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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
<i>Jan 13 Saturday</i>	<i>Canyon Cruise</i>	<i>Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin Lunch at the Cantina</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Feb 17 Saturday</i>	<i>Nixon Library Yorba Linda</i>	<i>Meet at Knowlwood Restaurant 5665 E. La Palma Ave. Anaheim</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>
<i>Mar 10 Saturday</i>	<i>Bowers Museum JFK Exhibit</i>	<i>2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>April 13 & 14</i>	<i>Unique Little Car Show</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>April 21 Saturday</i>	<i>Chocxo Chocolate Factory</i>	<i>9461 Irvine Center Dr. Irvine</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>May 12 Saturday</i>	<i>Crystal Cove Newport Coast</i>	<i>35 Crystal Cove, Newport Beach, CA 92657</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>June 24, Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Picnic Pot Luck</i>	<i>Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>
<i>July 21 Saturday</i>	<i>Custom Auto Svc Tour</i>	<i>302 French St. Santa Ana</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>Aug 5, Sunday</i>	<i>Heritage Museum Santa Ana</i>	<i>3101 W Harvard St, Santa Ana</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Sept Saturday</i>			<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>October 20 Saturday</i>	<i>Party Props Whse Tour</i>	<i>128 S. Cypress St., Orange Our host: Robert Babcock</i>	<i>AM</i>
<i>November 3 Saturday</i>	<i>Cruise to Toms Farm</i>	<i>Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 Corona</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>December 8 Saturday</i>	<i>Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade</i>	<i>27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11</i>	<i>8:15 AM</i>
<i>December 16 Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Xmas Party</i>	<i>Conner residence. Huntington Beach</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>

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SOUTHWEST UNIQUE LITTLE CAR SHOW

“sponsored by the Arizona Metropolitan Car Club”

WHAT: April 13th & 14th, 2018, marks the 38th Annual SWULCS, the longest running gathering of small cars in the USA. The show is open to restored and un-restored unique little cars up to 1,500cc with low production numbers. Awards will be given in different classes by vote of registered participants. In an effort to support the preservation of unrestored/original cars the host will award a trophy to the best preserved car shown.

Friday night there will be a cruise and eating adventure.

WHERE: **Four Points by Sheraton Phx North**, 2532 W. Peoria Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029, 602-943-2341

Located at the Northeast corner of I-17 and Peroia Ave. Up to 4 people Occupancy \$109. When making reservations please identify yourself with The SW Unique Little Car Show. All reservations must be received by March 23rd, 2018 and guaranteed with a credit card or one night's deposit by check. Cars will be displayed (some Shade Trees) East parking lot East side of the hotel. Pre-registration must be in by **March 28th**.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Club: _____
Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ UnRestored _____
Restored: _____

USE BACK OF FORM IF YOU WANT TO BRING MORE CARS

Pre-Registration for 1 car is \$15.00, 2nd car \$5.00, 3 or more free, includes 1 dash plaque. Day of show \$20.00, 2nd car \$5, 3 or more Free.

BANQUET Dinner = \$35.00 EACH.

T-SHIRTS S-XL= \$15.00, 2XL ADD \$2.00 MORE

About halfway between Stockton & Vallejo California is the city of Antioch. Sacramento Delta waters glide by its northern boundary on the way to San Francisco Bay. Just North of Highway 4 and A Street is 106 Railroad Ave. That is where Wayne Metz keeps comfortable, several Metropolitans plus 3 or 4 other cars. Wayne of course is a former president of MOCNA. His work is real estate but his hobby is caring for Metropolitans. When you walk through his door you think you're in a dealer showroom right out of 1960.



Top photos show Wayne in the front showroom. Above shows the mid shop room with customer, friend & Airline Pilot Ernie Abregon (right), Mechanic Ron Macedo (center) & Ron's helper Craig (left). Wayne says he has for sale, three & possibly four Mets. His cell phone is (925) 766-7720. Unique Mets in his collection include the last right hand drive Met produced (black hard top) & the NKI Custom Met above.



OUR JANUARY 13TH ADVENTURE



Last year this planned Orange County canyon cruise was rained out. This year the hottest spot in the nation was at Lake Forest, just 8 miles from our route. Still I don't think any of us were uncomfortable simply because it was so much fun going up, down & around scenic roads with fellow Metters on such a clear day!

Mike Dahlberg knows the mountain bike trails by heart so he led us up & out of Silverado, Modjeska & Trabuco Canyons. The destination was the Rose Canyon Cantina where the group had lunch. The photo above was northbound on Newport Ave as it dropped down on Chapman Ave. From there we turned East and continued on Santiago up to the canyons.

