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# 2019

## 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

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Thanks to our member Chris Di Tommaso, our Mets were invited to participate in a unique event on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a fundraiser for the Blind Children's Learning Center in the Santa Ana/Tustin community. It was known as the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Destination Independence 5K Walk. It started and finished at the Center's school at 18542 Vanderlip Ave. in Santa Ana. Our mission was simply to add a charming presence for the kids & families at the school and along the walk.



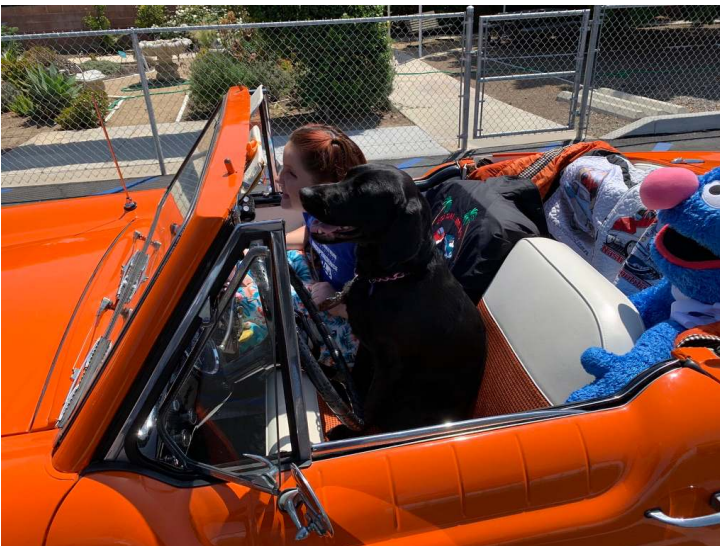




Marcia Jones & her convertible gave several kids rides in the very small parking lot.

Here is Danielle Houch from Anaheim and her sweet, Seeing Eye dog "Hobbit".

Hobbit seemed confident sitting in the drivers seat!











Despite some original uncertainties about blending with the walkers, chief coordinator Kevin Fuhrman takes credit for making it all work out. Walkers ended their 5K in the school parking lot surrounded with tent/tables offering games & food including the popular In N Out Burger mobile truck.

Afterwards we drove away pleased that we might have made a difference in the spirit of the day.

Metters taking part in the day were Chris Di Tommaso, Marcia Jones, Mike Dahlberg, Nancy Halbert, Kim Dominguez & friend Dianna, Cindy & Bill Harris, Tony Bilotti & Ken Conner.





The 2019 Meet ranks up there with the very best of them! The June scheduled event took place in Castle Rock, Colorado, south of Denver. The meet headquarters was the Holiday Inn Express Hotel just off I-25 & Meadows Parkway. We So Cal Metters are proud to report that three Mets from our chapter joined in the fun. The owners were Mike & Kim Dahlberg, Ken & Natalie Pollard & Ken & Judy Conner. Our president Ron Bauman & Judy Kanouse were there as well but in an X brand car.

Most everyone arrived Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> so they were ready for the following full day Thursday. The staff of Rocky Mountain Metropolitan did not disappoint. After breakfast and a visit to the Hospitality Room for souvenir's & instructions we lined up to cruise to Clayton Restorations on the outskirts of town. (Forty Metropolitan's were counted in the hotel parking lot before we left). Mark Clayton has a unique ability to restore classic cars. His high tech machine shop probably rivals Jay Leno's. On display for us to see was a beautiful Cord, one Auburn, a Packard or two and several bodies of precious metal awaiting the craftsman's touch. For more see: <https://www.claytonrestorations.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/mark.clayton.restorecars>



Photo by Brian Cotariu





Mark Clayton





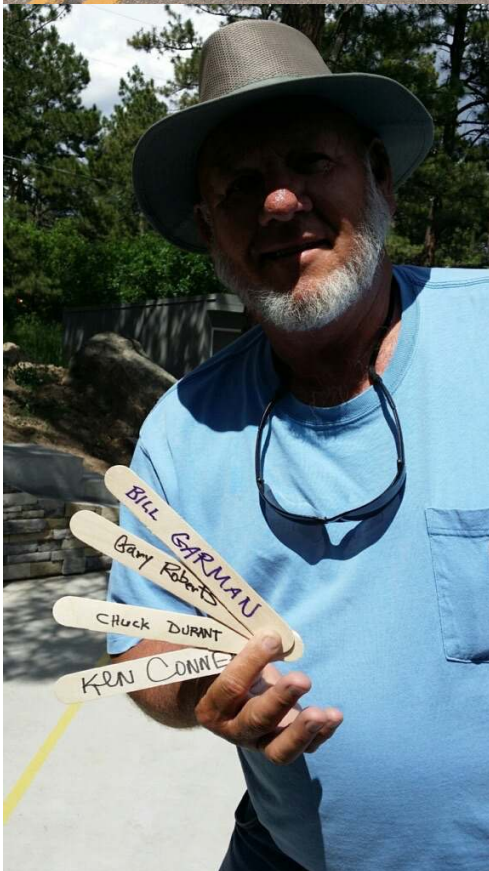
Next, we caravanned to the residence of Bill & Ali Schaefer on the other side of town. Their high hill neighborhood was a natural setting later for the Met Gravity Races! First we had lunch. Then in their spacious garage the silent auction was underway and out on the driveway the Valve Cover Races got going. Valve covers with roller derby wheels got started in the Pacific Northwest. It's a toy version of the old soap box derby downhill races. If you were in Tacoma at the International Meet in 2015, you would have seen how enthusiastic those Pacific N.W. Metters are about their sport. Tim Cook from Nebraska took first place with his super speedy open wheel job. Tom Waggener (PNMOC) and Sue Waggener, took 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Trophies were made from Met parts by Sherry and Keith Mayfarth also from the Pacific NW Chapter.





