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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
Aug 27, Sunday	Foods of the World Cruise to Anaheim	Gwen & Tom Tolleson 1949 Smokewood Ave. Fullerton	9:30 AM
Sept 16, Saturday	Model Railroad Tour & Cruise	2500 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa Mackerel Flats and Goathill Junction Railroad	9:00 AM
October 28 Saturday	Party Props Whse Tour	128 S. Cypress St., Orange	AM TBA
November 4 Saturday	Cruise to Toms Farm	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15 Corona	11:00 AM
December 9 Saturday	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM
December 10 Sunday	Annual Xmas Party	Mama Cozza's 2170 W. Ball Rd., Anaheim	1:00 PM

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MOCNA International Meet 2017

By now you have the August issue of the Met Gazette. Thanks to Met Gazette producer/editor Steve Robertson for such a colorful photo filled edition. Thanks also to Steve Cotariu and the Minnesota Mets Chapter for hosting the event. The Minneapolis location provided plenty of fun things to see and do.

Five of us representing So Cal Mets attended the meet. Our group consisted of Mike Dahlberg, Ron Bauman and long time friend Mona Katz and Ken & Judy Conner. Although we rented cars once we got there, several Mets from the San Francisco Bay area and Pacific Northwest were trailered there. One notable exception was Brian Cotariu who drove his Met and shared the experience on our MOCNA Facebook Group page. On the day of the show Mets were sporting license plates from all over the the Northern latitudes including at least one from Manitoba Canada.



Photo courtesy of Brian Cotariu

Below outgoing MOCNA President Brad Swiggart along with co-pilot John Hill lead our Thursday caravan to Como Park & Conservatory. We stuck together during the drive there but became separated once we started looking for parking. Every one made it back to the Ramada Plaza just fine.



The Friday road tour was more scenic. We drove along the tree lined high banks of the Mississippi and stopped alongside Lake Harriet where we rode the historic trolley and finished with lunch.





Here you see real faces of real Met owners from across these United States! This was the antique trolley ride where the driver also served as a docent. Several people in this photo experienced a real jolt the next day on their way to visit some Quilt shops in the area. Their van impacted a car just involved in a freeway accident in front of them and everyone spent the day being treated and tested in the hospital. Fortunately there were no major injuries. The group included Ed & Kathy OMalley from Washington, Bobbie Jerrigan from Washington, Pam Durant from Indiana, Betty Jacobson from Wisconsin, Mona Katz and Judy Conner from California.



Thus no new fabric was purchased for future quilts. One had to admire Betty Jacobson for standing with her donation quilt at the banquet while still smarting from a fractured rib from the morning's accident. The exquisite quilt to the right was offered at the silent auction in the Hospitality Suite. It was made by the Cotariu Sisters. (Haven't we heard that name before?) Judy Conner was the high bidder and took it home to California.





On Thursday, a Met belonging to host chairman Steve Cotariu was getting much attention because it had simply stopped running. Below Brian Cotariu studies the distributor and Ron Bauman uses a wire to test electrical connectivity. Tim Cook came by and offered his input but the Met would not start. Wouldn't you know, it took Mr. Met himself, "The Duke from Dubuque" John Riley, to solve the problem. John found that the

gearing to the distributor was off a tooth or two. With that corrected the Met fired just fine.

John had his perfect Met at the show Saturday, but there was a gracious note on the windshield stating that the car was NOT to be judged. The judges overrode his wishes and gave him the Nellie Gnepper award for cleanest engine. In the "Slow Drags" event John came in 2nd place. It does appear that coasting up to, but not crossing that line is a lot trickier that it looks!

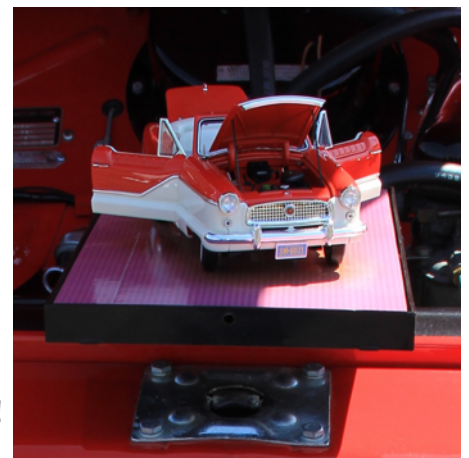
On the day of the show John Wyant from Newman Grove, Nebraska was pampering his two Mets and placed his "Highway 61" TOY Met on his real convertible. (It took 2nd place in the 59-62 category). We decided to

