

## Third So Cal Micro Invasion Big, little car show 9- 2+3+4 -2016 By Tony Bilotti

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was the third 'So Cal Micro Invasion' since 2010. It's hosted by a Micro Car Nut friend of So Cal Mets David Raab and his lovely Wife Maria. Tony Bilotti came in his 58 Met. So Cal Mets President Ronnie Bauman brought a very well kept Subaru 360 and Member Gary Loomer brought his beautiful Crosley Pick up Truck. Friday evening the 2<sup>nd</sup> we met at the hosts' house for a meet and greet drinks and some of the best snacks in town and to make sure the little cars were ready to go. Event T-Shirts were also available!





Saturday Morning we were back at the Hosts' house for Breakfast and left from there for about a six mile drive to a little car collection in Fullerton, Ca. This stop had a 1960 Black and White Met with an \$11,995 price tag on it. Ronnie said it was worth it.



From there we traveled another 8 miles to Riverview Golf Course in Orange, Ca. They let us park our cars around the putting green for a little 'Put Put' contest because we were all driving little Put Puts. The winner won a free round of Golf. After the contest we had a great lunch in the Golf Course Café.



From the Golf Course we traveled another 15 miles to the Newport Beach Civic Center for a great ocean view from a lookout point on the hill at Newport Center, Newport Beach, Ca.



From the Newport Center we drove another 10-11 miles to Tustin Buick in the Tustin Ca. auto center. One of the owners of Tustin Buick was a participant in the cruise driving the red Fiat below, and he treated us to a tour of the cars they have there.



From Tustin Buick we drove another 12 miles back to the Hosts' house to relax and have a terrific dinner cooked by the mobile 'Taco Guys'. Homemade chicken, beef and pork soft tacos, rice & beans, cheese quesadillas and all the trimmings. The Host had awards for things like 'Fewest Breakdowns' and Farthest distance traveled to the event. The friend who was pulling an emergency trailer got one and I got one for signing up in a timely manor!



About dusk people started leaving for home or their hotel to charge up for Sunday Morning.

Sunday morning we met at the Hosts' house again and went to the 'Million Dollar Breakfast Cruise' held the first and last Sunday of every month in Tustin, Ca. We were met there by the Hosts' lovely Wife Maria (another goin little chassis, the Wife I mean) who brought her electric Fiat 500 stuffed with breakfast burritos. We admired the variety of cars there and I bumped into the Met that belonged to the late Mary Gregovich featured on page 11 of the November 2015 Met Gazette. Mocna and So Cal Mets member and close relative to Mary, Dave Heller is keeping her met happy and safe in Cypress, Ca.



From the Million Dollar Breakfast Cruise we shook hands, thanked our Host and Hostess and headed home after three days of little car fun!