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## SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH IF POSSIBLE

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
January		<i>RAINED OUT</i>	
February 10th Sun	East OC Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin <i>RAINED OUT</i>	9:00 AM
Mar 16 & 17 Sat & Sun	Classic Auto Show	OC Fair & Event Center 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa	10:00 AM
April 5-6 Fri & Sat	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Sacramento, CA	TBA
April 27 Sat	Floral Park Home Tour & Car Show	North Santa Ana <a href="http://floralparkhometour.com/">http://floralparkhometour.com/</a>	8:30 AM
May 4th Sat	Blind Children 5k walk/run	18542-B Vanderlip Avenue in Santa Ana	TBA
June 20-23	International Meet	Holiday Inn Express, 610 Genoa Way Castle Rock, <b>Colorado</b> 303-688-0888	
July 21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Annual Picnic Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton	10:30 AM
Aug			
Sept	Canyon Cruise?		
Oct			
Nov	Tom's Farm?		
Dec 8 Sun	Xmas Party		
Dec 14 Sat	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM

Revised: April, 2019



Our March adventure was a three day participation & visit to the 3rd annual Classic Auto Show for Southern Calif. The previous two years it was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Since it took place so close to us here in Orange County this year, So Cal Mets opted in with 7 Metropolitans. We were part of the reported 1800 cars on display and we were one of 40 car clubs. It was a super show with great classics, great vendors & entertainment. Those of us who watch cars shows on TV such as “Chasing Classic Cars”, “Bitchin Rides” “Graveyard Cars” etc were treated to meeting the celebs from those shows.

In keeping with our “jelly bean” rule for a colorful display, we parked our Mets in mixed colors but more importantly this time, by age. Mike Dahlberg’s green 54 Met anchored the West end of the line up. Next was Chris Di Tommaso’s light yellow 56. Then Tony Bilotti’s red 58 (registered as a 59).

Next was our great So Cal Mets banner delivered & set up by Tony who had stuffed it all in his non trunk door Met. Next on the line up was Kim Dominguez’s lickerish-black 59 (registered as a 60). Then Cindy Harris’s dark yellow 59, then Paul & Allison Van Wig’s turquoise 59 (registered as a 61). Lastly Ken Conner’s red 60 (registered as a 61).





For a video walk around of our cars by Dan O Vision go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvV7Jt\\_YXLc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvV7Jt_YXLc&feature=youtu.be)



Of all the visitors that stopped by, we were especially pleased to see long time members from Riverside, Renee & Nick Anderson (below).



During both show days, there were things to see at the Celebrity Stage, Restoration Stage, Auto Detail Stage and the Meet & Greet counter.

Above race car driver Lyn St James left, interviews a panel of accomplished women in the motoring world.

Not to be outdone, our Met Club women owners reattached their Met's battery cable before we departed Sunday. All batteries had to be disconnected while their cars were indoor at the show.



Left, Dave Kindig from Bitchin Rides fame gets interviewed by EMCEE Mark Greene. Dave was a real gentleman at meeting his fans:



Since Sunday was St Patricks Day the show had a display of green cars called 40 shades of green. The first 40 green cars got in free.

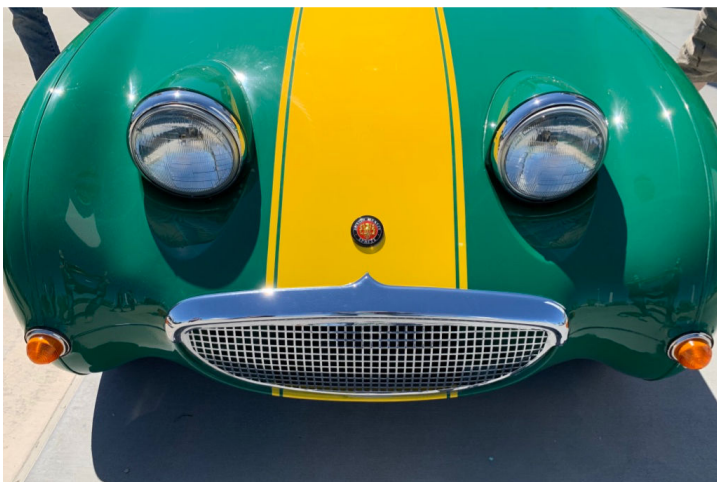
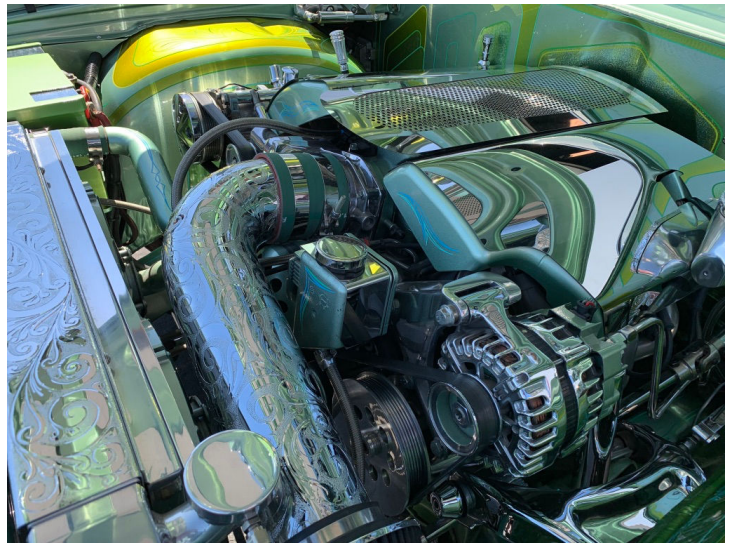
Here your editors Barber, Dan The Beachcomber from Huntington Beach, stands by his beautiful green 51 Ford Woody.



