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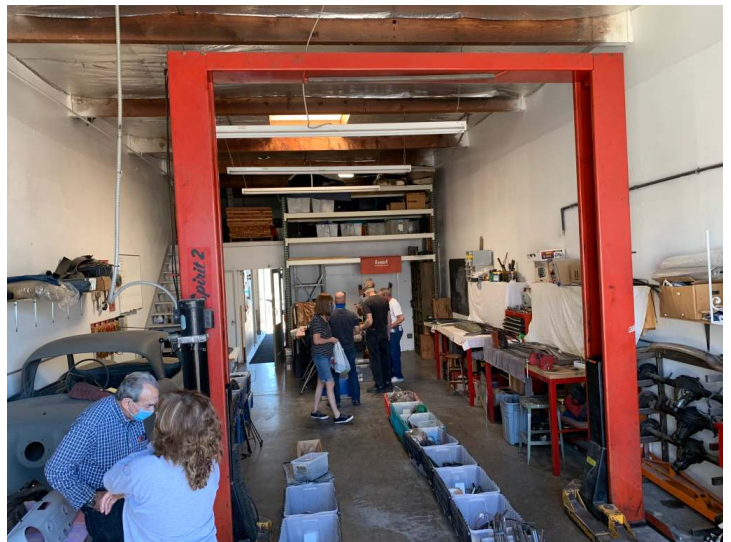
A Barn Find of Metropolitan Parts

Sunday November 15th So Cal Mets visited the work shop of Ed Hawk. Ed has been rebuilding Metropolitans for years. He is an original member of the former "Metropolitan Club of California LTD" which supported Met owners primarily in Southern Cal. Ed has reached the point where he just wants to be seen driving his Mets, not working on them.

For that reason he is selling his large collection of used Met parts. His shop address is: 3841 Catalina Street, Unit H, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. His Email address is: SOLTSVILLE@Gmail.com.

Metters who showed up to pick a part were Ronnie Bauman and Judy Kanoose, Ken Conner, Tony Bilotti, Marcia Jones, Cindy & Bill Harris, Chris DiTomasso, Mike Dahlberg, Matthew Gordon and Pete & Elle Brasee.

Afterwards our Metropolitan caravan strutted down Seal Beach's friendly Main Street and over to Long Beach's Alamitos Bay where we tried "Schooner or Later" for lunch. Unfortunately the wait was too long so we found convenient Covid accommodations at the California Pizza Kitchen on PCH.



Your editor was going to be celebrating his 82nd birthday the following day so Judy Kanoose brought Birthday Cupcakes for everyone.

Thank you Judy.





Bill & Cindy Harris,
Chris DiTomasso & Matthew Gordon



Ron Bauman, Mike Dahlbert,
Marcia Jones & Judy Kanoose



Ellen & Pete Brasee & Tony Bilotti



After lunch everyone headed home. Some of us while on PCH witnessed a large Mazda Miata club come from behind and then pass us.



Judy Conner's Home Display



1956 Metropolitan For Sale - \$1500.00

Ken, my name is David Cochran and a member of MOCNA. We used to live in Washington and are now in Sun City, Arizona. We have had some health issues and have lost interest in our Met and want to sell it. I have talked to Dale Carrington, he will put it out to members in the Pacific North West and I was wondering if you could do the same in your area.

The car is 1956 with a 1200 engine. I have all new brake parts but have not finished. The motor ran before storage and there is lots of extra parts. I will be happy to send pics and more details. Thanks
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Masterpiece on the Mississippi
MOCNA 2021 International Meet

John Riley, Gary Bosselman and the Met Set of Wisconsin would like to invite you to Dubuque, IA on June 9 through June 12, 2021.



The Host Hotel will be the Hotel Julien, in historic downtown Dubuque, Iowa, just blocks from the Mississippi River. Hotel Julien was built in 1839, most recently completed a 33-million-dollar renovation. It has 133 rooms available, MOCNA has reserved 75 rooms at a very special rate of \$139.00 for single/double rate plus State and Local taxes. Hotel block closes on May 8, 2021. You must call Hotel Julien directly at 800-798-7098 or 563-556-4200 to register for a room. Website registration will not be available.

