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**FEBRUARY MEETING OF PNMOC
30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY**



Do you have stories about the early days of the club? We'd like to have you send your memories in, so they can be printed in the newsletter to help celebrate this first 30 years. Let us know what some of your favorite events were, what you enjoyed the most, who you enjoyed the most, and memorable breakdowns?

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 1, 2009

1:00 P.M. POTLUCK

FEDERAL WAY SENIOR CENTER

BOARD MEETING AFTERWARDS

Please Note: An M on a calendar date denotes a mileage

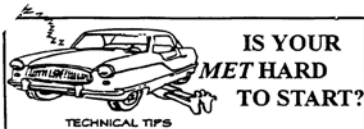
MET EVENTS

Can-Am 2009 and Weekend on Whidbey September 11, 12 13 A Great Combination!

Reserve the weekend of September 11, 12 and 13 for a great weekend on beautiful Whidbey Island where Jan Cozine and Bob Black will be hosting the event. Dry camping for motor homes, trailers and tents is available on site. A porta-potti will be available. Motel/hotel rooms are limited on the island so be sure to reserve early. There are currently rooms available at: Country Side Inn, \$85, 1-360-678-5610; Tyee Hotel, \$74.50, 1-360-678-6616; Coachman Inn, senior discount \$80-\$95, 1-800-635-0043. Cost for event registration is \$10 per couple. Registration forms will be available in later newsletters. At prior Weekend on Whidbey events, the food; crab, oysters and the baked pig plus all the add-ons was outstanding. The upcoming Can-Am will uphold that tradition. The event is being co-chaired by Ingrid Wiltse and Wayne Whitten. Please contact them via email ingway@aol.com or phone 206-824-2840 if you will attend. The engine is mounted on four rubber cushions supported by what? They already know you want to, that's a given.

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TECHNICAL TIPS

Ahh, the cool freshness of a Washington fall morning! There is nowhere in the U.S. that can compare with the beauty of the mist that rests in our trees as the days turn cooler. But that beautiful mist also rests under our hoods and causes tempers to flare when the car won't start because the ignition is as wet as the lawn with morning dew! If you have been experiencing hard starting when the air is damp, you probably have some faulty ignition components. Worn spark plugs, cracked plug/coil wires, a dirty distributor cap, any or all can cause problems when damp.

Moisture is an excellent electrical conductor. Try this little test: Take a 9 volt Eveready battery (or any brand) and lay one finger across both terminals. Nothing happens. Now touch the two terminals to the tip of your tongue... "NO WAY!!!" you say? I rest my case.

If you have been having starting problems do these simple checks:

- A. Pull your spark plugs and check the gap. If the spark has to go too far because of a worn plug it may be taking an easier route! The spark plug gap for the Met is .023" to .025".
- B. Cracked plug/coil wires can usually be discovered (as Phil Asay found out after replacing three coils) by running the engine in a dark area and looking under the hood for sparks arcing from a (or several) wire(s) to the engine.
- C. Moisture on top of a distribu-

tor cap and prevent spark from reaching the plugs. Dry off the top and inside of the cap with a towel or hair dryer (if you are lucky enough to have the problem at home...) and the car should start.

D. Just like spark plugs, the distributor point gap should be properly set to prevent our beloved spark from wandering. .014" to .016" is the proper gap range for the Met.

There are sprays available on the market for a few dollars that will seal your ignition system and keep them dry. Another way to prevent moisture from attacking the distributor is by spraying a light coating of silicone inside the distributor and cap to displace any moisture that may accumulate.

- Dale Carrington/Technical Advisor

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May 14th Met Event: Yes, it is a Thursday, but that is not the only thing that is different about this car show! It is held at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood during the school's Open House. People who are interested in the academic programs offered by the college come from all age groups and areas (including high schools by the bus-load) to visit the facilities and talk with the staff and students. What do the car guys do if they cannot ratchet, weld, paint, glue or sew because of all of the visitors? Hold the 17th Annual **PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR AND BIKE SHOW** FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. Entry is by donation, and you get a dash plaque, and possibly, a trophy. For more information call Kathy Bergh, 253-845-5384



2009 INTERNATIONAL MET MEET

The 2009 International Met Meet will be in Sacramento, California from June 24th to June 28th.

