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2014

SO CAL METS Calendar

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Planning Meetings: Every 3 months normally. Adventures: Every Month

| Day & Date | Event | Location & Hosts | Start |
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| <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</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| <i>March 15, Saturday</i> | <i>Automobile Driving Museum,</i> | <i>610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA 90245 (310) 909-0950</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| <i>March 28-29</i> | <i>Unique Little Car Show</i> | <i>Pomona</i> | <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>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>TBD</i> |
| <i>August</i> | | | |
| <i>Sept</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> |
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Revised: December 13, 2013

You're Invited

Come join us and the So Cal Mets Club at Metropolitan Pit Stop!

See the Pit Stop Museum and meet other Metropolitan owners from all over Southern California!

Tour George Barris' shop - creator of the Batmobile, Munster Koach, Beverly Hillbillies car and more!

Admission is free!

Lunch will be provided!

Drive your Met or drive Brand X...just come!

Date: January 18, 2014

Time: 10:30 am

After lunch, we'll caravan to Barris Kustom (3 miles away) for a 1:00 pm tour of their facilities

Location: Metropolitan Pit Stop

5324 Laurel Canyon Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91607

Parking: Plenty of street parking on surrounding side streets
(Only 1 hr. parking on Laurel Canyon Blvd.)

Please RSVP by January 6th

818-769-1515 or june@metpitstop.com



Dear Metters,

We had a great year. We had many wonderful trips in our Mets.

We now have 45 members in just 3 years.

For the new year 2014, we almost have a full calendar already.

January is JUNE in JANUARY at the famous Metropolitan Pit Stop.

February is tour downtown Disney and Rainforest café.

March is E Segundo Museum and The Unique Little Car Show in Pomona.

April is Tom's Farm.

May is Stanley Ranch. (Don't miss this one).

June is our picnic.

Check the calendar for more and when the planning meetings are. All are welcome to join us.

See you soon,

Ronnie Bauman



Our **October Planning Meeting** came up with some fun things for 2014. Planners from left to right were Ron Bauman, Mike Dahlberg, hosts John & Anita Fildes, Tony Bilotti, Paul Van Wig, Nick Anderson, Barbara Bauman, Renee Anderson & Marcia Jones. Thanks to Anita for the delicious calories afterwards. John then shared with us his cool collection of cars including the unique Amphicar above. Yes... it floats!

Below, could Anita be pondering the Ronnie Bauman philosophy "How many is too many?"





Here are two more professional images from the August photo shoot by Bernhard Schmidt. Bernhard is a photo/journalist for Germany's leading classic car magazine, "Auto-Build Klassik. His objective was to show Metropolitans with "Googie" architecture. Above is the LAX theme building with the Encounter Restaurant. Below, are the Mets of Ken Conner, George Mocabee & Mike Artherton at the former "Johnny's", now Bob's on Firestone Blvd in Downey.



Original Mike's



If you weren't with us November 24th you missed an afternoon of fun fellowship. At 100 S. Main, "Mikes" historic building serves as a 15000 sq ft entertainment center. Built in 1919, it was Santa Ana's first Buick-Horseless Carriage Auto Dealership. The spacious parking lot makes

for easy parking at their Car Shows throughout the year. There were twenty some classic cars there this time. Our November group included Paul Van Wig who won a Trophy for his Morris Woody. Jeff Gordon won a bucket & bottle of Mcguiar's car wash soap. You'll notice that most of our Mets were of a reddish hue. So Jeff Gordon was promoting his Red & White Oakley Shades that match our Mets. We tried them on below except for Paul who's wood framers matched his Woody. More photos on SoCalMetsfacebook.



Dale Carrington's Tech Tips



Front Wheel alignment on the Met:

Noticing a little wear on the insides of your front tires? Your "toe-in" adjustment may be a little off. You can make a simple alignment tool for your Met using an old broom handle with a long wood screw screwed part way into the end (if you want to get fancy you can pre-drill the hole!)

