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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
Jan 21 Saturday	Great Park & Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin RAINED OUT!	9:00 AM
Feb 18 Saturday	Great Park & Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin RAINED OUT!	8:30 AM
Mar 18 Saturday	Orange/Tustin Hill Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin	8:30 AM
April 7 th & 8 th	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Historic Downtown Upland	TBA
May 13 Saturday	Canyon Cruise below Saddleback	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin Lunch at the Cantina	8:30 AM
June 25, Sunday	Annual Picnic Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton	10:30 AM
July 12-16	International Met Meet	Ramada Plaza Hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota 612-331-1900	See Flyer
Aug 27, Sunday	Foods of the World Cruise to Anaheim	Gwen & Tom Tolleson 1949 Smokewood Ave. Fullerton	9:30 AM
Sept 16, Saturday	Model Railroad Tour & Cruise	2500 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa Mackerel Flats and Goathill Junction Railroad	9:00 AM
October 28 Saturday	Party Props Whse Tour	128 S. Cypress St., Orange Our host: Robert Babcock	10:00 AM
November 4 Saturday	Cruise to Toms Farm	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 Corona	11:00 AM
December 9 Saturday	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM
December 10 Sunday	Annual Xmas Party	Mama Cozza's 2170 W. Ball Rd., Anaheim	1:00 PM

Revised: Sept 26th, 2017

In keeping with the practice of reporting chapter events, we are fortunate to have the following story & photos by our webmaster, Tony Bilotti. More information is on our web site: www.socalmets.com Your editor was out of town due to the death of my brother in law.

SMALL CARS & SMALL TRAINS

Saturday September 16 2017 we were treated to a tour of the Mackerel Flats-Goathill Jct. railroad. Members attending were President Ronnie Bauman and life long friend Mona, Mike Dahlberg, Chris Di Tommaso, Paul Van Wig and a Buddy, Cindy and Bill Harris, Tony Bilotti and Dave Heller. Dave had to leave us from the train place. So Cal Mets member Jeff Garrett belongs to the Orange County Model Engineers and they have a few acres in Fairview Park in Costa Mesa. We were allowed in an hour before the public and Jeff and his associates gave us a ride on a beautiful 1/8 scale train and a tour of the facility. It was a great time for everybody and big thank to Jeff for the special treatment. After the fun with the trains we had lunch at Panera Bread in Newport Beach then we drove through the Newport Back Bay for a photo shoot. This was another So Cal Mets outing that couldn't be beat. All of our outings turn out to be 10's on a scale of 1 to 10!



OUR OCTOBER



ADVENTURE

Thanks to club members Bill & Cindy Harris, we were made aware of Bill's long time friend Robert W. Babcock. Mr. Babcock is the proprietor of a business called R.W.B. PARTY PROPS INC. in Orange. The business occupies the above warehouse on Cypress Street. The building was originally built in 1909 as the Red Fox (Citrus) Packing Co. Later it became Consolidated Orange Packers until the early 1960's. It was then a Textile Plant until 1981.

Today it houses a most amazing inventory of assorted Party Props which get rented out, all over Southern California. The building contains approximately 72,000 Sq. Ft. including a full basement and it is situated on 1 1/4 acres of land.



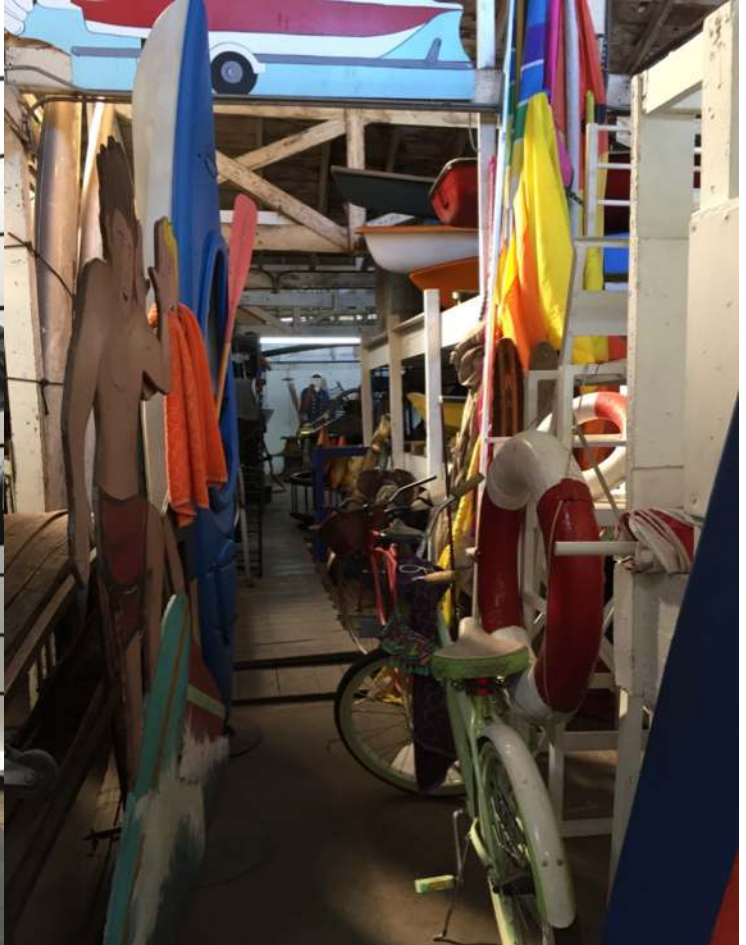
Among the hundreds of props there is this often used 1955 Metropolitan minus its engine!

We gathered around the prop Met and from left to right are Toni Billoti, Mike Dahlberg, Marcia Jones, Judy Conner, Randy & March Hetrick, Chris Di Tommasco, Ron Bauman, Mona Katz, Kim Dominguez & friend & Bill & Cindy Harris.













Look.....It's a Bird, it's a Plane, it's, no, it's our own Flying Lady,
Marcia Jones!





We cruised around the Orange traffic circle TWICE & doubled back to Ruby's Train Station for a cordial lunch.

A Note From the Editor

Our So Cal Mets Chapter has 57 members as of October 23rd. 16 of those members have a closer proximity to say Pasadena than to Anaheim. We welcome new location recommendations where more of us can meet up. If you live closer to Pasadena than Anaheim, let us know of spots, events, cruise locations etc that you would like us to come to.

Contact any of us listed on the front cover.

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