For more information on the Schedule of Events, check their website: www.metropolitanshow2009.com

CruizIn for CaNcer

June 6, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Clallam County Fairgrounds in Port Angeles, WA 98363. Mark your calendars; for info call **John Burkheimer** at 360-477-1785

Tom Wilde - 3rd owner of a 1954 Hardtop with Nash medallion, teal, 37000 miles, white top, really solid black vinyl seats, original interior, garaged for 35 years. Call 253-740-2532

Fiberglass Fender Skirts or Metal Tail Light Bezels. Your choice: \$100 pair, plus shipping. Call Keith (562) 425-4860 or met60@earthlink.net Mocna member 4066 Keith Hays

If you purchase an item in the want ads, please email: mylittlemet@aol.com, so that the ad can be taken out of the next newsletter. 360-456-0970. Thank You!

60 Hardtop for sale Call Ted Fagerness at 360-736-5093. Needs restoration - body not in good shape.

Single wheel trailer-Sears Roebuck & Co. (late 1940's??), frame & wheel assembly frame size is 42" wide and 52" long Selling for \$225.00 Call Mike Jernigan at 360-701-0620

1959 Restored Nash Metropolitan Convertible Newly restored & in very fine condition with new black and white houndstooth interior & new yellow & white paint with new black canvas top. new pioneer CD sound system, new 2 1/4" white wall tires, chrome rear wheel cover, professionally detailed, looks & runs great! Photos available. Asking price is **\$10,500**. Richard & Shirley Wenatchee 509-662-3237 or email miniblinds@aol.com

Tow Bar for sale: brand new, well, used only once. It's for a Nash Metro but may fit other cars. I believe it cost about \$225 new and I was told to sell it for \$125.00. It's set up for a 2 inch ball. I do have pictures if anyone is interested. Located in Snohomish, WA; call 425-327-5025 or email ernie_jones@comcast.net

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE
"Killer Met" posters for \$10 or 20 for \$100
Metropolitan pens (all colors) \$4 or 3/\$10
Earrings for \$5 (yellow, black, red, turquoise)
Met T-shirts L, XL, XXL for \$15
Metropolitan Denim Hats
Small badge \$6
Matchbox car, 1958 Metro Nash \$25
PNMOC badges \$12
Booklets on Brakes, Accessories, Radio, and Ignition System from \$2 to \$5
Met parking signs: \$15.00

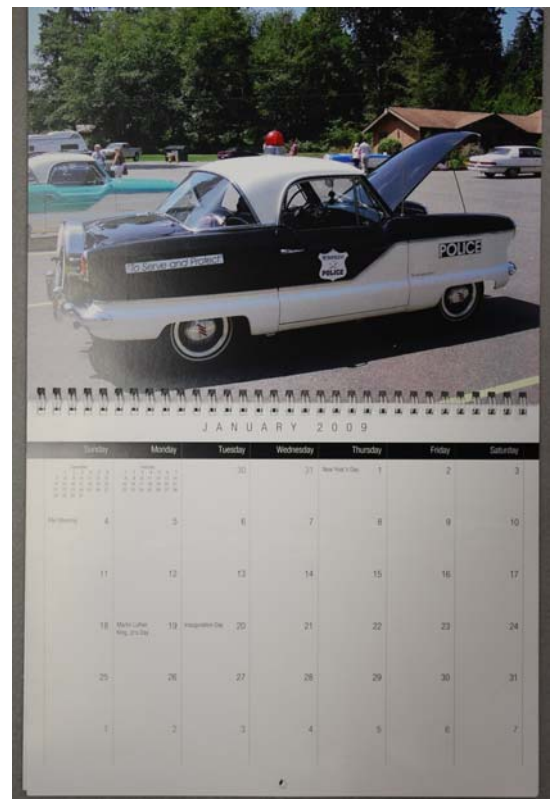
Two Mets for sale; one is a '54 convertible and the other is a '58 hardtop. The convertible is only good for parts; he wants to sell both at once. '58 Met: \$1500, top bows: \$300. Call 206-763-8848 for JOE or email: secnwind@webtv.net

