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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
Jan 21 Saturday	Great Park & Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin <i>RAINED OUT!</i>	9:00 AM
Feb 18 Saturday	Great Park & Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin <i>RAINED OUT!</i>	8:30 AM
Mar 18 Saturday	Orange/Tustin Hill Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin	8:30 AM
April 7 th & 8 th	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Historic Downtown Upland	TBA
May 13 Saturday	Canyon Cruise below Saddleback	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin Lunch at the Cantina	8:30 AM
June 25, Sunday	Annual Picnic Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton	10:30 AM
July 12-16	International Met Meet	Ramada Plaza Hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota 612-331-1900	See Flyer
December 10 Saturday	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM
December 11 Sunday	Annual Xmas Party	Mama Cozza's 2170 W. Ball Rd., Anaheim	1:00 PM

Revised: June 10, 2017

METROPOLITANS FROM MINNESOTA PRESENT:
2017 MOCNA International Meet
July 12-16, 2017
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____ MOCNA # _____

Number of Adults @ **\$65.00**/person _____ t-shirt included w/ RSVP before May 1st \$ _____

T-shirt sizes: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

Concours or Test of Time judging **\$45.00** fee per car
(Contact Chief Judge Gary Bosselman with questions (815) 389-9500.)

Judging total \$ _____

Grand total \$ _____

(Make checks to: Mets from MN)

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday

Early Bird Meet & Greet

Thursday

MOCNA Board Meeting
Road Tour - Como Park & Conservatory
Bus or car to Mall of America
Ice Cream Social

Friday

Road tour - Lake Harriet & Trolley Ride
Bakken Museum
Bus or car to Mall of America
BBQ & Slow Drag races

Saturday

Car Show 9am - 3pm
Walking Technical Session
Vendors on Site
Mets from MN - MOCNA Banquet

HOTEL INFORMATION

Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
1330 Industrial Blvd NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413
www.ramadaplazampls.com
(612) 331-1900

MOCNA Event Rate: \$109,
Breakfast included

BOOK ROOMS EARLY - BY MAY 1st
(early registration includes free event t-shirt)

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Our May Outing



Blending the organic greens of mother nature with the Mets original paint, John Fildes & driver Chris Szumelda are shown above on our May 13th cruise. Thanks to Mike Dahlberg we finally got to enjoy the long planned drive through the hills of East Orange County. We started in old town Tustin and worked our way up to Santiago Canyon, then Modjeska Canyon where we visited the Helena Modjeska House and grounds. Built in 1888, it is the only surviving home of Helena Madjeska, a Shakespearean actress and Polish patriot. It is one of only three U.S. National Landmarks in Orange County. The other two are the Old Court House in Santa Ana and Mission San Juan Capistrano. Docents split us into two groups and provided very interesting tours for us. See www.ocparks.com/modjeskahouse for more.

Making up our group were: Ron Bauman, Marcia Jones, Mike Dahlberg, Tony & Jackie Bilotti, Gwen Tolleson, Kim Dominguez & friend, Paul Van Wig, Dave Heller, Cindy & Bill Harris, John & Anita Fildes, Ken Conner and new members Jeff & Julie Gallagher. Tony's Dad joined us in his 69 Beatle.







Lunch at the Rose Canyon Cantina completed our cruise. Note the mutual hues of our Mets and the Cantina.

Topping off the day, we all received this cool wooden lazer etched dash plaque/key tag.



A DUTCH MASTERPIECE



Our 2017 MOCNA International meet is fast approaching. The event takes place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 12-16. It will come and go like previous international meets and there may be those who question why we use "International" in the title. A valid reason for that term can be found in MOCNA member Rina Huizer Loeve, who lives in the Netherlands with her husband Henk. There are only a few MOCNA members in Europe, but Rina has a passion for Metropolitans worth noting. Rina has been a member of MOCNA since 1998. (She proudly shows her 5 & 10 year pins). On the 50th anniversary of the Metropolitan, she attended the International Meet in Detroit, Michigan in 2003! (She kindly gave us her 8x10 flyer from that event). Among her 22 visits to the United States, she attended the 2005 International meet in Astoria, Oregon. She proudly showed us her plaque from that visit giving her the "furthest traveled" award. Her Metropolitan is a 1958 tomato red & white hard top. It was imported from California in 1992, found it's way to a Honda dealer in 1996 where Rina latched on to it even though it wouldn't start!



