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#### JULY 2021

Our planned July outing through Knotts Berry Farm fizzeled out and turned into a cruise to the coast. They met near Tony Bilotti's place in Anaheim and drove to Peters Landing in Huntington Harbour/ Sunset Beach. Metters were Tony Bilotti, Mike Dahlberg, Marcia Jones & Patrick Halbert. Lunch was had at the Golden Road eatery overlooking the Marina. Then they swung by your editor's place where my Met was jacked up getting the brakes worked on.





With our club calendar empty for August, your editor decided to participate in the off again/on again Queens English Meet in the San Fernando Valley. It takes place annually in Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA. It is a non-judged "meet" designed for the British enthusiast and serious collector alike. All British marques are welcome. Since our American-designed Metropolitans were manufactured in Longbridge, England, Mets of course qualify.

I joined fellow Met Club member Paul Van Wig who drove his recently aquired Bug Eye Sprite. Paul is a hard core British car enthusiast and knows them well. Oh yes, he occasionally drives a nice Metropolitan but he says that belongs to his wife Allison. His third British car is his Morris Minor Woody! The Morris looks like a shrunk 40's era American woody & cute as a bug. When Paul drives it to a car show he hauls a giant grass roof unbrella, and enough other stuff for a tropical luau! So yes, my Met was the only Nash Metropolitan there. I did display my Mets official "Birth Cirtificate" which I aquired (in person) when we visited the Heritage Motor Museum in England.

Below are photos of the day. I parked my Met near a row of Sunbeam Tigers. I have always admired them. Tigers were outfitted with Ford V8 engines.













# From our Webmaster Thanks to Tony Bilotti September 18 2021

### Another Great O.C. Canyon Cruise

Satuday we took another scenic cruise through the Orange County canyons led by So Cal Mets Member Mike and Kim Dahlberg. Mike led us on a beautiful route through Santiago, Silverado, Modjeska, Live Oak, Trabuco and Rose Canyons. We had a wonderful lunch at the Rose Canyon Cantina before heading home. So Cal Metters on this trip were Mike and Kim Dahlberg, our fearless leader Ronnie Bauman and Judy, Marcia Jones, Patrick Halbert and his Daughter Leanne, Tony Bilotti and new member Mark Aldrich from Aliso Viejo.

Please visit our chapter website, www.socalmets.com and see more details by Tony Bilotti.













The Tustin Tiller Days Parade welcomed our Metropolitans on October 2nd. One suspects that the word "Tiller" comes from the early days of cultivating the acres of Orange trees that once surrounded the town. We met at Mike & Kim Dahlberg's home & caravanned to the down town area where the parade took place. We skipped the pancake breakfast and waited for the parade to start. We were nicely entertained by the Santiago High School Band practicing beside us.

Metter's participating were Mike Dahlberg, Marcia Jones, Tony Bilotti, Kim Dominguez, Chris Di Tommaso, Patrick Halbert, Cindy Harris, Mark Aldrich & friend Debra and Ken Conner.

Due to the slow pace of the parade & heat of the day, some of our poor Mets were victims of vapor lock, etc. So by the end of the parade four of our nine paraders had either left to get some faster air in the radiator or were pulled over and cooling off. Six of us did have lunch at Rodrigo's Mexican Grill. Needless to say, no one stayed to watch the Wiener Dog Races at 4:00 PM.















We are not sure if this resident had more than one sign....but we liked her "10" when we passed by.





### 2021

#### SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH IF POSSIBLE Day & Date **Location & Hosts** Start Event June 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton 10:30 AM Potluck Sat July 24 Knott's Berry Meet at: Henry Boisseranc Park 10:00 AM Farm Shops 7520 N Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA (.4 mile North of La Palma) Sat Aug Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Santiago Canyon Mike & Kim Dahlberg, 18142 Theodora Dr., Tustin Sat Cruise Oct 2nd Parade in Tustin Mike & Kim Dahlberg, 18142 Theodora Dr., Tustin TBA Tiller Days Sat Nov 6th Carbon Canyon Carbon Canyon to Chino Airport TBA Start: Chris D - 3321 E. Vine Ave, Orange Sat Cruise Dec 5th Xmas Party John & Anita Fildes Residence 1:00 PM Sun 28356 Via Anzar, San Juan Capistrano 8:15 AM Dec 11 Laguna Niguel 27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso), Aliso Viejo Holiday Parade Parking lot between Pankcake House & 7-11. Sat

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