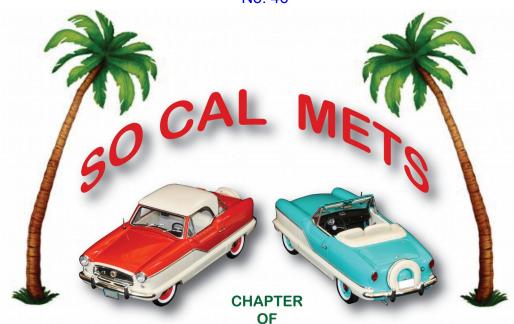
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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
Jan 13	Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg	9:00 AM
Saturday		18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin Lunch at the Cantina	
Feb 17	Nixon Library	Meet at Knowlwood Restaurant	9:30 AM
Saturday	Yorba Linda	5665 E. La Palma Ave. Anaheim	
Mar 10	Bowers Museum	2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana	TBA AM
Saturday	JFK Exhibit		
April 13 & 14	Unique Little	Phoenix, AZ	TBA AM
	Car Show		
April 21	Chocxo Chocolate	9461 Irvine Center Dr. Irvine	TBA AM
Saturday	Factory		
May 12	Crystal Cove	35 Crystal Cove, Newport Beach, CA 92657	TBA AM
Saturday	Newport Coast		
June 24, Sunday	Annual Picnic	Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton	10:30
	Pot Luck		AM
July 21	Custom Auto Svc	302 French St. Santa Ana	TBA AM
Saturday	Tour		
Aug 5, Sunday	Heritage Museum	3101 W Harvard St, Santa Ana	9:00 AM
	Santa Ana		
Sept 15,	Stanley Ranch	12174 S Euclid St, Garden Grove, CA 92840	TBA AM
Saturday	Museum		
October 20	Santa Ana Zoo	1801 East Chestnut Avenue Santa Ana	TBA AM
Saturday	Santa Ana 200	1601 East Chesthul Avenue Santa Ana	IBA AM
November 3	Cruise to Toms	Temescal Canyon Road & I-15	11:00 AM
Saturday	Farm	Corona	11.00 / 1///
December 8	Laguna Niguel	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo	8:15 AM
Saturday	Holiday Parade	Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	0.120 /
December 16	Annual Xmas	Conner residence. 17002 Bolero Lane	3:00 PM
Sunday		Huntington Beach	3.00 1 W
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News and Views of Greater Long Beach CAR SHOW GETS BIGGER the occasion. "Everyone's loving a good time. Streets are crowded Looking forward to next year." By Kirt Hamire: Thousands of spectroses packed Special Street for the 29th Armail Belgant Wore Car Show Straday, The Buy City Rodden of Seal Beach organized the exhibition for 28 years but gave up the took leaf year because its grandway "no longer People walked fleely on the con-dened off stort to view classic care of yester-year during the fun and full we were able to continue to duce the show and maintain the high feature end-of-coroner malition. The shiny point colors and sparking level of execulence that the show has long been known for," according to the club's website: choses spekled in the smight. The study main made of ment in oid Visitor Ecola White admired a red 1951 Chevrolet Bel Alt. school styles awed name. This you's event, under new pro-mone Duriell Gilbert of Als. Dorey "This car is becautiful," she sold They see you coming in this car." Hel Air owner Gerald Confide Shows and Events, saw an increase in model on entries. About 430 autound the cermed to belong to his did and that he dose it throughout high school and took his girlfriend to the mobiles fored Second Street - more this last year and the year believe. "That's about all we could hold," (after, a Belmani Shore residue, print in it. Upon getting mercal. Constituted on page 3 said from a golf cart as he reconstrued

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 whoose 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 knowledgable docent.

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

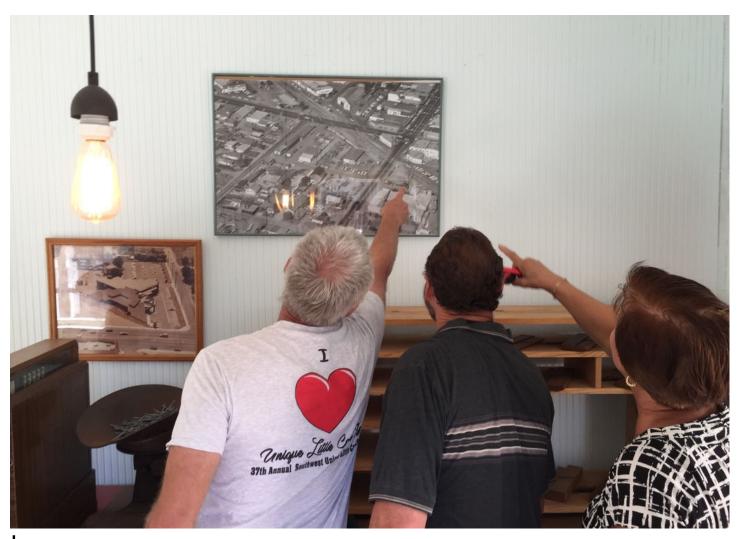


The village occupies two acres on Euclid Avenue and has around 24 buildings & objects that help relive the history of Garden Grove. It is owned by the Garden Grove Historical Society. Most notable when you drive in is the Victorian Ware-Stanley House.





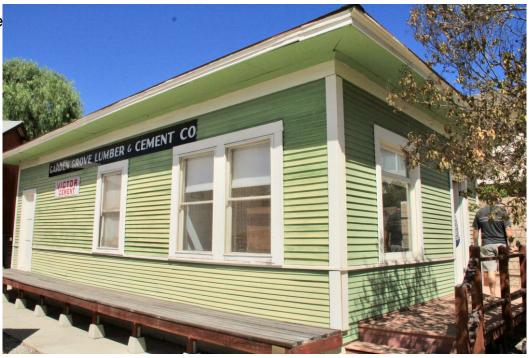




In the old Garden Grove Lumber office building is this interesting aerial photo of the city. In the photos lower left is a lumber yard & upper right is what today is called "Old Town". We know the photo was taken around Christmas time because of the decorations across Main St. There is no

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 shapped two color paint scheme. 1956 is the first year that style appeared. 1956 was also the year the city was incoroporated.









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^{th} Zoo adventure was professionally reported by Tony Bilotti in our website, socalmets.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.















