



**Detailed Schedule of Events, Westerner's International  
3rd Annual Gather and 75th Anniversary Celebration  
of the Los Angeles Corral  
Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9, 2021**

**Day 1: Friday October 8, 2021**

**Location 1: Mission San Fernando, Rey de España  
Mayordomo's Garden. . .*Morning.* . .**

15151 San Fernando Mission Blvd.,  
Mission Hills, CA 91345  
(818) 361-0186

7 A.M.- 8:30 A.M. Set Up Tables, Chairs, Book Sale  
B. Dillon and all Fellows, plus volunteers

9 A.M. Westerners International Board Meeting,  
Home Ranch Business, etc. (Bonney Presiding)

10 A.M. Doors Open for General Membership  
Book Sale Begins, Self-Guided Tours of Mission Begin

10:30 A.M. Official Welcome by  
Bonney McDonald, Westerners International Chair  
Ann Shea, Los Angeles Corral Sheriff  
Msgr. Francis J. Weber, San Fernando Mission

11:00 A.M. Thumbnail Historical Sketch No. 1 (15 minutes)  
*First People of California* by Brian D. Dillon

12:00 Noon Thumbnail Historical Sketch No. 2 (15 minutes)  
*The California Missions*, by Francis J. Weber



Figure 1: *Misión San Fernando, Rey de España, 1865*. Andrés Pico with step-daughter in foreground, ex-Mission neophytes at left, in background.

## Day 1: Friday October 8, 2021

**Location 1: Mission San Fernando, Rey de España**  
**Mayordomo's Garden. . .Afternoon. . .**

12:30 P.M. B.B.Q. Lunch catered by ***The Bear Pit***, included.  
Beer and Wine (Free) Included

1:30 P.M. Book Auction Resumes (B. Dillon)

2:30 P.M. Guided Tour of Mission Archives, Msgr. Weber and Others.

3:30 P.M. Final Book Sales.  
Driving directions to ***Bob's Big Boy Burgers***

4:00 P.M. Members Out, Doors Close, Cleanup, Load up Begins.  
Dillon, all Fellows, Volunteers.

5:00 P.M. All L.A. Corral staff and stuff off Mission Property.

