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## SO CAL METS Calendar

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Planning Meetings: Every 3 months normally. Adventures: Every Month

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location &amp; Hosts</b>	<b>Start</b>
<i>Jan 11, Sunday</i>	<i>Cruise &amp; Lunch</i>	Roadside Café - 1822 North Glassell Street, Orange, <i>RAINED OUT</i>	<i>11:30 AM</i>
<i>Feb 15, Sunday</i>	<i>Cruise &amp; Lunch</i> <i>Gypsum Canyon</i>	Knowlwood Burgers, 5665 E. La Palma Anaheim	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>Mar 14, Saturday</i>	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Rainforest Cafe</i>	<i>1515 Disneyland Monorail System, Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 772-0413</i>	<i>11:30 AM</i>
April 10 & 11	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Tucson, AZ	
<i>April 25, Saturday</i>	<i>Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona</i>	<i>Temescal Canyon Road &amp; I-15 &amp; Planning Meeting</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
May 30, Saturday	Mini - Small Car Cruise	We cruise the coast from downtown Huntington Beach & back.	TBA
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	International Meet	Tacoma, Washington	
August			
September			
October 10, Saturday	Nash/Hudson/AMC Reunion & Show	Automobile Driving Museum El Segundo	TBA
November ? Sunday	Car Show & Lunch	Original Mikes – Santa Ana 100 S. Main Street	11:00 AM
December ? Saturday	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM
December ? Sunday	Annual Christmas Party	Mama Cozza's – 2170 W. Ball Road Anaheim 714-635-0063	1:00 PM

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On February 7th our honorary English members John & Rosemary Dowling paid us a visit.

John & Rosemary live 47 miles straight North of London and 15 miles short of Cambridge. Their daughter and family reside in the LA area so this was not their first and surely not their last visit here in So Cal. John is the newsletter editor for the MOC (Metropolitan Owners Club) in the United Kingdom. John put us in touch with French Met owner Maurice Chorenslup last October when Judy & I were touring France. We were grateful for that.

The Bauman's Riverside compound was our rendezvous point. From there we caravanned a short distance to the Old Spaghetti Factory where we had a cordial lunch.

Afterwards Ronnie led us on a grand tour of his perfectly restored Mets, Crosley cars and Crosley radios. You still can't pin him down on the subject of "How many is too many".

More details on this event are told by webmaster Tony Bilotti on his "Events" page at [socalmets.com](http://socalmets.com).





Six people and three conversations. In the foreground left to right, Ron Bauman & John Dowling. Middle, Paul Van Wig and Ed McCallister and in the back Judy Conner & Rosemary Dowling.



From bottom left Tony Bilotti, Gary Loomer, Ed McCallister, Gwen Tolleson, Chuck Hatfield, Linda Flechtner, Paul Van Wig, Ronnie & Barbie Bauman, John & Rosemary Dowling, Nick & Renee Anderson & Ken & Judy Conner.







Our location change for the February 15th get-together was a success. Since we wanted to cruise as well as eat we started in East Anaheim at La Palma & Imperial Hwy. Tony Bilotti led us East up scenic Santa Ana Canyon to Gypsum Canyon and back. We lunched at Polly's in Yorba Linda and afterwards did a photo shoot. Drivers, riders, eaters & posers were: Ed McCallister, Mike Dahlberg, Nick & Renee Anderson, Armando & Maritza Reyes, Ron & Barbara Bauman, Tony Bilotti & Ken Conner.







## FACING UP TO FACEBOOK

When we formed So Cal Mets four and a half years ago we went high tech and eliminated the paper newsletter. Today you get it by E mail where you can read it on your computer, tablet, smart phone and our website [www.socalmets.com](http://www.socalmets.com).

Anyone wanting a paper version snail-mailed to them is welcome to take on the task. For example: After the pages are composed a set needs to be given to the publisher who prints them in quantity for you to pick up and collate, staple, fold, apply edge seals, apply address labels, apply postage then take the lot to a mail box!

So here we are almost five years later doing just fine without paper. If you want it on paper, print it yourself using your computer & printer. I doubt many of you do that. That's because data storage has become so economical we tend to rely on it for archival purposes. Add faster processors to the mix and you've got a swirl of communication bits flying out in many forms. Beyond Email today is the social media world lead by Facebook and Twitter. I don't tweet but I do use Facebook. I know, some people hate it. Some people love it. Many like me tolerate it. Like so many people, I joined it to share news with family. Now some non-family people are Facebook friends because they are folks who share my other interests. That includes automobiles, travel, former employers, aviation, music etc. I must admit that I have blocked or unfollowed a few who have way too much time on their hands or whose politics I don't agree with or who's personal life I do not need to know about!

