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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>
March 16, Sunday	Automobile Driving Museum,	610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA 90245 (310) 909-0950	<i>10:00 AM</i>
March 28-29	Unique Little Car Show	NHRA Museum, Fairplex, Pomona	<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>April 27, Sunday</i>	<i>Planning Meeting</i>	<i>1949 Smokewood Ave., Fullerton Host: Gwen Tolleson 714-525-8830</i>	<i>1:30 PM</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 8, Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Picnic Pot Luck</i>	<i>Craig Park, 3300 N State College Blvd. Fullerton 50/50 Raffle, White Elephant Sale Bring quality items for the sale</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>Lunch at Ruby's & Cruise</i>	<i>186 N. Atchison, Orange Train Station</i>	<i>11:15 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 11, Saturday</i>	<i>San Dimas Cruise</i>		<i>TBD</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 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 6, Saturday</i>	<i>Christmas Party</i>		<i>TBD</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>

Revised: April 28, 2014

Automobile Driving Museum



Practically a stones throw from runway 25 left at LAX, the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo is a happy landing for car buffs! Our scheduled March visit saw seven member Mets driven there plus four X branders. The Met gliding in from the highest altitude was that of Chuck Hatfield & friend Linda who took off up at Crestline. The other Met pilots were Mike Dahlberg, Paul Van Wig, Jim & Co-Pilot Lisa Houpt, Marcia Jones, Tony Bilotti & your editor. Arriving via landspeeder were John & Anita Fildes, Nick & Renee Anderson, Caryl Stevenson & friend & Bob Kreykes & friend Anita Holguin.



This 1916 Overland made for a fun photo op. The “Driving” in the museum’s name is because on Sundays they offer rides in a car or two from the museum line up. The museum is located at 610 Lairport St., El Segundo. The website is:
<http://www.automobiledrivingmuseum.org/>

For more photos of our visit, visit our web site at:

<http://www.socalmets.com>
and click on “Events.”



1903 Pierce Motorette Stanhope



Here was most of our group with the museum’s 1958 Metropolitan.

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Re: Donation by Southern California Metropolitan Auto Assn.
Dear Donny,

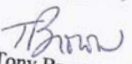
On behalf of the entire Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) family, thank you for the \$100.00 gift (check #2020) received on 1/27/2014, as a donation by the Southern California Metropolitan Auto Association. This support is helping to give L.A.'s children a chance to succeed!

HOLA empowers inner-city youth to advance their lives and revitalize their communities through enrichment, personal development and leadership programs. Together with your support, HOLA provides 2,400 children with opportunities to grow their knowledge and skills in academics, arts and athletics through free, high-quality programming.

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Thank you again for your wonderful support!

Warm regards,


Tony Brown
Executive Director

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SoCal Metropolitan Assn -
we appreciate your support!
Tony*

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I am pleased to share the above thank you letter that was sent to Donny Conn from his favorite charity. When we were at the Metropolitan Pit Stop in January, Donny announced that any sales of his "Beep Beep" album would be donated to hola (Heart of Los Angeles). We thank Donny for acknowledging our assistance in his charitable efforts.

Ken Conner

34th annual Southwest Unique Little Car Show



This year's gathering of Unique Little Cars was at the convenient NHRA Museum in Pomona. There was an amazing array of smaller than Met cars. Total count was 118. There were 18 Metropolitans. The day-long event was topped off with an evening banquet in the museum. Some of the awards were as follows. First place Crosley-Gary Loomer. Second place Crosley-Ronnie Bauman. Best Isetta & Mini Cooper went to Greg Hahs. First place Met went to Gwen Tolleson & second place to Barbara Bauman. Hard luck plaque went to Chris Vetter who's Met developed a huge oil leak driving down from his home in Crows Landing near Tracy. Best of show was a Toyota 800. Most unique was a Playboy. Thanks to the Arizona folks for supporting the event.



Though requested to not be judged, Barbra Bauman's freshly restored piece-of-jewelry-Met couldn't help but be noticed. Especially with that engine compartment and license plate reading "DITMYWY." To see the other unique cars please click on "Events" at our web site at: <http://www.socalmets.com/>.