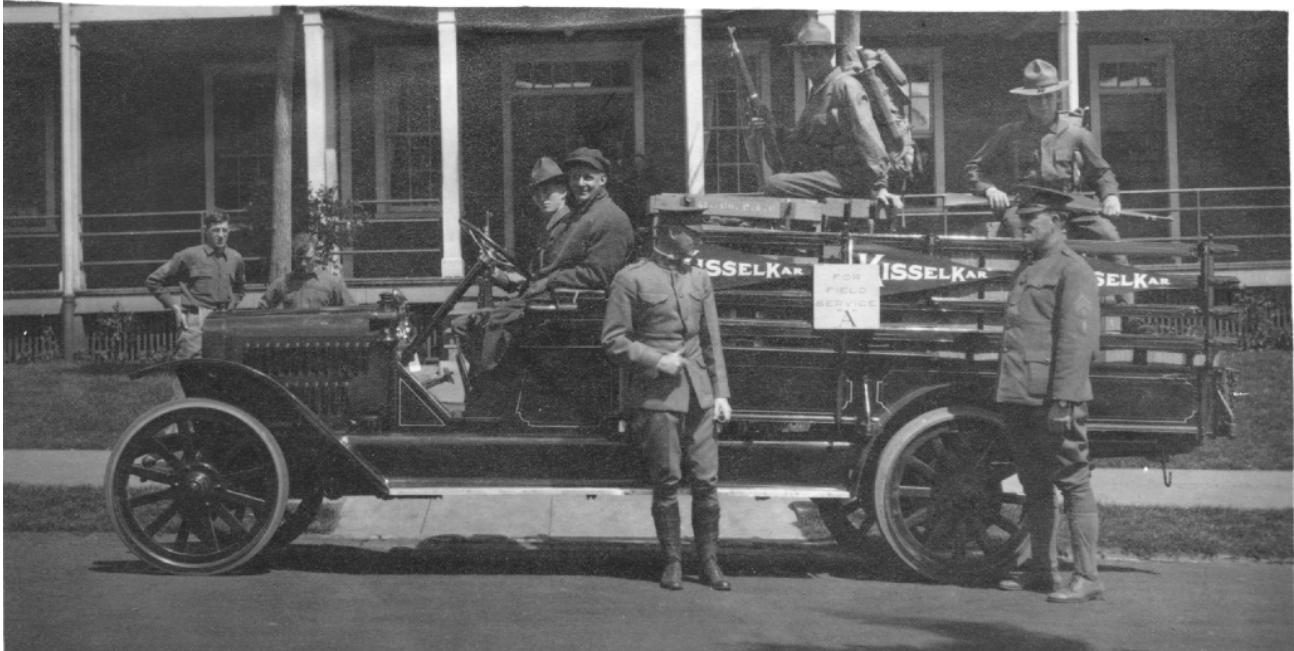


Figure 2: 1913 KisselKar long-wheelbase delivery wagon, undergoing military trials at Fort Baker, California. Top Sergeant W.T. Dillon at right.

**Day 1: Friday October 8, 2021. . . *Evening*. . .**

**Location 2: Bob's Big Boy Burgers, Burbank**

**6:00 P.M. Meet at Bob's Big Boy Burgers**

4211 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91505  
(818) 843-9334  
for. . . .

***HOT ROD FRIDAY NIGHT!***

Self-tour of hot rods in parking lot.

Oldest such continuous event in the Western U.S. (since 1949).

All W.I./L.A. Corral members with hot rods,  
please drive them here, park them. . .and feel free to brag. . .

**6:30 P.M. Self Serve Hot Rodder's Hamburger Dinner at  
Bob's Big Boy (not included )**

**8:00 P.M. Wrap-up and reminder of next day's events. . .  
Driving directions to Autry Museum.**



Figure 3, Above: John Dillon in his Dad's \$350.00, "tow it home and get it running" 1966 Mustang, at **Bob's Big Boy Burgers**, Hot Rod Night, 2006.  
Figure 4, Below: Mom, this engine followed me home, Can I keep it?  
1965 Ford HiPo 289, from a San Fernando Valley wrecking yard.

