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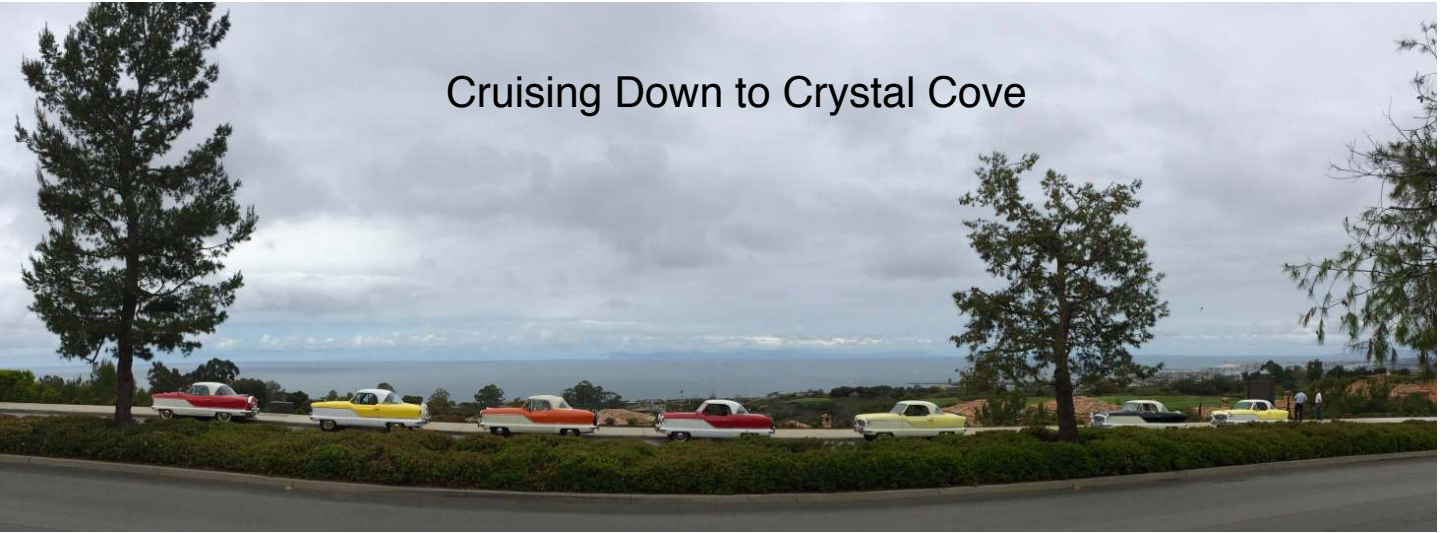
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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
<i>Jan 13 Saturday</i>	<i>Canyon Cruise</i>	<i>Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin Lunch at the Cantina</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Feb 17 Saturday</i>	<i>Nixon Library Yorba Linda</i>	<i>Meet at Knowlwood Restaurant 5665 E. La Palma Ave. Anaheim</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>
<i>Mar 10 Saturday</i>	<i>Bowers Museum JFK Exhibit</i>	<i>2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>April 13 & 14</i>	<i>Unique Little Car Show</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>April 21 Saturday</i>	<i>Chocxo Chocolate Factory</i>	<i>9461 Irvine Center Dr. Irvine</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>May 12 Saturday</i>	<i>Crystal Cove Newport Coast</i>	<i>35 Crystal Cove, Newport Beach, CA 92657</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>June 24, 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 21 Saturday</i>	<i>Custom Auto Svc Tour</i>	<i>302 French St. Santa Ana</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>Aug 5, Sunday</i>	<i>Heritage Museum Santa Ana</i>	<i>3101 W Harvard St, Santa Ana</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Sept 15 Saturday</i>			<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>October 20 Saturday</i>	<i>Santa Ana Zoo</i>	<i>1801 East Chestnut Avenue Santa Ana</i>	<i>TBA AM</i>
<i>November 3 Saturday</i>	<i>Cruise to Toms Farm</i>	<i>Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 Corona</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>December 8 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 16 Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Xmas Party</i>	<i>Conner residence. Huntington Beach</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>

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Cruising Down to Crystal Cove



The Eastern bluffs of Santa Catalina Island came in to view as we took the high road on the Newport Coast. Our May 12th adventure had gathered at Newport's Fashion Island parking lot and headed East on San Joaquin Hills Road. The shots here caught us on the Pelican Hill loop before we coasted down to Pacific Coast Highway & the Crystal Cove parking lot.



Shown above with their Mets are Cindy Harris, Marcia Jones & co-pilot Anne, Jackie Bilotti, Chris Di Tommaso, Kim Dominguez & co-pilot Diana and flight leader Ron Bauman with co-pilot Mona. Out of sight was Mike & Kim Dahlberg bringing up the pack in their pick up since their Met was having surgery.

Below, our squadron of Mets including John & Anita Fildes who drove up from San Juan Capistrano.





The wait for a table at the restaurant is usually a long one so one needs to check in, then have a good walk on the beach. Because of the Cove's proximity to Laguna Beach a number of artists have painted its landscape. Your editor knows one family that has three paintings from there by Richard Lopez.



