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*Happy  
Valentine's Day*

A graphic of a single red rose is positioned between the words "Happy" and "Valentine's Day" in the text.

# 2012

## SO CAL METS Calendar

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Workshops: Every 3 months normally. Meetings: Every 3 months normally. Outings: Every Month

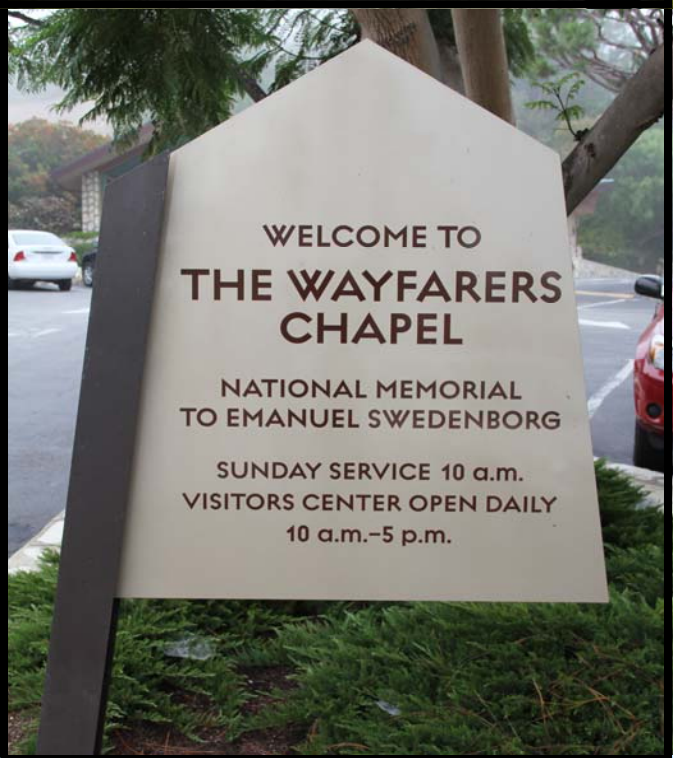
Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
Saturday, March 3	Festival of Whales Parade	Dana Point	TBD
Saturday, March 31	Breakfast Cruise	Ruby's Train Station Depot Old Town Orange	9:00 AM
Friday & Saturday April 13 & 14	Unique Little Car Show	Phoenix, Arizona <a href="http://www.microcar.org/2012/2012SWULCS.pdf">http://www.microcar.org/2012/2012SWULCS.pdf</a>	
Sunday, April 29	Meeting	Start at the Pepper Shaker Restaurant for brunch, meeting at the McCallister's home, Brea.	10:00 AM
Sunday, May 6	USO Car Show	Ontario Airport 1940 E. Moore Way., Ontario	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 12	Cal Poly Show	Cal Poly Farm Store 4102 S. University Dr., Pomona	7:30 AM
Saturday, May 19	Poker Run	Fullerton Area	TBD
Saturday, June 23	CLUB PICNIC Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N State College Blvd. Fullerton 50/50 Raffle, White Elephant Sale Bring quality items for the sale	10:30 AM
Sunday, July 15	Meeting	1949 Smokewood Ave., Fullerton Host: Gwen Tolleson 714-525-8830	1:30 PM
August	Cruise & Picnic	Palos Verdes area. Guided by home town girl Martyn Tourdot	TBD
September	Museum Cruise & Tour	Orange County By John Fildes	TBD
October	Meeting	You?	TBD

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## A Sunday Drive in P.V.



Sunday October 23, three of we Metters experienced a delightful drive up and around the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It was really foggy on the ocean side and just clear enough for us to find the famous Wayfarers Chapel designed by Lloyd Wright. Tony Bilotti's parents were married in the Chapel. We look forward to driving our Mets back to the area in August when local girl Martyn Tourdot will take us on a tour and finish with a picnic.



Ralph Lopez  
1964 - 2012



The Metropolitan community has lost a strong advocate. Ralph or “Ralphie” as Joy called him, was never afraid of getting down and fixing the problem. He might have been short in stature, but he was tall in good heartedness. He was the president of the Metropolitan Club of California. He was also MOCNA member #9452.

In addition to his low rider Met convertible, his collection included a rare open Subaru he called the frog, a custom 50’s Chevy cab over engine, truck and an old standard width but short, yellow school bus. There was also an early Suburban, Panel Truck and others. He will be missed by all of us.