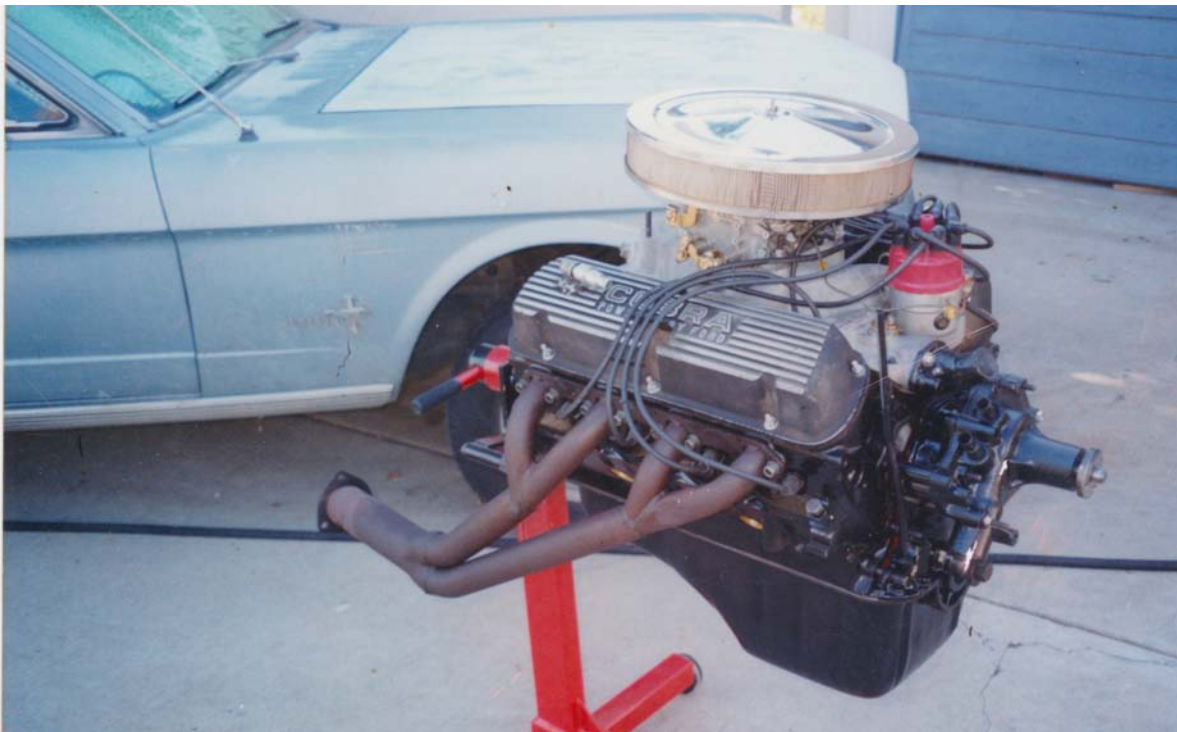






Figure 5: 1st Provisional Field Artillery Combat Wagon from Fort Baker, on the Mexican border, Imperial County, California, 1916. W.T. Dillon photo.

**Day 2: Saturday October 9, 2021 . . .Morning. . .**

**Location 3: Autry Museum of the American West**  
**4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park,**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90027 (323) 667-2000**

10:30 A.M. Collect in Autry parking lot for nose-count, stick-on badges.  
Sign-ups for Cowboy Competitions that night.

11:00 A.M. All enter together, proceed downstairs to **Heritage Court**.  
Welcome by Autry Museum Staff.

11:15 A.M. Thumbnail Historical Sketch No. 3 (15 minutes)  
*L.A. City History and Tragedies*, by Paul McClure

11:30 A.M. Wander through the Autry, self-guided tour

12:00 A.M. **Autry Heritage Court**.  
Thumbnail Historical Sketch No. 4 (15 minutes)  
*Hollywood Cowboys*, by Abe Hoffman

12:15 Self-serve lunch (not included) in **Autry Crossroads West Café**.



Figure 6: Only Tinseltown “cowboys” carried two guns. *Real Westerners* carried *four*. Westerners International Living Legend Richard H. Dillon (aged 16) with two Colt Peacemakers **and** two Colt cap-and-ball six-shooters, Sausalito, California 1941. Please don’t try this at home. . .

## **Day 2: Saturday October 9, 2021. . . Afternoon. . .**

### **1:30 P.M. Autry Heritage Court**

Thumbnail Historical Sketch No. 5 (15 minutes)

*Pacific Coast Maritime History*, by Geraldine Knatz

1:45 P.M. Resume self-guided tour of Autry Museum.

### **2:30 P.M. Autry Museum Greg Martin Colt Gallery**

Thumbnail Historical Sketch No. 6 (15 minutes)

*Old West Shootin’ Irons*, by Brian D. Dillon

3:30 P.M. Leave Autry Museum for the **Hacienda Turner**

Driving Directions Given Out.



Figure 7: Sorry, ***no horses will be served*** at the Hacienda Turner Bar, as per local ordinance No. 5387-2.

**Day 2, Location 4: Hacienda Turner. . . Evening. . . .**  
**17435 Raymer Street, Sherwood Forest, CA 91325**

4:00 P.M. Self-serve **Free** Bar Opens at Hacienda Turner  
Live Mariachi Music Begins  
Los Angeles Corral Publications for sale  
Branding Iron, Keepsakes, Brand Books 23, 24, etc.

5:00 P.M. Welcome by Living Legend Gary Turner  
Thumbnail Sketch No. 7 (15 minutes)  
Cowboy Poetry, by Gary Turner

5:15 P.M. Cowboy Competitions (live music resumes)  
Sheriff Ann Shea, Deputy Sheriff Pete Fries, Referees  
(All entrants must have signed up in Autry Parking Lot)





Figure 8: Last year's Eskimo Wrestling Champion "Six Fingers" Ferguson celebrating his win over "Dirty Dan" Duncan.

The Competitions will include, in the following order:

- 1: Wheelbarrow Races (2 contestants at a time)
- 2: Shovel Races " "
- 3: Eskimo Wrestling (Please Wash Hands First!)
- 4: Best Cowboy Hat (All Comers)
- 5: Best Cowboy Boots " "
- 6: Best Cowboy Shirt " "
- 7: Ugliest Pickup Truck (Disqualification for  
Intentional Damage, as per United Nations  
Peacekeeping Regulations)

6:00 P.M. Catered Mexican BBQ Dinner Begins (included)  
Music continues. . .

