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THE PREDICTOR

PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB , SAN DIEGO REGION



UPCOMING EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

- *NOVEMBER IS DARK (NO EVENT). HAPPY THANKSGIVING*
- *DECEMBER 9 IS THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION*
- *WE WILL BE PLANNING NEXT YEAR'S TOURS, EVENTS, PARTIES ETC SOON, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD ENJOY DOING. WE ARE WIDE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS*

RESULTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2017

As announced and planned, a membership meeting was held at Balboa Park to discuss the proposal to separate the San Diego Region from the Packards International Motorcar Club and become a region of Packard Automobile Classics (PAC). I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who took the time to come, express their opinions, and vote on this very important issue.

The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority of votes. Therefore, plans will move forward to establish us as the San Diego Region of PAC. Stay tuned for information in the Predictor and in additional correspondence.

Richard Schauer
President, Packards International San Diego Region



This photo was taken in 1935 at the Del Coronado Hotel in Coronado, CA. President Franklin Roosevelt is riding in the Lincoln marked car 1. Find the Packard in this photo, cut out photo with Packard circled, bring to the Christmas party and the editor will buy you a beverage of your choice.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Richard Schauer



I begin with a sincere apology for I have been remiss in my duties. This year we celebrate the 42nd Anniversary of our San Diego Region of Packards International. Yes, a group of men gathered around a table in 1975 and thought it would be a good idea to form a club for the mutual enjoyment of the Packard motor cars. Here we are 40 years later still going strong. Do you suppose those founders, as we fondly call them, had any idea their association of Packard lovers would still be moving on down the road so far into the next century? I would like to think so, for their plan was to keep the Packard automobile on the road and in the public eye for the duration. Now the torch is passed to us. So, how are we doing? If we could sit around the table and swap ideas and stories with our founders I would like to think they would be very proud.

By now everyone knows the vote on October 28 was a mandate to separate our San Diego Region from our parent organization, Packards International Motor Car Club. Looking back on 2017, none of us started out on January 1 with a goal being on our 42nd anniversary to go a new way in 2018. But we are now on that path. The board will be earning its keep making the transition to PAC seamless as the Open Letter promised. Most members will hardly feel a ripple. Again, I thank everyone who took the time to weigh in on this important issue and make their opinion known. Updates will be forthcoming. Perhaps the most important piece of information you need to know is that in order to remain or become members of the new San Diego Region of PAC you must join PAC. Many of us are already PAC members (carry dual membership). Our hard working Membership Chair Karl Ramsing will be attaching a membership application for PAC (see later in this issue). Note: many people will choose to remain members of PI and continue dual membership, and it must be stressed that that is an individual decision and is perfectly okay.

The Idyllwild weekend getaway was a great success. The problem with weekend tours is they are just too darned short. Two nights away means there is only one complete day away, leaving far too little time to enjoy the sights and each other's company. My thanks go to everyone who attended (see article in this issue).

With 2018 on the horizon planning is already under way for fun and exciting events. January 27 is the North San Diego County "Veterans Stand Down" in Vista, CA. The event benefits homeless veterans. Packard is the only marque invited to participate in the Saturday parade, escorting veterans to the Green Oak Ranch. March 22-25 is a combined tour with the Mercedes Benz Club, a 3 day escape to Borrego Springs Resort. Information will be forthcoming on both events.

In the meantime, 2017 is not quite finished. There is time to sign up for the club Christmas party, scheduled for Saturday December 9 at the Lazy H. Hmmm, I can taste that prime rib now. Don't forget to sign up. Folks bringing their Packard get a free cocktail!

The holidays are nearly upon us. Are you ready for them? We certainly are not. On behalf of the entire board of our San Diego Region I want to wish everyone a safe and very happy Thanksgiving Holiday. We have so much to be thankful for.



