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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 15 Saturday</i>			<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>October 20 Saturday</i>	<i>Santa Ana Zoo</i>	<i>1801 East Chestnut Avenue Santa Ana</i>	<i>TBA 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>

Revised: April 14, 2018

2nd Annual

Los Angeles Classic Auto Show



March 2-4 saw the 2nd annual Classic Auto Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center. This is an amazing weekend showcasing over a thousand unique automobiles. The event was hosted by Wheeler Dealers star Mike Brewer and featured Velocity channel favorites Chip Foose, Wayne Carini, Dave Kindig, Donald Osborne, Dennis Gage, Bogi Lateiner, Rachel DeBarros..... and the list goes on.

Last year Bill and I displayed our 1915 Model T Ford Touring alongside other antique autos belonging to members of the Long Beach Model T Club. Wanting to show something different this year we decided to take our 1972 DeTomaso Pantera, adding it to the row of 9 gorgeous Panteras.

I was interested in sharing my 1959 Metropolitan but, as the club elected not to participate, I decided I would leave it home and campaign hard for next year. Then our friend, Paul Montesalvo, owner of a beautiful 1966 Mustang, told us that there was a "Women 'N Wheels" corral planned and they were looking for cars owned by ladies to add to their display. We submitted an application with pictures and received an immediate response with the words, "I LOVE your car!" To our surprise and delight they didn't want the Met for the "Women 'N Wheels" area, we were invited to park on the Grand Boulevard! This is the row of select cars positioned down the middle of the convention center, each surrounded by their own stanchions. So there was my Met amongst special autos from the Peterson Museum, Mullin Automotive Museum, movie cars and other high end luxury vehicles.

But, as any Met owner will attest, that little car holds its own. It always had spectators around it, everyone smiling, asking questions, taking pictures and sharing a story. This was great exposure for our cars and potentially inspired some new members,

This was such a fun and exciting weekend. Hopefully we can rally the Mets together next year and really make a statement with our own club display. Always a crowd favorite our cars will be a big hit!

Cindy Harris
So Cal Mets



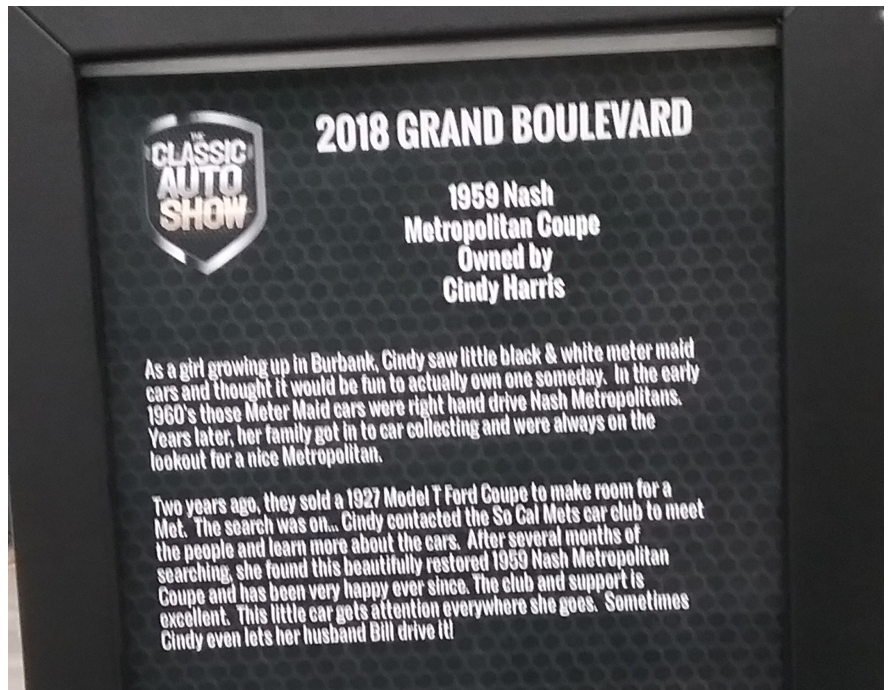
Note Cindy's houndstooth driving gloves & matching white frame shades.



From left to right: Frank Harris, Cindy's father-in-law & notable Model T owner, Cindy Harris Met owner & Delta Airlines flight attendant & Mike Brewer celeb from Wheeler Dealers TV program & Auto Show M.C.



Check out video of show by VW's Mag:
<https://www.facebook.com/HotVWs/videos/1846394312061785/>



OUR SPRINGTIME ADVENTURE

BOWERS MUSEUM
Lydia Yang Chou and Jesse B. Chou Entryway
TANGATA

This event was originally scheduled for March 10th, but was rained out. We were successful on our second attempt April 7th. The goal of course was to visit the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.

Most of us met at Chris Di Tommaso's home in Orange. From there we cruised west on Chapman Avenue, avoiding the temptation to do laps around the Orange traffic circle and stopped at Ruby's Railroad Restaurant to pick up Marcia Jones in her Blue Met. Then near the museum we explored three charming streets in Santa Ana's historic Floral Park district.





As we were stopped to take these pictures, at least three residents ambled out of their homes and chatted with us about our cars. It was simply spontaneous & very cordial. We continued to the nearby museum and parked in the north parking lot.



The Bowers is a cultural art museum with over 100,000 objects. There are approximately six rooms or areas of specific subject matter. Many of the displays are permanent but there are also temporary exhibits. Current temporary shows are:

American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times &

Endurance: The Antarctic Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley

The address is 2002 N Main St, Santa Ana, CA 92706 and the web site is www.bowers.org







After the Bowers, we cruised south on Main street to Original Mikes. There we had lunch and a short discussion to update our calendar.

Seated from left to right are Ken Conner, Tony Bilotti, Jackie Bilotti, Marcia Jones, Dave Heller, Chris Di Tommaso, Mike Dahlberg, Mona Katz, Ron Bauman & Cindy Harris.



Cruise to CHOCXO chocolate in Irvine
Beginning at Member Kim Dominguez' 'Kimseum'
ending at Knowlwood Burgers in Old Town Irvine

April 21st 2018 we made a trip to Chocxo Chocolate in Irvine suggested by our member Chris Di Tommaso.

Metters in attendance were Chris Di Tommaso, Kim Dominguez and friend Diana, Dave Heller, Paul VanWig, Tony&Jackie Bilotti, Bridget&Mark Mills, Marcy&Randy Hetrick. We were joined by new member Mark Weitzman with his Wife and Daughter. We also got to meet Doug and Doreen that saw the outing on our website and came to see what we were all about. We expect to be adding them to the 'Member List' soon!

They make all natural chocolate products here at Chocxo (pronounced 'choczo') and the motto is 'From Bean to Bar'. They have a delicious selection of chocolate treats and a tour of the workings of the place.

We all Met at member Kim Dominguez' house for a tour of what she calls 'The Kimseum'. Kim has got things around her place that are impossible to list here. You have to see it for yourself and even then you probably won't see it all the first time but you will be amazed!

After Kim's and Chocxo we went to Old Town Irvine for lunch at Knowlwood inside what was originally the Irvine Blacksmith Shop and a look at the hotel inside what was the Irvine Bean & Grain storage silos. The day was beautiful and all the stops were very entertaining and interesting. Another unbeatable day with the Met.

Tony Bilotti

Thanks to our Webmaster Tony Bilotti for the above report and small sampling here of his many photos about our April 21st adventure.

For the complete story, you MUST go to our club's web page www.socalmets.com and click on "Events 2018".