7:00 P.M. Cowboy Competition Winners Announced (Pete Fries)  
4th Annual Gather Announcement  
Awards Ceremonies and Notifications (Bonney)





Figure 9: Sorry, ***no flying horses allowed*** at San Fernando Mission, The Autry Museum, or the Hacienda Turner. ***Terrestrial horses only.*** And ***no horses in the pool*** this time, either! As per local ordinance No. 5387-3. Photo by W.T. Dillon, Mexican Border, 1914.

8:30 P.M. Final Benediction, and Farewell until Next Year  
Bonny McDonald, Westerners International Chair  
Ann Shea, Los Angeles Corral Sheriff

9:00 P.M. until? Barflies Convention. . .Gary Turner hosting. . .



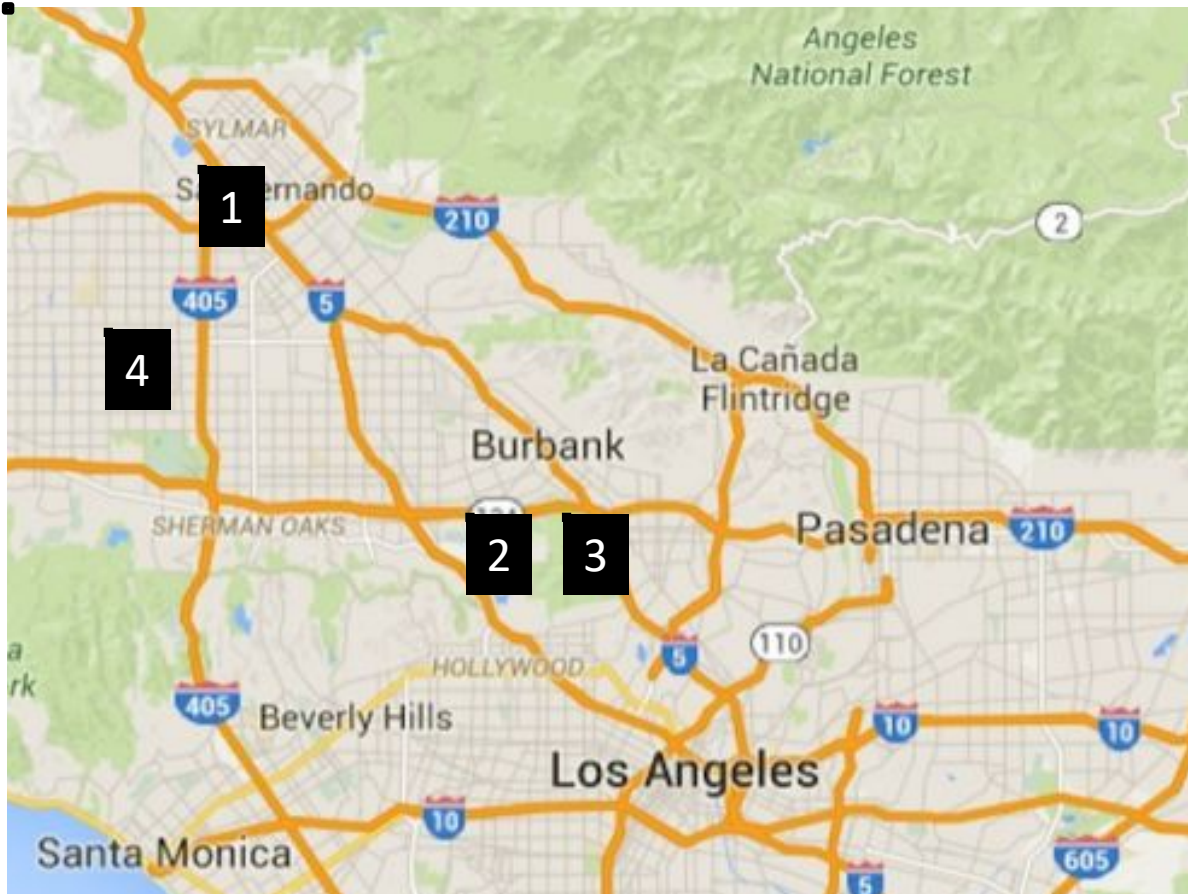


Figure 10: Greater Los Angeles, with event locations numbered.

