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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
<i>Jan 23, Saturday</i>	<i>Lunch & Shop Cruise Maybe</i>	<i>Ruby's Diner & Depot 186 N Atchison St, Old Town Orange</i>	<i>11:30 AM</i>
<i>Feb 20, Saturday</i>	<i>Visit Irvine's Great Park +</i>	<i>Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Mar 5, Saturday</i>	<i>View a Personal Auto Collection</i>	<i>5561 Engineer Dr. Huntington Beach Lunch & Cruise locally</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>April 8 & 9</i>	<i>Southwest Unique Little Car Show</i>	<i>Crescent Sheraton Phoenix 2620 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ https://www.starwoodmeeting.coin/Book/swuniquelittlecarshow2016</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>April 16, Saturday</i>	<i>UCI Car Show</i>	<i>UC Irvine Aldrich Park</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>May 28, Saturday</i>	<i>Mini - Small Car Cruise</i>	<i>1733 Lake St, Huntington Beach</i>	<i>9:15 AM</i>
<i>June 10, FRIDAY</i>	<i>Friday Eve Car Show</i>	<i>Main St. Old Town Garden Grove</i>	<i>4:00 PM</i>
<i>June 26, 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 31, Sunday</i>	<i>Car Show & Lunch</i>	<i>Original Mikes - Santa Ana 100 S. Main Street</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>August 20, Saturday</i>	<i>Peterson Auto Museum</i>	<i>6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>September Sat</i>	<i>Coastal Cruise</i>	<i>Lunch at Crystal Cove Newport Coast</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Run to the Sun Show</i>	<i>Havasu City Arizona</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>October Saturday</i>	<i>Gypsum Canyon Cruise</i>	<i>Anaheim & Yorba Linda to Polly's Pies</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona</i>	<i>Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 & Planning Meeting</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>December 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 Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Christmas Party</i>		<i>1:00 PM</i>

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REMEMBERING A JEWEL

Both the Orange County Register and the Los Angeles Times had articles about the passing of Ruby Cavanaugh. The December publications paid tribute to many notable Southland folks who left us in 2015. We are pleased to recall that Ruby Cavanaugh had a sweet connection to our Metropolitans.

Ruby is pictured above with her son Doug Cavanaugh at one of the many restaurants named after her. The year was 2008 and the Cavanaugh's were there for a publicity photo shoot. The Food Channel was video taping a segment for their "Unwrapped" series. Metropolitan owners were invited becausewell there was a familiar icon permanently mounted behind the new hostess station. The location was at the Citadel Outlet Center alongside I-5 in East Los Angeles.



Down on Newport Beach's Balboa Peninsula and just a beach volleyball throw from the site of the former Rendezvous Ball Room, stands the Balboa Pier. In 1982 Doug & a friend opened their first restaurant on the end of the pier. He themed it after his mother's favorite era, the 1940's. The whimsical item that greeted you there was a beautifully restored Bumper Car.

Ruby's Diner now has 35 locations in California, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Ruby enjoyed being part of the company's growth, serving as a greeter at openings. In 2009 she attended the Unique Little Car Show at the Citadel Center which received great support from the Restaurant chain. That day she was wearing a spunky all black leather outfit and was happy to autograph a free photo of her on a Harley. Photo right shows her at the wheel of Ken Conner's Met under her namesake restaurant sign.

She was 93.



Remember Bill Cullen & the old TV Game Show “The Price is Right”?

Here is an episode from 1958. Skip to 8:30 to see the contestants guessing the retail price of the Nash Metropolitan!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49uHrZ4byA8&feature=youtu.be&list=PL69C534F892347799>

THANKS TO THE MET PIT STOP for sharing this on Facebook



And since we're looking back at Nash history, Tony Bilotti has updated our Web Site (www.socalmets.com) and added a very informative story about the history of the Nash Kelvinator Company when they were here in So Cal. Thanks to SoCalMets member Bob Burchett for bringing this to our attention.



SO LONG JOE

It saddens us to hear about the passing of Joe Englehart from Canoga Park, CA. Joe was MOCNA member 4513 and drove a beautiful blue Met convertible. His easy going personality and Metropolitan knowledge will certainly be missed. Our condolences to the family.



One of the things we learned from Joe was to never slam your Met's hood down because that can break off the hood safety catch. He taught to gently lower the hood to the safety catch, then depress it so the hood will pass by it, than give the hood a final push down.





