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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
Jan 23, Saturday	Lunch & Shop Cruise Maybe	Ruby's Diner & Depot 186 N Atchison St, Old Town Orange	11:30 AM
Feb 20, Saturday	Visit Irvine's Great Park +	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin	9:00 AM
Mar 5, Saturday	View a Personal Auto Collection	5561 Engineer Dr. Huntington Beach Lunch & Cruise locally	10:00 AM
April 8 & 9	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Crescent Sheraton Phoenix 2620 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/swuniquelittlecarshow2016	TBA
April 16, Saturday	UCI Car Show	UC Irvine Aldrich Park https://www.celebrate.uci	TBA
May 21, Saturday	Mini - Small Car Cruise	1733 Lake St, Huntington Beach to Signal Hill & lunch in Central Park	9:15 AM
June 10, FRIDAY	Friday Eve Car Show	Main St. Old Town Garden Grove	4:00 PM
June 26, Sunday	Annual Picnic Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N State College Blvd. Fullerton	10:30 AM
July 31, Sunday	Car Show & Lunch	Original Mikes - Santa Ana 100 S. Main Street	11:00 AM
August 20, Saturday	Peterson Auto Museum	6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles	TBA
September Sat 24	Coastal Cruise From FV	Lunch at Crystal Cove Newport Coast	9:00 AM
October 19-23	Run to the Sun Show	http://www.golakehavas.com/events/details/1774/39th-annual-relics--rods-run-to-the-sun/	See Web
October 22, Saturday	Gypsum Canyon Cruise	Anaheim to Yorba Linda to Polly's Pies	TBA
November 19, Saturday	Cruise to Tom's Farm -	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 Corona	11:00 AM
December 10 th Saturday	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM
December 11, Sunday	Annual Xmas Party		1:00 PM

Revised: March 1st-2016



A Metropolitan that was once called the “Queen Bee” was the motivation for our March adventure. Your editor stumbled upon it when he heard that there was a gentleman in Huntington Beach who had a Met he had bought at the Rosso & Steele auction during Monterey Car Week last August. Seems the gentleman was not familiar with Metropolitans and might welcome some history and advice about the car. So a call was made, a visit to the gentleman’s location followed and the Queen Bee was discovered in a hive of pristine classics.

The owner/keeper of the “hive” turns out to be a gracious gentleman by the name of Kip Cyprus. Kip says that he doesn’t normally acquire classics this small. However it was the quality of the restoration that he couldn’t resist so he bought it. And who do we know that has a reputation for exquisite Metropolitan restorations? That answer was confirmed in the trunk of the Met in question. There still, in a ring binder was a photo of the Met receiving a “Best of Show” trophy. Presenting the trophy was our then MOCNA president, Wayne Metz. Receiving the trophy were the owner’s, Ron & Barbara Bauman of Riverside! The “Queen Bee” moniker could have originated from the fact that it was the best restoration Ron Bauman had produced at that time and people simply swarmed over it with admiration.



So with the discovery of a Bauman Metropolitan in Kip's personal collection, the obvious question was "Could our club come and visit". The answer was "Yes" of course . Thus on March 5th, just ahead of some rain, 6 Mets, 8 members, 4 spouses & 5 guests gathered at Kip's place for a tour. Kip had a table waiting for us with coffee & munches. Parked in the center of the collection was the Metropolitan! We circled the Met and Kip was introduced. Then everyone was invited to introduce themselves and describe their Met. Next, Kip took over and told us about his collection of exquisitely restored cars, gas pumps etc. Later we reminisced at the signage, soda dispensers, candy & cigarette machines, a motorcycle or two & one working juke box. Metropolitan drivers and riders were Ron & Barbarba Bauman, Ken & Judy Conner, Renee & Nick Anderson, Tony Bilotti, Mike Dahlberg, Gwen Tolleson & friend Yoly. Brand X drivers were Linda & Dan O'Dell, John Fields & friend Brian, Tom Booth in his Rambler wagon, Dave Heller & new member to be, Kim Dominguez and friend.



