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## SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location &amp; Hosts</b>	<b>Start</b>
<i>Jan 13 Saturday</i>	<i>Canyon Cruise</i>	<i>Mike &amp; 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 &amp; 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>Stanley Ranch Museum</i>	<i>12174 S Euclid St, Garden Grove, CA 92840</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 &amp; I-15 Corona</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>December 8 Saturday</i>	<i>Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade</i>	<i>27001 Moulton Parkway (&amp; Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House &amp; 7-11</i>	<i>8:15 AM</i>
<i>December 16 Sunday</i>	<i>Annual Xmas Party</i>	<i>Conner residence. 17002 Bolero Lane Huntington Beach</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>

Revised: Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018





At the request of the promoters, four of us put our Mets in the Belmont Shore Car Show on September 9th. We were part of the 450 cars displayed on trendy Second Street. They parked us on the far west end which made us either the first or last in the street line up. Later, we were pleased to discover that our Mets were shown on the front page of the Beachcomber Newspaper article that followed.



There was an abundance of polished chrome as evidenced by the closeup above.

There were all kinds of admirers including a young couple with a friendly Pug Dog whose plaid skirt almost matched my Met's upholstery.





Our September Adventure was a second visit to Garden Grove's Stanley Ranch & Historical Village. The first was over two years ago. Yet this time it was just as enjoyable. We had a very knowledgeable docent.

Members participating were Ron Bauman, Tony Bilotti, Mike Dahlberg, Chris Di Tommaso, Dave Heller, Ken Conner & new members Nancy & Patrick Halbert.



The village occupies two acres on Euclid Avenue and has around 24 buildings & objects that help relive the history of Garden Grove. It is owned by the Garden Grove Historical Society. Most notable when you drive in is the Victorian Ware-Stanley House.















In the old Garden Grove Lumber office building is this interesting aerial photo of the city. In the photos lower left is a lumber yard & upper right is what today is called "Old Town". We know the photo was taken around Christmas time because of the decorations across Main St. There is no mark as to the year the photo was taken but.....we know it was 1956 or later because Mike Dahlberg & Patrick & Nancy Halbert spotted THREE METROPOLITANS scattered around the area. Of the three Mets, two had the lower body Z shaped two color paint scheme. 1956 is the first year that style appeared. 1956 was also the year the city was incorporated.

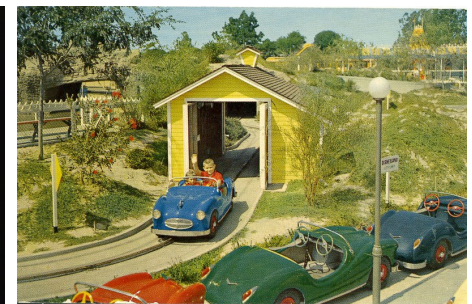






Known as Walt Disney's first workshop in California, it was originally his uncle's garage at 4406 Kingswell St., Los Angeles. It was saved from the bulldozer when a group of people calling themselves "Friends of Disney" purchased it for \$8,000. at auction.

The Garden Grove Historical Society was the recipient of the structure perhaps because of the proximity of nearby Disneyland in next-door Anaheim.



Evidence of your editor's "Small Car Affliction" is submitted here showing the Disneyland Midget Autopia. My first summer job at Disneyland was being a ride operator on that ride in 1958. Sadly the "Midget" no longer exists but one of the cars is on display in Walt Disney's Hometown Museum in Marceline, Missouri.





After our tour we went to Kay's Kitchen in old town for lunch.  
Below new member Nancy Halbert poses with her Met.







After learning that our Huntington Beach car wash on Beach & Ellis was closing down, I captured the scene above for the record.



Our October 20<sup>th</sup> Zoo adventure was professionally reported by Tony Bilotti in our website, [socialmets.com](http://socialmets.com) and the Met Gazette by Steve Robertson.

Judy & I were traveling around the Great Lakes & part of New England during that time. We visited three automobile museums including the fabulous Henry Ford/Springfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan and one in Saratoga Springs, NY.

The third auto museum came to us quite by accident. A chance conversation one morning with Hampton Inn employee Patty Adams disclosed that she owns a Nash Metropolitan & that we were really close to the in-town world headquarters of Hemming's Auto News! She pointed out that the Bennington, Vermont enterprise also has a Museum and that her husband Steve, works there. Ten minutes later we arrived & Steve gave us a tour.



