



THE PREDICTOR



PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB SAN DIEGO REGION

THIS MONTH IN OUR PACKARD WORLD

- **JUNE 16 IS PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW DAY AT ESCONDIDO'S CRUSIN GRAND! THE EVENT TO STRUT THEIR STUFF. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS ON THE CRUISIN' GRAND VENUE.** Page 7
- **Coronado 4th of July Parade.** Packards will be transporting honored Veterans of WWII.
- **SOCAL Swap meet July 15, 2017 at Original Mike's.** See page 10.
- **July 16, 2017 Rallye/Tour in South County.** Stay tuned for more information.
- **Open house at Tim's place August 5, check back here for details.**
- **We are sure you have noticed that more than one event per month is advertised in your Predictor. The fist event mentioned in the annual schedule is the "Main Event". The others are for your information to use as you like. Oh, by the way if there is something you would like to do, contact any board member and we can make it happen (usually).**
- **Our board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Marie Callendar's, 515 13th St, Escondido CA at 7:00 pm. There is an exception for the June Board Meeting which will be held on June 13th. Same time and location.**

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CONNIE McNEIL MEMORIAL TOUR

by Steve Ross



Approximately forty vintage automobiles gathered at the Kit Carson Park in Escondido, CA to participate in the Memorial Tour for Connie. People joining us during the tour made getting an accurate count difficult. We know for sure that there were 32 at one point. Whatever the count it was a super, great, fun tour and one of the best I have participated in San Diego County. The Horseless Carriage Club had several cars on the tour and several were rare automobiles such as the Velie, Locomobile, Pierce-Arrow, Hudson, and a 1909 Delage. The age of the cars ranged from 1906 to 1950. Of course there were Model T's and Model A's. Our first stop was the Restoration Supply where we were joined by more cars. The Packards had to park in the pasture! OMG what an experience, for some of our Packard drivers.



1909 DELAGE

I never expected to see a 1909 Delage Racer ever and definitely not on a tour in San Diego County. Owned by Alan Davis who restored the car, this Delage is the only one of this model in the world and Mr. Davis uses it as a touring car. In 2015, Alan took the car to Australia for a 3000 mile plus tour of Tasmania and Australia (and I thought the Lincoln Highway tour was a big deal in a '39 Packard). Delage was well ahead of its time for 1909 as it had a four-cylinder 2.2 liter engine developing 26 hp at 3200 rpm (it idles at 50 rpm) and a four speed transmission. It will cruise at 45 or 50 mph and came equipped with an altimeter, clock (that still works) and a speedometer. Alan has run it just over 60 mph.

THE VELIE



There was not one but two Velies on the tour. Willard Velie, a grandson of Deere made Velies in Moline, IL from 1908 to 1928. After Velie's death in 1929 the plant was sold to John Deere. I believe this is a 1910 or 1909. Velie also made airplanes and that business was sold to the St. Louis Company that made Lindbergh's Spirit of Saint Louis.

1909 Hudson, I Think
1950 Hudson Coupe



Packards in the weeds. Buttercup is right at home.



Brian Wagner and President Richard. Note Presidential Packard is not in the weeds



PISD member Sam Judd. Sam drove his Model T. His Packard is in work



The 1909 Delage and a 1934 Morgan and a couple of very nice Pierces



1923 Franklin that looks pretty much original

Mr. Wagner arriving



A very nice 34 Packard parked next to an early Hudson



Kings Row, Packards and Pierce-Arrow

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Our final stop was at the home of Greg Wakeman. What an amazing site this was. Mr. Wakeman erected a small town with mining, heavy machinery repair and general stores in work. Construction is ongoing and I would love to see the finished town. We were treated to various selections of pizza and breadsticks cooked on the spot by a portable oven. Two people were dedicated to making fresh salad and fresh baked bread sticks. A wide assortment of drinks were available and cookies, brownies, pie and fresh fruit provided to top off the lunch. The food was delicious, in fact better than most pizza places. The home and grounds were a treasure trove of antique furniture, cars, motorcycles, industrial and mining machinery from the turn of the twentieth century.



Headed home



Our host Greg Wakeman

RALPH AND HIS DAUGHTER



This was a fitting tribute to Connie McNeil and one of the best tours I have been on. Ralph was there with his daughter and he is recovering slowly from some major surgery. We will be seeing Ralph back behind the wheel soon.

President's Message

By Richard Schauer



Get Dad to take you for a ride in his Packard on Father's day

2017 is flying by. Everyone I talk to agrees that before long we will be singing Christmas carols. It is time to fix the ol' Packard and get it out on the road before the year runs away from us altogether.