# Turn Signal Surprise



The October day had been a delight, cruising around the scenic hills of Palos Verdes with fellow Metters Tony Bilotti & Gwen Tolleson. When I returned home I was backing into the garage when I noticed that the turn signal lever had relocated to the 9:00 O'clock position! A couple of days later I consulted with fellow members and learned that a nut had come loose at the bottom of the Steering Gear Assembly (Figure 27).

It's located in front of the drivers side engine firewall neatly hidden under what is called the "Dash to wheel-house panel brace. See (Figure 28).

The solution: I loosened the nut a bit more. Then had an assistant turn the horn & signal lever back to the 12:00 O'clock position and hold it, while I then tightened the nut. I was cautioned not to over tighten the net.



FIGURE 27—Steering Gear Assembly Sequence

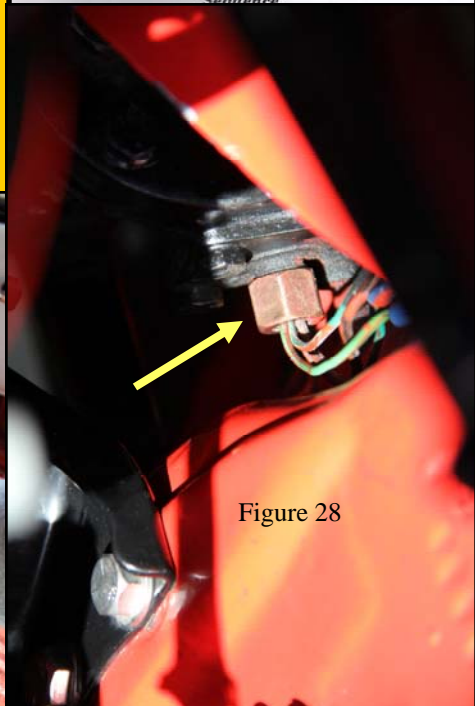
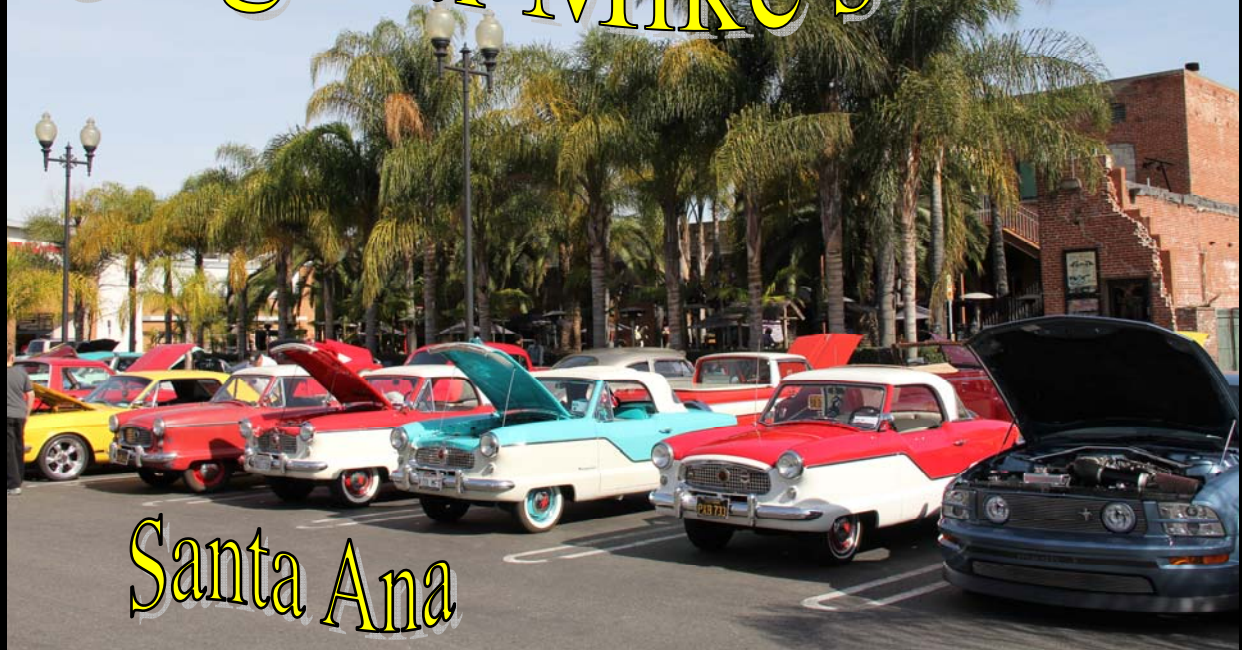


Figure 28

# Original Mike's



## Santa Ana

Twenty-nine January we gathered and enjoyed a relaxing day at 100 S. Main. The Original Mike's car show requires no entry fee which is a friendly plus. Seated below from left to right are John Fildes, Tony Bilotti, Gwen Tolleson, Nate Hall, Ronnie Bauman, Ken Conner, Renee Anderson & Nick Anderson.