IDYLLWILD WEEKEND TOUR

OCTOBER 13-15, 2017

By Richard Schauer



Buttercup in trail with Brian

Our fall tour is now in the history books. Idyllwild is definitely God's country, with fresh mountain air, pine trees, stunning mountain views, log cabins, and a

quaint, cute little town that proudly advertises NO traffic light. Oh, and did I say Idyllwild is known as the Mile High Community? A short walk proved it, for us sea level people found ourselves pausing to catch our breath at times.

Folks coming up to enjoy this fine time included Steve and Carol Ross driving Buttercup, Catherine and Jim Woolsey driving the '30 Pierce Arrow, and Brian Wagner behind the wheel of his beautiful 1940 sedan. These were the three collector cars that braved the windy roads and elevation. Those of us driving our brand-X cars included Tim Pestotnik, Richard Carlson and Lynn Strobel, Mike and Tana Campana, and finally Karen and me. Naturally the older cars drew crowds and smiling faces...they always do...isn't it grand? The Idyllwild Inn offers two buildings containing theme rooms plus an assortment of cabins. We were



booked in the cabins, which worked out very well indeed. They are roomy with lots of windows to let in

Catherine is astonished by something Karen said

light and fresh air, and kitchens. This proved excellent for Karen and me as our cabin doubled as the hospitality room. A few folding chairs was all that was needed to provide everyone with basic creature comforts. And what a team we made! Tim brought beer and wine. Carol brought a bright and cheery assortment of Halloween themed decorations. Catherine brought killer ccc (to the layman that means chocolate chip cookies) w/peanut butter. The Campanas brought fresh fruit. We ate like kings.



The cabin of Brian

The trip up to the mountains Friday was marred only by traffic choking Temecula approaches. Had I to do it over again I think I would have cranked back the

departure time $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, perhaps a little more. But in the grand scheme of things the traffic did not count, for the drive up through Anza and along Paradise Valley were wonderful. Just outside Temecula Richard Carlson linked up with us, increasing our caravan to four. Along the way temperatures were mild and engines took the hills in high fashion. We arrived at the Idyllwild Inn at 5:00, just in time for happy hour. Settling in took but a few moments and pretty soon we



Tana and Lynn

all were relaxing, stuffing ourselves, and enjoying fine drink. For me one of the great pleasures of these weekend getaways is the opportunity provided to catch up on news, tell stories, laugh, and thoroughly enjoy each

other's company. Few other events provide such an



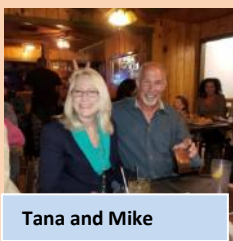
L to R Jim, Catherine, Mike Campana and Carol Ross

opportunity, and so I personally want to thank everyone who came thereby making it all possible. At last it was time to break up the gay banter and head off to dinner. So where to go? The Mexican place around the

corner was closed and under new ownership...not sure what that was about, but no luck there, so we walked across the street to the Lumber Mill Restaurant &

Bar,

which seemed to be doing a brisk business at the 8:00 hour. Expecting just burgers we all were very pleasantly surprised at the quality of food and at very reasonable prices. Tables were set



Tana and Mike

up so we could all be together, and the talk and laughter continued. And then the Karaoke started.

Okay, now stop laughing. That is not high on my list of us enjoyed a peaceful, quiet the Gastronome, arguably the fanciest restaurant in town. Tim's wine was much appreciated by all. Service was



Stealing a kiss?

entertainment options either, but I must say we had a ball! It is important to point out that not one of us got up to sing; we simply could not besmirch the ideals and

reputation of our proud club in such a fashion, but a couple other girls did and HEY they did a pretty good job, too! The fellow who ran the computer and stereo was good at his job if not the best singer in the world...and not young. He traded off songs with another fine fellow, also far from being a spring chicken, er rooster, who must have been near 80, heavy set, double chin, wearing a Mariachi jacket, and while his voice, too, was no longer at its prime he made up for it in effort and earnestness. The two of them were



a great tag team and wonderful entertainment. We sat there talking, laughing, swaying to the music, and had a great time. And NO, we were not drunk...a little tipsy perhaps, but overall having a fine time in our mountain retreat.



