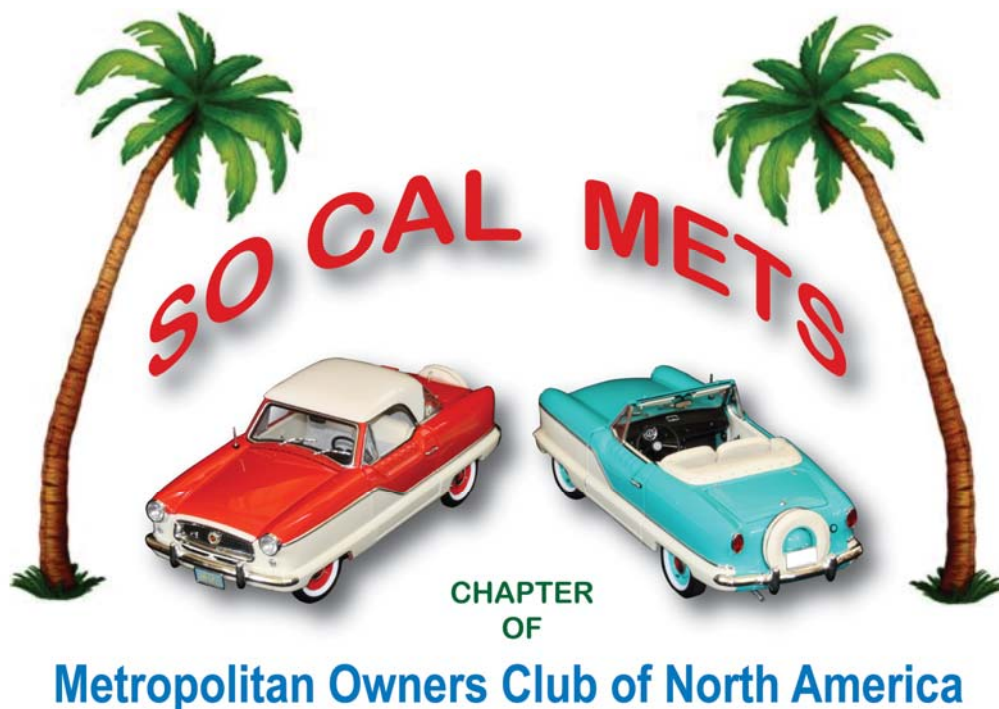


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SO CAL METS Calendar

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

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
<i>January 20, Sunday</i>	<i>Planning Meeting & Tech Session</i>	17002 Bolero Lane, Huntington Beach Host: Ken & Judy Conner 714-846-5003	1:30 PM
<i>February 16, Saturday</i>	<i>Tour Nickey Petroleum</i>	With Model T Club in Yorba Linda. Meet at Kramer & Miraloma, Anaheim	9:00 AM
<i>March 2, Saturday</i>	<i>Festival of Whales Parade</i>	On PCH in Downtown Dana Point	TBA
<i>March 29 & 30</i>	<i>Unique Little Car Show</i>	Las Vegas, NV at Sam's Town	TBA
<i>April 13th, Saturday</i>	<i>Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona</i>	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15	11:00 AM
<i>May 18, Saturday</i>	<i>Visit Stanley Ranch Museum & Village</i>	12174 Euclid St., Garden Grove 714-530-8871	10:00 AM
<i>June 2, Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Picnic Pot Luck</i>	Craig Park, 3300 N State College Blvd. Fullerton 50/50 Raffle, White Elephant Sale Bring quality items for the sale	10:30 AM
<i>June 20th -23rd</i>	<i>MOCNA International Meet</i>	Lincoln, Nebraska See Flyer & Schedule	TBA
<i>July 27, Saturday</i>	<i>Summer Barbeque & Meeting</i>	3725 Blue Key, Corona Del Mar 949-721-1221 Host: Club Member Jeff Gordon	4:30 PM
<i>August 18, Sunday</i>	<i>Lunch & Cruise</i>	Roadside Café 714-283-4901 1822 N. Glassell St., Orange	11:30 AM
<i>September 22, Sunday</i>	<i>Lunch at Ruby's & Cruise</i>	186 N. Atchison, Orange Train Depot	11:30 AM
<i>October 17-20</i>	<i>Run-To-The-Sun</i>	Lake Havasu City, AZ www.relicsandrods.com	TBA
<i>October 27, Sunday</i>	<i>Planning Meeting</i>	28356 Via Anzar, San Juan Capistrano Hosts: John & Anita Fildes 949-429-8848	1:30 PM
<i>November 24, Sunday</i>	<i>Car Show</i>	Original Mikes – Santa Ana	11:00 AM
<i>December 14, Saturday</i>	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Avila's El Ranchito (Formerly the Abby) 182 S. Orange St., Orange 714-516-1000	4:00 PM

Revised: August 27st 2013

Planning Meeting & BBQ -

Our scheduled July meeting was at the elegant residence of chapter member Jeff Gordon in Corona Del Mar.