Not to be outdone by valve covers, the next event was, the Gravity Races where Actual Metropolitans coasted down, then uphill!

Bill & Ali's neighborhood would be hard to duplicate in the future but right outside their driveway is a good downhill and right away a decent uphill. The contest was to start at the driveway & coast unassisted down and as far UP the next hill you could! We Gravity Racers signed our name on a popsicle stick and off we went. Where we came to a stop, the race official took our stick and placed it on the side of the road. Rolling the farthest was Bill Garman from Illinois, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Gary Roberts from Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Chuck Durant from Indiana. The Connors from California were a no trophy 4<sup>th</sup> place but kept the stick as a souvenir!



Lastly there was a MOCNA Board Meeting. Secretaries Mark & Carol Grimsley should have the minutes of the meeting.

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Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> was our challenging travel day starting with a drive onto the Air Force Academy where we had lunch.



Next was a cruise around the beautiful Garden of the Gods.



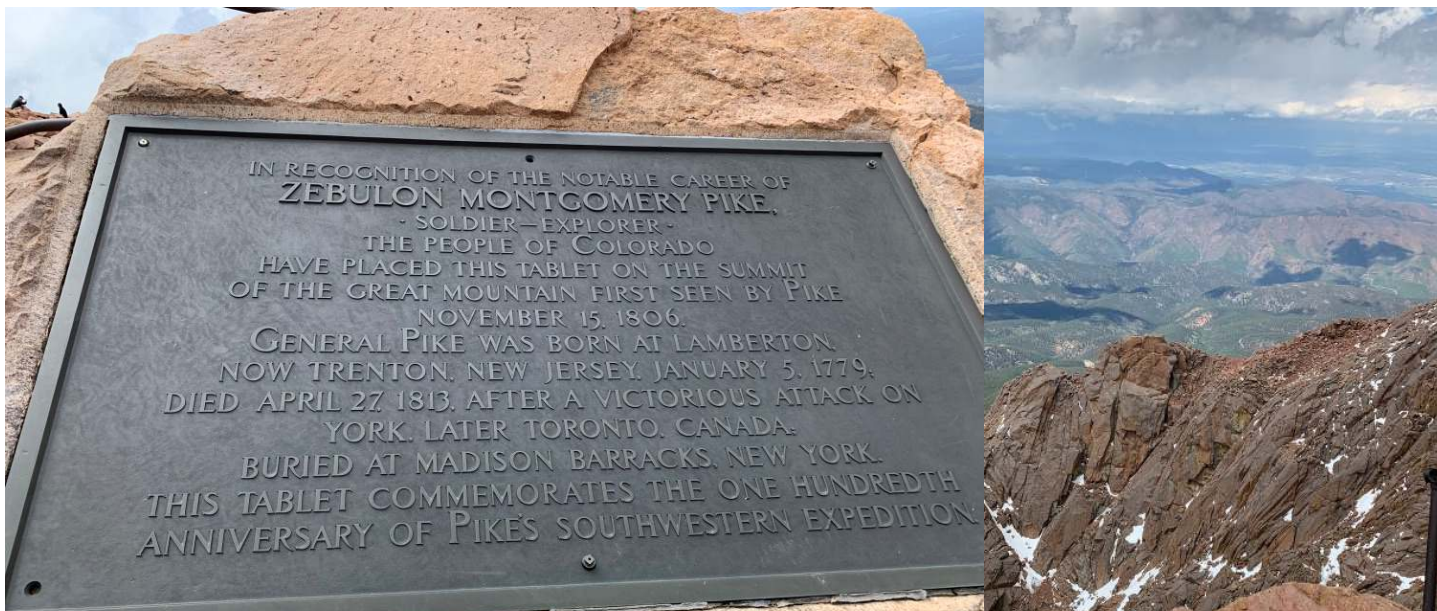


After Garden of the Gods, several of us had gotten separated from the total caravan but managed to find our way to the Pikes Peak Toll Gate. Unfortunately the high altitude caused vapor locking on a Met or two and they turned back. Because of construction at the top, brand X cars had to park at mile 16 and take a shuttle on up. But thanks to our hosts Rocky Mountain Mets, our Mets were allowed to drive to the top. It is not known how many Mets made it to the cloud swept 14,115 ft. summit but the accomplishment was a bucket list check off for several of us.