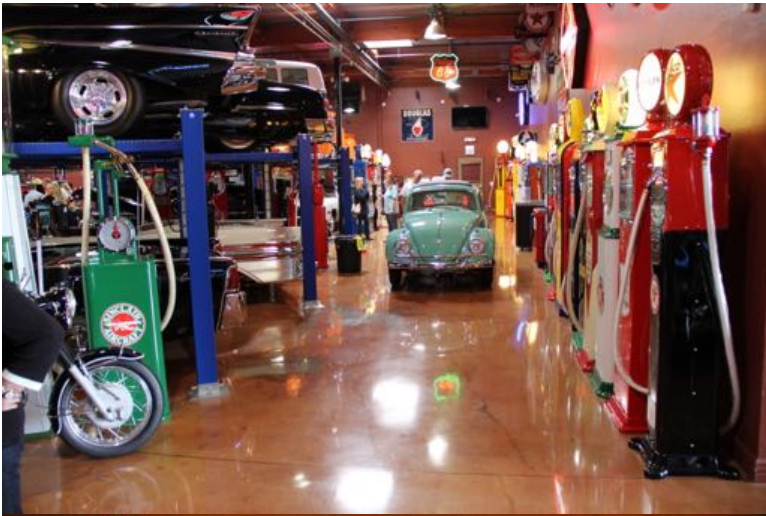




Photo upper left shows Ron Bauman & Tom Booth talking to Linda & Dan O'Dell who lost not only their Met "Peggy" but their entire home in a range fire last year. Photo right shows our Met cruisers + Rambler ready to head out for lunch. It wasn't far over to Pacific Coast Highway where we cruised along the ocean for a while. Before we reached the Huntington Beach Pier we turned inland and found our way to Kathy May's Lakeview Cafe in Central Park. Unfortunately, the brand X people were unable to join us for lunch.

With Lake Huntington in the background, seated clockwise starting at 7:00 are Nick & Renee Anderson, Tony Bilotti, Judy Conner, Gwen Tolleson, Tom Booth, Mike Dalghren, Barbara & Ron Bauman.



A Met Tragedy



Here in the wide-open spaces of the Western United States you will find an occasional Metropolitan. Even in the Eastern Sierra Mountain Range near the Ski Resort of Mammoth Lakes CA. Though a mere 300 miles North of Disneyland, it is the best ski area for us here in So Cal. Between Mammoth Lakes and Bishop is the community of Swall Meadows. That is the home of Dan & Linda O'Dell. Or it was until the "Roundfire" swept through the community on February sixth 2015 taking their home and forty others in the area.

Linda O'Dell says "We have been very heartbroken over the last year – sad about losing every photo and video of our 3 kids and every memorandum of our lives and the lives of generations of our families before us, as well as Peggy."

Who was Peggy you ask? Peggy was their Metropolitan! Peggy was a beautiful red & white Metropolitan, but sadly no more. The before and after photos here unfortunately tell the sad truth. So Cal Met members Linda & Dan O'Dell are hoping to find a replacement Met sometime in the next year or so. They would appreciate any help in this matter.





Photo above shows the nighttime fire scene. Photo upper right shows their "Peggy" as she looked before the tragedy.

They are living at a friend's home nearby which escaped the fire. They can be reached at:
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Photo below shows the O'Dell's with our So Cal Mets group visiting the car collection of Kip Cyprus on March 5.



OUR APRIL ADVENTURE



Our April adventure this year was a little dubious. The Unique Little Car Show over in Arizona was already on the calendar. Four of our members took cars to the event. The Bauman's took a Crosley, the Anderson's a Met, the Van Wigs a Morris Woody, & Mike Dahlberg a Met. Trailer Queens all!

Early in the year Jeff Gordon suggested that our **local adventure** be the car show at "Celebrate UCI 2016". So with April Fool's day long past us, it developed that three of our members would be attending the UCI event on the 16th. With camera in hand your editor joined in... for most of it.

The University of California at Irvine (UCI) is celebrating it's 50th birthday this year and for many years they have celebrated the school with an Open House, Wayzgoose & Car Show. The Wayzgoose is a student run campus festival in Aldrich Park, which is in the heart of the campus. That's also where some 100 cars were parked again for the annual show.