Karen and I have been doing just that, and having a great time. At the May 13 memorial tour for Connie McNeil our very own venerable Tom O'Hara put it extremely well and I will attempt to paraphrase him: Tom enjoys the Packard club for a number of reasons, one of the most prominent being that he enjoys so many unique, interesting, and rewarding experiences that he otherwise would never do.

Yep, that is what we on your board strive to offer our membership. I guess we are succeeding, at least in the eyes of some. See the previous article on the McNeil tour, which was nothing short of incredible. We thank the Horseless Carriage Club for putting together the tour and inviting the Packard club. It has been nearly a year since Connie's passing, and we mourn her still. Ralph attended the tour, and he has been fighting his own health issues. It was great to see him. We must all keep Ralph in our prayers.

It does not seem like life in the Packard world has slowed down one bit. April 30 was the Coronado Motor Cars on Main Streets, which is always a good time. May 13 was the McNeil tour, and Saturday May 20 was wine tasting in Temecula once again, hosted as always in high fashion by Ron Steffey. With little time to rest we are now in full planning for annual Packard / Pierce-Arrow night. If you have not already signed up please do so, and note the new and easy way Mark Burnside created for doing so online. Members can expect more of that type of signup for events as we work to modernize our web site and operating methods. On July 4th the Packard club has once again been asked to participate in the Coronado parade Avenue of the Heroes. This is an incredible honor for us. Six WWII veterans are being honored and it will be an all Packard event. Members have already come forward to volunteer, and everyone will have an experience they will never forget.

Once again Karl Ramsing has done an outstanding job managing our membership roster. 2017 shows 72 members. In these times many clubs are losing membership, struggling in some cases to remain viable. We are extremely fortunate to have such a faithful and dedicated membership.

I call attention to August 5, 2017. It has been too long since we arranged an open house welcome event for the entire membership. Tim Pestotnik, our vice-president, has graciously opened his beautiful Point Loma home for the August membership party. Please mark your calendar and make sure to come. I hope to see you all there!

Temecula Wine Tasting

By Richard Schauer



Packard and friends Mike and Tana Campana, who have attended this event before and a number of other Packard events. Scott Bayer and wife Larissa drove to Ron's from their home in Las Vegas especially for the event. Scott drove Ron's 1936 Auburn on the tour. Richard Carlson and Lynn Stobel arrived around 10:30 in the family's 1934 Packard super 8 sedan. Ron's effusive neighbor Mary rounded out the crowd.



We drove to Falkner Winery for lunch. The day was very warm...no, it was hot out...let's be honest. In addition, the A/C was not working at all on my Packard. The '36 Auburn gave Scott and Ron fits on the drive to Falkner, but it made it there okay. A happy and excellent lunch was enjoyed by all, followed by wine tasting in the private Members Only room. It was there that Randy Carlson joined the good time. The plan was to spend perhaps an hour there and move on to the next winery. Everyone was having such a great time Ron and I decided not to break it up. We ended the day there, deciding to save Peltzer Winery for the next time.

The only unhappy note on the day is the Auburn did not make it home. Half way back to Ron's place it broke down and had to be hauled. Ron believes he knows what the problem is and will take care of it. It did not spoil his day. Thank you, Ron, for once again making a very nice day for all of us.



PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW DAY @ ESCONDIDO'S CRUISIN' GRAND™

Friday June 16, 2017

Our region's annual flagship event, [Packard/Pierce-Arrow Day](#) at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand is right around the corner. Once again, we have secured the Friday closest to the Summer Solstice in order to maximize the amount of daylight we have before heading home while lighting the road with our 6-volt headlights. The date is Friday June 16th. You and your Packard or Pierce-Arrow are cordially invited and encouraged to attend this [FREE](#) event.

As we do every year, we are extending a cordial invitation to our neighbors to the north, the [SoCal Region of PI](#) as well as to the Southern California Region of the [Pierce-Arrow Society](#).



Here's the schedule:

9:00 am - Be at TV station KUSI, 4575 Viewridge Avenue, San Diego, with your classic ride for Dave Stall's morning car segment on the [Good Morning San Diego](#) Program. Dave will choose and interview several owners about their cars and their history. One never knows who he will pick to talk to.

7:00 am - We all head to the nearby [Studio Diner](#) at 4701 Ruffin Road, San Diego for a group breakfast.