Renee` Anderson`s Met took home a trophy!



Above: Barbie Bauman & Nick Anderson. Below: The Live Band





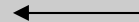
Meet new members, Mary & Bob Sheriff. They live in San Juan Capistrano and recently acquired a Met. Mary is hoping to have an automatic transmission in it one day. Any suggestions would be appreciated. resmls@att.net



Ronnie Bauman



Tony Bilotti



Gwen Tolleson



Ken Conner



John Fildes



Woodstock was already history. The accident plagued Apollo 13 mission was front page news. Simon and Garfunkel released their final album together, Bridge Over Troubled Water. The Title Track won the Grammy for song of the year. Cost of a gallon of Gas 36 cents.

The year was 1970 and 19 year old Marcia Jones bought herself a ten year old Metropolitan convertible from her high school friend Chris Combs. Chris had found it in the backyard of a co-worker of his fathers. The axel was broken. The top was down and the kids were having a ball playing in it. Chris rescued the car from it's playground status, got it running and made it respectable again. He was not unfamiliar with Mets since his sister had one.

Marcia who was a attending El Camino College, needed wheels so she bought the red & white classic from Chris. Paid him \$175.00. It was her first car! THAT WAS 42 YEARS AGO AND SHE STILL HAS IT!

Like a favorite heirloom, the little Met has kept her company as she moved around the "South Bay" area of greater Los Angeles including Inglewood, Torrance, Hawthorne & Redondo Beach. In 1995 she moved to Fountain Valley where she and her Met reside today.



The car has not had a current registration tag since 1984. Marcia says she used to drive the car around her neighborhood but in 1996 the brakes went out and from then on "the car has just sat and sat".

Over the years her Met has been worked on by her Nephew, her high school boyfriend and her two brothers. The last work done on the car was by her brother Bruce in 2005. He redid the brakes, put in new plugs and cleaned out the gas tank. Unfortunately while he was repairing the fuel lines, he suffered a mild stroke. He is fine now but has lost interest in the project.



Marcia is determined though to get her first car running again and has now allocated a few thousand dollars to have that happen. She is a past and renewed member of MOCNA (8803) and initially sought Metropolitan help from Brian Cotariu in the San Francisco area. Brian put her in

touch with our year old Southern California MOCNA chapter, So Cal Mets. We at So Cal Mets are delighted that Marcia is our latest (and 30th) member. We look forward to helping she and her Met get back on the road.

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## Marcia's Met Update:



February 24th:

"Had Anaheim Towing pick up the Met to take it to Britalia Auto Service. Almost made me cry. All the guys in the garage next door came over to watch and we took pictures. The restoration has begun".

Marcia Jones

# Sweetheart Luncheon



The Pepper Shaker Restaurant in La Habra welcomed our group for our Valentine luncheon February 12th. Thanks go to Martyn, Betty & Gwen for the Valentine treats at the table. Seated above from left to right clockwise is George & Norma Mocabee from Upland, Bob & Mary Sheriff from San Juan Capistrano, Augie, Chuck & Martyn Tourdot from Fullerton, Betty & Ed McCallister from Brea, Tom & Gwen Tolleson from Fullerton, Barbie & Ronnie Bauman from Riverside, Judy Conner from Huntington Beach, Tony & Jackie Bilotti from Anaheim, Charlie Tourdot from Fullerton, and Lisa & Jim Houpt from Pasadena.





Restaurant owner Peter Lembesis loves our Mets and always sees to it that we park right in front. Had three couples in our valentine gathering driven their Mets instead of their X cars There would have been three additional Mets in the picture. The Rambler belongs to Chuck Tourdot.





