

Metropolitan Manifold

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF SO CAL METS

www.socalmets.com

Nov-Dec 2017
No. 41



CHAPTER
OF

Metropolitan Owners Club of North America

President:	Ron Bauman	1944 Spruce St.	Riverside	951-202-9927
Vice President	Marcia Jones	9435 Cormorant Circle	Fountain Valley	714-963-9116
Newsletter Editor	Ken Conner	17002 Bolero Lane	Huntington Beach	714-846-5003
Membership Chairman	Tony Bilotti	2691 W. Parkside Ln.	Anaheim	714-994-3220
Cruise Director	Marcia Jones	9435 Cormorant Circle	Fountain Valley	714-963-9116
Webmaster	Tony Bilotti	2691 W. Parkside Ln.	Anaheim	714-994-3220

2018

SO CAL METS Calendar

Editor's Email: kconner@socal.rr.com

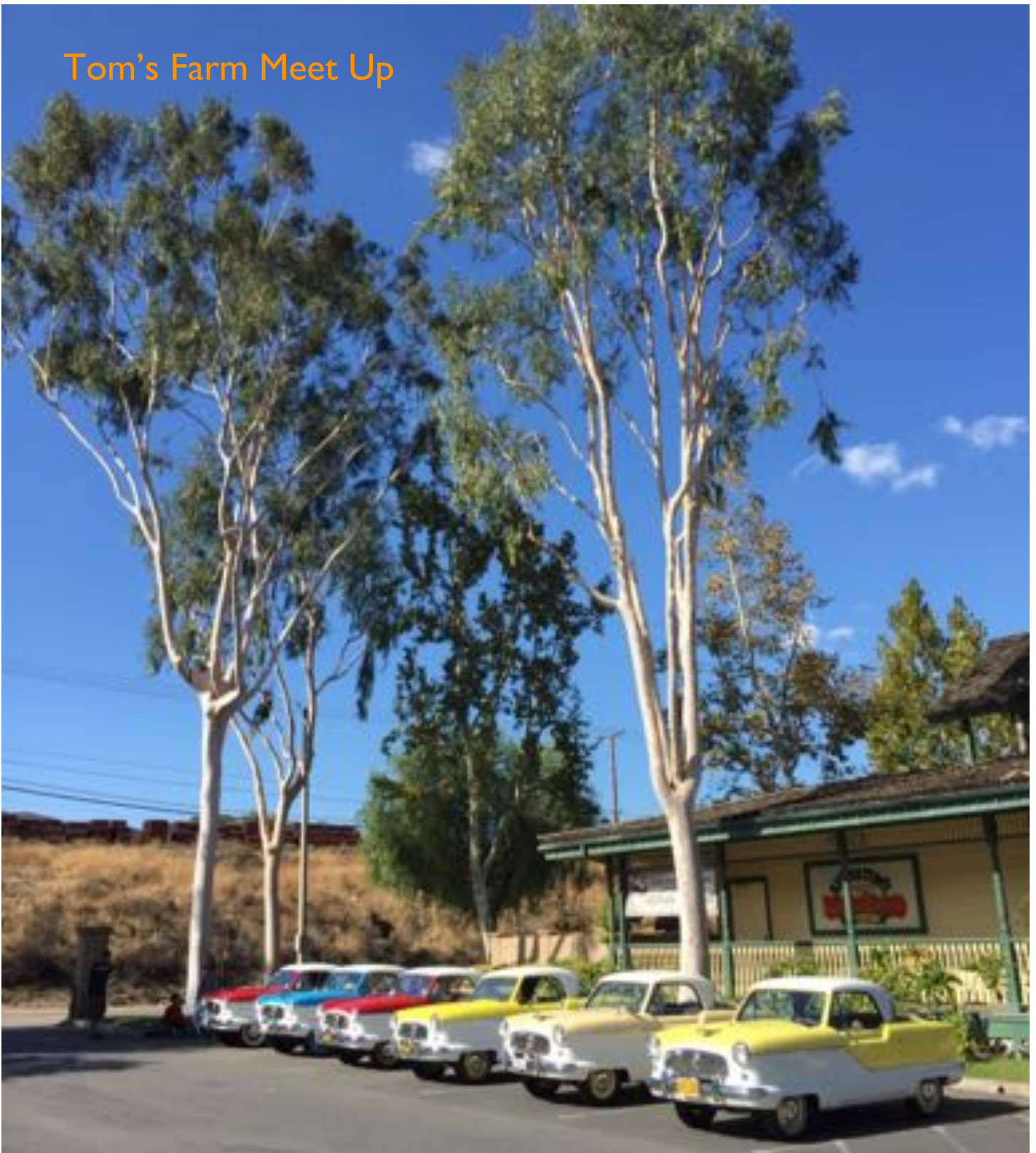
Club website: www.socalmets.com

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 Saturday</i>			<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Ronnie's event</i>	<i>Riverside</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>May 12 Saturday</i>	<i>Crystal Cove Newport Coast</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 12-16</i>	<i>MOCNA Event</i>		<i>See Flyer</i>
<i>Aug 5, Sunday</i>	<i>Heritage Museum 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>

Revised: December 20, 2017

Tom's Farm Meet Up



In the late 70's my folks would often spend their weekends in a mobile home on the East side of Mt. Palomar. Getting there from Orange County required a drive through the Santa Ana Canyon to Corona then south on what is today Interstate 15. Occasionally we would drive out and join them and we often stopped at Tom's Farm at 23900 Temescal Canyon Rd just south of Corona. Of course then it was a mere vegetable & fruit stand but the offerings were delicious. Today the place offers an even larger produce market, two restaurants, a gift shop, furniture store plus attractions for kids. We kids drove our little Metropolitans out there again on Saturday Nov. 4th and showed them off in front of Senor Tom's Restaurant. Naturally the public's reaction gave credence to why we drive Metropolitans!



