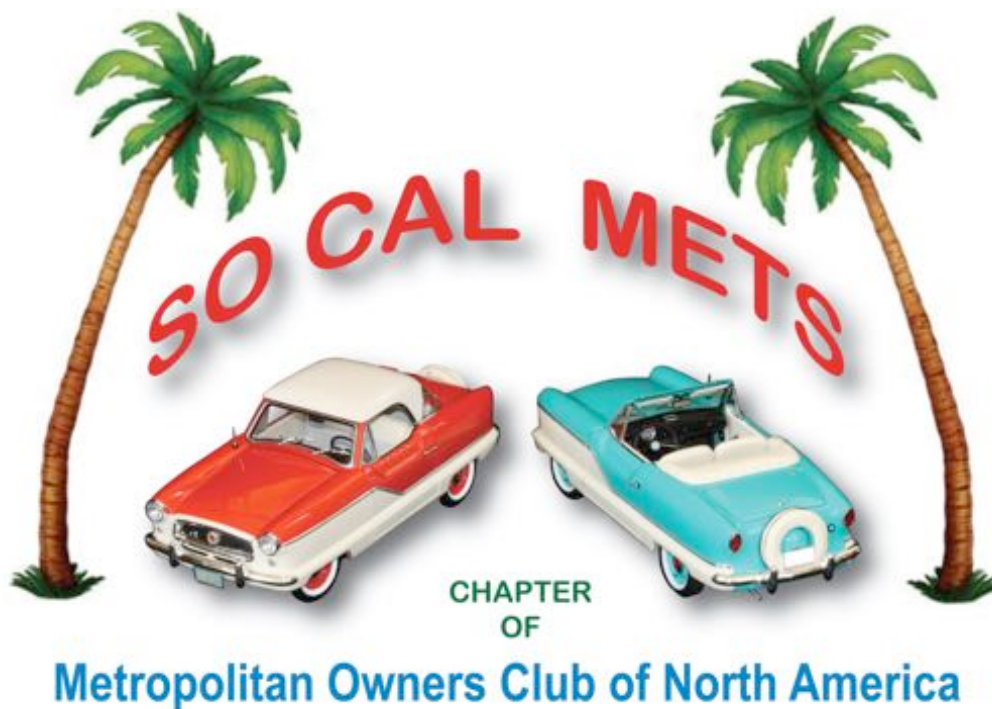


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SO CAL METS Calendar

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PLANNING MEETINGS: EVERY 3 MONTHS NORMALLY. ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
Jan 11, Sunday	Cruise & Lunch	Roadside Café - 1822 North Glassell Street, Orange, RAINED OUT	11:30 AM
Feb 15, Sunday	Cruise & Lunch Gypsum Canyon	Knowlwood Burgers, 5665 E. La Palma Anaheim	11:00 AM
Mar 14, Saturday	Lunch Rainforest Cafe	1515 Disneyland Monorail System, Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 772-0413	11:30 AM
April 10 & 11	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Tucson, AZ	
April 25, Saturday	Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 & Planning Meeting	11:00 AM
May 30, Saturday	Mini - Small Car Cruise	1733 Lake St, Huntington Beach	9:15 AM
June 7, Sunday	HB Concours Car Show	7111 Talbert, Huntington Beach	7:00 AM
June 14, Sunday	Annual Picnic Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N State College Blvd. Fullerton	10:30 AM
July 8-12	MOCNA International Meet	7414 South Hosmer Tacoma, Washington	
August 9, Sunday	Antiq. Music Box Phonograph Show	UFCW Union hall 8530 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620	TBA
August 15, Saturday	Johnny Carson Memorabilia	Fullerton Museum Center 301 N. Pomona, Fullerton	TBA
September 19, Sat	Coastal Cruise	Lunch at Crystal Cove Newport Coast	9:00 AM
October 10, Saturday	Nash/Hudson/AMC Reunion & Show	Automobile Driving Museum El Segundo	TBA
November 29, Sunday	Car Show & Lunch	Original Mikes - Santa Ana 100 S. Main Street	11:00 AM
December 12 Saturday	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM
December 13 Sunday	Annual Christmas Party	Mama Cozza's - 2170 W. Ball Road Anaheim 714-635-0063	1:00 PM

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VALVE COVER MOMENTS AT THE MOCNA INTERNATIONAL



For the record, our SoCalMets Valve Cover team had the best glitz. Note the rhinestones on Gwen Tolleson's blue racer and the familiar bling on the uniforms of driver Barbara Bauman and pit crew Judy Conner! It must have been an ordinary pebble on the course that caused our racer to veer off the track and lose the race!

FOR SALE

Member Rolly Bitterman has his Met for sale. It is a 1955 hard top which was restored in 2000. It has a 1500 Engine! It has a metal spare tire cover and the radio even works.

The Met is garaged in Palmdale, CA. Rolly lives in Oak Park, CA. Asking \$20,000 or best offer. Cell phone: (951) 219-1906.