Yet the automotive audience on Facebook is growing. In just our world of Metropolitanans there are several Metropolitan Facebook "groups". A "group" filters interests such as a local club or other themes like Metropolitanans in general.

I do have reservations about the value of "local" groups because they do not reach every chapter member. Of the forty some members in our chapter only half of them are Facebook members and only half of them are active.

Email is still the most dependable way of getting the word out to ALL members. I would encourage anyone wanting up to the minute information about our chapter to look at your Email and our SoCalMets website which also shows the newsletter with the calendar.

I am encouraged about the worth of Facebook Met groups that are national & international in scope. Thanks to Brian Cotariu the new MOCNA group (229 members) is adding many fans who welcome information about the Met. I sense that many of them are newer younger members who are comfortable with Facebook.

Lastly, a national/international group called "Nash Metropolitan Lovers" (268 members) is a great example of MORE Met enthusiasts out there. They are posting pictures, asking questions and restoring the cars we call smile makers. Viva la Metropolitan.

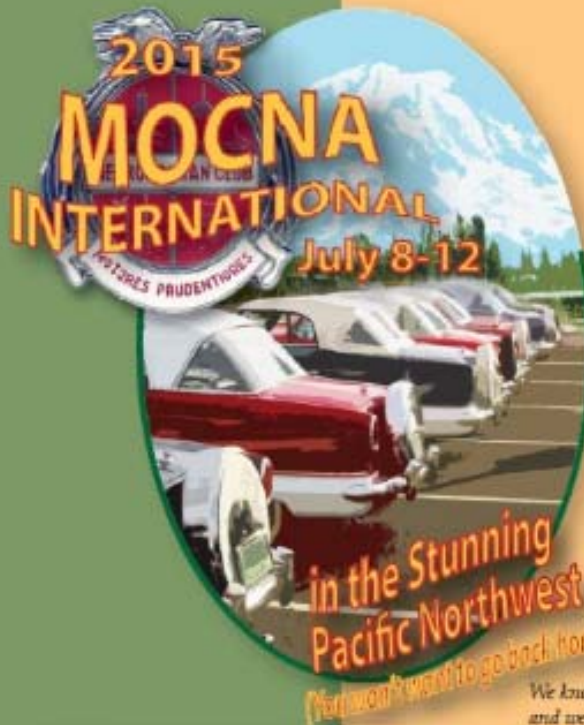
Ken Conner  
Editor



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



The members of the Pacific NW Met Owners Club and British Columbia Mets invite you to "Come Play in Our Yard" in the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

We want to make this the most exciting MOCNA International EVER!

Come with us as we tour and play in Western Washington. We will be staying at the beautiful Shilo Inn in Tacoma (it's puppy friendly!) , about 30 minutes south of Seattle.

We know that many of you will be traveling quite a distance to attend this event, and we're determined to make this an International that you will never forget.

We've put together a framework to fill four solid days with great places to go, things to do, and beautiful vistas to relax in. Some folks like to arrive early - we'll be ready to welcome early arrivals Tuesday afternoon, and we'll be there to support you after the event until the last tailpipe disappears into the sunrise! (Assuming most of you will be heading East...)

Wednesday and Thursday we will offer two tours to choose from each day: one long (will take most of the day and involve quite a drive to places unique to the Pacific NW); and one short that will leave you some time to do some shopping or sightseeing on your own.

On Friday we will tour the recently opened LeMay "America's Car Museum" in Tacoma. This is one of the world's largest auto museums.

The Museum will be followed up by a little Metropolitan Excitement: "Slow Drags!" Test your skill in the mastery of your speed and steering as you follow a course designed to hit the gas, steer the car - but NOT touch the brakes!

Think you can relax a little on Saturday - uh uh! We will caravan the whole group to the LeMay Family Collection at the LeMay Marymoor Event Center to display our Mets by judging classes. While there you will tour the Family Collection of cars, trucks, motorcycles, trains, tractors - Wow!

We'll cater lunch so you can take part in our Valve Cover Beauty Contest and Valve Cover Races - I swear - some of those valve covers move faster off the Met than they do on!

Music, swap meet, vendors, racing, and cars - oh yeah - and FREE LUNCH! (well, sorta...).

Saturday evening we will return to LeMay Marymoor for our Bouquet, awards, and auction. We will be dining surrounded by cars collected by Harold LeMay over his lifetime - this is, after all, a collector car event!

Visit our website [www.pnwoc.org](http://www.pnwoc.org) often for updates. We'll give you tips on building a Valve Cover Racer, provide the racing rules, update the itinerary, and give you some ideas on how to make your "Road Trip" so enjoyable that the miles just slide by! There are so many things to see and do in this wonderful land of ours - but they are disappearing with every passing year (Dale missed out on the world's largest pile of used oil cans in Casselton, ND because it closed just last year...).