Our June 24th event was blessed with afternoon sunshine after the usual morning June gloom. Fifteen Metropolitans lined up at our favorite spot in Fullerton's Craig Regional Park. Five more Met owners showed up in their brand X vehicles.





The day started early for some of us. Gwen Tolleson who lives nearby has in the past, secured our spot in the park. Unfortunately recent back surgery allowed her & Tom to make only a token appearance mid day this year. Yours truly took up the task & I planted my Met "first in line" at the park gate at 5:45 am. The park opened at 7:00 am! Tony Bilotti was the next team member to show up & we set up his tent shown here. Thanks to Tony's prodding, I was actually able to fit in my Met, my 12 foot pop up tent. It's the white one in the auction scenes that follow.





Thanks to everyone for the great array of food brought to the picnic. There is something special about mixing good food with good people.

Attending this year was President Ron Bauman with friend Mona Katz, Vice President Marcia Jones, Webmaster & Membership Chairman Tony Bilotti with wife Jackie, Newsletter Editor Ken Conner, Gwen & Tom Tolleson, John & Anita Fildes, Jim & Lisa Houpt, Leon & Nancy Hastings, Leah & John Perrotti, Jeff & Sue Garrett, Keith Larkin & his Father, Dave & Diana Heller, Kim Dominguez & friend Diana, Cindy & Bill Harris, Julie &

Jeff Gallagher, Chris Di Tommaso, Brant & Hope Boling, Natalie & Ken Pollard, newest member Sandy Brayton-Nair and Bruce Paxton all the way from Palmdale.



Our "So Cal Mets" Chapter of MOCNA (Metropolitan Owners Club of North America) is a pretty frugal organization. We do not charge dues like some other chapters do. We do raise funds once a year at our picnic by having an auction. We are fortunate to have a built-in auctioneer in the person of Ron Bauman. Thanks to Ron plus his helpers Marcia Jones, Kim Dominguez & friend Diane, we had another successful fund raiser.



If not a rainbow of Metropolitans, then perhaps a band of Jelly Beans.



From a 1997 Met Club newsletter comes these words of wisdom:

Wheel Bearings: You should periodically clean & repack the front wheel bearings. There are special tools made for packing a bearing however you have one of the most efficient tools of all - your hand! Wash the old grease from the bearing with diesel fuel or brake fluid (do not use gasoline). PLACE A GOB OF WHEEL BEARING GREASE IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND! Then press the large edge of the bearing into the center of the gob and drag it through the grease with reasonable pressure applied on the bearing and against the hand. Bring the bearing from the base of the fingers, through the cup of the palm, and toward the base of the thumb. Rotate the bearing as you are doing this and continue doing this until the grease is forced completely through the bearing in all areas. Wipe off the excess grease and the bearing is ready to install.

In place of the Ball Bearings used on the front wheels of your Met, you might consider installing ROLLER BEARINGS in their place. Remove the spacer & save for future use. You may have to shave the castle nut in order to get the cotter key in.

	Ball Bearing	Roller Bearing
(INNER)	2025	3025
(OUTER)	H20303	30303

Darryl Hayes



Editors note:
I did have my Mets Ball Bearings replaced by Roller Bearings. It reduced the slack in steering as much as it did when I installed Radial Ply tires for bias ply tires.



Dave Heller passed on this interesting Metropolitan appraisal that appeared on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryMotor/videos/2316379358387214>

Just as I was finishing the last page for this issue, the mailman came by and left John Dowling's new issue of (England's) "Metropolitan Owners Club" magazine. John is the editor of the quarterly magazine and often shows articles about So Cal Mets. He is also an honorary member of our club. Among the several articles in the issue is a wonderfully written piece by Ian Macaulay & Ann Bew. They detail with tongue-in-cheek humor, their exasperating experience of importing a beautiful 1961 Metropolitan from Kentucky.

Additionally, the graphic shown here submitted by Steve James caught my eye and the story about it

blew me away! How ironic that a Met Club Secretary & Membership Manager in the UK would discover this record album cover depicting a cute babe leaning over a Metropolitan! The 1982 album is titled "The Bel-Air Bandits with Dean Torrence. Dean Torrence was part of "Jan & Dean" fame, the Southern Cal Surf Rock group that slightly preceded the younger "Beach Boys" group. Jan Berry was badly injured in 1966 when his Corvette hit a parked truck in Malibu. He continued to perform but passed away in 2004.

David Ferrell in the Orange County Register in 2015 wrote:

"In one of those surreal instances in which life and art intertwine, Torrence became a catalyst in turning his adopted town, Huntington Beach, into the official Surf City. He spearheaded the push in 1991, when the City Council voted 6-1 to use the nickname as part of a major marketing campaign. The effort involved spending \$2,500 to copyright the slogan.

Although he no longer surfs, Torrence, now 75, is still riding the wave. He is a venerated figure around town. He runs his own graphic design business and pursues amateur photography and philanthropy. He finds time to play surf music with his band at as many as 40 gigs a year, many of them local, some as far away as Myrtle Beach, S.C."

