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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 18, Saturday</i>	<i>Hello LA County Metters</i>	<i>Metropolitan Pit Stop, 5324 Laurel Cyn Blvd, NoHo Host: June Valentine 800-677-5519</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>
<i>Jan 26, Sunday</i>	<i>Planning Meeting</i>	<i>9435 Cormorant Cir., Fountain Valley Host: Marcia Jones 714-963-9116</i>	<i>1:30 PM</i>
<i>Feb 15, Saturday</i>	<i>Sweet Heart Lunch Rainforest Cafe</i>	<i>1515 Disneyland Monorail System, Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 772-0413 Please RSVP to Marcia Jones 714-963-9116 by February 11</i>	<i>11:30 AM</i>
<i>March 16, Sunday</i>	<i>Automobile Driving Museum,</i>	<i>610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA 90245 (310) 909-0950</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>March 28-29</i>	<i>Unique Little Car Show</i>	<i>NHRA Museum, Fairplex, Pomona</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>April 19, Saturday</i>	<i>Cruise to Tom's Farm - Corona</i>	<i>Temescal Canyon Road & I-15</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>May 17, Saturday</i>	<i>Visit Stanley Ranch Museum & Village</i>	<i>12174 Euclid St., Garden Grove 714-530-8871</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>June 1, Sunday</i>	<i>HB Concours Car Show</i>	<i>7111 Talbert, Huntington Beach</i>	<i>7:00 AM</i>
<i>June 8, 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 26, Saturday</i>	<i>Cruise near the Cool Ocean</i>	<i>17002 Bolero Lane, Huntington Beach Hosts: Ken & Judy Conner 714-846-5003</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>August 16, Saturday</i>	<i>Surf City Garage Car Show</i>	<i>5872 Engineer Drive, Huntington Beach</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Sept 13, Saturday</i>	<i>Visit Day Family Classic Car Museum</i>	<i>2525 Wardlow Road, Corona, CA http://www.dayfamilyclassiccars.com/</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>October 17-18</i>	<i>Run-To-The-Sun Car Show</i>	<i>Lake Havasu City, AZ www.relicsandrods.com</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>November 9 Sunday</i>	<i>Private Museum Tour</i>	<i>22826 Mariposa Ave., Torrance, CA Hosts: Bob & Phyllis Burchett</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>November 30 Sunday</i>	<i>Car Show & Lunch</i>	<i>Original Mikes – Santa Ana 100 S. Main Street</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>December 13 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 14 Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Christmas Party</i>	<i>Mama Cozza's – 2170 W. Ball Road Anaheim 714-635-0063</i>	<i>1:00 PM</i>

Revised: August 25, 2014

Save the date
 September 13, Saturday
 We will be visiting this great museum
 at 2525 Wardlow Road, Corona at 10:00 AM
<http://www.dayfamilyclassiccars.com/>

Day Family CLASSIC CARS

HOME CARS CARS II SPECIALTY MUSEUM EVENTS

TAKE A JOURNEY

GET OFF THE ROAD AND INTO THE MUSEUM

Day Family Classic Cars is more than just an auto museum, it's a literal TIME MACHINE! Featuring cars from the early 1900's right on up to the muscle cars of today! The 33,000 square foot Day Family Classic Cars Museum transports visitors throughout the lives and treasured locations of its founders Tom and Diane Day.

- **Mayberry Revisited:** A Mayberry facade complete with Floyd's Barbershop and Wally's Service Station
- **Mustang Corral:** Wrangled for your enjoyment is a team of Mustangs ranging from the 60's to today
- **Scott's Hamburgers:** Founders Tom and Diane Day recreate the place where they first met
- **Vettes for Vets:** A tribute to military heroes is a must see...the most horsepower in any corner of Southern California

THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY FOR RENOVATIONS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE MUSEUM, CALL ED JANOSKI AT (951) 640-4145

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Day Family Classic Cars
 Museum Gala • June 20th
 2012 • 7PM - 10PM

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FOR SALE

1958 Metropolitan Hardtop
 Colors: White & Coral
 Description: The car runs well, but it needs restoration work.
 Price: \$7,800 OBO
 Location: El Segundo, CA
 Contact: Automobile Driving Museum 310-909-0950
 Monica Jankowski
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www.theADM.org



A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE



New and secret member Bob Burchett has raised the bar when it comes to birthday surprises. Bob kept his new affiliation with our chapter secret because his birthday wife Phyllis would have questioned a checkbook entry written to MOCNA. As it turned out Phyllis Burchett was the lucky winner in a drawing for a freshly restored 1960 Metropolitan! Well.....yes... sort of!