President Ronnie Bauman called the July 27th meeting to start at 4:40 p.m.

We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbie Bauman gave the treasurers report. Balance is \$2191.18. The picnic auction netted \$1089.00. 50/50 was \$90.00.

Tony Bilotti says we now have 43 members.

Renee Anderson is taking orders for T shirts and Jackets. Look for the info & order form in the last newsletter.

The Christmas Party is December 14th at Avila's El Ranchito Mexican restaurant in Orange. Address, etc. in the newsletter. The price is \$26.36 per person. Members at the meeting voted to have the price set at \$25.00 per person and the club will pick up the remainder. Monies to be in the treasurer by November 30. Make checks out to Barbara Bauman not to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. We joined Jeff's party, had great food and company.

Barbie Bauman, Secretary



Save the date.

Our Annual

Christmas Party

will be Saturday December 14th at
Avila's Ranchito Mexican Restaurant.

182 S. Orange St. Orange, CA
714-516-1000. (Formerly The Abbey)

4:00 PM

Menu: Chicken or Steak Fajitas, Rice and Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Cheese Enchiladas, Corn or Flour Tortillas, Salsa Especiales, Guacamole. Soft drinks & coffee included. The club will provide a cake from Costco. Price: \$25.00 per person. Includes gratuity and tax.

Please send your money & reservation to Barbara Bauman at 1944 Spruce St., Riverside, CA 92507. No later than November 30th.

Welcome new member Chuck Hatfield (below). Chuck drove to the meeting in his beautifully restored blue "Hudson" Met. Chuck came all the way down from his home in Crestline!



Speaking of Mets in blue, my bargain shopper wife Judy, bought a handful of marked-down books at Barnes & Noble last week. A day later while thumbing through one titled "Blue Dog Speaks" by George Rodrigue, she excitedly called me in to share her discovery on pages 306 & 307 (below)!





Dale Carrington's Tech Tips

What do I carry in the trunk?

I get asked this a lot – or hear the comment that I “... could build a whole ‘nother Met from my trunk...” Wellll, not quite ;^{}}

I grew up buying \$50.00 cars. They quit working; often. We didn't have cell phones back then and I learned quickly that if I didn't want to do a lot of walking I'd have to learn some simple mechanickin.'

I carry a small tool box with some common tools:

- Standard wrench set ¼" to ¾" open and box, 3/8" socket set (if you drive an A series Met – get a Whitworth wrench set also)
- Pliers, side (wire) cutters, needle nose plier,
- Collapsible magnet because you WILL drop nuts and bolts into places you can't reach!
- Screwdrivers, both Phillips (cross tip) and flat tip in small and medium sizes
- Test light. This is a thing that looks like an ice pick but has a light in the handle and a long wire with an alligator clip on the end. Hook the clip to a good ground and touch the wire you're testing with the “pick” (key on) to see if power is coming through the wire. A test meter would be even better. Both are available at Harbor Freight, Auto parts stores, Sears, etc. or you can McGyver one with a dash light....
- tube of gasket sealer, 12" square piece of fuel/oil compatible gasket material, electrical tape
- Grease rags (paper towels) rubber gloves, hand cleaner
- Warning triangle and a tire chock
- Trouble light (magnetic LED type)
- a GOOD jack - Mercedes/VW wind up jack or a scissor jack or a hydraulic - NOT the original Met jack.
- Bottled drinking water

EXTRA PARTS:

- an old copy of the technical manual (AMC or Clymers)
- 1 gal gas in one of the new sealed plastic cans (pour it into the tank every 3 months and fill it with fresh fuel)
- 1 gal 50/50 anti-freeze/water mix for topping up
- 1 qt engine oil
- 1 set points, rotor, condenser (especially if you use an electronic ignition!)
- Fan belt
- I like to carry a spare water pump, a set of front and rear wheel bearings (enough to do one front wheel and one rear wheel) two pair of brake shoes (one front whl, one rear wheel).
- a couple old spark plugs
- a few nuts, bolts, screws in various sizes and about 3 ft of baling wire (rolled small!)
- Anything else that you suspect could be a problem.

This list can get longer than you have room for depending on how far you're going, OR you can just carry your VISA and a AAA card ;^{}} (but I don't give up that easily!)

Dale is pictured here with the barn find (mortuary find) which he trailer'd back to Lincoln for the show. It took 2nd place in the ironic category “Test of Time”.

