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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH IF POSSIBLE

| Day & Date | Event | Location & Hosts | Start |
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| March 13 th & 14 th Fri & Sat | Unique Little Car Show | Avi Resort, 1000 Aha Macav Pkwy, Laughlin, Nevada John Hill swulcs2020@gmail.com 602-549-0929 | |
| March 21 st Sat | Cruise & visit San Juan Capistrano | Chris Di Tommaso, 3321 E. Vine Ave., Orange | 9:30 AM |
| April 25 th Sat CANCELLED | Floral Park Home Tour & Car Show | Upscale/Oldtown Santa Ana Meet at: Barns & Noble park lot 791 S. Main, Orange | 8:30 AM |
| May 16 th Sat CANCELLED | Carbon Canyon to Chino Airport | Gwen Tolleson, 1949 Smokewood Ave., Fullerton | 9:30 AM |
| June 6 Sat CANCELLED | Blind Children 5k walk/run | 18542-B Vanderlip Avenue in Santa Ana | TBA |
| June 28 th Sun CANCELLED | Annual Picnic Potluck | Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton | 10:30 AM |
| June 28 th Sat | Cruise to San Clemente | Mike & Kim Dahlberg, 18142 Theodora Dr., Tustin | 9:30 AM |
| July 30 - Aug 1st | NorCal Redwood Mystery Tour | Lauri Brownson The57MetLady@hotmail.com Crescent City, CA 541-840-4777 November Met Gazette page 10 | TBA |