Under the Met hold the broom handle between the rear-most portion of the two front tires as high as you can get it. Turn the screw in or out until both ends of your "alignment tool" touch the insides of both tires. Now move the tool to the front-most portion of the two tires at about the same height. The distance should be just the same OR up to 1/16th of an inch LESS. Adjustment is made by loosening the locknuts on the "tie-rod" – that round black tube that runs across the firewall just behind the engine and rotating the tube to achieve the correct toe adjustment. Retighten the lock nuts.

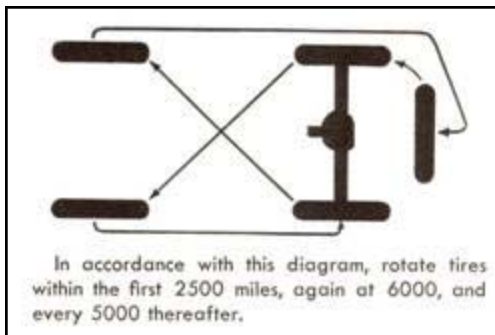
Checking the front end for excessive play:

Lift the front wheels off the ground and support the car on good jack stands. Grasp the tire at the top and bottom and see if you can wiggle it in and out. Next grasp the tire at the 9:00 and 3:00 o'clock positions and see if you can wiggle it in and out. If it wiggles



in both directions chances are your wheel bearing is loose. Remove the hubcap, hub dust cap, remove the cotter pin or straighten the locking washer (however yours is configured) and tighten the front axle nut. The wheel should spin freely when you're done but the wiggle should be gone. If the wiggle is still there – you have front end troubles – either kingpin bushings (wiggles top and bottom), or tie rod ends (wiggles side to side), or BOTH.

Please note the depth of your tread while you're at it – insert a Lincoln head penny into the tread head first. If the top of Lincoln's head can be seen – it's time to plan on a new set of tires.



Don't forget to "rotate" your tires every 5,000 miles – NOT just by driving your car! Rotate your bias ply tires in accordance with this diagram:

Rotating radial tires:

Because radial tires are built differently than bias ply tires it's important to rotate them by keeping them on the same side of the car that they were originally mounted on. Simply swap front to rear and rear to front on the driver's side, then move around and do the same on the passenger side. I keep the spare as the spare until needed.



Our third annual Christmas party was a much enjoyed event. Hats off to the planning committee of Gwen Tolleson and especially Martyn Tourdot. Martyn was not only instrumental in finding the site but she put on the pre-dinner entertainment. She also refereed the post dinner White Elephant Gift Exchange!



From left to right: Judy Conner, Nick Anderson, Renee Anderson, Barbara Bauman & Ron Bauman

From left to right: Ed McCallister, Betty McCallister, Jackie Bilotti, Tony Bilotti, Gwen Tolleson &



From left to right: John Fildes, Anita Fildes, Allison Van Wig, Paul Van Wig, Marcia Jones & Jeff Gordon.

From left to right: Armando Reyes, Maritza Reyes, John Perrotti & Leah Perrotti.



From left to right: Al Albarico, Jeff Gordon, Chuck Tourdot & Martyn Tourdot.

It was good to see Al Albarico, Betty McCallister & Gwen Tolleson. All three have experienced significant health issues this year.

Music was provided by two characters playing Ukulele & Harmonica going by the names Loconto & Conner. They called themselves the "Uku-Monics". Martyn had us busy with lottery scratchers, then who could draw best on top of their head, who could best pick up mini marshmallows using chop sticks with one's wrong hand & finally the annual "Left/Right" game tied to a story about just that.





One couldn't help notice that two people seemed to always pick and open a desirable gift that someone else stole from them. They were Gwen Tolleson and Anita Fildes. Poor Anita, she ended up with the gift she originally brought to the party!

Oh yes, the food was delicious including the cake that Barbie Bauman baked.....(with the help of her friend Sam).