Apparently Phyllis has always admired Metropolitans and since this year marked her 60th Birthday, Bob decided to make her dream come true. Six months ago he secretly acquired a Met hardtop and had it restored. The upholstery was finished just the day before her birthday. (Haven't we watched this scenario on Velocity channel?)

The plot involved a surprise Birthday party at Original Mikes in Santa Ana. Family & friends were invited but most did not know of the birthday present. We Metters did of course. In the parking lot, just happened to be, a gathering of Metropolitans lined up in a row with a shiny red Met sandwiched in the middle. It's license plate read "Cute 60". The sign on the windshield said: "Win This Car Today".



Inside the restaurant the seating was arranged so that both the Burchett birthday party and we Metters were eating close enough to hear the announced WINNER of the drawing. And wouldn't you know, Bob had given Phyllis a birthday card "loaded" with tickets for the drawing. After lunch, our Met group announced the winning tickets for both a cool Met picnic basket (courtesy of Bob) AND finally the new Metropolitan setting outside! Tony Bilotti had to yell out the "winning" number more than once but eventually the "intended winner" walked over with a smile on her face and presented her ticket. Well, it wasn't long before the whole restaurant emptied to go outside to see the "prize".



Later, Bob, standing with Phyllis in front of the Met uttered the line of the day when he said: "Two Cute 60's".

Happy Birthday Phyllis and to the both of you, welcome to So Cal Mets.

More photos next page.





My Mom's Metropolitan

When I left home in Virginia in 1955 my Mother Faye needed a car of her own. Soon afterwards she bought a brand-new Metropolitan and she became a mobile seasonal seamstress. In the summer she traveled to Nantucket Island where she worked in expensive dress shops altering clothes. In the winter she would drive to Florida and do the same. Since she started her travels from Virginia, where most of our relatives lived, she would make a visit often going back and forth between Nantucket Island and Florida. Before her traveling adventures, she worked for many Senators wives in Washington, DC making beautiful gowns for many important occasions. She was a beautiful, talented seamstress and made lovely things as well as altering clothes.

She loved her Metropolitan and traveled alone. She never used maps and just wrote down routes on a little piece of paper. She loved her little car and kept it immaculate inside and out. The floor, the mats as well as the seat covers she made, were all white. She carried a box containing bottles of stuff to clean everything from the windshield to the engine plus a small tool kit.

After I moved out to California, she decided to make her first cross-country trip out here in her Metropolitan. It was 1962. I flew back east to come with her. Wow, what a fun trip we had together. That little car ran fantastic. We got caught in a terrible rainstorm coming thru the south and were scared we would be washed away in the flooded streets. I don't remember any free-ways across the country, as there are now, so we traveled on mostly two or four lane roads. Coming thru Arizona a car of young nasty guys tried to run us off the road. Mom held her own and just as she started to brake, their hood flew up and off they went into a field! That was the last of them. Someone up there was looking out for us.

In 1964 she decided to move to California and again drove out in her beloved Metropolitan. However that was also the year that she decided

to sell the Metropolitan. She bought a new Plymouth Valient and continued her brave adventuresome travels. She decided to live in Palm Springs where she found work in several of the big expensive stores. Later she worked there in a small shop that was owned by a European Countess. She made several trips to Cuba. In New Mexico she helped support an Apache Indian family. She gave them sewing machines and taught them how to sew. She also supported a local group that helped feed the tribes on Thanksgiving and other holidays.

She moved around a lot in those last years living in Prescott, AZ, Huntington Beach, Anaheim & Hemet California. When she reached the age of 96 she let me move her to an Assisted Living apartment in Fountain Valley where she lived until she passed away July 1999. She had a wonderful full life and her last drive across the USA alone was at the age of 86! She was quite a gal my mom.