Brian Wagner under a photo of the famous Mt. Tahquitz Peak.

Saturday was the Art & Wine Walk. Tiny local art dealers set up booths in just about every nook and cranny in town, offering a wide variety of objects. We had to check them all out of course. Twenty southern California wineries set up booths for the tasting portion, but at \$50 a head we shied away. Many of the wineries are familiar to us; we can visit them any time we wish. Therefore, we did not feel any loss. The fun was in the art portion of the day AND the fire department demonstration at noon where they systematically tore apart a Nissan Altima. Simulating what might happen in case of an accident they used a variety of "jaws of life" to punch, cut, saw, and pry apart the car. We did not stay for the entire demonstration. Returning later the Nissan would not have been recognized as a car at all, but just a pile of scrap metal. I think the dummy "passenger" died. Then it was off to do more shopping, while others of

afternoon and even snuck in a nap...nice. Dinner was at

slow but the quality of the food made up for it (except for Steve's crab cakes). No one walked away hungry.



Carol and Richard at Happy Hour

Sunday we breakfasted in our room, then met at 9:00 for a drive to Lake Fulmor. Those of us who remember the fall weekend trip we took to Idyllwild's Bluebird Inn five or so years ago might remember our search for a mysterious lake. We went up Foster Lake Road and Point of Rocks Road and all around north of Idyllwild, but never found any lake. Catherine has a great heart and is a wonderful lady without a doubt and took a great deal of good natured ribbing for some time after that (Lake? Wha-a-a-t lake?). Well, Catherine has been exonerated. Fulmor is about 16 miles north of Idyllwild on Hwy 243, which meanders through the San Jacinto mountain range, a very lovely Sunday morning drive. Upon our return to Idyllwild it was time to check out of the Inn. Some left, some went for breakfast, and it was generally time to say goodbye to our very nice and too short weekend amongst the pine trees. We must return to this place again, absolutely.



Carol, Tana and Lynn being amused by something



Cutting up the Nissan



Lunch break after the car cutting demo

LAKE FULMOR, VERY SERENE, PEACFUL AND QUIET



Luke the "Wonder Dog".
Quite possibly the world's most friendly well behaved dog.
The arm belongs to Tana Campana.





Pierce-Arrow has Buttercup in bow sight (he missed).



Catherine at the wheel of Brown Betty transporting the Ladies



The ladies in Brown Betty, Tana Campana, Karen Schauer and Lynn Strobel.



President Richard being chauffeured by S. Ross.



The gentleman in Buttercup, Mr. Jim Woolsey, Mr. Mike Campana and Mr. Richard Carlson



Lake Fulmor is in my opinion the nicest lake I have seen in Riverside County. It is quiet, like no people except for a young guy fishing, with wildlife and very accessible. Check it out sometime.



The Adventurers at Lake Fulmor. Richard, Lynn. Catherine, Jim, Carol, Steve, Karen, Richard, Tana and Mike

AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM



The LeMay, America's Car Museum is located in Tacoma Washington and Carol and I visited it in August on our road trip back from Pebble Beach Concours. In a word, the collection is staggering. Harold LeMay's vast collection was the genesis of this museum which may be the largest collection of automobiles and memorabilia in the world. Harold became interested in automobiles when he finished High School and, being a part of the "Greatest Generation" after serving in the U.S Navy during WWII, he began his Spanway Garbage collection Company which became Harold Le May enterprises. Garbage Collection Company. He also owned Lucky Towing, Helm Trucking, Lucky /Sales and Service as well as other companies. Harold by all accounts was a "Car guy" first and foremost. He was usually seen dressed in his coveralls driving his pickup or larger truck prowling swap meets all over the west coast. At its peak, the collection was said to have over 3,000 cars; however according to my sources it was more like 5,000. The collection is not only automobiles but automotive memorabilia, motorcycles, and other motorized equipment, such as outboard motors. I estimate there are over 500 of those. Harold did not want his vast collection broken up after his death, and in 1996 he began talking about opening a non-profit museum that would allow the collection to be viewed by the public and keep it all together. He died in 2000 before this came to fruition, but his family carried out his plan, and the LeMay America's Car Museum and the LeMay Family Collection was born. His wife Nancy and son Doug both have Harold's passion for collecting cars and continue collecting today.