Our view from the mountain was probably not as clear as it had been for poet Katharine Lee Bates when she viewed from it in 1893. There she was inspired to write "America The Beautiful." Put to music later by composer Samuel A. Ward, the song was first published in 1910. It is still a favorite patriotic song.







As we descended Pikes Peak we came across this mountain goat munching on a straw bale placed there for the upcoming hill climb race.

Remembering that at one point they would stop you and take the temperature of your brakes I kept the Met in 1st gear & let the motor do the braking. We passed the break check just fine.

Fellow So Cal Metters Ken & Natalie Pollard who had tried to go up the mountain but vapor locked, had long headed back but got caught in a different weather system. They had to pull over and endure a soft hail storm on their newly painted Met. Photo right shows the build up on their windshield.





Saturday, June 22 was the car show in downtown Castle Rock. The “Peoples Choice” awards were handed out that night and here were the winners:

Stock 54-55 hardtop	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Mike Dahlberg	Kim Dahlberg
Stock 54-55 convertible	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Brad Swiggart	Gail Swiggart
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Lonny Andrews	Heather Andrews
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Rosie Walker	Larry Forman
Stock 56-58 hardtop	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Harry Mannos	James Mannos
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Don Evans	Deb Evans
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Garth Wilson	Betty Wilson
Stock 56-58 convertible	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Natalie Pollard	Ken Pollard
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Mike Potts	Laila Potts
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Steve Berge, Marianne Hayden, C. Beuthel	
Stock 59-62 hardtop	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Kevin O’Connell	Patti O’Connell
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Chris Vetter	Sandy Vetter
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Tim Clark	
Stock 59-62 Convertible	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Brian Cotariu	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Bill Clark, Connie DeWitt, Regan Clark	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Deborah Jones	Abe Jones
Nellie Gnepper Award		Natalie Pollard	Ken Pollard
Women’s Choice Award		Natalie Pollard	Ken Pollard
William Flajole BOS Stock		Deborah Jones	Abe Jones
Custom	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Don Herman	Anita Herman
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Jean Boe	Dave Boe
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Top Allen	Jennie Allen
Modified	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Bill Garman	May Garman
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	James Jones	Deborah Jones
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Dan Lord	Barbara Pell
Radical	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Jeff Rich	Jan Rich
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Judy Rust	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	John Rust	
Best of Show		Judy Rust	
Custom, Modified or Radical			



# Car Show



## Down Town Castle Rock

During the car show Bill Clark from New York and myself staged our Mets to represent both East and West coasts. An AP photographer came along and photographed us as well.





With Saturdays car show over, everyone headed East to Terry Gale's amazing Rambler Ranch in Elizabeth. The weather was damp & spitty but 16 Mets drove there anyway. They were treated to having their Met photographed by Brian Cotariu in the classic Sinclair Gas Station. Located approximately 45 minutes south of Denver, the display collection currently consists of over 200 vehicles and an impressive array of complimentary displays, picnic facilities, a vintage Kelvinator appliance store, gift shop and much more. Do visit: <http://www.rambleranch.com/>



Terry Gale



Photo by Brian Cotariu





The Ranch was our final group get together which included dinner by Famous Dave's Dinner, the auction and the awards presentation. The following morning everyone said Goodbye & "See you in two years". Thank you Rocky Mountain Metropolitans.





Meet our triple trophy winners Natalie & Ken Pollard from Murrieta, CA. They are new members and Ken did a ground up restoration on Natalie's 56 Convertible. It was barely finished in time to bring it to the MOCNA International Meet. It is not too surprising then that the Met received the trophy for best 56-58 Convertible, the Nellie Gnepper Award (Cleanest Engine) and Women's Choice Award. Congratulations to both of you.



Now, is anyone old enough to remember listening to radio newscaster Paul Harvey? From 1952 to 2008 his radio broadcasts reached millions. Often he would have a segment called "The Rest of The Story". Remember those? Well...here is a Rest of The Story regarding Ken Pollard. During the hailstorm at the Rambler Ranch, Mike Dahlberg's wife, Kim who is a teacher for the Santa Ana Unified School District, mentioned to Judy Conner that Ken Pollard had attended Santa Ana Valley High School!!!! That is were Judy taught for 40 years. So Judy went right over and asked Ken when he did he graduate? Lo & behold, Ken Pollard graduated in 1973, and she was his teacher in Boys Chef Class!

And as Paul Harvey would say: "And know you know the rest of the story"

