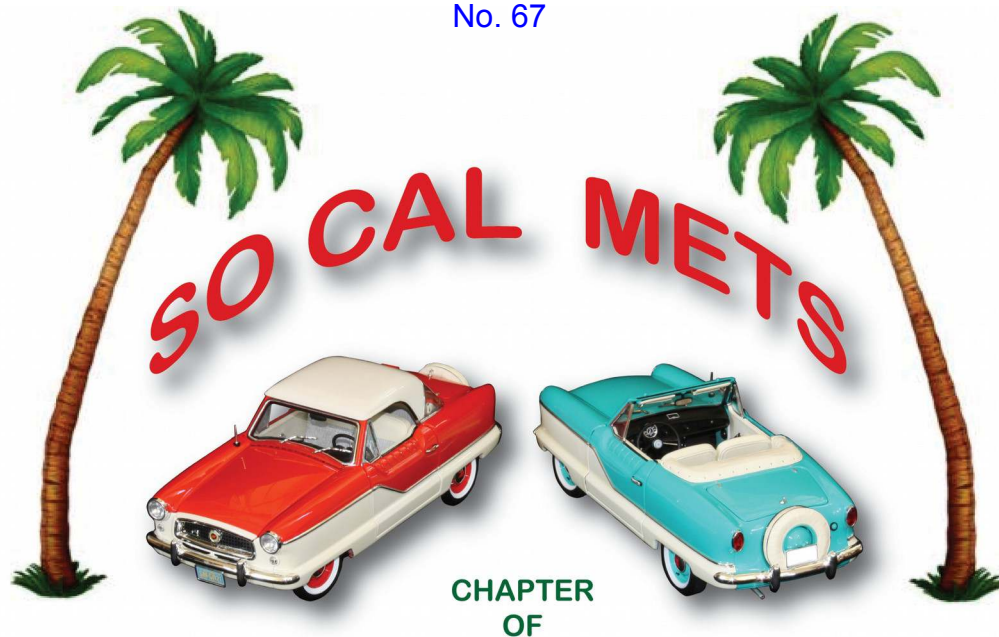


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Our October adventure was a cruise to Mojeska canyon culminating with lunch at the Siverado Cafe. Canyon Cruise people were: Patrick Halbert & friend Debbie, Byron Robinette, Marsha Jones & sister Chris, Judy Smith & friend Gina, Mark Aldrich & Doug Deimeke, Ken Conner, Tony Bilotti.









For more information about this site Google Helena Jodjeska.





Six Metropolitans departed the old Knollwood parking lot in East Anaheim. We were joined by two more who drove direct to our destination, which was Tom's Farm, south of Corona, CA. The November 19th day was clear & 70 degrees but gusty.

Making up the group were Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Marcia Jones, Tony & Jackie Bilotti, Ken Conner, Jeff & Sue Garrett, Patrick & Leanne Halbert,

Armando & Maritza Reyes and Tom Booth and his wife. Our outgoing president, Ronnie Bauman was home with the flu but better-half Judy Kanouse delivered the promised parking cones to save us a spot at the restaurant.

Shortly after we parked our Mets, a trio of tandom bicycle riders stopped to check out our cars. Across the parking lot, a group of Christian Motorcycle Riders huddled in prayer. After some shopping and lunch everyone headed home. It was a good Southern California Metropolitan Cruise.





We are sad to report that we lost long time Met Club Member, John Fildes, on November 4th. John turned 90 on September 30th. Just last December he & Anita hosted our Christmas party at their home in San Juan Capistrano. Anita says that he owned Pete's Auto Sales for 20 years on Harbor Blvd, had the Omega Cadillac dealership in the 1960's & also owned Coast Distributors in Costa Mesa plus various other used car lots in that area.



John loved automobiles and over the years had owned quite a variety. Here was his "Cleveland" driven by his Santa Claus friend one Christmas when we visited them.



Services will be held Friday December 23 at 11:00 AM at St Margaret's Church, 31641 La Novia, San Juan Capistrano.