The lead green Met was Mike & Kim Dahlberg, the blue Met was Marcia Jones, light yellow Met was Chris Di Tommaso, dark yellow Met was Ron Bauman & Mona Katz, red Met Tony Bilotti and yours truly behind the camera in another red Met.







See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EivBfRzT338> for a You Tube video of a canyon run.



Yay for Triple A! So idling down Modjeska Canyon, your editors Met died and wouldn't start. Temp gauge had been at 190. After 10 minutes it started and I drove out of the canyon & caught up with the waiting Metters. But we went not farther than a hundred yards & it died again. Temp gauge back up to 190. Diagnoses from Doctors Bauman & Dahlberg concluded that it was not electrical but fuel starvation at the carburetor, perhaps because of heat. Me & my Met got our first ride home on a flat bed in 10 years.

Next step & One week later: In order to run cooler, my radiator underwent surgery & was improved with a three row deep high capacity system. Thank you Randy (below) at Tom's Radiator, Orange.



Thanks to Brent Havekost for sharing this facebook post of a 1957 article from a Nash News Dealership Publication:



Brent Havekost ▶ **Metropolitan Owners Club of North America (MOCNA)**

January 18 at 8:36pm · 🌐

FAMILY OF SIX TO FLORIDA IN MET



A six-member Berea, Ohio, family has just completed a round trip to Florida in a Metropolitan which they purchased from Beebe & Elliott, AMC dealer in that city. And they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

It should be noted, however, that Glen King, husky head of the family, weighs 280 pounds. "My husband suggested we drive to Sanford, Florida, to visit my mother," said Mrs. King.

"It was our first major trip since we were married eight years ago." The couple and two-year old Danny

sat in front while Jean Ann, 7, Joyce Marie, 4, and Billy, 3, rode in back. "The children were wonderful and we had a fine time," she said. "When we stopped for gas people would stare at the Metropolitan as the children piled out."

King, enthusiastic about the car, reported he drove 2,450 miles and averaged better than 33 miles per gallon.

The family (pictured above) took one suitcase and kept it in the trunk. Mrs. King is expecting a fifth child in August.

Our February Adventure



Just like January, our February adventure was sunny & not rained-out like last year. When picking a date for February we were watching the weather more than the holidays. That's probably why we just happened to choose a visit to the Richard M. Nixon Library & Museum on Presidents Day weekend. We first met at the Knowlwood Restaurant near LaPalma & Imperial Hwy in East Anaheim. While there 'Chula Vista member Oscar Velasquez met up with us to say hello & learn more about Mets. Ken Conner then led our eight Mets in a semi scenic drive across Yorba Linda, culminating at the Richard Nixon Library & Museum. The Yorba Linda Boulevard site is but one of only two presidential libraries in the western United States. The other of course is the Regan Library in Simi Valley.





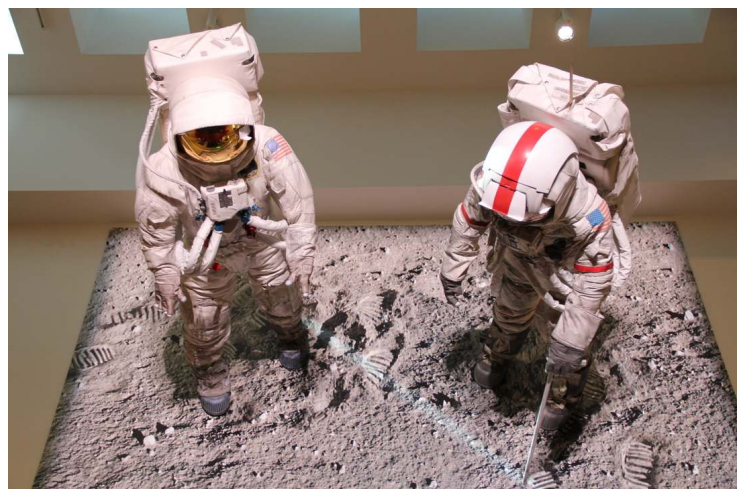
From left to right - Dave Heller, Tony Bilotti, Marcia Jones, Brant Boling, Dianna McBride, Kim Dominguez, Annie French, Kim Dahlberg, Paul Van Wig, Julie & Jeff Gallagher, Mike Dahlberg, Chris Di Tommaso & Ken Conner.