Those of us in central Orange County met up at Knowlwood Restaurant where Imperial Hwy crosses east Anaheim's La Palma Ave.

We then pulled out & headed for the old Santa Ana Canyon Road. However as we were crossing the Santa Ana River bridge, Chris Di Tommaso's yellow Met turned into a Stanley Steamer.



We all pulled over in the shade & Tony Bilotti popped the hood. Tony spotted the freeze plug at the rear of the block spewing H₂O & steam! Fortunately Chris had AAA towing insurance to get she & the car transported home. The incident reminds us all to carry that AAA card. Our little Mets may be cute but they are over 50 years old and things wear out.



Three Mets continued on up the canyon road, then a bit of real 91 freeway, then off on Green River which later connected to a new & better road called Foothill Parkway which takes you across the high backside of Corona. It ended at the I-15 freeway where we continued to the Farm on Temescal Canyon Rd.

My odometer told me that it had been a 48 mile drive from Huntington Beach.





Our 3 Orange County Mets transported Marcia Jones, Tony & Jacqui Bilotti, your's truly & our friend Roxie Lypps.

The other 3 Mets (Riverside County) brought Caryl Stephenson a resident of Corona who had the shortest drive. Ron Bauman & Mona Katz traveled 23 miles from Riverside.

But the trophy for longest drive goes to Leon & Nancy Hastings, (photo left) from Desert Hot Springs. Their one way trek was 78 miles! Congratulations desert Metters.

Potential members Bob & Debra Anderson drove 27 miles up from Murietta. They had seen our outing listed on the web site (socalmets.com) and came to meet the gang and ask some questions.





Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade

This year an even 10 Metropolitans created smiles down Laguna Niguel's Crown Valley Pkwy. Their parade committee is amazingly organized. They have us enter the staging area at a specific time & intersection so every entry is set to go in a planned order. Therefore we all first meet at the Pancake House parking lot, then drive in mass to the parade area as seen below. Then we decorate the Mets once we're in the staging line up. See it on You Tube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp_Xg6lkVLI . (At the 27.00 minute mark).





In the 8 years we have participated in the event I recall no one breaking down during the parade. Well this year it happened to yours truly near the end of the route. With the water temp gauge showing 190, the engine came to a halt and wouldn't restart. I coasted to the side of the road & motioned the rest of the group to go on so not to hold up the parade. With the other Mets long past & my Met still unable to start, along in the parade comes the Wells Fargo Wagon pulled by genuine horsepower. Thanks to the parade organizers, the Wells Fargo Wagon was followed by a couple of 4 H Club Pooper Scoopers. Yes, you guessed it. Those fine folks came over and volunteered to push us to the end! We were eternally grateful for their help. I couldn't help mention to them that I too am an old 4 H er and in fact I have both my 3 and 5 year pins! You probably know that the 4 H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands & Health. In this case another H might well describe the subject (Horse Sh**) that helped us get pushed.



So, once moved to the end of the route we were then rescued by Ron Bauman & Mike Dahlberg. The status then was that the engine had cooled down to 135 but still would not start. Ron Bauman got out his electronic tester and declared that we had an electrical problem. Mike Dahlberg popped the distributor cap and both decided to try a new condenser since others have been having problems with them recently. Thanks to Mr. Bauman he had a spare condenser. Thanks to Mr. Dahlberg, he took the time to change out the part with not the best of tools or equipment. But, bang, the engine fired right up! The engine took us home and to the Christmas party the next day. More on this later.

With everyone undecorated, two Mets headed home and eight Mets headed on down to Coast Highway and then west to South Laguna for lunch at Ruby's Auto Diner. We got there early enough to park 7 of our cars out front at this notable hangout. Some of us took the downstairs seating and the rest the more scenic decktop seating with Catalina Island in view.



Metters who participated for the day were:

Ron Bauman, Marcia Jones, Tony Bilotti, Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Ken & Judy Conner, Cindy & Bill Harris, Kim Dominguez & friend Diane, Chris Di Tommaso, Jeff & Sue Garrett & Ken Netwig.



CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON



So Cal Mets President Ron Bauman (above) welcomed us to the 2017 Christmas Party Luncheon. He introduced the officers and board members and thanked them for their help this past year. He asked for suggestions to make our club even more fun for more of our members. In a Poignant moment he mentioned that the past year has been a tuff one after losing his dearly beloved Barbie. She of course was with us at last years event and succumbed to a fall on December 14th 2016. We were honored this year to have with us Ron's daughters, Diana & Sherry.



Earlier Vice President Marcia Jones got the members chatting right off the bat by playing a game called Who Am I. Later we sat at our table and played the "left/right" game. Another game was the Christmas Trivia game which included such questions as: "What is the first state in the USA to recognize Christmas as an official Holiday?"

After lunch we proceded with the annual gift exchange. True to tradition not all presents stayed with the original openers.



Christmas Party



From left to right:

Judy Conner, Marcia Jones, Gwen Tolleson, Ron Bauman, Diana Bauman, Sherry Bauman & Ken Conner.



From left to right:

Tony Bilotti, Jackie Bilotti, Chris Di Tommaso, Kim Dominguez, Mike & Kim Dahlberg.



From left to right:

Mr & Mrs Gregg Dryden, Leon & Nancy Hastings, Jeff Garrett, Julie & Jeff Gallagher.