Hundreds of the LeMay cars are displayed at the LeMay Family Collection Foundation at Marymount which opened in 1991. Marymount is the site of a former military academy-style school for boys which was founded by Dominican Nuns in the early 1990s. This historic 80 acre site is just as interesting as the collection, in my opinion.

I became well acquainted with Doug LeMay on the Lincoln Highway Tour in 2013 and spoke with him briefly during our visit to their Marymount site. He was busy working on a car and interviewing a new employee.



Nancy and Harold LeMay



Doug LeMay and Steve Ross



There are three floors just like this one



Packard truck in the entry



1939 packard



Pierce-Arrow



1957 Packard



56 Caribbean



Two Packards a 110 and a ??



46 Packard next to a 53 Buick Woodie

REMAINING PHOTOS WERE TAKEN AT THE LEMAY FAMILY COLLECTION FOUNDATION AT MARYMOUNT



Marymount former administrative building and former garage. There are four or five large buildings full of cars stacked three high like those seen here on the left



Very rare 1915 Indian with sidecar



The Spiked Heel car (one off)



1938 Horch Auto Union Limo, extremely rare. A major competitor of Mercedes-Benz in the 30ies. The Audi is a remnant of the Auto Union company. Probably the only one in existence.



1935 Steyer 125S was an Austrian company that built cars the until 1959. They were affiliated with Austro-Daimler and Dr. Porsche left Mercedes-Benz in 1929 to design engines for them. After WWII their cars were very small rear engine vehicles built in a partnership with Fiat and were nothing like the pre-war versions built to compete with Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union. This may quite possibly be the only one of this model in existence.



Guys were working on cars and moving them around while we were there.

THERE WERE BUILDINGS LIKE THESE SEEN BELOW FILLED WITH EVERY IMAGINABLE TYPE OF VEHICLE FROM SNOW MOBILES TO POSSIBLY A TANK. ESTIMATE THE BUILDINGS WERE AT LEAST 200 FEET LONG AND CONTAINING THREE OR MORE ROWS DEEP OF VEHICLES. A DOCENT HAULED US AROUND ON A GOLF CART TO SEE THE COLLECTION. NO WE DID NOT SEE IT ALL!



I spotted this Packard near a long line of cars parked next to a Snow Cat and a motorhome.



A couple of Packards and a 1916 Pierce-Arrow



A very nice Tucker

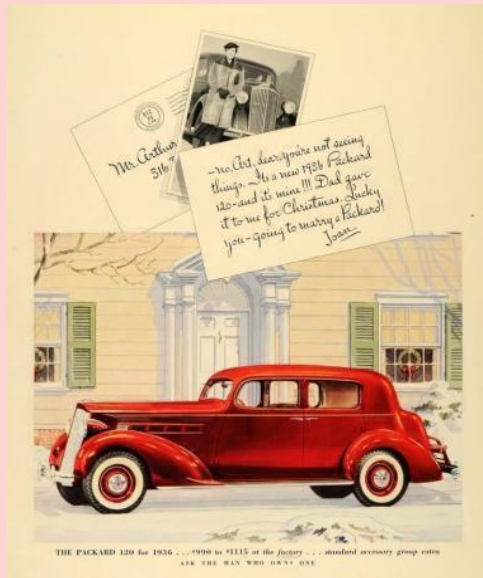


A Cord and a 1934 Auburn



Harold purchased this train and had planned to build a track around the 80 acre property and give train rides to visitors. Who knows, that might still happen. If you are in the Tacoma, Washington area and are into automobiles, do not miss this collection. I think we saw about one quarter of the collection.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! GET READY TO PARTY AT THE LAZY H