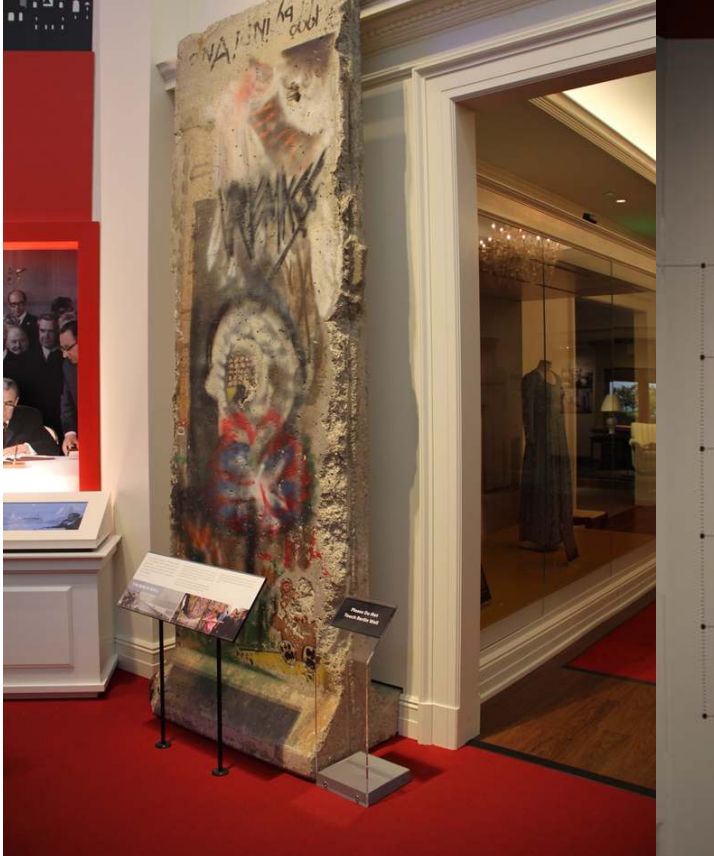
Main lobby left. Above Kim & Mike Dahlberg view a display regarding the former First Lady, Pat Nixon.



Our group did not opt for a guided tour or self guided recordings. However there were a few docents to answer questions such as Reba Lewis, a friendly volunteer docent, above.



On this green telephone President Nixon made the historic telephone call to the first humans to walk on the moon. It was Apollo 11, July 1969. Triangular box contains moon rock from Apollo 15 mission. A visit to the library & museum reminds one that Nixon presided over the ending of the Vietnam War and the re-opening of relations with China. Still, the tragedy of Watergate marks him as the only president that resigned from office.



PRESIDENTS & SECRET TAPING

1940-1973

	President Franklin D. Roosevelt Recording made from 1942 to 1945 at the White House. Presidential Library and Records, College Park, MD.
	President Harry S. Truman Recording made from 1945 to 1953 at the White House. Presidential Library and Records, Independence, MO.
	President Dwight D. Eisenhower Recording made from 1953 to 1961 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Records, Abilene, KS.
	President John F. Kennedy Recording made from 1961 to 1963 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Records, Boston, MA.
	President Lyndon B. Johnson Recording made from 1963 to 1969 at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Records, Austin, TX.

President Nixon was the sixth and last U.S. President to have a White House taping system. President Richard M. Nixon expanded the first secret White House taping system in the Oval Office in 1964. Presidents John F. Kennedy, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon B. Johnson, in varying degrees, also authorized secret recording of White House conversations. The size and scope of President Nixon's system, however, was unprecedented. When the taping stopped in mid-July 1973, the Nixon system had recorded about 3,500 hours of conversations. Presidents Johnson and Kennedy, among taping programs were the second and third most active, with about 800 and 200 hours of recording, respectively. On the left are the dates of the Presidential recordings left by each president and the presidential library where they can be found.

WHO KNEW ABOUT THE NIXON TAPING SYSTEM?

The recording of the Nixon White House tapes was not done by a single person. It was done by a team of about 10 people, including the White House staff, the Nixon Library staff, and the Nixon family. The Nixon Library staff, including the Nixon family, were the only ones who knew about the taping system. The Nixon Library staff, including the Nixon family, were the only ones who knew about the taping system.

THE NIXON TAPING SYSTEM

In January 1971, President Nixon ordered the U.S. Secret Service to set up a secret taping system. The system was set up in the Oval Office and the White House. The system was used to record all conversations in the Oval Office and the White House. The system was used to record all conversations in the Oval Office and the White House.



THE OVAL OFFICE
Marcia Jones takes a message for the President.



Dave Heller fills in for the President





We ended the tour at the Helicopter. Then got in our Mets, drove around the block to Polly's where we had a great lunch. As good as their pies are, I don't think anyone had a slice.



Tony Bilotti came up with a musical Merry Go Round U Tube video of us departing the museum property. Copy & paste it to your browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uilzKJkyw24>
or view it on our website at: socalmets.com.