Nebraska Memories

Looking forward to our first MOCNA International Meet, we traveled the 1500 miles to Lincoln Nebraska from our home in Riverside California driving our RV and trailering Little Miss Met. Along the way, we met up for the night in Sterling Colorado with fellow So Cal Met Chapter members Ken and Judy Conner also traveling from their home in Huntington Beach California to Lincoln towing their Met. The following day we met them in Minden Nebraska for a quick tour of the Pioneer Village Museum. A must see if you are ever in the area. Once in Lincoln, we had a great time at the MOCNA event, met lots of nice folks and saw some beautiful Metropolitans. The private tour of the Smith Collection was a particular highlight for us.

When the MOCNA event was over and before heading back to California, we took a short 75 mile drive northwest to Columbus Nebraska to visit relatives. My Mother grew up in Columbus and my Father in David City Nebraska. After they moved to California in the late 50's, it was our annual summer vacation ritual to head to Nebraska via road trip to visit relatives. Many of those summer visits included family picnics and reunions in Pawnee Park located on Highway 30 in Columbus just north of the Loup River near its connection with the Platte River.

At the entrance to Pawnee Park sits a Union Pacific Steam Locomotive #561 donated to the City of Columbus to serve as a memorial to future generations. Union Pacific RR No. 561 was built in 1904 by Baldwin Locomotive Works. "Old 561" was gifted to the City of Columbus by Union Pacific and placed on its permanent resting site in the park in November 1955. One of the railroad crew on the project was my Grandfather Frank Kosiba. He is pictured in the 1955 newspaper photo in the bottom row, 2nd from left. Pawnee Park holds many fond childhood memories of summertime fun with Nebraska relatives. So it was only fitting on this visit to pull Little Miss Met right

beside "Old 561" for one more memorable Kodak moment!

Nick and Renee Anderson

DAILY TELEGRAPH

"The Voice of a Friendly City"

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1955

MOCNA #10095



THE END OF A LONG, LONG JOURNEY for "Old 561," Union Pacific's gift to the city of Columbus was completed when the crew shown above moved the 51-year-old engine onto its permanent site in Pawnee Park. The accomplishment was completed in less than three days by a crew of retired railroad men, active railroaders and the city park crew under the supervision of Jake Gluz of the park board. Shown in the photo from left to right bottom row are: Nels Nelson, park commission; Frank Kosiba, railroad; John Forney, railroad; Jake Gluz, park commission; Perry Loveless, railroad. Second row, left to right: Rudy Skoll, park commission; Bill Trotholz, park commission; Mike Mimick, railroad; Henry Pensick, railroad; Fred Mathes, park commission; Leonard Ferguson, park commission; William Semrau, railroad. Top row left to right: Clarence Pensick, park commission; John Novicki, railroad; L. E. Shilling, railroad; Ed Kudron, caterpillar operator. Walter Regl of the park commission and Charles G. Bittner of the railroad were also members of the crew but were unable to be present for



UNION PACIFIC 561

Lunch N Cruise



On the same weekend that the ultra cool cars were strutting around Monterey and Pebble Beach we humble Metters had a good time at the Roadside Café in Orange! After lunch we even showed off OUR cool cars by cruising around Anaheim Hills! The Café is set-back deep at it's 1822 N. Glassell St. address, so it's hard to spot. A great marker across the street from it is the chia pet looking, Toyota Topiary bush!



Our guest of honor was MOCNA Vice President Brian Cotariu, down from his residence in Castro Valley, CA.

Brian said a few words and spoke of future support to Chapters like ours from our umbrella organization MOCNA (Metropolitan Owners Club of North America).

Though his local MONCA chapter is GBAM (Greater Bay Area Mets), Brian was wearing one of our So Cal Mets Tee Shirts one day at the recent International Meet in Lincoln.

Members present at the lunch table next page (L to R) were: Chuck & Linda Hatfield, Mike Dahlberg, Jim & Lisa Houpt, Renee & Nick Anderson, Barbra & Ron Bauman, Tony Bilotti, Jeff Gordon, Paul Van Wig, Ed & Betty McCallister. We welcomed new member-to-be, Charlie Fenning now driving the 61 Met his father has owned since 1982.