While most of us declined to plunk down \$30.00 to enter the show and sit around all day, three hardy Metter's did just that and represented So Cal Mets in a proud way. By the photos on the preceding page you may recognize the faces or Mets of Tony Bilotti, Mike Dahlberg & Jeff Gordon. Ultimately these three gentlemen take credit for promoting our Metropolitans amongst the car crowd and student body. Two of them received special recognition described below by Tony Bilotti:



“Ken, right after you left they started handing out awards. Well a little way into the ceremony they called Tony Bilotti up to receive the “Promoter’s Award”. The title of the award was a little vague so I asked exactly what I was being awarded for. The guy looked at me, smiled and said “I’m the promoter and your car is my favorite”. I thanked him a few times and with trophy in hand, headed back to the cars. While I was walking back they called Jeff Gordon’s name as the “Student’s Choice” winner. We high fived as we passed each other. The promoter told Jeff that he had instructed his Student Volunteers to pick the car they would most want to be picked up in for a Friday night date and they picked Jeff’s. Cool huh!?”



Eve's Favorite Color

—| Spotlight |—

THE GIRLS NEXT DOOR

In case your not a Vanity Fair Magazine reader, I wanted to share my wife's discovery in her April issue! The minute she showed me the page to the right, I thought I had seen that lavender Metropolitan before. Then reading that the photo was taken in Los Angeles made me put two and two together & call June Valentine at the Metropolitan Pit Stop. June confirmed my suspicion that yes, the Met in the photo was her Mothers and now of course hers. June promised to send a better resolution photo. A few days later June's son, Justin Barsony kindly forwarded the sharper page and story of the photo shoot that follows. Our thanks to both of them, photographer Art Streiber and Vanity Fair Magazine.

Ken Conner



A Los Angeles based set designer was planning a "sorority girl" photo shoot for Vanity Fair magazine and wanted a cute car to use as a prop. He had recently seen a Metropolitan and knew it would be the perfect car for the shoot. After some research he found Metropolitan Pit Stop and June Valentine's custom lavender Met convertible, which June's dad and Pit Stop founder Jimmy Valentine had built specially for his wife Eve. The shoot took place in Los Angeles's historically swanky Hancock Park in front of a stone-facade mansion and featured three young actresses from the movie *Neighbors 2*. The girls and the crew fell in love with the car and used it for the majority of the day. Upon exploring it they found Eve's matching lavender parasol in the trunk, which topped off the ensemble and made it into the final shot!

Justin Barsony



Beanie Feldstein, Clara Mamet, and Kiersey Clemons, photographed in Los Angeles in a 1956 Nash Metropolitan.

DRESSES BY KATE SPADE. FELDSTEIN WEARS A SWEATER BY J. CREW; SUNGLASSES BY KAREN WALKER. MAMET WEARS A TOP BY COREY. CLEMONS WEARS GLASSES BY WARBY PARKER.

Two years after *Neighbors*, his wildly successful collegiate comedy, director Nicholas Stoller returns with *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*, the highly anticipated laugh-out-loud sequel, which follows what happens when a parent's will goes head-to-head with the bonds of sisterhood. Fed up with their school's sexist Greek system, the rag-tag ladies of Braxton University decide to found an unaffiliated house where they can throw reckless parties whenever the hell they want. The movie's trailer highlights Nora (Beanie Feldstein, 22), an outlandish millennial hopped up on painkillers who flies through a windshield and lives to assert a triumphant war cry, setting the tone with delicious slapstick—all of it, perfection.

"I don't really view any of us as proper pledges, and yet we're all members of Kappa Nu," says Clara Mamet, 21, who plays a glib Kappa named Miranda, substantiating the blatant disregard for stereotypes that makes this project so exciting. "I feel like girls join sororities in search of validation and acceptance," says Kiersey Clemons, 22 (recent star of *Dope* and Amazon's *Transparent*), who plays Beth. "It's bull. You should find your family on your own terms."

In a world of cookie-cutter actresses, Feldstein, Mamet, and Clemons are proving that the new normal—unapologetic feminist warriors—is much more interesting.

—MAXWELL LOSGAR