Come join us for a day full of fun!  
**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 • 10 AM - 3 PM**  
**Cal Poly Pomona FARM STORE**

# TRACTOR & CAR SHOW

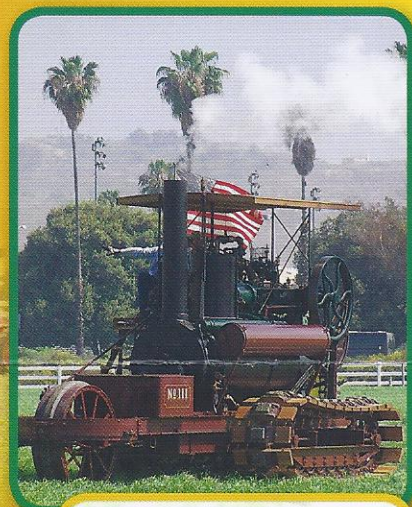
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# Strawberry FESTIVAL



It's everything **STRAWBERRY!**

- PICK** strawberries from the patch
- GET** a funnel cake with strawberries
- SIP** on a strawberry snow cone
- TAKE HOME** a jar of strawberry jam



## FUN for kids

- HORSE RIDES
- TRACTOR RIDES
- FACE PAINTING
- PETTING ZOO

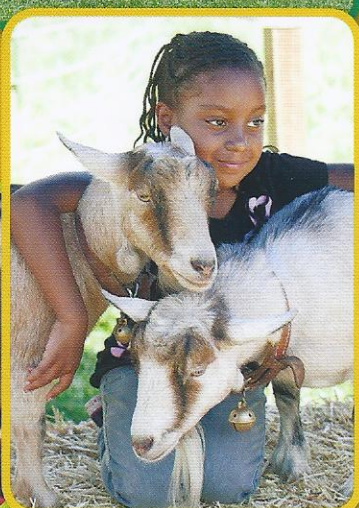
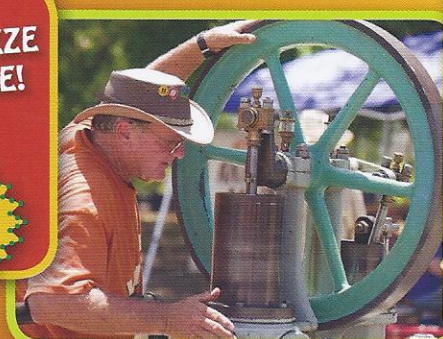
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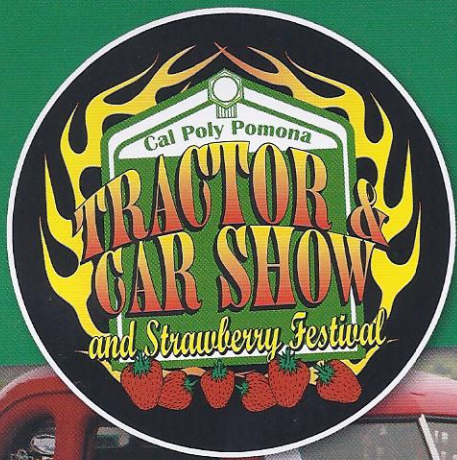
- CAR SHOW
- TRACTOR SHOW
- ANTIQUE Equipment
- FARMER'S MARKET
- SHOP FOR MOM
- FOOD VENDORS
- DJ & LIVE MUSIC
- RAFFLE

\*parking \$3 per car

Shopping for MOTHER'S DAY is a BREEZE at the FARM STORE!

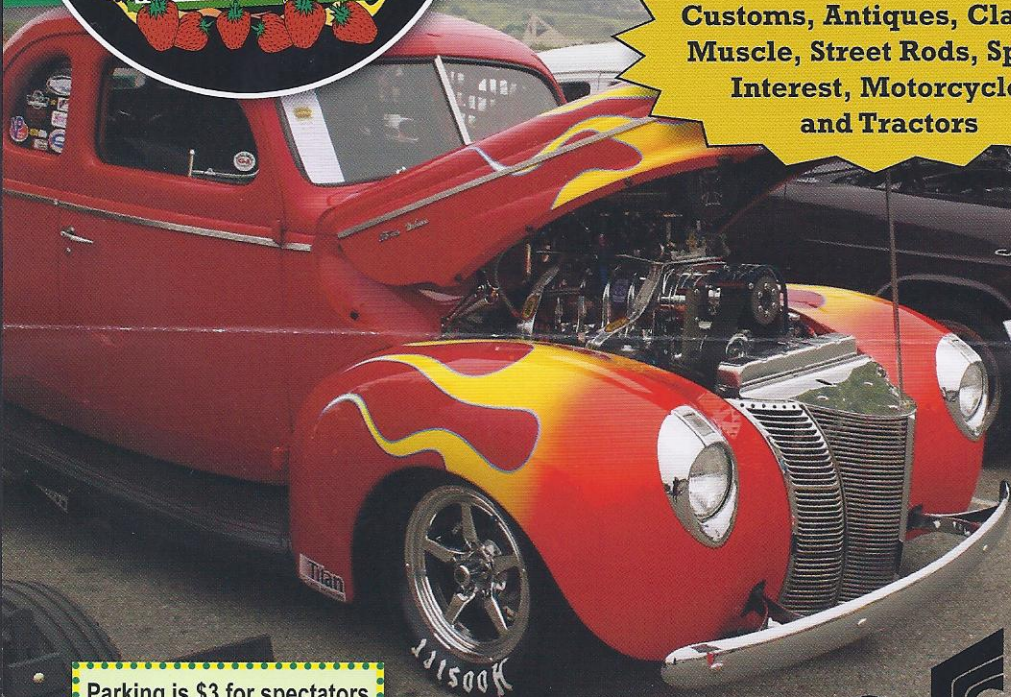
We have gift baskets, candy, flowers, and more