- Location 1: **San Fernando Mission**  
15151 San Fernando Mission Blvd.  
Mission Hills, CA 91345  
(In triangle North of FWY 118, West of I-5, East of I-405).
- Location 2: **Bob's Big Boy Burgers**  
4211 West Riverside Drive,  
Burbank, CA 91505  
(2 Blocks South of FWY 134, 2 Blocks West of N Pass Ave).
- Location 3: **Autry Museum**  
4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park,  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  
(West of I-5, South of FWY 134, Zoo Drive Exit).
- Location 4: **Hacienda Turner**  
17435 Raymer Street,  
Sherwood Forest, CA 91325  
(2 Blocks South of Parthenia, West of Louise).



Figure 11: Humorous comment on limited “lodging” during the 1859 Comstock Silver Rush from California to Nevada, by J. Ross Browne.

### **LODGING FOR OUT-OF-TOWNERS (by Gary Turner)**

**1: GLENDALE AREA:** 2 miles from Autry Museum, 16 miles from San Fernando Mission, 20 miles from Hacienda Turner.

<b>Hampton Inn</b>	114 N. Colorado St. Glendale, CA 91204	\$112
<b>Hilton</b>	225 W. Wilson Ave. Glendale, CA 91203	\$126
<b>Embassy Suites</b>	800 N. Central Ave, Glendale, CA 90203	\$151

**2: BURBANK AIRPORT AREA:** 6 miles from Autry Museum, 10 miles from San Fernando Mission, 15 miles from Hacienda Turner.

<b>Hampton Inn</b>	7501 N. Glenoaks Blvd. Burbank, CA 91504	\$101
<b>Holiday Inn</b>	150 E. Angeline Ave. Burbank, CA 91502	\$129
<b>Courtyard</b>	2100 W. Empire Ave. Burbank, CA 91502	\$154
<b>Marriott</b>	2500 N. Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505	\$159





Figure 12: A local (at right) attempts double-occupancy on the trail to California, 1850. Humorous drawing by Joseph Goldsborough Bruff.

**3: DOWNTOWN BURBANK AREA:** 3 miles from Autry Museum,  
11 miles from San Fernando Mission, 17 miles from Hacienda Turner.

<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b>	401 S. San Fernando Blvd. Burbank, 91502	\$139
<b>Springhill Suites</b>	549 S. San Fernando Road, Burbank 91502	\$169
<b>Residence Inn</b>	321 Ikea Way, Burbank CA 91502	\$197

#### **4: PASADENA AREA (by Jim Macklin)**

The Old Pasadena/Colorado Boulevard district of Pasadena is very visitor friendly. There is much to do in this area and many hotels and restaurants to choose from if you would like to explore **before** and/or **after** the two days of scheduled events. Pasadena is 30 miles from the Hacienda Turner, 25 miles from Mission San Fernando, and 10 miles from the Autry Museum, much farther away than areas 1-3 above.



Figure 12: Dining *alfresco* in the Gold Fields, Colorado, 1870s. Original caption was reputed to be: "More Beans, Mr. Taggart?"