3:00 pm - We meet up at [Japaleño Grill & Cantina](#) at 503 West Grand Avenue, Escondido for a free beverage and appetizer. The Board of Directors of the Packards International San Diego Region has agreed that our club's treasury will sponsor this event of the day. Expect to spend a leisurely late afternoon swapping stories and talking Packard stuff. Then we'll leave by 4:30 to go form-up for the parade.

By 4:45 pm - Have your classic at the corner of East 4th Avenue & South Ivy Street, Escondido to form up for the ***Parade of Packards & Pierce-Arrows*** down Grand Avenue

5:00 pm - The ***Parade of Packards and Pierce-Arrows*** begins. Parade cars will be single file in year order. Oldest car leads the parade. Of the 26 Cruisin' Grand events held every year, this is the only parade of cars prior to the start of the event. In past years we had a motorcycle police escort courtesy of the [Escondido Police Department](#). We have requested the escort again this year and hope to have confirmation soon.

5:15 pm to 9:00 pm - Your classic buggy is on display on South Broadway for the public to see, appreciate, and admire. Once again, the *PI San Diego Region Board of Directors* is planning all the niceties that add to the evening: People's Choice Award voting by the public, windshield placards for all pre-registered cars, parking in year order, a staffed information booth, and more. The presentation of the People's Choice Award will be made by Steve Waldron, Cruisin' Grand Founder and Organizer, at the 8:00 Awards Ceremony. Expect LOTS of questions from the admiring public. (Like: Who made Packards? Is this a hearse? Are you the original owner? When did Mercedes stop making Packards? How do you shift it?etc.)

HOW TO REGISTER FOR PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW DAY AT CRUISIN' GRAND

We have made it very easy for you do online registration of your Packard or Pierce-Arrow for any or all of the day's events. All you have to do is click on the blue link below and fill in the blanks. Once done, click on "I AGREE" and you are all signed up! No snail-mail needed or required.

CLICK HERE => www.PackardSanDiego.com/cruisin-grand

Other fun facts and items of note about this year's event:

- 1) All Packards and Pierce Arrows are invited to attend all of the day's activities. There is no charge or registration fee. Membership in PI (or any region of PI) is NOT required. Please forward this to ANYONE you know who owns a Packard or Pierce Arrow. Also note that only Packards and Pierce-Arrows can be accommodated at KUSI, in the parade, and at Cruisin' Grand. We do, however, require every Packard and Pierce-Arrow owner to register prior to the event (see above).
- 2) We will be parking in a special roped-off area of South Broadway. We need to have at least 25 Packards and Pierce-Arrows at the event to maintain this area exclusive to our makes. Fewer than 25 cars means that Cruisin' Grand event organizers can allow non-Packards and non-Pierce-Arrows to park in our space. We fervently want to avoid the shame and indignity associated with such an undesirable outcome.
- 3) You will be on your own for dinner. There are many nice restaurants along Grand Avenue - from \$ to \$\$\$\$.
- 4) **Cruisin' Grand™** is a weekly cruise-in sponsored by the City of Escondido - held every Friday night from the first Friday in April to the last Friday in September. On each Friday a classic vehicle organization is invited to display their vehicles in a special roped-off area for the evening. **This event is special:** It's an incredible outreach opportunity for us to present our classic motorcars to a (very) interested public. Out of the 26 Cruisin' Grand events held each year, *Packard/Pierce- Arrow Night* ranks a solid #3 in public interest (behind *Nitro Night* and *Fire Truck Night*). Attendance for Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night in previous years has been estimated at 5,000+. With this kind of interest and enthusiasm from the public, it only makes sense for us to mobilize every roadworthy Packard and Pierce-Arrow for the event. We sincerely hope that you will join us!



Motor Cars on Main Street

PI San Diego Region made their presence known at Motor Cars on Main Street in Coronado and, as usual, came home with the bacon. Tom O'Hara was not eligible to win (he's already won too many times!), so it was Richard Schauer's turn to haul yet another trophy home. Tim drove his Pontiac for a change of pace and Marjo brought her Station Sedan. Buttercup made the trip without incident, which I imagine, was a big disappointment to AAA. Ironically when Richard and I got on the freeway to go to Coronado, an AAA truck pulled up behind me and followed us for about three miles. I was beginning to wonder if he knew something I didn't know. I felt like carrion and he was a vulture watching me. As if this wasn't enough, you ain't gonna believe this, as we passed Miramar another AAA truck come up behind and started following us! Since I haven't sold my wand I am going to start carrying it.