Mila Jean Campbell
Principal Engineer/Scientist - Retired
Huntington Beach, CA

Coastal Cruise



Seven Mets & one Mercedes made up our fleet of cars for the July 26 Coastal Cruise out of Huntington Beach. In keeping with the nautical theme hostess Judy Conner whipped up tote bags made out of sail cloth & stuffed them with traveling treats for our tour. We met at the Davenport Island home of the Conner's and proceeded North on Pacific Coast Hwy. A side drive onto Gilbert Island led us to a cul-de-sac where we stopped for a photo shoot. We continued North on PCH and across Seal Beach to Long Beach Harbor's Alamitos Bay where we stopped for another photo opportunity.

Our fleet of smile makers then returned to Main Street in Seal Beach where we parked and visited Griffith Enterprises just south of the Bay Theater. There Eric Lenore cordially led us on a private tour of the automobile collection of Bob Griffith. The collection consists of mostly racing cars plus a few classic American & European sedans & sports cars. Vipers make up the largest population. In fact their location up on the second floor is called the "Snake Pit". Down at ground level and in the back is the rest of the mix including Bob's latest drive, a red F12 Ferrari. It was parked behind a stealthy black carbon fiber McLaren-Mercedes.

We said our thanks to Eric and caravanned back South on PCH to Sunset Beach where we idled along behind the beachfront homes. At Warner we got on PCH again and took in the ocean view all the way up to Goldenwest. We didn't dare go to the HB Pier because of the traffic at the Van's World Surfing Championship. We turned inland and stopped at the overlook for the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Finally we motored down Edwards hill to Huntington Lake where we enjoyed lunch at Kathy May's Lakeview Café.

The Met above belongs to Chuck Hatfield who drove it down from his mountain retreat in Crestline.





For more photos go to our web site: www.socalmets.com and click on Events

A visit to the August 10th gathering of the
Antique Phonograph Society
&
The Musical Box Society



The Buena Park UFCW Union hall made for a convenient location for collectors of antique musical devices & radios to meet. Thanks to Bob Burchett, they seemed to like our antique cars as well. In fact we got in free.

Mike Dahlberg found a radio with his namesake on it and at least three different members brought "parts" for the project car of Armando Reyes.

Afterwards we took an "extended tour" of the area around Knott's Berry Farm. Lunch at Pinks at Knott's and a little shopping for some completed another fun Metropolitan day!



More photos on our Web Site.



This was the 6th annual car show at Surf City Garage Headquarters in Huntington Beach. Surf City Garage makes some fine automotive detailing products.


It was a great show with over 200 entry's of cars, motor cycles, camping trailers and other transportation related goodies. For more photos go to our web site at socalmets.com.





This life size mural is on the Hwy 101 side of the Napa Auto Parts store in Willits California.

Did you know that a cartoon Met appeared in a Warner Brothers Sylvester & Tweety production? View it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73uWfIxh-0s>



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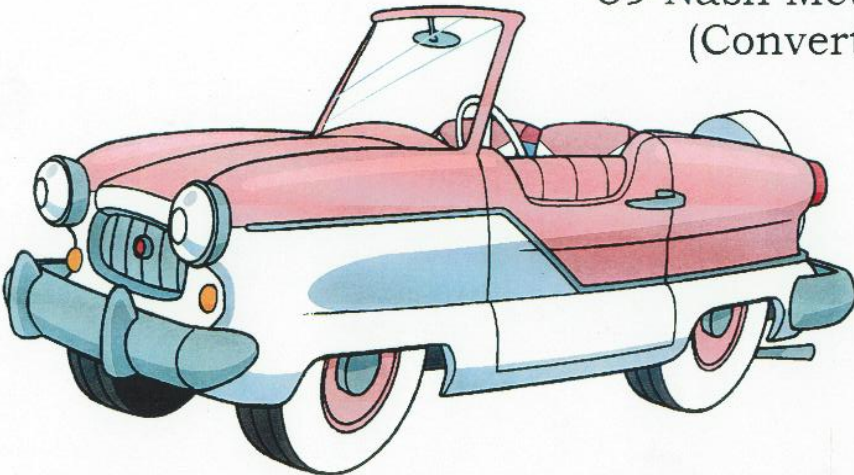
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MAIN MODELS

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(Convertible)



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