Our Cruise To Old Town Orange

On the same day our year's first event was to take place, there was a debilitating Blizzard on the East Coast & heavy rains on the West Coast. Some of that badly needed moisture was predicted for us here in SoCal .

Our members from Riverside played it safe and drove their X brand cars.

Still five Mets showed up and braved getting their precious Mets wet. The final forecast for our location was a whopping 1 tenth of an inch of rain! I suspect we all were checking the latest predictions up till 9:00 AM that morning. Surely our Met friends from Seattle down to San Francisco would have been calling us wimps. But hey, we're spoiled in this sunshine climate and we **almost** feel guilty driving our Mets in January. Oh yes, that one tenth of an inch, it didn't happen.

We met up at Knowwood parking lot and caravanned over the Anaheim hills via Imperial Hwy to the Orange Park Acres area. While idling around the horsey properties we actually saw people on horseback and on one occasion a horsewoman waved at our colorful caravan! Upon reaching Chapman Ave. we turned west and dropped down in to the City of Orange. Just past the traffic circle we pulled in to Ruby's at the Metro Station and had lunch in their Metroliner Lounge. Congregating there were Ron & Barbara Bauman, Nick & Renee Anderson, Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Gwen Tolleson, Tony Bilotti, George Mocabee, Gary Loomer, Jodie B. & father, Marcia Jones & Ken Conner.



After a very cordial lunch, we walked across Chapman Ave and explored the place called Blacktop Depot. It's a new antique store specializing in vintage auto memorabilia. A fun spot to browse. After a little more shopping at nearby antique shops we said so long and headed home under a dry sky!





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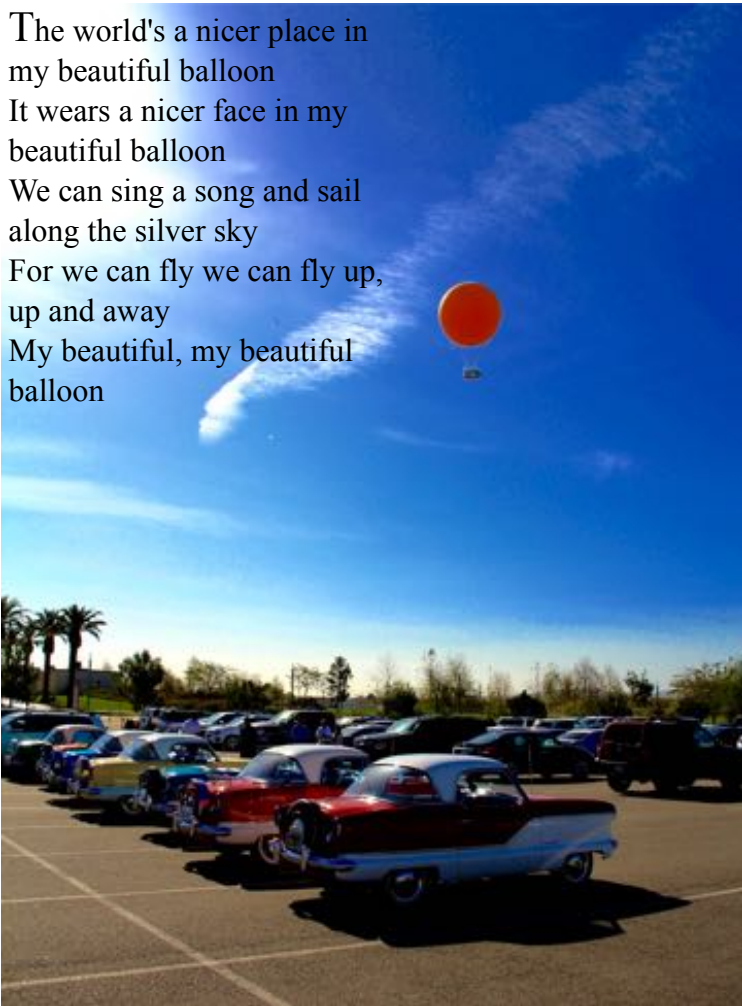
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 balloon



Non balloonist Metters Marcia Jones,
 Chuck Hatfield, and Jeff & Sue
 Garrett stayed earthbound and
 waved to us!