For Sale *New Floor******
I have a new Wolf Steel floor for your MET.
\$600 complete, call Mike 253/951-8000

Lots of leftover metropolitan parts: Engine blocks and parts, transmission parts, radiators, axle parts, etc. Too many to list & too good for the scrap metal yard. Call Jim Pierson 541-296-6340, 2515 E 16th St, The Dalles, OR 97058

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1961 Nash Metropolitan Hardtop for Sale
Turquoise & white restored 1961 Hardtop. I've owned it for 11 years, and it's been stored in the garage, never been out in the rain, actually driven very little. Runs great and body in very good condition. \$7,900.00 Email me for photos: jrschei@msn.com or call 425-330-9085 or 360-387-3287
Ad placed by member, Jeanne Schei from Camano Island



2009 N.W. Calendar
Order your new wall calendar with Pictures from the 2007 Met Events. E-mail Mike at Marksmansales@comcast.net or call 253/951-8000

Diary of a Resto-Rescue, Part 39 – Questions about stains

Because I write these articles, sometimes I get frantic calls. “Help, I spilled brake fluid on my cloth upholstery, and the spray cleaner won’t touch it!” Unfortunately, stains are difficult to disguise and impossible to remove completely. I think that is part of the definition of a stain. But there are some things to try.

The technique for removing as much of a stain as possible changes according to the brand of brake fluid (or whatever is the culprit) and the type of cloth and what is under it. Whatever you try, do it on a hidden spot before trying it on the problem area and see how it reacts with the staining agent.

Try to soak up spills rather than rubbing them further in. At this point it is too late for an absorbent oil spill cloth draped on the spot, but have absorbent cloths on hand for next time. Some success can be had by sprinkling baby powder on the spot, letting it soak up some of the stain for a few hours, then vacuuming it up. Do not rub it in, just let it lay there. If it seems to have done some good, do it again. Several repeats may be needed to fade the spot to the “less noticeable” category.

Some fabrics can stand up to wax and grease remover. Your kidneys can't, though, so wear gloves and have good ventilation. Use your favorite foaming upholstery cleaner to clean up after the w & g remover. If you skipped the part about checking in a hidden spot to see if the fabric will withstand the cleaner, don't be surprised if you have a big hole where the stain was. This happens most often when the stain and the cleaner create a caustic cocktail.

If the cleaned area looks to be usable but is a bit lighter after the assault, there are two techniques that I know of: 1) find a similar color permanent dye marker in the fabric coloring/tie dyeing section of your craft store and do a blend. Did I mention practicing on an out-of sight area? No? Practice on an out of sight area. 2) If you have a scrap piece of the fabric, dampen it with lighter fluid and rub it against the affected area. Many old school dyes will migrate from the swatch to the seat. Similar to above without the marker but with the same cautions.

Ever wonder why people stage their cars with purses and picnic baskets, stuffed animals or blankets? They might be hiding a stain.

Written by Kathy Bergh

METRO TRIVIA

Answer: A.1

Metro Question	Vane Walter
Next Drawing	April, 2009
Purse Amount	\$10.00

RULES FOR PLAYING METRO TRIVIA

Every three months you have a chance at winning CASH. Here is how you play:

1. Locate and correctly answer a mechanical question hidden somewhere in the text body of your Metro Media Newsletter,
2. Write down your answer and submit it to the Club’s Secretary.
3. Be present at the General membership meeting the day a winner is selected. If you have three months of correct answers in the container, you have three chances at winning. If you have only answered one question correctly, you have one chance at winning. Both you and your spouse may submit answers.

DIRECTIONS TO FEDERAL WAY SENIOR CENTER