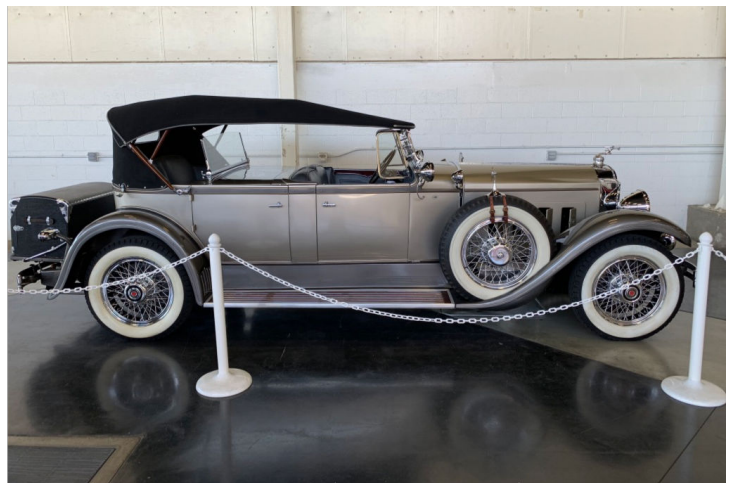
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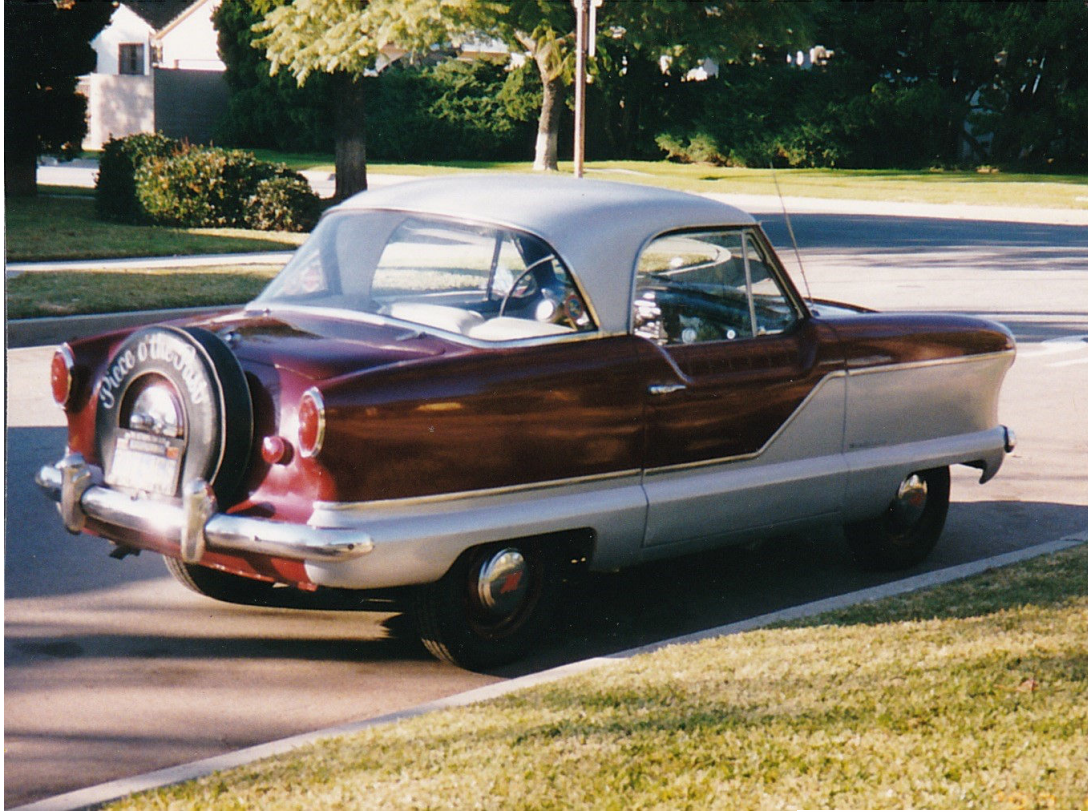
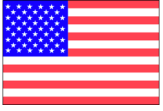