## DINING FOR OUT-OF-TOWNERS

### 1: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY (5 to 10 Minutes from the Mission)

**Argentina: Mercado Buenos Aires** (Empanadas, etc.)

16137 Devonshire Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344  
(747) 225-8418

**Donuts and Sandwich Station** (Early birds welcome)

15417 Chatsworth Street, Mission Hills, CA 91345  
(818) 895-5961

**Fancy Dining: CF Food Kitchen** (Parking Very Limited)

16205 Devonshire Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344  
(818) 363-5781

***Korean BBQ: Economy: Galeria Market Food Court***

10201 Reseda Blvd., #100, Northridge, CA 91324  
(818) 772-5755

***Korean BBQ: Fancy: Shik Do Rak*** (Cooked at your Table)

18434 Devonshire Street, Northridge, CA 91325  
(818) 832-7080

***In-N-Out Burgers, Drive Through*** (Best Burgers to Go)

9858 Balboa Blvd., Northridge, CA 91325  
(800) 786-1000

***Mexican/Cuban: Ay Papa, Que Rico!*** (Best Burritos in Town)

14035 Van Nuys Blvd., Arleta, CA 91331  
(818) 302-6380

***Pizza: Casa de Pizza*** (Outstanding Pizzas made to order)

16161 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344  
(818) 366-6311

***Western BBQ: The Bear Pit*** (Best on the Planet)

10825 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345  
(818) 365-2500

**2: PASADENA (30 Minutes from San Fernando Mission)****From Jim Macklin**

If you come a day or two early, or stay a day or two late, you might want to investigate the dining opportunities along Colorado Boulevard and a little further afield in Old Pasadena. There are indoor restaurants, sidewalk cafes, coffee shops, and other up-scale places to explore and enjoy at your leisure. Too many to list in detail here.





Figure 13: Mission San Fernando, Rey de España, at the end of the 19th century, before repeated reconstructions.

**Come a day or two *Early*, Stay a day or two *Late*!**

*Suggestions and Recommendations for Out-of-Towners for things to do **Before** and **After** the 3rd Annual Gather/75th Anniversary*

## **BEACHES:**

***Leo Carrillo State Beach*** (Least crowded of them all)  
35000 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

***Santa Monica State Beach*** (and Pacific Palisades)  
3 Miles Long, Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica

***Venice Beach*** (and Boardwalk, A Daily Freak Show-be Warned  
The *Fastest-Growing Homeless Encampment* in L.A.!)  
1 Mile Long, to South of Santa Monica Beach

***Will Rogers State Beach and Historic Park***

17000 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272  
(424) 526-7777

***Zuma Beach***

30050 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

**GARDENS:*****Descanso Gardens***

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011  
(818) 949-4200

***Exposition Park Rose Garden***

701 State Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(213) 763-0114

***Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens***

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
(626) 405-2100

**LIBRARIES:*****Los Angeles Public Library, Central Branch***

630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071  
(213) 228-7000

**MUSEUMS:** (Most are Closed on **Monday**):***Autry Museum of the American West***

4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027  
(323) 667-2000

***Battleship USS Iowa and Museum***

250 South Harbor Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90731  
(877) 446-9261

**MUSEUMS (Cont'd):*****Broad Museum of Contemporary Art***

221 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 232-6250

***California African-American Museum***

600 State Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(213) 744-7432

***California Science Center, Air & Space Museum*** (Space Shuttle)

700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
(323) 724-3623

***Fowler Museum of Cultural History, UCLA***

308 Charles E. Young Drive North, Los Angeles, CA 90024  
(310) 825-4361

***George C. Page Museum*** (La Brea Tar Pits)

5801 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036  
(323) 934-7243

***Getty Center Museum and Gardens***

1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049  
(310) 440-7325

***Getty Villa*** (Classical Art Only)

17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272  
(310) 440-7373

***Holocaust Museum, Los Angeles***

100 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90036  
(323) 651-3704

***Japanese American National Museum***

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 625-0414

***Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)***

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036  
(323) 857-6010



**MUSEUMS (Cont'd):*****Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)***

250 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90012  
(213) 626-6222

***Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County***

900 West Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007  
(213) 763-3466

***Nethercutt Collection*** (Classic Cars!)

15151 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, CA 91342  
(818) 364-6464

***Petersen Automotive Museum*** (World's Best Hot Rods, Classics).

6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036  
(323) 930-2277

***USC Pacific Asia Museum***

46 North Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101  
(626) 449-2742

***William S. Hart Museum***

24151 Newhall Ave, Newhall, CA 91321  
(661) 254-4584

**OPEN-AIR ATTRACTIONS:*****Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels***

555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

***Los Angeles Chinatown*** (Dim Sum Lunch!!!)

Around North Broadway and West College Street

***Los Angeles Plaza Historic Park*** (Olvera Street)

125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 485-6855



Figure 14: An anonymous Native-born Californian's observation useful for out-of-state drivers. Los Angeles drivers may appear *suicidal* to visitors, but they are not. If provoked, however, they may wax *homicidal*. So smile at them, and move aside. 5th-generation Californian Brian D. Dillon's 1957 Ford Ranchero pickup truck at left. Dillon photo, Central California, 1983.

