & Cruise	186 N. Atchison, Orange	TBA
October 17-20	Run-To-The-Sun	Lake Havasu City, AZ www.relicsandrods.com	TBA
October 27, Sunday	Planning Meeting	28356 Via Anzar, San Juan Capistrano Hosts: John & Anita Fildes 949-429-8848	1:30 PM
November 24, Sunday	Car Show	Original Mikes – Santa Ana	TBA
December 14, Saturday	Christmas Party	Avila's El Ranchito (Formerly the Abby) 182 S. Orange St., Orange 714-516-1000	4:00 PM

Revised: August 1st 2013



Mets to the Museum

Docent: Nancy Phillips

On May 18th 2013 So Cal Mets treated itself, and I do mean Treated, to a guided tour of the Historical Stanley House Museum in Garden Grove California. Representing our club was our President, Ronnie Bauman and our First Lady Barbie, John and Anita Fildes, Marcia Jones, Tony Bilotti and his mother Lee Ann.

The property is home to the houses of some of the founders of Garden Grove as well as the original firehouse, school house and Post Office. All of the buildings were moved from their original locations in Garden Grove to the two acre site of the museum.

Our tour started after a short wait in the General Store next to the Tank House.

The store is full of samples of the turn of the 20th century.

The first part of the tour was the Stanley House itself. Built in 1891 with no indoor plumbing and no electricity. The Tank House next to the store gravity fed water to the bottom floor of the house. Water had to be taken upstairs. I found it interesting that all pictures hanging in the house were suspended by wires hanging from rails similar to crown molding. It was explained that this was necessary because you can't hang a picture on a nail on a plaster wall. Also interesting were very nice pots with lids in each bedroom. Since the 'outhouse' was outside if you had to 'go' in the middle of the night you would use 'the pot'.

Then we were led to the fire station where we saw old dispatching equipment, breathing apparatus a collection of old fire fighting equipment and extinguishers. Also we saw the old fire hose drying tower. The first fire truck owned by Garden Grove was off site being prepared for an upcoming parade.

The next stop was the old School House. Our guide had been a teacher and told us about the responsibilities of 'teachers' back then. She also pointed out several 'Diplomas' from the original owners and settlers, all of which were eighth grade diplomas. It was explained that this was as far as most went in those days.

From there we went into the Post Office. Again, full of examples of early 20th century living.

Then we were taken into the 'Schnitger House' built in 1916. This is the house that reminded Marcia Jones of her childhood days. The house had electricity and running water. The Schnitger's named their house 'Avolencia Place' because their ranch raised Avocados and Valencia Oranges. There is a picture in the living room of the house in on it's original location surrounded by 'The Ranch'. Other rooms of the house contained old printing equipment, old photography equipment, looms and sewing machines.

The next stop on the tour was Walt Disney's Uncles garage where Walt Disney got started. It is full of Disney Memorabilia.

The last stop on the tour was the Barber Shop/ Shoe Shop/ Dental office.

Here we were treated to old Barber Shop, Shoe repair and Dental equipment.

After looking at the Dental equipment I decided that I would rather NOT be treated!

After the tour, John and Anita had to be somewhere else. Ronnie and Barbie Bauman, Marcia Jones, Tony Bilotti and his Mother Lee Ann took a short ride to 'Historic Main Street' in Garden Grove for lunch after the tour.

After all, it was another great day to be had with the Mets and the Met people!





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Men Challenger II (J354) \$75 Teklon Nylon Shell, Heavyweight Fleece Lining, Adj Cuffs								
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	Two-Tone Brushed Twill (C815) \$15	

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Our 3rd Annual Picnic



A 6:30 AM arrival time was required to claim this beautiful spot again. Thank you Gwen Tolleson & Martyn Tourdot for being there and laying claim to the space. By the time lunch was ready sixteen Metropolitans had assembled.

The picnic food was excellent and the auction afterwards added \$ to our club kitty.

Attending this year were: Ron & Barbara Bauman, Gwen & Tom Tolleson., Tony & Jackie Bilotti, Ken & Judy Conner, Ed McCallister, Martyn & Chuck Tourdot, Renee & Nick Anderson, Nate & Shirley Hall, John & Anita Fildes, Paul & Allison Van Wig, Jim & Lisa Houpt, Armando & Maritza Reyes & Mother, Leon & Nancy Hastings, Marcia Jones, Jeff Gordon, Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Bill & Bev Grandia, The purple Met with the heavy eyelashes belonged to new members to be, Carol & Pat Askren.. We were pleased to have with us member June Valentine and her husband Michael Follin. They drove down from North Hollywood in Junes father's brown toned Met. June's father, Jimmy, was the founder of the Metropolitan Pit Stop.