If you are a member of the MOCNA Facebook Group, you will have noticed Rina's "likes". That's how I learned of her European residency. Since Judy & I were going to Sweden in May, we decided to visit The Netherlands as well. Fortunately, we were able to make contact with Rina & Henk once we got to Holland. Their hospitality was the best. On May 27th, They drove the 50 miles in to Amsterdam, picked us up & took us back to their home in Sliedrecht. On the way we visited a unique park called Madurodam, showing Holland in miniature. Once at their home we were astounded at the amount of Metropolitan Memorabilia! She has

the small thick owners manual, a collection of Met Gazettes starting January 1998 & a collection of what must be every scale size toy Metropolitan ever made. And more. Rina is a Dutch Masterpiece and Continental Queen of Metropolitan stuff!

Lastly and best of all, Rina carefully backed her Met out of the garage, I hopped in & we drove off through the beautiful Dutch countryside. Henk & Rina fulfilled my wish by finding a nearby Dutch Windmill for the photo shoot.

We so enjoyed their hospitality and are still laughing at their story about the time they flew home & had to pay overweight suitcase charges because it included four Metropolitan Hub Caps!

Thank you Rina & Henk Huizer,
Ken & Judy Conner



Our Annual Picnic



Posing under the lavender umbrella which matches her Met are June Valentine and her husband Michael. The tuck and roll bucket seated convertible is a real Cream Puff. It was customized by her father Jimmy, for her mother Eve. Today it belongs to June and we were pleased to have them add it to the jelly bean line up. Our Vice President & Cruise Director Marcia Jones nicely summed up the day below:

"Well... a grand day it was at Craig Park in Fullerton. It was hot... about 91 or so degrees but that didn't stop us from having a marvelous time! We had a nice variety of great food and deserts. Don't think anyone went away hungry. A special THANK YOU to Tony Bilotti who got up at 'o dark hours' to come to the park and reserve our spot!

I believe we had 15 Mets this year. Thank you to those who braved the heat and attended. Attendees were Ronnie Bauman and friend Becky, Gary Loomer, Jeff and Sue Garrett and little Noodles, Marcy and Randy Hetrick, Armando, Maritza and "Mom" Reyes, Leon Hastings, Bill and Cindy Harris, June Valentine and her husband Michael, Justin and Britney Barsony, Chris Di Tommaso, Tony/Jackie and Abby Bilotti, Dave and Diana Heller, Mike and Kim Dahlberg, Kim Dominguez and her friend Diana (who was so helpful even though she doesn't own a Met... **YET...**) Ken and Judy Conner, our newest Member who joined our club today Brant Boling, and me, Marcia Jones.

We had some great auction items, a good 50/50 raffle and managed to make about \$855.00 for our Club! Thank you for all the great items that were brought and thank you to all those who bid on them !! I think a special mention should be given to Kim Dominguez who went beyond the call of duty and made some very special monogram Met things! She has a wonderful talent and we certainly appreciate it.

Tony and Ken were busy taking photo's so check our So. Cal web site as I'm sure they will be posting soon. www.socalmets.com.

To those who missed it... there is always next year...

See ya' on the road...

Marcia

VP/Cruise Director"





Mary's Met

Meet Dave and Diana Heller. They live in Cypress. They drove their hard top over to our Craig Park picnic area and joined our group of fifteen Mets. They are new members in our Metropolitan community, but their Metropolitan, is not so unknown to the Metropolitan world !

Mid November 2015 Dave first contacted us because he had recently been blessed with the 1960 Metropolitan (above) and wanted to join our So Cal Mets group.

Not long afterwards MOCNA membership leader Betty Jacobson kindly granted Dave MOCNA membership #9509. Now 9509 was not a new number in the register of MOCNA members. But as Radio personality Paul Harvey used to say "Now for the rest of the story":

MOCNA member 9509 was originally Mary Rusko Gregovich. The inspiring story about Mary and her Met was first told by Wayne Metz to the Met Gazette in May 2010. Steve Robertson reprinted Wayne's heartening story in the November 2015 Met Gazette because Mary had succumbed to Parkinson's disease at 89.

In essence, in 1960, while single & living in a San Francisco flat with girlfriends, Mary Rusko bought the Met on the condition that the salesman teach her how to drive. Mary married Milan Gregovich a year later and in the following years of marriage they went through several cars but always hung on to Mary's Met. Fast forward, one of Mary's three sons married Dave & Diana Heller's daughter. After Mary's passing the Gregovich family felt Dave Heller was the most logical one to care for the car. Oh yes, Betty Jacobson let the Heller's keep Mary's old MOCNA number 9509.