### **OPEN-AIR ATTRACTIONS (Cont'd):**

#### ***Los Angeles Zoo*** (Next to the Autry)

5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027  
(323) 644-4200

#### ***Olvera Street Mexican Folk Art Market***

10 Olvera Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 628-1274

#### ***Walt Disney Concert Hall***

111 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012

***News, Traffic, Weather:*** TV: ABC Channel 7 4 A.M.- 11:30 P.M.  
Radio: KNX 1070 A.M. 24 hrs.

**AN HOUR OR TWO AWAY:*****Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, CA***

100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 590-3100

***Disneyland***

1313 Disneyland Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802  
(714) 781-4565

***Knott's Berry Farm***

8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90620  
(714) 220-5200

***Six Flags Magic Mountain***

26101 Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355  
(661) 255-4100

***Mission San Buenaventura***

211 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001  
(805) 643-4318

***Mission San Juan Capistrano***

26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
(949) 234-1300

***Mission Santa Barbara***

2201 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
(805) 682-4713

***Universal Studios Hollywood***

100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608  
(800) 864-8377

***Vásquez Rocks County Park***

(95% of all Tinseltown horse operas were filmed here)  
10700 Escondido Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA 91350  
(661) 268-0840

***Tips for the Out-of-Town Visitor:***

**Internet Previews:** Please “Google” Internet entries for *San Fernando Mission*, *The Autry Museum* and *Bob’s Big Boy Burgers* in the months, weeks and days before you venture to Los Angeles, as well as those of any other local attractions you would like to visit. Please also make your lodging arrangements ***well in advance***.

**Flying in and Out:** If you can, fly into Burbank Airport, **not** LAX. Burbank is small, convenient, and close to all of our events. Car rental is a snap.

**Rush Hour Traffic:** There no longer is a “rush hour” in Los Angeles. Traffic jams can come at any time of the day or night, weekdays or weekends, especially since much road work (necessitating road or lane closures) is scheduled during “non-commute” hours (like, at 10 PM on Saturday Night). So you should build-in extra time to spend sitting on the freeway, motionless, studying the tail lights in front of you.

**Parking:** Is the No. 1 headache in metropolitan Los Angeles. Parking lots are few and far between, and rates can be exorbitant. Street parking is often only of short duration, and your car may be ticketed or towed unless you “feed the meter.” Some meters only take credit cards; many are broken and do not function.

Also, check the signs for which day of the week the putative street-sweeper is scheduled to come by, and when. In many parts of L.A. parking is free 6 days a week, but you will be ticketed on “street sweeper day” if you park during certain hours, even if the street has not been swept for decades, nor is likely to be swept for many years to come.

Parking in the **San Fernando Mission** lot is limited, but can be found on the street on both **San Fernando Mission Blvd** at a short distance to both west and east, and along both sides of **Brand Boulevard** one block to the south. Additional spaces can be found up and down **Sepulveda Blvd** two blocks to the west. Parking at the **Autry Museum** is free, and the lot (shared with the Zoo and other Griffith Park attractions) is one of the largest in Los Angeles.

**Cautions:** Visitors to L.A. are more likely to be ticketed for driving *too slow* than *too fast*. Stay out of the fast lane on the freeway unless you intend to exceed the speed limit, otherwise you may be rear-ended. And, if you suspect that the giant pile of rubbish on the sidewalk where you were





B. D. Dillon, Sierra de Chinajá, Guatemala, 1976

thinking of parking may have human occupants, it probably does. L.A. has the largest and most aggressive homeless population in the country, thanks to the practice in all of those little states east of Nevada of handing their indigent citizens one-way bus tickets to Los Angeles. Don't park next to a homeless encampment; you may find squatters *in* or *on* your car upon your return if you do.

**COVID-19:** All local and state authorities at present (April, 2021) predict that by the time of our joint celebration in early October, Southern California should no longer have restrictions on gatherings, dining, lodging, etc. Please **get your vaccinations** long before October, 2021. In case of unforeseen COVID-related cancellations, refunds will be made.

by Brian Dervin Dillon, Ph.D., April 10, 2021  
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