COST: \$40.00 PER PERSON

Number in party: () X \$40.00 _____

Menu Selection: Prime Rib Number ()

Red Snapper: Number ()

Veggie: Number ()

Lazy H is located at 16787 CA-76, Pauma Valley , CA

BE THERE AT 12:00 NOON

Send check made out to PI San Diego Region to Steve Ross, 16151 Fruitvale Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082.
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**DRIVE YOUR PACKARD AND RECEIVE A
FREE DRINK OF YOUR CHOICE, FROM MRS.
SANTA**



**THE JOHN WAYNE ROOM AKA
THE PACKARD ROOM**

DID YOU KNOW??



When you just really could not give up the horse.



Grandma, she liked road trips and hunting. Also was not a women to mess with. Mom at the wheel. Believe that is a Winchester 30-30 lever action.



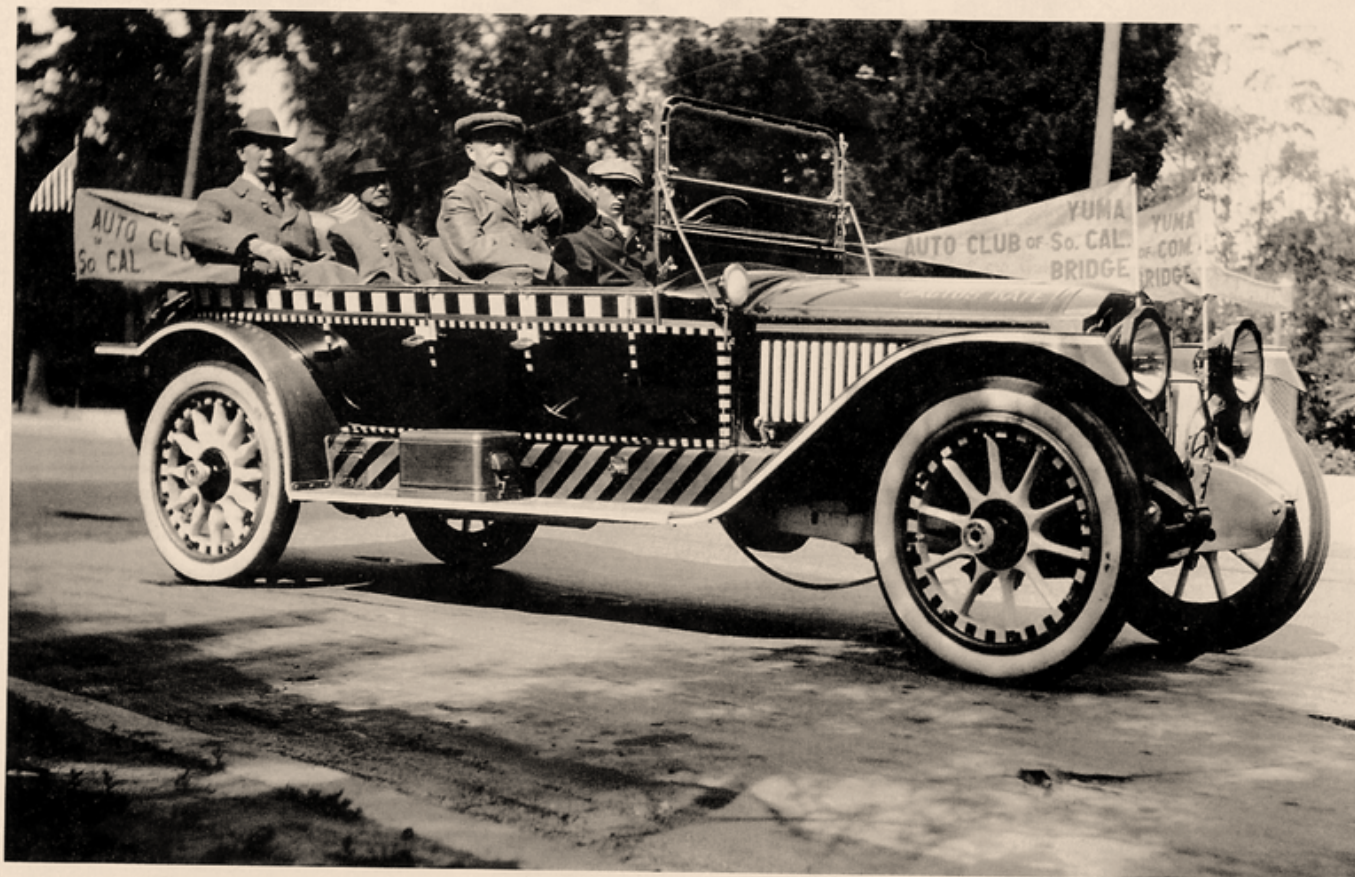
The Aristo Gasoline girl??