A lone Met from Southern California in front of snow in July.... seems a bit out of sync. However, the timing of some event stories in this summer's Metropolitan Manifold are also a bit out of sync and for that your Editor apologizes!



Antique Music Box & Phonograph Show

Visitors to the August Antique Music Box & Phonograph Show saw quite a variety of devices that played music. The common function was a wound up player that rotated a disc or drum. Twelve 13 inch Metropolitan wheels rotated & transported 4 members to the event. They were Bob Burchett, Ron & Barbara Bauman & Tony Bilotti. Jodie Bassel came in her X brand.





Thanks to the high temps, we had a wilted turnout for our lunch & tour of Fullerton's Museum Center on August 15th. Still we enjoyed a delicious brunch in an air conditioned restaurant called Rutabegorz. It was just a few steps down from the Museum which was also air conditioned. The Johnny Carson exhibit was a fun walk down memory lane especially for we older folks. The artifact displays of Carsons career were certainly museum quality. A replica of the Tonight Show set was the only area where photography was allowed so we posed like celebrities!



From left to right: Marcia Jones, Tony Bilotti, Judy Conner & Ken Conner

OUR CRUISE TO CRYSTAL COVE



This outing proved to be the perfect September experience considering the heat we've had in So Cal this summer. Temps were in the mid 80's along the Orange County coast as we departed Marcia Jones's place for points south on Pacific Coast Highway. In Newport Beach we veered right and cruised Bayside drive which ultimately took us up to the cliffs overlooking Corona Del Mar State Beach. There we parked and took advantage of a great vista point. We continued the scenic drive on Ocean and ultimately joined PCH which took us to the Crystal Cove parking lot at the Los Trancas turn off.

The Cove is the location for several movies that have been filmed there including Treasure Island (1918) and Beaches (1988). Thanks to cruise director Marcia Jones we were prepared for the 1 1/2 hour wait at the Beachcomber Restaurant. By the time we explored the beach, a couple of the cottages & shops, we got the call, As we enjoyed lunch we acknowledged the fact that there are not very many restaurants down on the sand here in So Cal.

With lunch over we said goodbye to the sound of surf and drove our Mets up Newport Coast Drive, then down San Juquin Hills Road to the Newport Back Bay. There we stopped to enjoy the scenery and take some pictures. From there we headed home. Participating in the day's fun were Marcia Jones, Tony & Jackie Bilotti, Mike & Kim Dahlberg & Ken Conner.





Remembering Donny Conn

January 3, 1930- September 2, 2015

An 85 year adventure marked the life of Donny Conn, musician, comedian, speaker and creative spirit who entertained and enriched our lives.

Donny was born in Waterbury, Connecticut where he attended schools and where he started playing drums. He went on and graduated from the University of Connecticut where he was one of the founders of Beta Sigma Gamma, the first intercultural fraternity in New England.

After college he went on the road leading his "Playmates Trio" to clubs and records success. "Beep. Beep" the story of the Nash Rambler and the Cadillac was a million record seller.

He was able to successfully reinvent himself as a stand up comedian and then turned his comic talents to acclaim as a professional speaker. At the same time he started one of the first speakers bureaus to help book other speakers for conventions and business meetings.

He moved to Malibu, CA in 1972. He is survived by his wife Joanne of 58 years and his children Kiela, Steven and Koby and grandchildren Amanda and Kelly



A memorial service will be held in October.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to HOLA, (Hearts of Los Angeles Youth) at 2701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 100 Los Angeles CA 90057

or by web directly to: <http://heartofla.org/ways-to-give/donate>



Donny poses with Ken & Judy Conner in the Charles M. Nash Middle School Library, Kenosha, WI., 2011.

A 57' FOR 58 YEARS



You may recall an article in the May/June issue about "longest" Met ownership. It featured Leonard Bruch from Yucca Valley who still has the Met he bought in 1958! Well Len, we're sorry to tell you but there is a lady in the UK who has owned her Met since 1957!

Steve James, who is the membership chairman for the MOC (Metropolitan Owners Club) in England took up our challenge and is happy to share the story about their member Jeanette Richardson. Jeanette's grand-daughter Jeannie relates that her grandmother's convertible HFB345, is in completely original condition throughout and is regarded as a specimen car being the only such car in the UK Met Owners Club. Jeanette first saw the car in "Steels" showroom in the beautiful city of Bath. It was a 24th birthday present from her father. The Met is in the same showroom condition, like the day it rolled off the assembly line up in Longbridge. It's spare tyre holds the original air pumped into it. The seats are like new with the original plastic covers over the black & white dog tooth upholstery. The black & white photo here shows Jeanette taking her mother out for a ride when it was new. Below is a more recent photo of Jenette & her pristine Met.



Our hats are off to Jenette, Jeannie and the entire staff of the MOC.