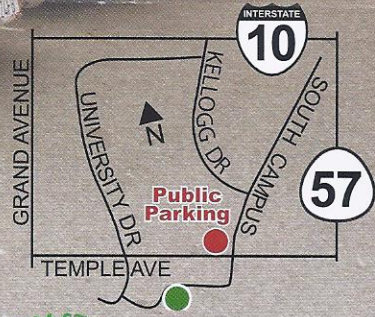


The Cal Poly Pomona Farm Store Presents  
**THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRACTOR & CAR SHOW**  
*and Strawberry Festival* • MAY 12, 2012 • 10 AM - 3 PM

*We Welcome*  
**Customs, Antiques, Classics,  
 Muscle, Street Rods, Special  
 Interest, Motorcycles,  
 and Tractors**



Parking is \$3 for spectators  
 but admission is **FREE!**



**FARM STORE**  
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## VEHICLE & TRACTOR ENTRY FORM AND INFORMATION

**\$25:** If entry form is postmarked by **April 30, 2012** fee includes one event t-shirt. Later entries do not include t-shirt.

**Make checks payable to:** Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc.  
**Send entries to:** Andrea Struve, College of Agriculture, Cal Poly Pomona  
 3801 W. Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

**Contact Info:** Andrea Struve (909) 869-3637 or amfrontino@csupomona.edu

**Parking times: Tractors 6:30 - 7:30 am & Vehicles 7:30 - 9:00 am**  
**\*Participants who arrive at other times may be turned away.**  
**Trophies awarded at 2pm and participants must stay until 3pm.**

Name (please print legibly): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: adult M L XL 2XL 3XL  
 (Circle one) \*Add \$5 for 2XL and 3XL

Vehicle/Tractor Info: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ License: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

**\* No Registration will be honored without signing and dating our waiver. Once we receive this completed entry form, a waiver will be sent to you in the mail.**

**Tractor & Car Show and Strawberry Festival • May 12, 2012 • 10am - 3pm • Cal Poly Pomona Farm Store**

Join us for

**CAN-AM 2012** in



# CICELY, ALASKA\*

June 22-24



We're going someplace we've never been before!

We'll enjoy sightseeing, Mountain / Reservoir cruises, Some great places to eat Antique stores, Museums, Valve Cover Beauty Contest, and Valve Cover Racing!

We've set up rooms at the TimberLodge Inn, Cle Elum and there are three RV Parks available for our RVrs.

*\*Better known locally as Roslyn, WA!*

We'll visit the Northern Exposure town of Cicely, AK and see Ruth-Anne's store, the KBHR radio station, The Brick, Roslyn's Cafe (and maybe even the wandering moose!)

**TimberLodge Inn: King Suite \$85 1 king bed or \$95 2 king beds. 1 Queen \$70, 2 Queen \$75. Pets welcom for 1 time \$15 fee 509.674.5966 hotel reservations; RVrs: Sun Country Golf and RV 509-674-2226 last year \$27-\$32; The Trailer Corral 509-656-2433 its not in any book; Lake Easton State Park 509-674-2226 last year \$14-\$28**

Northern Exposure was a TV series that aired between 1990 and 1995 filmed largely in Roslyn, WA. "Joel Fleishman is fresh out of medical college, and fresh out of luck. Failing to read the fine print in his scholarship conditions, he finds he has no choice but to move to the remote and somewhat eccentric town of Cicely, in the wilds of Alaska. Once there, he is welcomed by the peculiar locals who are not keen to see him go, most especially Maurice Minnifield, the ex-NASA astronaut. Despite Joel's adamant denials, one gets the impression that he enjoys life in Cicely more than he admits." Written by Murray Chapman <muzzle@cs.uq.oz.au>