The first automobile to have power operated seats was the 1947 Packard



Packard built the first diesel aircraft engine in 1928 in collaboration with German aircraft engineer Hermann Dörner, who later was a key figure in the development of Nazi Germany's Air Force. Packard Test Pilot Walter E. Lees in his plane in September 1930.



Stunt Car

BY MORGAN P. YATES

Even in a black-and-white image, the paint job on this 1915 Packard Model 5-48 touring car clearly indicates there's something special about this vehicle. Packard West Coast distributor Earle C. Anthony wanted to attract attention when he created "Cactus Kate" as a stunt car to demonstrate to the motoring public "that the Packard was a car for any sort of service." Italian-born artist and graphic designer Alfonso Iannelli devised an eye-catching paint scheme that Anthony's paint shop executed in bright red, gold, black, and white, including a check-patterned radiator. Cactus Kate's first official duty was as a pilot car for an Auto Club caravan from Los Angeles to San Diego that carried attendees to the Panama-California Exposition in April 1915.

Our image shows Cactus Kate the following month as it conveyed representatives of the Auto Club and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to the opening of the bridge

spanning the Colorado River at Yuma, Arizona. This was a major event for transcontinental auto travel since it was the first bridge over the lower Colorado River and a crucial link in what was then called the Pikes Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway. In the 1970s, the bridge was superseded by Interstate 8, and today it is on the National Register of Historic Places.

And what became of Cactus Kate? The *Los Angeles Times* reported that after the vehicle's brief but active 13-week, 6,742-mile career, Earle Anthony pulled the touring car out of service. It was refurbished, repainted a more sedate Packard blue, and sold off a salesroom floor with little fanfare. But one good stunt deserves another, and "Cactus Kate II," a Packard Twin Six tourer with a nearly identical Iannelli color treatment, picked up where the original vehicle left off in 1916—demonstrating the growing durability of autos on the sometimes untamed western roads of the era.

Off-Ramp showcases images from the Auto Club of Southern California's archives.

MEMBERS CORNER

FOR SALE



This 1955 Packard Patrician is a candidate for restoration. All the parts are there, frame is straight and the car is relatively rust free. This was the top of the line for Packard in 1955 and has the new Packard V8 for 1955. **ASKING \$1500. Call RayMercado at 619-947-2202 for more information. If no answer please leave a message**

1948 327 Packard engine for sale, complete rebuild, nothing left untouched, call for details, Mark Ballerini 760 473-4224



1956 Packard Clipper Custom. 28,753 original miles, original interior, paint is 3 years old. Mechanic owned and runs excellent. New air conditioner added and works perfectly. Call for more details. Located in Orange, CA. Call Eddy at 949-929-3277, \$22,000



Packards International 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 as 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>
Nov		* NO EVENT IN NOVEMBER *		
Dec	9	San Diego Region Christmas Party	Valley Center	Steve Ross