Marjo's Station sedan



The Trophy Boys



Tim with his Pontiac Tri-Power

Marjo, Richard, Karen, Tom, Tim, Steve, Carol and Jack Heacock formed a lunch party and trekked over to the Brigantine for lunch, which was excellent.



by Steve

SAME FACES, SAME PACKARDS?



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I noticed while looking at back issues of our Predictor that cars and people. Have you noticed that? would like to write about you. We have those members regularly. Since the



Packards all the time ain't exactly news. people but then there would not be much in the Predictor. Upcoming events would be about it. We want to write about you and your Packard! Heck, we even write about to mind. We are nice people, honest. We want to meet all of look-see. You DO NOT have to drive a Packard to have some fun If I gave you a call would you permit me to come to your garage and will if you let me.

every issue seems to have the same Have you grown tired of reading about them? As your editor, I seventy-two members, more or less, and we cover eleven or so of Predictor is actually a newsletter covering the same folks and whatever can we do? Easiest solution is to stop covering these people but then there would not be much in the Predictor. Upcoming events would be about it. We want to write other automobiles, Nash comes you so come out and give us a with your club.



meet you and your Packard? I

Why not join us at Cruisin' Grand on June 16th? ([click here to sign up](#))



RALLYE RALLYE JULY 16, 2017



Mark your calendar (does anyone use a calendar anymore what with smart phones?) for July 16, 2017 for a fun filled, exciting, breathtaking rallye on some scenic back roads of San Diego County. While motoring and looking for clues the driving teams will be given the opportunity to learn fun facts about our American Heritage. I can feel the excitement now. You may win priceless trophies and other accolades for your powers of observation and eighth grade knowledge of your American History and our heritage.



This is an early 1900's Bugatti

SOCAL Swap Meet, July 15, 2017



FUN FACTS

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1903; FIRST LICENSE PLATE. Massachusetts is first state to issue license plates. It was made of iron and covered with porcelain. The first plate (number 1) was issued to Frederick Tudor. (One of his relatives still holds an active registration on the plate.)

Picture courtesy of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.



1930: Billy Arnold was the first driver to break the 100 mph barrier at the Indy 500. Average speed 100.448 mph. Other Indy 500 facts. Al Unser has led the most laps in Indy history with 644. Second is Ralph DePalma with 186. DePalma drove in ten Indy 500 races and finished in the top ten in five races. He won the race in 1915

1915:



Packard Six is the Indy 500 pace car driven by Carl Fisher owner and founder of the Indy 500 raceway. Fisher also used a Packard to survey much of the Lincoln Highway of which he was the founder.

1919:



Packard returns for the 1919 Indy 500 race, with a more memorable car and driver, Ralph DePalma and Pace car driver Jesse G. Vincent, with passenger Eddie Rickenbacker, driving a Twin Six, a landmark car, its new lightweight V-12 displacing 424 cubic inches; DePalma drove a V-12 model called the 299 after its displacement and finished sixth.

Photo courtesy of pinterest

1929:



Indy 500 was won by team owner Maude Yagle, the only woman owned team to ever win the race. She attempted to keep her identity a secret. But Ray Priest of Universal Service news service took notice and published a story under the headline "Goshalmighty! Now look where the women are horning in!" The story said the "weaker sex invades the speed game for no good reason at all but it makes a story". She was not allowed in the pit or garage section of the speedway.

PI San Diego Region

2017 Calendar of Events

Listed below is the 2017 calendar of officially sponsored events by the San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club. Also included are National PI events sponsored by PI headquarters or one of its regions. You must be a member of Packards International Motor Car Club to attend officially sponsored events.

Click on any of the event descriptions shown in blue text to see more information about the location or setting of the tour.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Name/Description</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Tour Director</u>
June	16	Packards on Dave Stall's Morning Show KUSI Ch 9	San Diego	Richard Schauer
		Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night @ Cruisin' Grand	Escondido	Mark Burnside
July	4	4th of July Parade Honoring War Heroes	Coronado	Richard Schauer
	15	SoCal Region Swap Meet	Santa Ana	SoCal Region
	16	Rallye Tour	SD County	Steve Ross
Aug	5	Membership Open House at Tim's Place	Point Loma	Tim Pestotnik
Sep	9	Driving Tour to Ernis Follis Garage	San Marcos	Richard Schauer
Oct	13-15	Driving Tour to Big Bear (Overnight)	Big Bear Lake	Richard Schauer
Nov	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec	2	San Diego Region Christmas Party	Valley Center	Steve Ross