Dale Carrington's Tech Tips

Troubleshooting inoperative horns

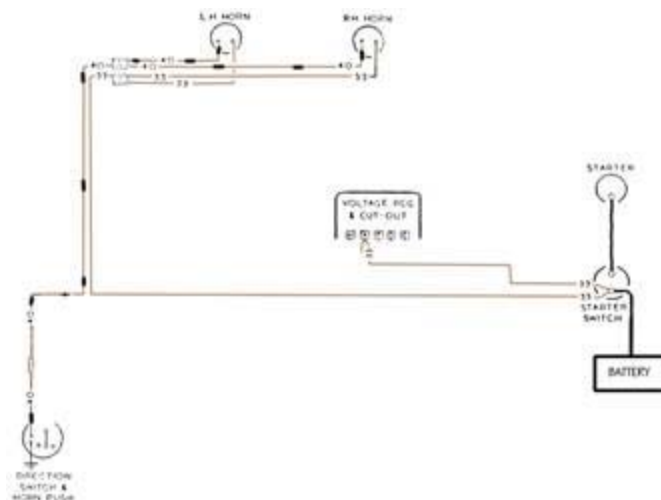
The horn (when everything is working properly), honks when you press the horn button. Pressing the horn button provides the ground that the horns need to complete their power circuit. The power circuit starts at one of the two small wires attached to the battery post of the pull switch. It travels through the wiring harness to one of the two double barrel connectors at the air dam (drivers side of the radiator shroud). Two wires exit that double barrel connector, one going to each horn. Each horn has a second wire coming out of it that comes back out through the hole in the air dam and into the other double barrel connector. The single wire that comes out of that connector heads back through the wiring harness to a single barrel connector that leads into the trafficator harness (see last month's tech tip!). All of the wires in this horn circuit are hot (meaning they all have 12v flowing through them) until they get to the horn button – which, when depressed, completes the circuit by grounding it and causing the horns to honk.

*What can go wrong? **OMG! Everything!** (just kidding ;^{})*

Start simple: Using a test light (you bought or made one last month as suggested in the tech tip, remember?) check to make sure you have 12v+ at both the double barrel connectors located at the air dam. If so your circuit is good to both horns. Now check for power at the wire going into the trafficator harness. Good? Now you know too that all the connections are good. Now disconnect the trafficator harness horn wire from the main harness connector. Connect an Ohm meter between the trafficator harness horn wire and a clean ground (the E terminal on the voltage regulator will work very well). Now press the horn button – your Ohm reading should go to 0. If it doesn't – the problem is in the trafficator head and you'll be calling me for a 'how to!' If that's good too, then your problem is in the horns themselves.

A common problem with the horns is with the contact points inside each horn - they get dirty or a bit corroded through not being used. To get at the horns you'll need to remove the upper radiator shroud which usually entails at least loosening the radiator if not removing it completely (be VERY careful of the radiator fins so they aren't damaged by the fan or you might be calling me for another tech tip...). Once you can get at the tops of the horns start by disconnecting the two power wires from the barrel connectors at the air dam (you checked these for power earlier), remove the top covers (one screw each, top center). Clean out the cobwebs, etc., then either use a fine point file or a piece of paper inserting it between the contact points above the electrical coil and lightly file or slide the paper back and forth to polish the contact points. Put the covers back on (not too tight), plug the power wires back in, and see if the horns work now (before you put the radiator shroud back together). If they still don't work you may have a seriously damaged horn – contact me – the club has a few ;^{})

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Cruise to Tom's Farm



Our cruise to Tom's Farm in South Corona this year was akin to the hub on a spoked wheel. First, from the Northwest, Nate Hall and his brother Tomas drove down from Pasadena & joined we OC Metters headed East through Santa Ana Canyon. After our 6 Met convoy got through the Canyon we stopped in West Corona at the home of member Caryl Stephenson who joined us to our destination.

From the Mountainous Northeast Chuck Hatfield & Linda coasted down from Crest Line. The Bauman's & Anderson's drove their Mets West from Riverside. From the Southeast Rolly & Joan Bitterman drove their Met over from Sun City. And from the South new members John & Connie Waugh from Fallbrook rolled North in their classic Ford convertible. Rumor has it that they have just acquired Gwen Tolleson's award winning Met convertible. To top it off after lunch we had a productive planning session out on the front porch! Updates from that are reflected on the So Cal Mets Calendar in this issue.

More photos are available on our website.