Truck and Trailer parking will be off-site and about 4-blocks away at a hotel-owned property. The hotel parking lot will be for Metropolitans only. Wednesday and Thursday shuttle service will be available back and forth.

Tentative tours will include:

- The world's largest collection of VW Micro-buses, with lunch on the grounds, Thursday.
- Self-Guided Tour of the baseball movie site "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville, IA.
- Self-Guided Tour of the Ertl National Farm Toy Museum on your way to Field of Dreams.
- Self-Guided Tour of the Promiseland Winery along the above route.
- Lunch, dinner or cocktail stop at Iowa's oldest Restaurant and Bar, Breitbachs Country Dining along the above route.
- Self-Guided Tour of the Potosi Brewery and ABA National Brewery Museum in Potosi, WI.
- Self-Guided Tour of the Whispering Pines Winery just south of Potosi.
- Self-Guided Scenic drive along the Mississippi River when you leave Potosi.
- Self-Guided Tour of the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA.
- Self-Guided Tour of the Galena, IL shopping trip.
- Saturday car show along the Mississippi River.
- And, we still need to find time for the valve cover races, slow drags and socializing.

The Saturday car show will be along the Mississippi River and Dubuque Harbor on a grassy area just a few blocks from Diamond Jo Casino, Stone Cliff Winery and National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. And, it is just a few blocks from the Hotel Julien.

John and I along with the entire Met Set of Wisconsin look forward to hosting the 2021 MOCNA International Meet in Dubuque, IA. You come for the cars; you stay for the people.

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June 9 - 12

In Loving Memory
Nancy Halbert

It is with much sadness to report that one of our very own Metropolitan family members has passed away. Nancy Halbert of Seal Beach, CA left us unexpectedly, Saturday November 21st, 2020. Her husband Patrick reported that she may have succumbed to heart failure at home. Paramedics were unable to revive her. Nancy was 65 years old and retired after 40 years as a flight attendant, lastly for American Airlines. She is survived by her husband Patrick, a daughter Leanne, and a son Sterling.

Nancy joined our Metropolitan world in 2018 when she purchased her late model black and white hard top. The license plate reads: LILTUX. She & Patrick first joined one of our So Cal Met adventures in Sept of 2018 when we toured Garden Grove's Stanley Ranch Museum & Village. They joined us on several more occasions in the following months including our Long Beach Visit near the Queen Mary. From that adventure, Nancy was delighted to later see her Met on the April 2020 cover of the Met Gazette.

Patrick asks that any condolences in the meantime simply be sent to his Email at: pghalbert@outlook.com. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family.



Photo left shows her proudly showing the keys for her new Met. Above Nancy decorates her Met for the 2018 Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade. Below, our May 2020 cruise finished with a Covid proper lunch at the Santa Ana Sonic Burger. Standing behind her Met, third from the left, she waved to the camera.





This wonderful old promotional graphic is symbolic in more ways than one. Notice that it appears to be a Flight Attendant admiring the brand new Metropolitan. Until Nancy Halbert left us recently, our chapter had two members who were Airline Flight Attendants & proud owners of Metropolitans. Cindy Harris who still flies with Delta Airlines is our other member. Like our Metropolitans the airplane shown was innovative as well. It was the Lockheed Constellation. Known as the “Connie,” the triple tailed, dolphin-shaped plane was built in Burbank from 1943 to 1959. It was still a 4 engine prop plane but because it was pressurized it was the first plane to service coast to coast commercial flights.

If you are looking for our club calendar for 2021, we don't have one, yet! Obviously the Nov/Dec events were cancelled because of Covid 19. The early part of the new year may be just as restrictive. Hopefully, the new vaccine will bring things back to near normal in 2021. However do watch for an emailed announcement for a last minute decision to do a cruise.

In the mean time....

SEASONS GREETINGS