| Aug 29 th Sat | Visit Sherman Gardens in CDM | (2647 PCH, Corona Del Mar) Chris Di Tommaso, 3321 E. Vine Ave., Orange | 9:30 AM |
| Sept 13 Sun CANCELLED | Belmont Shore Car Show | Join up location TBD | |
| Sept 27 th Sun CANCELLED | British Cars Meet Up in Van Nuys | Queen's English All British Car Show, Woodley Park in Van Nuys, http://www.queens-english.org/ | 8:30 AM |
| Oct 3 rd Sat CANCELLED | Parade in Tustin Tiller Days | Mike & Kim Dahlberg, 18142 Theodora Dr., Tustin | TBA |
| Oct 17 Sat CANCELLED | Harvest Festival | Costa Mesa Events Center, OC Fairgrounds | TBA |
| Nov 7 Sat CANCELLED | Knotts Berry Farm | Market Place | TBA |
| Nov 14 Sat CANCELLED | Day Family Museum | 2525 Wardlow Rd., Corona Meet at: Knowlwood Rest. 5665 E. Lapalma Ave., Anaheim | TBA |
| Dec 6 th Sun CANCELLED | Xmas Party | ? | TBA |
| Dec 12 th Sat CANCELLED | Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade | 27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso), Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pankcake House & 7-11. | 8:15 AM |
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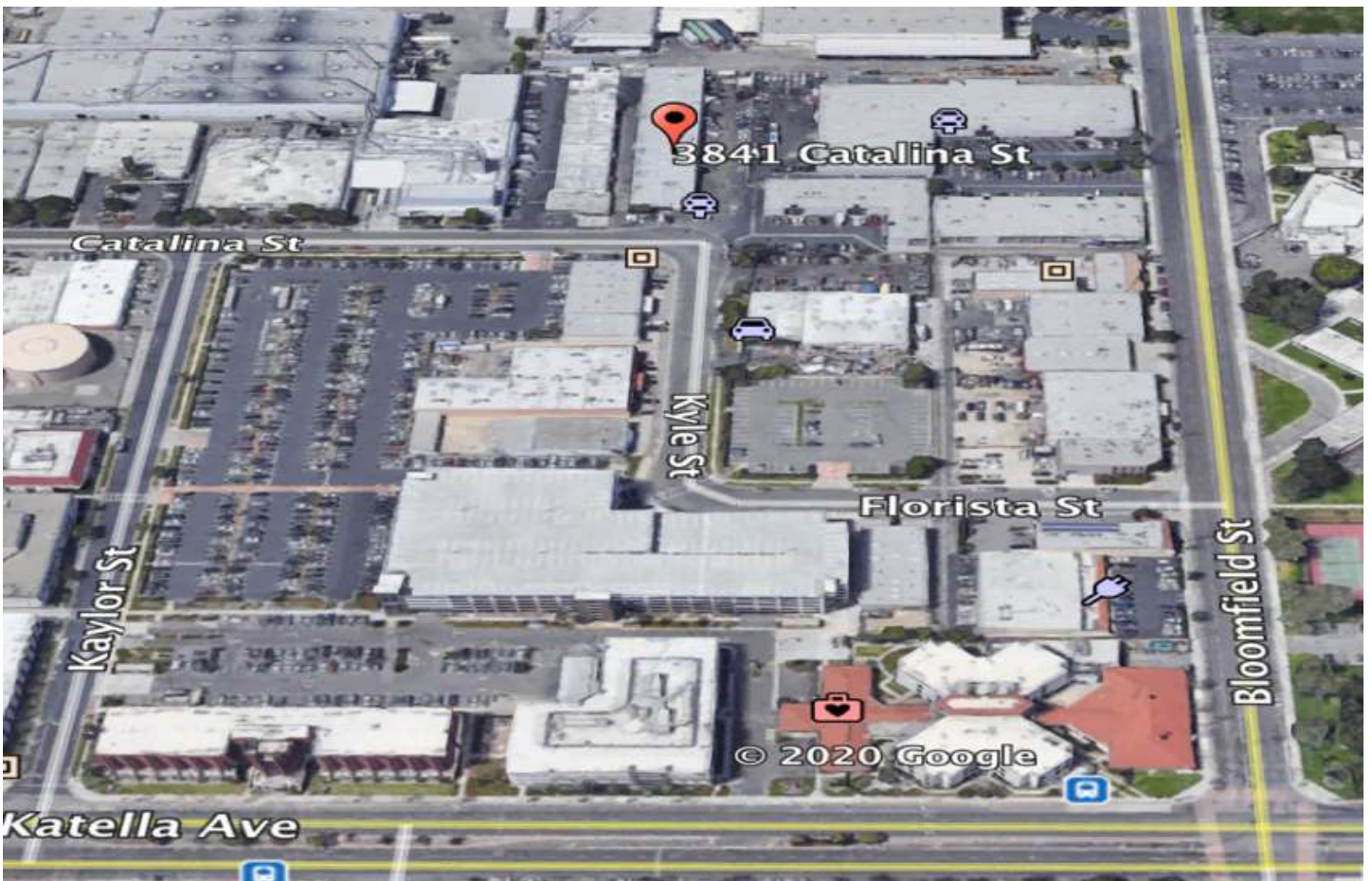
Revised: November 3rd, 2020