The French Citron cars (right) had a good mix of models & years complete with colorful artwork.

It seemed there was an acre of Volkswagens, mostly Beetles and Bus's. When I showed my wife the photo below she said "You know your getting old when the first NEW car you were able to buy....is now a classic!" So true, ours was a tan 67 VW Square-back just like the one below. It was a step up for her. She had been driving a 55 Beatle. I continued driving my 57 Karman Ghia for a time.





## FOR SALE

1959 METROPOLITAN HARD TOP  
Burgandy & Pearl Gray  
VIN Number E67624



Front Disc Brakes (MG Midget) and a 390 Rear End.

1500 Engine with spin on oil filter, electronic ignition, Smith temperature gauge & Negative Ground.

Rebuilt clutch master and slave. Recent service included, oil and filter, tire rotation with cross and safety inspection ( front pads @ 50%, rear shoes@45%) bled hydraulics also. A dailey driver, good paint with some minor scratches. Good interior & glass.

Radial Tires 155-80-13 Custom Metropolitan Door Sills. Vinyl spare tire cover reads "A Piece of the past"

Car located in Cobb, California. (South of Clear Lake.)  
Asking \$12,000.

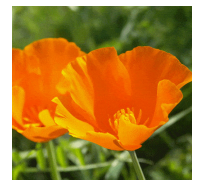
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It just seemed right..... that during this spring's California-Poppy Super Bloom, an Orange Metropolitan needed to be accentuated.

Here is "Griz", Marcia Jones's convertible she has owned since 1970.



From a November 1995 Newsletter of the former Metropolitan Club of California is this Tech Page:

**IMPORTANT REMINDER** Don't forget to lubricate your Met on a regular basis.

In addition to the standard lube points (zerk fittings), there are certain points that are frequently overlooked that can result in severe problems. They are:

- Steering Box
- U-Joints (Both Ends)
- Emergency Brake
- Gear Box (Rear End)
- Transmission
- Shifting Mechanism
- Master Cylinders (Brake And Clutch)
- Distributor
- Door locks & related hardware

Make it a point to check each of these items at least every six months. Some items require maintenance at least once a month

- Motor Oil
- Radiator For Coolant/Water
- Tires (Including Spare)

**COOL IT:**

A good backflush will do wonders for your cooling system. Prestone makes a kit with a one way valve, & a nozzle. You simply put the valve in the hose from the heater to the control valve, and the nozzle into the radiator filler. Connect a garden hose to the the valve, turn the water on, stand back and watch the debris come out of the nozzle. (A short hose attached to the nozzle will save a mess). This kit costs \$5 to \$6 in most accessory stores. The alternative is to have it "rodded out" or re-cored.

Be sure the thermostat is in good working order. Do Not run without the thermostat. The thermostat controls the flow of water through the engine cooling system. If it is not there, water moves too fast through the system to absorb any heat from the engine, or to cool the radiator. Always use Anti-freeze - it will prevent a rust build-up in your radiator tubes, and in-and-around the ports in the cylinder head.

Nobody wants to be a "Hot-Head". Keep your cool! It doesn't take too much (about 220°) heat to warp or crack a head. If you do not have a temperature gauge in your car, a little "PM" seems to be the best alternative.

Nearly everyone knows that overly tight fan belt will wear out the generator bearing, but everyone does not know what it will do to the pulley. Ask anyone who has had this problem - they will confirm it.

Editors note: Several of you may be attending our April 27th Floral Park Home Tour. Our classic cars will surely be appreciated in that classic part of Santa Ana. Your editor will be in Sonoma County and miss the event unfortunately. Fortunately, our Webmaster, Tony Bilotti, is bound to be there to photograph and report on the day and show it all on our website: [www.socalmets.com](http://www.socalmets.com).