Jelly Bean Jamboree







Dale Carrington's Tech Tips

Adjusting/tightening the parking brake:

Before you adjust the parking brake cable, raise the rear of the car and support it securely with jack stands. With the transmission in neutral, manually adjust the rear brake shoes using a ¼" open or square box end wrench by rotating the adjusting screw near the bottom of the backing plates. Adjust the shoes out until the wheel will no longer turn. Then back off the shoes until the wheel JUST turns freely.

While you're under the rear of the car scrape any dirt/crud away from the rotating lever (I call it a "pivot") where the cable connects to the pivot that controls the brake rods to the left and right wheels. Make sure the return spring is still strong, and connected. Replace if missing. If the pivot doesn't turn the parking brake won't release. Clean the grease nipple and pump in some grease. Check the operation of the p-brake. If it still needs adjusting:

Now you can lower the rear of the car and raise the front of the car – again supporting it securely on jack stands. Remove the triangular cover plate located directly below the p-brake lever on the underside of the car. It is held in place by three Phillips head screws. Inside the access hole you will see the front of the p-brake cable (originally covered by a rubber dust cover which has probably disintegrated by now) connected to the bottom of the p-brake lever with a U shaped connector. The adjuster is a threaded rod with a nut and lock nut. You can disconnect the U shaped connector from the p-brake to lower the adjuster and make it easier to work on. Coat the threads liberally with your favorite penetrating oil and clean up the threads as best you can. Use a wrench on each of the two nuts and loosen the lock nut. Now you can adjust the length of the cable using the two nuts until the parking brake lever will secure the rear wheels by the 4th click of the parking brake lever. Make sure the cable is slack once the parking brake lever is released.



Save the date.

Our Annual

Christmas Party

will be Saturday December 14th at
Avila's Ranchito Mexican Restaurant.
182 S. Orange St. Orange, CA
714-516-1000. (Formerly The Abbey)
4:00 PM

Menu: Chicken or Steak Fajitas, Rice and Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Cheese Enchiladas, Corn or Flour Tortillas, Salsa Especiales, Guacamole. Soft drinks & coffee included. The club will provide a cake from Costco. Price: \$25.00 per person. Includes gratuity and tax.

Please send your money & reservation to Barbara Bauman at 1944 Spruce St., Riverside, CA 92507. No later than November 30th.

Mid-America Travelogue

With A Metro In Tow

Eastbound on Nebraska's Interstate 80, abeam the town of Sutherland, there is a fascinating rest stop. It is the site of actual ruts made by covered wagons on the Oregon Trail across Nebraska's Platte River Valley. Beginning in 1841, nearly 250,000 travelers crossed the plains to Oregon & California on this overland route. The iron rings represent the wagon wheels in those tracks.



I can't say that any of my forbearers had that experience. But, my family did settle in the Valley East of there later. That is where I grew up and lived until I was 20. A chance summer job at Disneyland took me West and I've been in California every since. I still have family in the Cornhusker State so when the 2013 MOCNA International Meet was announced to be in Lincoln, I started making plans to go. Question was, was my loyalty to Nebraska & MOCNA strong enough to take my Met back there. I decided that it was! So on June 17th Judy & I started the 1510 mile drive from Huntington Beach to Lincoln. After a lunch with Judy's brother & wife in Las Vegas, we ended the first day at Richfield, Utah. Day two saw us on my favorite road across Utah and Colorado, Interstate 70. Below is Utah's Spotted Wolf Canyon, looking East.



On day two across the Rockies we heard from Renee & Nick Anderson who were ahead of us with their RV & Met. We both stopped in Sterling, CO for the night. The following day we joined I-80 and toured the "Pioneer Village" in Minden, Nebraska. Here is Judy with Nick & Renee at the front door. The place has 350 unrestored cars, farm equipment & many other antiques. Nick found a row of Pontiacs. Renee spotted the late blue Metro.



Minden's Pioneer Village is located near Kearney, just 13 miles South of I 80 on Hwy 10 & Hwy 6.



From there we both continued our journey East. The Andersons stopped in Columbus to see Renee's Aunt. We went directly to the Country Inn & Suites in:



Left is the Anderson encampment at the Lincoln event.





Car Show



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