Straight from Nate

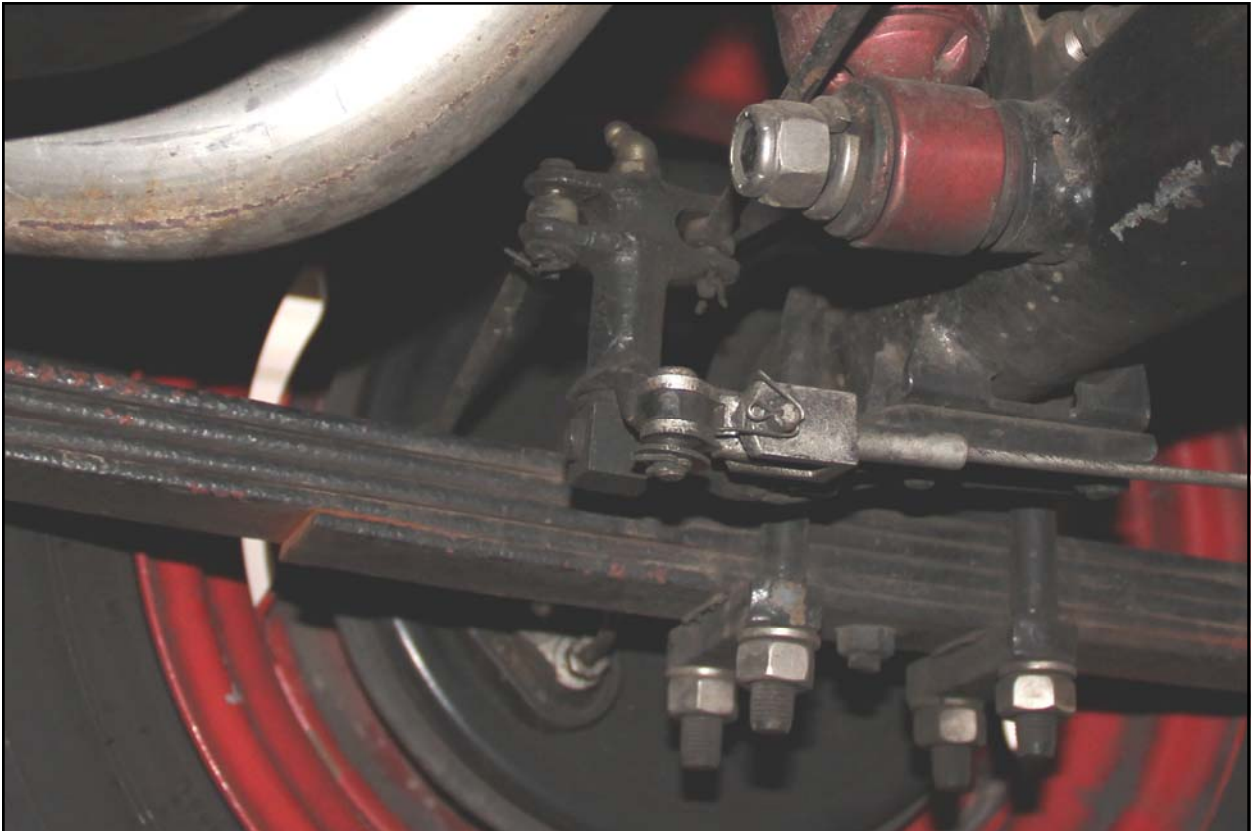
To - day as I was adjusting the brakes on my Mighty Met I remembered an important yet usually overlooked thing : when the park brake is fully released , the pin connecting the rear of the cable to the bell crank on the rear end ***MUST*** be easily turnable by hand ~

If it's not loose and easy to twirl by finger , the resulting tension of the rear brake cylinders will prevent full releasing of the brake shoes so even when you've adjusted the brakes , the brake pedal will not be high and tight as it should be ~ 95 % of all Mets I touch , have the park brake cable to tight .

To fix simply remove the pin then adjust the rear brakes as normal , then loosen the 7/16" lock nut on the cable bracket neat the front , turn the cable a few turns counter clockwise until it moves rearwards enough that you can slip the pin right in , then replace the pin , the thin flat washer and use a new cotter pin (**!PLEASE!**) , then go forward and run the 7/16" lock nut back up against the 'U' bracket whist holding it in place , you're all done and you should feel the improved braking action plus the adjustments will last longer and the rear shoes will wear more evenly .

Don't forget to shoot some fresh grease into the Zerk Fitting on the bell crank while the pin is out so it goes fully into the threads ! .

-Nate



Premier Car Show!

29th Annual HB CONCOURS *Elegance*

June 1, 2014 - 9:00am-4:00pm

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Huntington Beach Central Park

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