Ronnie Bauman & Judy Kanouse hosting our 2022 Christmas Party. It was their treat! No cost to the club. Their spacious compound was the perfect venue. There was space for everything including Ronnie's five classic cars in the main garage.

The threat of rain and the distance to their Riverside location eliminated most Metropolitans from being driven to the event. Still, Tom & Bonnie Booth drove from Lake Elsinore & Renee & Nick Anderson drove from Riverside

The mountain of Metropolitan cookies made by Linda Brandt was a stand-out at the party. I shared my photo of it to the MOCNA facebook group since it was "National Cookie Day". Three days later the post had 86 likes & 22 comments.

Attendees this year were Linda & Marlin Brandt, Marcia Jones, Kim Dominguez, Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Bill & Cindy Harris, Tony & Jackie Bilotti, Mike & Greta Bradshaw, Patrick & LeAnne Halbert, Armando & Maritza Reyes, Renee & Nick Anderson and Judy & Ken Conner.

In the gift exchange several items were Metropolitan related & ended up with new Met owners.

Thanks again Ronnie & Judy

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY





LAGUNA NIGUEL HOLIDAY PARADE

Once again So Cal Mets were invited to participate in this very organized event. Thanks to members Marc & Bridget Mills (who live in the city) their beautiful red Met convertible was shown in both the parade program and the Winter City Recreation Brochure (Below). Congratulations Marc & Bridget.



One would think that the parade committee does like our little Metropolitan. This year we were the 6th entry and the first automobile group to coast down Crown Valley Parkway.

So Cal Mets had eight Metropolitan this year. Drivers and riders consisted of: Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Tony Bilotti, Chris Di Tommaso & Kim Dominguez, Patrick Halbert & friend Debbie, Judy Smith & friend Gina, Mike Bradshaw, Bridget Mills & friend Tiffany Stevens, Ken Conner & Ted E. Bear.





Looking Back & Going Forward

“Lick em & stick em”! That was the basic training order as we finished firing at the Army’s Fort Ord rifle range in 1962. Those paper targets always needed to be patched for the next round of practice shots.

I recalled those instructions forty-six years later when I agreed to be the News Letter Editor for The Metropolitan Club of Calif in 2008.

The near final step of completing a newsletter issue was to add postage by sticking a stamp to it! Before you reached that stage of course, you had to compose textual pages with photos, print a master set of pages & take it to a printer who would print multiple copy sets for distribution. You would bring that batch home & apply staples plus member “Address Labels” on each newsletter. Then you would fold the 8.5x11 sheets to 8.5x5.5 so it would be smaller. With several pages you better apply to the bulging sides, a clear round label to keep the thing flat. Then you applied the postage stamp which by then was fortunately self adhesive. Lastly, you loaded the stack in your car & drove to the post office where you sent them on their way!

That was the system since the club’s inception in 1977. By the time 1995 rolled around, E MAIL was looking like a godsend. The problem was, not everyone had a computer or was savvy enough to manipulate a newsletter in Email form. Some members still wanted a physical hard copy they could hold in their hand and read.

By January 2011 I resigned my Newsletter position with the old club and became a charter member of So Cal Mets, a chapter of MOCNA (Metropolitan Owners Club of North America) which had formed in 1975. I felt that being part of a National club allowed you to enjoy the experiences of Met owners all over the world. It was the right decision. I was asked and agreed to produce a chapter newsletter. This time, the club news would be available by Email only. Our website would share some of the details as well.

Fast forward to this 67th and last newsletter for So Cal Mets by yours truly. My 84 year old brain cells aren’t what they used to be. I sincerely hope someone will take up the challenge and continue to wear an editors hat. I will be around to help them take over. Do know of course that we still have our website, www.socalmets.com which summarizes our events and should continue to show our club calendar. There are also interesting facebook group pages for both SoCalMets and MOCNA.

Lastly, be very grateful for Steve Robertson’s “Met Gazette” Magazine, from MOCNA.

Ken Conner - Newsletter Editor - So Cal Mets

Here is our new Board for 2023:

President: Mike Dahlberg

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