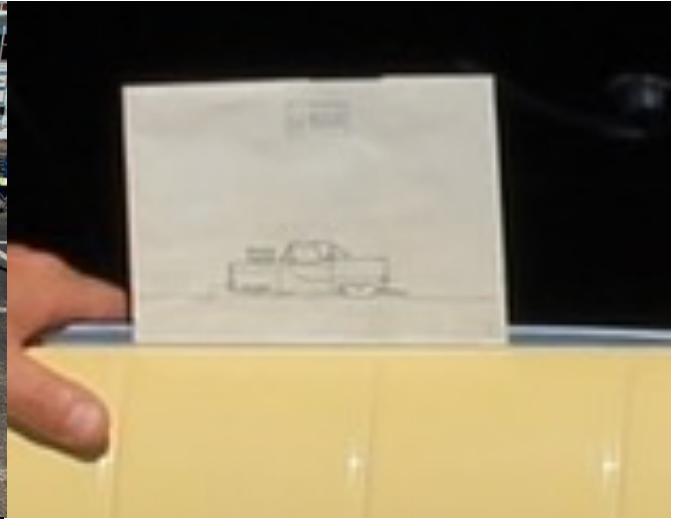


photograph the Toy setting on John Riley's radiator. Some of you may not be aware of the fact that the Highway 61 TOY Met was made from the body dimensions of John Riley's Met. The Asian toy engineers were so exact in the details they even made the toy with two hood props because John had added the other for his own satisfaction.



Perhaps your editor should mention that because of the realistic detail of the Highway 61 toys, I photographed them (not real Mets) to produce the graphical image for our So Cal Mets logo!





Among the Minnesota Mets on display at the show was this yellow hard top owned by Eric Woelfle. It was parked in the radical section because of the low stance, wide rear tires & V something in the engine compartment. Eric was displaying the drawing he made when he was 12 years old about his favorite car, the Metropolitan! Now 30 years later he has the real thing!

As I was taking his card, Diana Hawkinson walked by so I introduced him to the daughter of the designer of the Met. I think we made Eric's day as we caught the moment in this photo.



To the right & wearing the black cap is your NEW MOCNA PRESIDENT, DALE CARRINGTON. Dale has been a friend of we West Coasters for years.

This was the Concourse Judging team. From left to right are John Riley from Iowa, Dale Carrington from Washington, Bill Schaefer from Colorado & Mark Grimsley from Tennessee.

Bill Schaefer and his group will host the next International Meet in Colorado in 2019. Get your Met prepared to climb Pikes Peak!





The Met winning the Peoples Choice award was a real charmer. It was named “Sweet Pea” and the license plate read: 2PZNP00 meaning of course two peas in a pod. Owners Michelle & Randy Suter live in Wilmar, Minnesota. Michelle’s father restored the car and they have family living here in Orange County. Last December they were here visiting Michelle’s sister when they spotted our Mets gathering at the Pancake House parking lot before we participated in the Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade. They hope to come out again so hopefully we can meet up. Michelle was presented the trophy by Steve Cotariu and our MOCNA outgoing President Brad Swiggart.

Thank you Brad Swiggart for a great job at the helm.

Speaking of presidents, below is our very own President, Ron Bauman with life long friend Mona Katz. Mona & Judy were partners in crime at the Mall!



OUR AUGUST ADVENTURE



Club members & Fullerton residents, Martyn Tourdot and Gwen Tolleson rolled out their City's red carpet for us on August 27. We met at the Tolleson residence on Smokewood Avenue. Cruise guide Martyn Tourdot welcomed us and expressed her pride in the city including among other things the fact that it is home to both Cal State University and Fullerton College.

Martyn first led our eleven Mets around hilly Hillcrest Park. Next we headed East on Skyline Drive across the upscale hills of Fullerton and then stopped at the Arboretum by CSF for a photo opportunity. From there we cruised past the university & West through the residential areas of East Fullerton to the renovated downtown area including the SOCO district near the train Station.



After that everyone headed South into the City of Anaheim where we finished the cruise in Anaheim's historic Packing District. We were allowed to park our Mets ourselves in the Valet lot thanks to Valet manager Chad Durant. Inside the historic building we chose among the 20 some food vendors and had an enjoyable lunch. From there, every one dispersed for home. Thank you Martyn & Gwen for a great tour.