Roadside Café Proprietor Glenn Gorman (left) also serves up a classic car experience in the back. He has a dozen cars tucked away back there including the two Nashes above. His other business card reads: Preferred Auto Body Inc. Another gentleman who works on the premises is Robert August who advertises as a vintage parts locator specializing in detail services. The café offers classic food in a classic 50's inspired setting. The Toy Boat Toy signage in the background came from the recently closed toy store in Corona Del Mar.
 Web site : <http://roadsidecafeorange.com>

News from our good friend John Dowling
Editor
Metropolitan Owners Club in England



Hi Ken,
Last week I had a session with a professional, free-lance, motoring journalist and photographer. He has been retained to do a number of particular car reports - one of which was the Metropolitan. I was closest proximity to him, so he came to Royston and we took our Met to a dis-used and long since

closed WWII USAF airfield at Steeple Morden (5 miles from where we live) and he took a number of pics - of which this is one. Since it shows the perpetual memorial to USAF and RAF personnel who were killed while flying from the field, it is rather poignant.

Here is another unusual pic, taken during last week's shoot. It is against the background of an ancient 'POST' windmill, located in Cambridgeshire about 7 miles from where we live. Pity the weather was non too bright & sunny (It is UK of course). The significant thing about these mills were that they were mounted on a huge central post and fitted with a circular track and wheel - which enabled the miller to manually turn the body of the mill and sails to take best advantage of which way the wind was blowing from on any particular day.

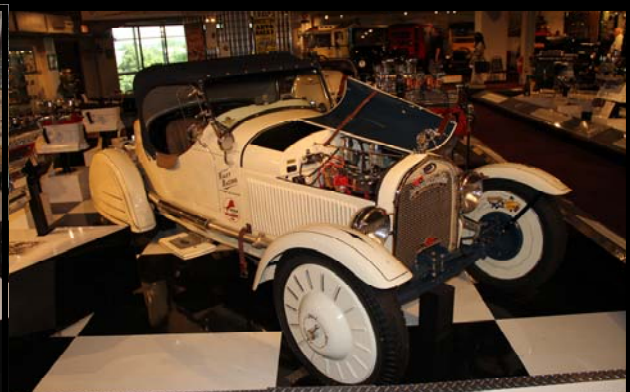
John



Mid-America Travelogue

With A Metro In Tow

June 20th at the International Met Show was an event filled day. The highlight for many of us was visiting Lincoln's best kept secret; **The Smith Collection Museum of American Speed**. The collection includes hundreds of professionally restored antique high performance engines as well as scores of historic racing cars, show cars, classic cars, hot rods, street rods and many one of a kind examples. You saw the group photo of us at the front door in the last issue. Past the lobby on the first floor is this large painting by Tony Upson. It symbolizes the REAL antique racers you see within the 150,000 square feet of display space. It also compliments the "open mouth" expression you feel you have there as a visitor! Website: <http://www.museumofamericanspeed.com/default.dlp>



More Museum of American Speed



"Speedy" Bill Smith (center) and his wife Joyce founded Speedway Motors in 1952. Together with their four sons, the family continues to guide and manage the company's daily operations.

More Museum of American Speed



John Hill
Arizona



Part
of the 1000
Pedal Car
Collection



LINCOLN 2013



Cousin Robert Linn - Omaha - Ken Conner - Calif



John Riley - Iowa - Bill Schaefer - Colorado



To the right are two red Mets. One is Bill Clarks from the New York and mine from California. Question: Where is the mid America point between Boston & San Francisco? That's where I headed next because cars from both coasts were meeting there to celebrate.

Thanks go to MOCNA president Brad Swiggart & staff for such a fun packed meet. A special thanks to Keith Bouwens of Lincoln for building the "Photo Booth Met" which was so well received. Keith also put together the cool Met taxi (shown here) for the Speedy Bill Smith Museum. A personal thank you to MOCNA Secretary John Riley. You know of course that John's other hat says "Ask Mr. Met". At the Model T hill climb the day before the show I had a short chat with John about how our So Cal Mets chapter was doing. Then the conversation turned to how I got my Met to Lincoln for the show. I told him how the trip from California had been fine except that I felt sorry for my front tires. The front wheels weren't turning left & right much. And my steering was pretty tight from the time I tried to take the slack out of the system.

Well, day of the show and we were a little busy with the photo booth, up walks John with a fist full of wrenches held up to his chest. He asked me if I would like him to look at my Mets steering system. I said something like "Gosh you don't have to. It's a car show out there". But his face was determined and those wrenches were still up at his chest. So I happily agreed to let Mr. Met look at my car. About 30 minutes later I had a break in photo requests so I went out to see the show. I was a tad embarrassed to see that MY car was jacked up and being worked on in the middle of the International Metropolitan Show! But then I realized what better help could I ask for than that of Mr. Met. After all I had two more events for the Met to participate in on the 1500 mile journey back to California. And as you might have guessed the steering is working beautifully just as John suggests it should as he wrote about the problem in the August Met Gazette, page 4. Thanks John Riley.



Bill Clark
New York

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