Once upon a time our Mets were factory fresh. Remember that smell of any new car? Here is a Met on the production line at the Longbridge factory in England. Any guess as to what year? Perhaps 1959? You wonder where that Met is today. Perhaps it is still around. Maybe it's on the West Coast. Or maybe parts of it are gathering dust in a guy's shop in Los Alamitos.



Although our calendar plans for the rest of the year appear wiped out, we plan to do something different on November 15th. Long time Metropolitan aficionado Ed Hawk is selling all of his Metropolitan parts at his Met shop in Los Alamitos. The address is 3841 Catalina St, unit H. Our plan is to cruise to the shop, perhaps pick up a bargain, then go to lunch somewhere around the Alamitos Bay area of Long Beach. Maybe The Crab Pot. Below is an overhead view of the shop location. Marcia Jones has already emailed you the details of this cruise but here is a location update. For those going

to the shop directly we plan to arrive there at 10:30 am. Prior to that, several Metters will meet at Ken Conner's house at 9:30 am & cruise to the shop. Ken's place is 17002 Bolero Lane, Huntington



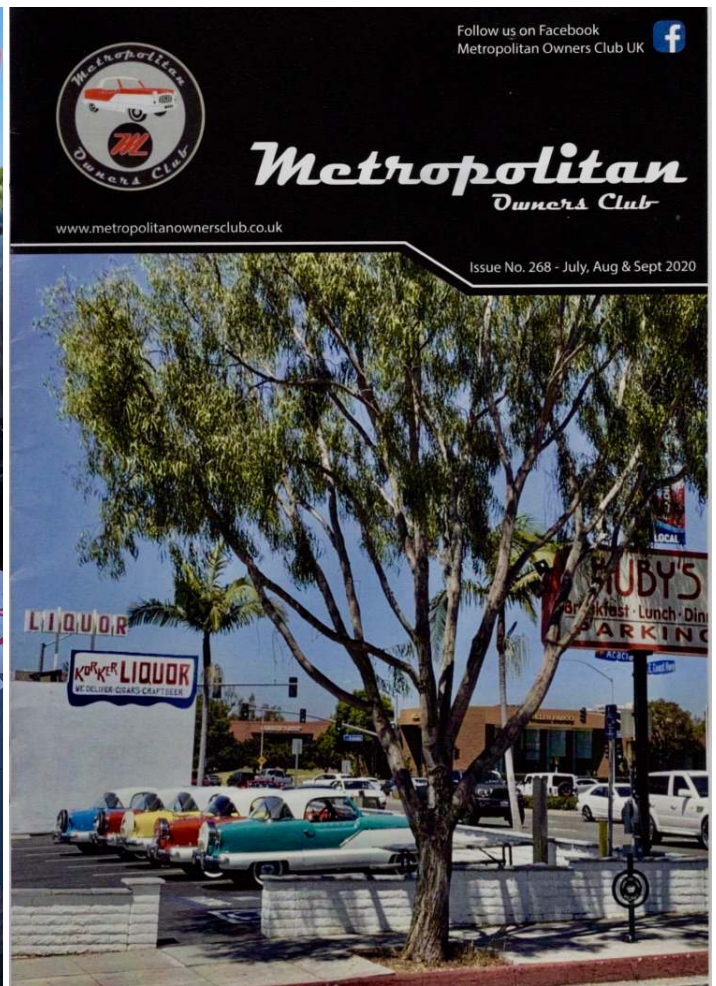
Shop - 3841 Catalina St., Unit H. Los Alamitos, CA

A Visit to Sherman Gardens



Sad to say but you can see by our calendar that most of our planned adventures this year have been cancelled. Our planned end of August event at Sherman Gardens in Corona Del Mar did take place. Here standing by their trusty Mets were from left to right, new member Byron Robinette, Cindy Harris, Marcia Jones & Tony Bilotti. Out of camera range were Mark Weitzman and your editor.





The Gardens had a restaurant on the premises, however we elected to drive our Mets a short distance down the back alley to Ruby's Diner which also faces Coast Hwy. There we ate outside to be Covid compliant. Our Mets drew the usual attention at the Ruby's lot across the street.

And Metter's of the cruise, did you know that your Met is on the cover of the Metropolitan Owners Club Magazine in the United Kingdom? John Dowling, our dear friend and editor of the publication was in need of a "lightened" scene to offset the "gloom besetting us all this year". He chose this one of our Mets for his quarterly issue cover.

His sense of humor is evidenced by his inside paragraph explaining the photo: "Eat your heart out folks, it shows a quite normal Sunday in Southern California. Ken assures me that the owners of these magnificent Mets are actually



not in Korker's Liquor Store, but supping good American food in Ruby's"

Tech Trivia

You may recall that the last issue of this newsletter covered the story of Wayne Metz's hiccuping Met at the "ExplORegon" meet. Your editor needs to make a correction to a comment about "ignition wires".

Past MOCNA president and Pacific Northwest Metropolitan Guru Dale Carrington (white hat) winced at my quoting him as recommending that Met ignition wires should be "carbon". Dale says that he said that ignition wires for the Met should be "Copper". Apparently your editor needs new hearing aids. And how could you question a guy who voluntarily goes under the hood, (below left), gets his hands all greasy and still, does not get a smudge on his White Hat!



Types of Spark Plug Wire

DISTRIBUTED RESISTANCE WIRES

These wires are made up of fiberglass-impregnated carbon core wires and are the most common of all wire sets found in today's vehicles. It is the carbon that gives the wires a higher resistance to RFI noise.

MAGNETIC RESISTANCE WIRES/INDUCTANCE WIRES

Magnetic resistance spark plug wires, or inductance wires, are more popular in Japanese style vehicles such as Acuras, Toyotas, and Hondas. They are designed from spiral cores wound with a nickel alloy or copper wires. The material is less resistant to the flow of electricity, which means it requires less current to generate a spark.

FIXED RESISTOR WIRES

Fixed resistor spark plug wires are more prominently featured in European-style cars. They feature steel and copper wire and have resistors in the spark plug boots.

Can you spot a Metropolitan?



This was a Sunday congregation on October 11th. Mets can find themselves amongst fancy company at the new Legacy Cars & Coffee. Takes place on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1705 Flight Way, Tustin. 7:00 AM.

Above photo was taken by Dave Kunz, Automotive Journalist for KABC 7 who was checking out the scene.