Forty nine years ago the “5th Dimension” had a hit with their song “Up Up & Away”. Some of the lyrics are show above.
 Today you can have a tethered experience in a balloon at Irvine’s Great Park. Mike Dahlberg had the great idea of So Cal Mets stopping by there on our cruise up to Trubuco Canyon for lunch. So Saturday Feb 20th we met at Mike & Kim’s home in Tustin for coffee & doughnuts. Mike then led us through old town Tustin and on East to the Great Park. Metters in Mets making up the procession were Marcia Jones, Chuck hatfield, Jeff & Sue Garrett, Tony Bilotti, Ken Conner and the Tourdot family consisting of Martyn, Chuck, Augie & Charlie.

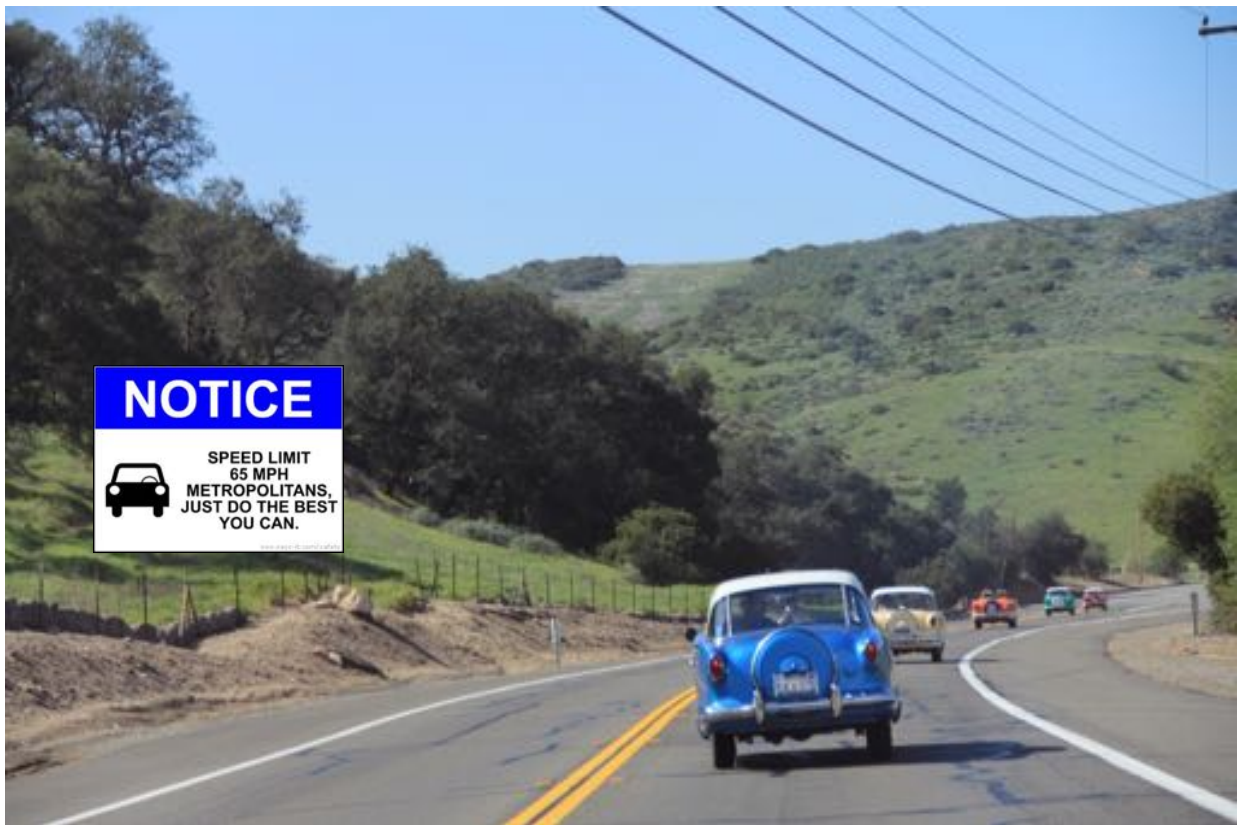


Looking Northwest over Orange County's former El Toro Marine Air Base. Altitude: 400 ft. Notice the balloon's shadow lower left. There are 7 Metropolitans down there in the parking lot somewhere.









The month of February may be short a day compared to the other months, but it is long on commemorative days beginning with Constitution Day on the first and Groundhog Day on the second. The rest of the month we've had the Chinese New Year, Ash Wednesday, Presidents Day & Leap Day on the 29th.

Most especially though, on the 14th, we hope you had a.....

